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SOURCE, OPERATIONAL DATA, AND COMMENTS:

SUBJECT: Cuban Economic Crisis

OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

[Source Alberto FERNANDEZ Hechavarria] [the chief of the Cuban Sugar Stabilization Board who has the job of selling Cuba's sugar] A former active member of the 26 of July Movement during the revolution, he is now disillusioned, and reportedly is not going to last much longer in his job. He is wealthy and his family have lost through CASTRO's economic reforms. He appears to know a lot about the government and also seems to have an insight into CASTRO. He regards CASTRO as some type of a UNIVAC machine, his mind automatically photostating details which he can and will use in the future. He says that CASTRO is ruthless, and that nothing can stop him in his determination to do something, i.e., agrarian reform, and that he will sacrifice his friends, his family, his money, and his fortune to accomplish his purpose.

Again illustrating the present situation in Cuba, the source said that he cannot publicly have contacts with American officials—refusing to let the writer use his telephone—and he said that a record is kept of all his calls and that his movements are periodically checked.

The advisor who warned CASTRO in paragraph one of the attached report, was the source.

As a possible reference to this report and particularly to field comment number two, see HATA-2526. FDX - 3/40, 523

The second source referred to in Field Comment No. 2 was ANPAC-1 who obtained his information from the president of the Banco Industrial de Cuba.

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