October 24, 1962 Report to the CPSU Central Committee from Department of Agitation and Propaganda

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Summary:

The Department of Agitation and Propaganda asks permission to increase the amount of radio broadcasts from Moscow to Cuba as a means to preempt the 24-hour broadcasts of the US.

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The State Committee for Radio and Television Broadcasting of the Council of Ministers of the USSR asks permission, in light of the aggressive American actions against Cuba, to increase from October 25 of this year the amount of radio broadcasts from Moscow to Cuba up to 10 hours per day. At the present time these transmissions are conducted every day for two hours.

On questions relating to the strengthening of radio broadcasting to Cuba, the State Committee consulted with Comrade Puerta, the leader of Cuban Radio, who is now present in Moscow.

The State Committee for Radio and Television Broadcasting also reports that the USA, starting October 23 of this year, organized round-the-clock broadcasts to Cuba--24 hours in Spanish and 12 hours in Russian.

We support the suggestion of the State Committee for Radio and Television Broadcasting of the Council of Ministers about increasing the radio transmissions from Moscow to Cuba.

It is possible to increase Soviet radio transmission to Cuba partly on the basis of a redistribution of radio transmitters, which relay programs from Moscow to foreign countries, and also by using certain radio stations, which work on the jamming of foreign radio transmissions. At the present time, one third of the entire Soviet radio transmitting capability is used to jam foreign broadcasts to the USSR. The Ministry of Communications of the USSR has no reserve radio stations. We request agreement.

Deputy Head, Department of Agitation and Propaganda for Allied Republics, CC CPSU

(signed) (A. Egorov)

Instructor of the Department

(signed) (V. Murav'ev)

24 October 1962 Handwritten at bottom of page: I report to the State Committee for Radio and Television Broadcasting (Comrade Kharlamov) Nov. 24 that from Nov. 25 the amount of radio broadcasts to Cuba will be increased. (signed) A. Egorov (signed) Murav'ev