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A.M. Puzanov informs Ri Jeong-sik of the visit of E. Guevara and the Cuban economic mission to Moscow.

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I visited acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Ri Jeong-sik and at the instructions of Moscow informed him that at the end of October an economic mission of the government of Cuba was arriving in Moscow headed by E. Guevara with the object of discussing with representatives of the Soviet Union the volume and structure of the trade turnover between Cuba and the Soviet Union for 1961 and the resolution of some issues which would permit the long-range planning of foreign trade to be accomplished, including issues of economic development. E. Guevara will be in Moscow from 29 October through 14 November.

I also said that Guevara, as he reported, along with the talks which his delegation will hold with representatives of the Soviet Government, the government of Cuba will attach great importance to holding "round table" talks in Moscow with representatives of the socialist countries in order for Cuba to solve problems together with them about the volume and structure of its trade. I then added that the Cuban government evidently is to turn to the governments of the socialist countries on this issue. However, inasmuch as our government considers it possible to provide such a request has already come to the Soviet government, our government considers it possible to inform interested governments of socialist countries about this.

Ri Jeong-sik expressed gratitude for the information and said that this will be reported to the DPRK government.

In connection with the interest displayed by Ri Jeong-sik to the proposal of the Cuban government for representatives of socialist countries to hold talks in Moscow I informed him that the Soviet government has a positive attitude toward the proposal of the Cuban government.

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