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Summary:

Boissevain writes in continuation of the previous cable regarding Castro's desire for a mediator in an agreement with the United States. The Swiss or Czech ambassadors are offered as alternatives by Boissevain. Castro also notes that the Cuban debt to the Soviet Union is far too large, although he still wishes to continue revolution, creating this impasse between Cuba and the United States.

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With reference to my 33 second question is whether SU was consulted which appears to me as likely, third question why not the Swiss or Czech ambassador in Havana and Washington respectively [where they represented US and Cuban interests - ed.].

Be noted that Fidel [Castro] told my wife that Cuban government [has] too large [a] debt to Soviet bloc, only the US able to provide aid but nevertheless he was determined to continue revolution and this is the bottleneck.

Boissevain

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