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Note of Polish-Soviet Talks in Warsaw on 5 April 1965

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Summary:

Excerpts from Polish-Soviet talks on 5 April 1965 that concern the Cuban issue. Brezhnev discusses the recent visit by Raul Castro, that they have very good relations and that the Cuban leaders are worried about the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Cuba. Kosygin discusses the fact that China is becoming more isolated and what that does for relations between Asia and Latin America.

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[Excerpts regarding Cuba]

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Brezhnev: Raul Castro came to visit [recently]; he hunted for two days. We have very good relations. Their leadership, including Fidel [Castro], [seem to] have better understood [what] the Chinese [are about]. They feel offended by them; especially after [Chairman] Mao [Zedong] refused to receive [Ernesto "Che"] Guevara during his visit to China [in February 1965]. Raul explained that Fidel's statement was not directed at us, but against the Chinese. They are concerned about a possible withdrawal of our troops from Cuba. He assesses our moves in Vietnam as correct ones. He approves of them, because, as they say, by defending Vietnam we are also defending the whole world and our camp. They insist that I visit Cuba, but I have many other planned activities. Besides, in connection with the events in the [Far] East one should not spread oneself [too] thin. They understand that...

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Kosygin: China is becoming more isolated, for example, they have already lost Cuba and therefore their hope of creating some kind of a base in Latin America has been shattered. They have done this in a very brutal manner...Castro advised us to strengthen our influence in Asia...

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