

FOREIGN OFFICES FILES FOR CUBA

Part 1: Revolution in Cuba, 1959-1960

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**FO 371/139398
Internal political situation in Cuba (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 1 January-16 January 1959:**

- An Exposition by the Cuban Freedom Front addressed to the United Nations.
- Batista has fled the country. Provisional Head Official is Carlos Piedra, senior Judge of the Supreme Court, supported by General Cantillo commanding the Havana Military District.
- Summary of present position: likely developments in Cuba.
- Castro maintaining order. General strike will end when Urrutia is recognised and accepted.
- Details of situation: rebel militia now in control, police co-operating.
- Batista versus Castro, rebel leader. Unlikely that mediation would bring the two sides together.
- Cuban Ambassador wishes to know who is in authority in the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Havana.
- Martial law and curfew imposed. No immediate action possible on telegrams received after nightfall.
- New Cabinet appointed: Foreign Minister is Roberto Agramonte.
- Offer of free air passage to Cubans exiled in Jamaica would create a good impression.
- Unable to remember the exact words used in each case when dealing with reporters. Comments on suddenness of collapse of Batista government.
- Government forces under General Pedraza are fighting hard.
- Report on present position.
- Salvador reaction: Cuban exile demonstrations.
- Costa Rican reaction to Batista's downfall.
- Cuban rebels in Managua have taken over Embassy there.
- Extracts from Dulles's press conference: Mass executions by Castro.
- Mexican Government's recognition of new Cuban Government: present political situation.
- Account of downfall of General Batista and establishment of provisional government under Dr Manuel Urrutia Lleó.
- Personalities Report: New Cuban Government.
- Government action against Batista supporters: arms have been surrendered. Government in complete control.
- Political situation: execution of war criminals and reaction to criticism.
- Reaction in Honduras to the events in Cuba.

**FO 371/139399
Internal political situation in Cuba (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 2-29 January 1959:**

- Present position with regard to the executions.
- Information about travel facilities and movements of the diplomatic staff during the period stated.
- Suggestion that some contribution might be made to aid civilians who suffered in the recent fighting.
- Press and popular reaction in Venezuela to events in Cuba.
- Report of the present position and isolated incidents which have recently taken place.
- Requests that we send official Government protocol about executions of war criminals in Cuba.
- Meeting of heads of missions at the Palace to witness mass meeting in support of present Government.

- Press statement made on behalf of ex-President Batista.
- Report on the present activities of ex-President Batista.
- Resistance to the new Government reported in the hills: local newspapers have revived criticism of UK arms deal.
- Press reaction in America to Batista's downfall.
- Outline of events.
- Local press reaction in Costa Rica to Castro's triumph.
- Comments on mass meeting.
- Main points made at mass meeting.
- US Government are proposing to offer economic aid: principal need is for funds.
- Report on present general situation: no change.
- US attitude and policy towards Cuba in general, since the mass executions.
- Andres Rivero Aguero: President Elect of Cuba.
- Castro has returned from Caracas: radio and television now excluded from trials.
- Various ministerial appointments. Dr Fidel Castro is Commander in Chief of the Forces of Air, Sea and Land.
- Report on present situation with regard to the trials and possible devaluation of the peso.
- Suggests routine telegraphic reports be discontinued.
- Text of question and reply about Cuba during Eisenhower's press conference of January 28.
- Batista is in Ciudad Trujillo: Dominican press reaction to Castro and political situation in Cuba.
- Recent events in Cuba. Political situation. Shell in Cuba: boycott.
- Comment on the article in Time magazine about Fidel Castro and the civil war in Cuba.

