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To: [Foreign Ministry Director Eugeniusz] MILNIKIEL1

From: [Ambassador Edward] DROŻNIAK2

/From [columnist] J.[oseph] Alsop/.

There is a belief within the [US] administration that [First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union Anastas] Mikoyan was not successful in convincing [Cuban leader Fidel] Castro as far as adopting a Soviet point of view. The [US] administration thinks that the USSR has lived up to all of the obligations, which [it] has taken upon itself. In case of complications on the part of [Fidel] Castro, they [the Americans] will consider the Cuban issue as a problem concerning [President John F.] Kennedy and Castro. They are foreseeing a possibility of maintaining, and even expanding, the [naval] blockade; the continuation of their own aerial inspections; or entirely suspending their guarantees of not invading [Cuba] [...]

[1] Eugeniusz Milnikiel (1905 -1969), former Polish ambassador to Great Britain (1953 -1956).

[2] Edward Drożniak (1902 - 1966), Poland's Ambassador to the United States (1961-1966).