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SUBJECT: Visit of Russian Embassy Official, Yuri DOMRACHEV, to Veracruz Consular District

Yuri DOMRACHEV, identified as an official of the USSR Embassy, Mexico, visited the Veracruz Consular District during the period March 18 - 21, 1962. He was accompanied by his wife, Tanya.

A source of known reliability reported the following items concerning Domrachev and his visit:

a. Domrachev has visited Veracruz before but this is the first time he has been here unaccompanied by another Russian officer. Source reported that Domrachev spoke only to him in Spanish and the few times he heard him use English it was reportedly "poor".

b. The Soviets are reportedly interested in brining some merchandise into the Free Port of Coatzacoalcas, Veracruz and storing it there for future transshipment to Cuba. No information was obtained as to what this "merchandise" consists of. Upon his return from Coatzacoalcas, Domrachev told the Consulate's source that he had completed all the necessary arrangements for the temporary entry of the "merchandise".

c. A Russian ship carrying tourists will reportedly call at Veracruz sometime in June 1962, after first calling at La Habana. This vessel will call at other Latin American ports after its visit to Veracruz.

d. Sometime in the near future, 900 tons of canned pineapple from the "Ejidal" area near Coatzacoalcas, Veracruz, will be shipped to the Soviet Union via Helsinki, Finland. This shipment will be handled by López Hermanos, S.A., a prominent local shipping agency. The pineapple shipment is supposedly in lieu of cash payment for Russian machinery which was bought by a Mexican who could not meet his payments and who has reportedly made an arrangement of some sort with a pineapple cannery to ship the pineapple as payment.

The Consulate has, thus far, been unable to substantiate any of the items reported in "a", "c", and "d", above. When and if any further information is obtained the Department will be notified promptly.

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