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Internal political situation in Cuba (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 20 January–22 April 1959:

- Opinion of a local business man regarding the situation in Cuba before Batista's downfall.
- Further details of reaction in Lima to the civil war in Cuba and fall of Batista.
- Additional details about feelings in trade union circles towards the Cuban revolt.
- Two plots to assassinate Castro. Agrarian reform to start within a month.
- Comments on letters which have appeared in 'The Times' by Graham Greene about reporting from Havana prior to the revolution.
- The disputes which have arisen between the new rebel government in Cuba and certain Cuban Universities.
- The attempted assassination of Dr Fidel Castro by Alan Robert Nye.
- Prime Minister and all members of Cabinet have resigned. Castro replaces Cardona.
- Cutting from right wing newspaper showing Mexico's attitude to Castro's leadership in Cuba.
- Revolutionary movement have issued a twenty-point programme.
- Marcel Mann has submitted a fund scheme to the Cuban authorities.
- Revolutionary Government: publication of the Basic Law by which country will be ruled until elections are held.
- Published list of alleged twenty-point programme of the Cuban Government: Mr Mann in Cuba.
- Dr Fidel Castro appointed Prime Minister on resignation of Dr Miro Cardona.
- Dr Castro's un-orthodox manner of calling on HM Ambassador.
- Castro's intentions towards Haiti and the Dominican Republic.
- Cuban attitude to Latin American dictatorships. Statement by Dr Agramonte.
- Lord Privy Seal's comments on possible invasion of Dominica by Cuba.
- Propaganda against dictatorship in Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and to a lesser extent Haiti.
- Reflections on the revolution and its aftermath.
- Damage caused in Santa Clara during the revolt.
- Report on the position and present attitude of the Cubans towards the "war crimes" tribunals and executions.
- Report on the trial of the 22 pilots. Press article in the "Times of Havana".
- No public announcement made regarding new Minister of Justice and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces.
- Report on Castro's speech at a mass rally at the Palace, organised by the Cuban Confederation of Labour to endorse the policies of the Revolutionary Government.
- Fidel Castro's fall in popularity: his speeches not likely to promote national unity.
- Trial of Alan Robert Nye; death sentences; postponement of elections.
- Reflections on the Revolution: Numbers of Castro's "regular" troops and of the Government troops; numbers killed.

- Arrest of probable invaders of Haiti and Panama; present situation.
- The authorities have denied the report regarding attempted invasion of Haiti frustrated by Cuban authorities.
- Nicaraguan reactions to Castro.

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Internal political situation in Cuba (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 30 April-24 July 1959:

- The extent to which Communism has obtained a foothold in the present regime.
- Report on May Day celebrations.
- Castro's return to Havana after his visit to the United States.
- Military trials may now be transferred to civil courts.
- Improvement in the situation with regard to Communist infiltration in the new Revolutionary Government.
- Official version of the shooting incidents involving the Cuban Chargé d' Affaires in Dominican Republic, June 6.
- Certain Cabinet Ministers have resigned.
- Cabinet Changes: Resignations requested due to lack of support of Agrarian Reform Law, June 12.
- Report on the present political situation. Rallying of old soldiers in the hills. Numbers may have increased recently.
- Details on recent changes in Cuban Cabinet.
- Many arrests have taken place: discontent with new Agrarian Law; uneasy situation.
- Details of changes in Cuban Cabinet, June 25.
- Certain changes that have taken place in the Social Defence Code (ie: the Cuban Penal Law).
- Chief of the Cuban Air Force Diaz Lanz has resigned. Alleges communist infiltration into the Armed Forces and Government departments.
- Resignation of Commandante Diaz Lanz. New Chief of the Air Force is Commandante Juan Almeida.
- Sir Stanley Rawson: Visit to Cuba. Report on conversations with Cuban businessmen. Impressions of the present political and economic situation.
- Summary of principal events and trends in the past week, July 8.
- Comments on the legislation modifying Article 25 of the Fundamental Law governing the Constitution of Cuba.
- Announcement in Government Party newspaper of Castro's resignation as Prime Minister, July 17.
- Political situation: Castro's television interview about his resignation; news of Urrutia's resignation and of the appointment of his successor, Dr Torrado; Cabinet's request for withdrawal of Castro's resignation, July 18.
- Differences between Castro and Urrutia.
- Castro's declaration that the National Institute for Agrarian Reform would intervene in the larger cattle estates.
- Resignation of Dr Manuel Urrutia Lleo, and election of Dr Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado as President of Cuba.
- President of Cuba: Official information of change of President; no question of "recognition" arises.
- Official opening by Major Raul Castro of a "School of Revolutionary Indoctrination" in Havana.
- Information that a counter-revolution will soon take place in Cuba.
- Gulio Lugo has come down definitely on Castro's side; finance for housing projects in Cuba.
- Mr Galbraith lunched with the Cuban Ambassador. Senõr Rojas mentioned the "Jamaican Independence Movement".

