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**Summary:**

Kudryavtsev and Raul Castro discuss the work of Soviet specialists in the Ministry of the Armed Forces in Cuba.

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RECORD OF A CONVERSATION  
with Minister of Defense of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Cuba  
Raul CASTRO

2 February 1961

I met with Raul Castro at his apartment. Several questions connected with the work of our specialists in the Ministry of the Armed Forces of Cuba were touched on at the beginning of the conversation.

- situation in different Cuban provinces
- Catholic church issues and actions against it
- reorganization of Cuban army
- Cuban economics
- Kennedy speech in Congress
- security problems in Havana

[translator's note: SIC, in English]

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