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Summary:

Pinto analyzes Fidel Castro's decision to accept the "unilateral inspection," when, beforehand, he always rejected inspection of this character.

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Question of Cuba.

388 – FRIDAY – 1630hs – In his letter of yesterday to the UN secretary general, Fidel Castro accepted the "unilateral inspection," when, beforehand, he always rejected inspection of this character. This seems to confirm the rumor that circulated, here, in recent days, in the sense that Fidel is inclined to accept some type of inspection that is not limited to Cuba, perhaps including Guantanamo or other territories; it coincides, also, with what he told to General Albino Silva (see my telegram no 359). But, faced with the continuing surprises that Fidel Castro offers, this observation should be taken with reserve.

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