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Internal political situation in Cuba (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 11 June-21 August 1959:

- Political situation: Circumstances surrounding resignations of Castro and Urrutia, and appointment of Dorticos, July 24.
- Biographical note on Dr Dorticos, the new Cuban President.
- Shooting incidents of June 5 involving the Cuban Chargé d' Affaires in Dominican Republic; written statements from the Dominican Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Procurator-General. Reported in despatch from British Embassy, Ciudad Trujillo, 11 June 1959.
- Fidel Castro: Full report and details of resignation and subsequent re-instalment as Premier of Cuba, July 29.
- Record of conversation with Senõr Castro which appeared in the "Excelsior" of July 26.
- Fidel Castro's re-accepting post of Prime Minister. Editorial in

- Government Party newspaper about festivities.
- Government denies reports of counter-revolutionary invasion of Oriente province and Isle of Pine: over 1,000 former soldiers and police arrested; airmen arrested in Camagüey on August 7.
- Dominican radio broadcasts that Fidel Castro is dead, and Santiago taken over by rebels: comments requested.
- Fidel Castro: No reason to believe that he is dead: Santiago has not been taken over by rebels.
- New Under-Secretaries of State: Dr Raul Primelles Xenes and Dr Rafael Eric Aguero have resigned. Appointment of Senõr Marcelo Fernandez and Licenciata Francisco Chavarry Aduriz, August 5.
- Castro has avoided appearance in public; he may be wounded; he was seen on August 10; various minor shooting incidents.
- Political situation: Castro has spent the last 4 days in the southern part of Las Villas province dealing with trouble there.
- Government forces captured an aircraft used by Batista to fly to Dominican Republic: it was captured in the Las Villas province.
- Television interview given by Fidel Castro: reasons behind the capture of the aircraft in Las Villas province: thirty men reported to have left Cuba to invade Haiti.
- Communism in Cuba: general impressions.
- Situation remains quiet; departure of Raul Castro for Santiago.
- Marquez Sterling has left for New York. Criticisms of Cuban regime.
- No official statement or announcement by Castro of recent events: Short resumé of position from local newspaper "El Mundo".
- Report on events which have taken place in Cuba during the past two weeks.
- Statement by General Garcia Trujillo, Secretary of State for Armed Forces, concerning 'invasion' of Cuba by Counter-Revolutionary elements from the Dominican Republic and Trujillo's 'Foreign Legion'.

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Internal political situation in Cuba (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 25 July-29 December 1959:

- Leader of expedition to Haiti may have been Commandante (Major) Fuertes.
- Statement by General Cabell, Deputy Director of the CIA, concerning Soviet intelligence officers' visit to Cuba last May.
- Articles from "Look" entitled "The Tragedy of Fidel Castro".
- Television press conference by Ché Guevara: His recent tour. Speech by Fidel Castro: increase in excise dues on liquors.
- Extent of Communist penetration into the Armed Forces.
- General situation as seen by Mr Wheeldon of Lloyds, September 23.
- Extract from the "Boletin" dated 25 July 1959: Resignation of President Urrutia.
- Comments on internal political situation from Dr Emilio Nunez Portuondo, former Cuban Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to the United Nations, October 15.
- No official action has been taken by Castro against Cuban newspapers which criticised him.
- Major Hubert Matos, Military Governor of Camagüey, arrested for counter-revolutionary activities, October 21.
- Leaflets dropped from planes calling for elimination of Communist influence in Government.
- Matos's resignation due to disagreement with Castro over agrarian reform.
- Little chance of overthrowing Castro.
- Television appearances by Castro: United States blamed for permitting aircraft based on American territory to bomb and machine-gun Cuban cities.
- Changes in Cuban Government, October 20. Abolition of the Ministry of Defence and the creation of a Ministry of the Revolutionary Armed Forces.
- Address made to a million Cubans by Castro: attack on United States Government and Foreign monopolies: Reinstitution of Revolutionary Courts, October 27.
- Report on resignation of Major Hubert Matos.
- Report on events in Cuba during the past two weeks, November 5.
- Comments on events in Cuba during the past two weeks, November 13.
- Changes in Government posts, November 26.
- Reasons for changes in Government posts. Possible effects of changes.
- Changes in Government posts: Deposits withdrawn from banks; Pazos to visit London.
- Cienfuegos's death: New appointments resulting from this.
- Recent events: Arrests; the arming of students, workers and peasants;

