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Summary:

The cable reveals serious misgivings by the Cubans with regard to Soviet handling of the crisis. Roy Inchaustegui was criticized by Castro for discussing the question of document authenticity about the missile bases instead of discussing Cuba's right to defense at the UN Security Council. Pavlíček reports the Council asked on Czechoslovakia's stance towards Castro's 5 Points. While responding with support, he still asked for an official viewpoint from the Czechoslovak government in Prague.

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1. Roy [Mario Garcia] Inchaustegui was harshly criticized by [Cuban leader] Fidel [Castro] for the fact that instead of discussing Cuba's right to defense at the [UN] Security Council, he discussed the question of the authenticity of documents related to the bases. Moreover, they criticized him for the low level of readiness and the government's deviation from the Party line, which according to our information concerned only Fidel's speech of 23 October. [Inchaustegui was replaced as Cuba's UN ambassador by Carlos Lechuga on 30 October 1962-ed.]

2. We are asked about the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic's stance towards Fidel's 5 points. We are replying positively, in connection with [Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas] Mikoyan's acknowledged support. Yet I am still requesting an official viewpoint.

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