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Telegram from USSR Foreign Ministry to Soviet diplomats in Washington, Havana and New York

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Summary:

US procedures for ships bound for or in transit to Cuba.

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SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON SOVIET EMBASSY HAVANA Copy: New York
To Comrades Kuznetsov, Zorin On 27 October of this year, the USA
consul in Moscow sent a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs telling of the
procedure introduced by the USA government with regard to the so-called
quarantine, a procedure that will be carried out abroad by USA consulate officials,
and within the United States by customs personnel. In accordance with this
procedure, foreign ships bound for Cuba or in transit inside the interception area are
required to present to the USA customs official a "Transit Notification" or a
"Certificate of the Completion of Customs Formalities." Samples of the
above-mentioned documents were appended to the letter. On 28 October of this
year, the USA embassy forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the text of the
letter that Stevenson gave U Thant concerning the interception areas for vessels.
Both documents have been returned to the American embassy. This is conveyed
for purposes of intelligence and familiarization. (illegibly signed)

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