- state of newspapers and the Church, November 25.
- Press report: Cubans arrested while loading home-made bombs at lonely airstrip south of Miami.
 - Changes in the Cuban Cabinet, December 9.
 - Deterioration of Castro's popularity as seen by President of Bacardi Rum company.
 - Chinese Communist intervention in Cuba. Extract from a letter from Mr B Rionda Braga, December 2, enclosing copy of General C P Cabell's statement of August 21.
 - Report on resignation of President of the National Bank, Minister of Public Works and Minister for the Recovery of Stolen property, December 11.
 - Information on Schools of Revolutionary Indoctrination established in Cuban Armed Forces.
 - Activities of the Revolutionary Military Courts.
 - Press reports: Discovery of conspiracy; 25 people arrested, December 29.

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Political relations: UK (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 3-12 January 1959:

- Recognition of provisional government.
- State Department have been asked to recognise provisional government. No action has yet been taken.
- Details of demonstration outside British Consulate in Guayaquil.
- Recognition of "revolutionary government": early instructions desirable.
- Shell offices are being protected by militia. Iglesias affairs are being investigated.
- "Daily Telegraph": Confirms accuracy of Castro's statement: Sea Furies had not been used and only some tanks.
- State Department are to hand over note at 3pm on January 7.
- Press statement: action taken on January 7. Recognition of new Cuban government.
- Recognition of the new Cuban Government
- Recognition of the new Cuban Government: Letter cabled from Mr William Burn in Havana.
- Meeting with Minister of State: he was most friendly; unlikely that diplomatic relations will be broken off.
- Possible rupture of diplomatic relations with Cuba. Proposal that the Canadians be asked to act for us.
- Revival of vicious anti-British propaganda
- Copy of telegram from Dr Piedra: he may be in charge of foreign relations.

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Political relations: UK (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 8-22 January 1959:

- Suggestion by Fidel Castro that HMG should make amends for supplying arms to Cuba under the Batista dictatorship.
- Telegrams for Mr Fordham: Suggestions for discussions with Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Danger of rupture of diplomatic relations has passed.
- Possibility of Bailey bridge for Cuba: offer should be made soon.
- Recognition of Revolutionary Government.
- Encloses Havana newspaper photograph of Brazilian Ambassador reported by Press as being the British Ambassador.
- Reprisals against British goods and commerce due to arms shipments to Batista Government.
- Various companies in Cuba are willing to contribute as a gesture of goodwill.
- Notes regarding Parliamentary Question asking about HMG's recognition of the new Government.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if HMG has now recognised the new Government of Cuba. Parliamentary Question by Mr Brockway.
- Comments on the possibility of HMG making a "gesture" to Castro.

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Political relations: UK (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 26 January-11 February 1959:

- There is still bad feeling about arms sales. With news-cuttings.
- Shell in Cuba: Latest position regarding ending of the boycott; proposed meeting; conditions attached.
- Threats to British lives and property in Cuba.
- Shell in Cuba: Demands of the local employees.
- Local employees of Shell: Suggestion about statement to be issued by HM Embassy, Havana, about the arms sales.
- Report on conversation with a Mr Norman who has business interests in the Oriente province.
- Main points in Castro's speech on 6 February 1959.
- Possibility that Law No. 4 proclaiming reprisals against British property might be published in the Official Gazette. Ambassador asks for this matter to be addressed by Dr Agramonte.
- Suggestions for the restoration of Anglo-Cuban relations to their previous harmony.
- Boycott by Shell employees. Extracts from Fidel Castro's speech to Shell workers on February 6.

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Political relations: UK (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 7 January-27 February 1959:

- Suggests that some message of gratification should be transmitted to Castro following the raising of the boycott on British goods.
- Letter from a Senõr Ossorio: Assistant and Interpreter to the Prime Minister: Suggestion that the Prime Minister should be invited to the UK as guest of HMG.
- Damage done to Guayaquil Consulate by Cuban refugees. Bill has been charged to Minister of Works. Repair work was done by Consulate staff.
- Meeting with Cuban Ambassador. Conversation about Anglo-Cuban commercial exchanges and the recent trouble, 27 February.
- Arrival and reception of new Cuban Ambassador, Senõr Rojas.
- Proposal that HMG should make amends for selling arms to Batista.
- Prime Minister's comment that he would like the question of Bailey bridges to be followed up.
- Prime Minister's interest in Bailey bridges.
- Friendly gestures towards the new Cuban Government.
- Relief supplies for Cuba: British Commonwealth Relief Fund for Cuba set up on January 27.

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Political relations: UK (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 3 March-7 October 1959:

- Fidel Castro's speech at the Shell Refinery, Havana, on February 6. Copy of full transcript.
- British Commonwealth Relief Fund. Decision to organise this fund was made before Dr Agramonte's remarks; excellent response to the appeal.
- Note for Lord Lansdowne's lunch with the Cuban Ambassador, June 26.
- Particulars of a number of UK notes to which replies are outstanding.

FO 371/139434

Suggested visit to United Kingdom by President Castro of Cuba comprising the following sub-files, dated 22 June-22 December 1959:

- Rawson states that possibility of Castro coming to UK was first suggested by Sergio Rojas.
- Castro's visit to UK: Invitation from Mr Joseph Trattner to Dr Fidel Castro to speak before the Oxford Union Society during the Michaelmas term.
- Visits to UK: Fidel Castro unable at present to accept invitation from Oxford Union to visit UK.
- Possibility of Castro making European tour, including United Kingdom.
- Possible visit of Castro to United Kingdom: Various reasons for not recommending this visit.

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Political relations: Commonwealth countries

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Interest shown by Cuba to sovereignty of Cay Sal and armed landing by Cubans on Anguila Island in the Cay Sal Bank in the Bahamas

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Repatriation of British subject, normally resident in Chile, from Cuba to Bahamas

FO 371/139438

Economy of Cuba (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 1 January-17 February 1959:

- Cuban Government enacted Law establishing National Reinsurance Institute. British insurance representatives apprehensive.
- Details of new Law.
- Cuban National Reinsurance Institute: Telegrams and papers.
- Cuban National Reinsurance Institute: Report on discussions with Fire Offices Committee; position of their companies in Cuba; new Law.
- Cuban National Reinsurance Institute: Note presented to Cuban Government.
- Cuban National Reinsurance Institute: Possible Annulment of Decree Law 73.
- Cuban National Reinsurance Institute: Press release issued by Ministry of Commerce.
- Draft telegram to Havana: Attitude to be adopted by insurance companies towards the new Cuban legislation.
- Economic situation: General atmosphere favourable to HMG.

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Economy of Cuba (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 18 February-3 April 1959:

- Future of British insurance in Cuba; details of new committee set up to study question of insurance legislation.
- Copy of Mr Ilett's letter of 2 February to Havana.
- New Insurance Law: Information regarding status in Cuba of a broker acting for Lloyds.
- Insurance in Cuba: Establishment of a sub-committee to prepare preliminary drafting proposals.
- Dr Bonilla's visit to UK in connection with the recent Sugar Council Conference.
- Confirmation of various points about the New Insurance Law.
- British Insurance Companies dismay at the draft new insurance law.
- Draft New Insurance Law: Brief for Mr Andrew's meeting with the Fire Offices Committee representatives.

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Economy of Cuba (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 8-22 April 1959:

- No objection to visit of delegation from British companies.
New Insurance Law not likely to be promulgated in the near future.
- Translations of the draft Cuban Law on Insurance.
- New Insurance Law: Representatives of UK Insurance Companies.
Ministry of State are agreeable to delegation's visit.
- New Decrees and Laws: Resumé of new laws, covering period from 24 March to 9 April.
- Translation of Law No. 224: Cuban Government to consolidate part of their national public debt.

FO 371/139441

Economy of Cuba (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24 June-24 December 1959:

- Expresses appreciation of help given by Mr Fordham to the Delegation sent by the Insurers.
- Conversation between Mr Fordham and Julio Lobo, internationally known sugar operator, about Political and Economic situation.
- Draft Insurance Law: Summary made by Mr Coster of Phoenix Assurance Company.
- Visit to Cuba of representatives of Caledonian Insurance Company: investigating claims against company by one of the Cuban railways.
- Report on present economic and foreign credit conditions by Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Cuba.
- Television appearance by Castro: discussed economic topics. Encloses summary of speech by President of the National Bank as reported in the press.
- Draft Insurance Law: Draft telegram to Havana enclosed concerning latest Draft Insurance Law.
- Draft Insurance Law: Views on sending delegation to Cuba.

FO 371/139442

Economic development of Cuba comprising the following sub-files, dated 14 April-17 October 1959:

- Fund Mission to Cuba. Position in Cuba as seen by the Mission.

- Report on economic development since 1 January 1959:
Assessment of short and medium term economic outlook.

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Effect of exchange and banking controls on budget of Cuba

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Interests of British companies in trade with Cuba

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Taxes in Cuba

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Supply of military equipment to Cuba (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 1-18 January 1959:

- Supply of arms to Cuba. Comments on present position.
- Supply of Air explosives to Cuba and Peru.
- No information at present about facilities for unloading arms cargo.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Delargy to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what authorisation he has given for the supply of rockets to the Government of Cuba.
- Aircraft Parts: Does not wish cargo to be unloaded near Havana; suggests Nassau; strike has now ended.
- Note of recognition has been presented. Press note has been issued about the sale of arms.
- Arms for Cuban Air Force: Text of press note about the consignment of arms.
- Possibility of Questions in the House: Background information about licences and sales requested.
- Recommends that consignment on "SS Sarmiento" should be unloaded at Havana as planned.
- Methods for dealing with the unloading of air frame spares and engine starter pistols for Havana.

- Explanation regarding sending off telegrams about consignment before Prime Minister's return to UK.
- Copies of notes on sales of ammunition and tanks.
- Castro has requested information on various points relative to the arms question.
- Letter criticising Government action in Cuba.
- Castro wishes information about credit for 490,000 dollars in favour of British Ministry of Supply and for Cuban Ambassador.
- Reports arrival of further consignment of arms.

FO 371/139459

Supply of military equipment to Cuba (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6-30 January 1959:

- No change regarding issuing of export licences until after the question has been debated in Parliament.
- Awkward points that may be raised and suggested replies.
- Note by Ministry of Supply about possible refund regarding sale of tanks and ammunition.
- Background information about the sale of Sea Fury aircraft.
- Payment arrangements for ammunition and rockets supplied to Hawker aircraft for resale to Cuba.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Younger, to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on what dates HMG last authorised the sale to the Cuban Government of Sea Fury aircraft and of the rockets which left the UK on 3 November 1958; and what information Hales had on those dates about the progress of civil strife in Cuba.
- Press cuttings: report on the press attitude and comments regarding Fidel Castro.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Wade to ask the Prime Minister what principles are observed by HMG when deciding whether to permit the sale of arms to a foreign country to be used for the purpose of carrying on a civil war, and how these principles were applied to the shipment of arms from Great Britain to the former Government of Cuba prior to 15 December 1958. Papers to deal with supplementaries.
- Further information requested about the items covered by the revoked licences totalling £123,600 and about the sellers.
- Discusses the point where a serious disturbance to internal security becomes a civil war.
- Arms Trafficking: Information about José Benito Rovira Aquilo.
- United States denial regarding supply of arms to Batista through a third country.
- Request for release from imprisonment for arms trafficking of José Aquilo.
- United States Military Mission in Havana: Possibility of withdrawal.
- José Benito Rovira Aquilo: Cuban Chargé d' Affaires has requested the release of this man in prison in Jamaica.
- José Benito Rovira Aquilo: Release can take place on February 14 subject to good conduct.
- Telegrams about Castro supporters in Jamaica: details of imprisonment of José Rovira Aquilo.

FO 371/139460

Supply of military equipment to Cuba (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 February-20 May 1959:

- Copy of memorandum handed to Senõr Rojas: gives information about the arms sales.
- Aquilo has been released. He will proceed to Cuba as soon as possible.
- Appreciation for the release of Aquilo.
- The possible purchase of sub-machine guns and ammunition from UK for the Revolutionary Army.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Wade. Asks why sale of arms to be used in civil war was permitted to Cuba after May 1958.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Fernyhough. Asks the value of arms supplied to Cuba during 1958; and how much of the said amount is still owing.
- Information about Mr Maurice Scherle, who enquired about the possible purchase of machine guns and ammunition by Cuba.
- Contact with Julio Inglesias, former Manager of Shell de Cuba.
- Report on visit to the Embassy in Havana of Captain Travieso: his interest in the production of calibre 0.30 ammunition in Cuba.
- Further discussion and information requested about Scherle.
- Correspondence between Sterling Engineering Company and Mr Scherle. Small arms supply and manufacture.
- Sterling have entered export licence in the name of Mr M Scherle for guns and ammunition.

- Suggests HMG should reconsider issuing export licence for aircraft and aircraft spares already bought by Cuba from Hawker Siddeley Aviation Ltd.
- Requests information about developments regarding Sterling and Scherle.
- Extract from letter received from Manuel Piedra, Cuban ambassador in Rome, about British arms for Cuba.
- Scherle has had no success. Sterling may be interested in factory project.
- Sterling's approach to the British Embassy in Havana.
- Request for export permit for cartridges and magazines.
- Sterling have received no letter from HM Embassy; request to pass letter to them.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Robert Jenkins to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether any arms ordered by the Batista Government of Cuba in the United Kingdom still remain to be delivered.
- Licence for the spares for the five "Sea Fury" aircraft sold to Cuba.

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Supply of military equipment to Cuba (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 17 June-26 November 1959:

- Names of firms interested in the supply of ammunition making machinery for Cuba.
- Enquiry from Cuba addressed to the British Manufacture and Research Co Ltd regarding a quantity of 20mm high explosive incendiary Hispano ammunition: Advice requested.
- Criticism of HMG's failure to obtain timely and accurate information; revival of interest from the British press.
- Select Committee on Estimates Report. Sale of Arms to Cuba: unfortunate evidence released to the press.
- Select Committee Report on Arms Sales: report mentioned in Havana newspapers; request for a copy of the Report.
- Request from Commandante Julio Garcia Oliveras of the Cuban army for one sterling sub-machine gun.
- Enquiry from Cuba for the supply of naval gun-mountings for patrol boats.
- Supply of spanners for Sea-Fury aircraft to Cuba.
- Supply of ammunition making machinery: Request for more details.
- Potential market for our exports in Cuba which we cannot afford to lose.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Hamilton to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the policy regarding the shipment of arms to Cuba; and whether he will state the value and nature of such shipments in the past six months.
- Request for correspondence between Washington and the Foreign Office to be copied direct to Havana.
- Possibility of the Czechs supplying arms to Cuba.

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Armed forces of Cuba

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Strength of Revolutionary Army of Cuba

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Alleged recruitment in FRG for invasion of Cuba by forces of ex-president Batista

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Training for navy of Cuba

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Ships for navy of Cuba (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 4 March-10 September 1959:

- Papers covering possibility of sale of Destroyers, Fast Patrol Boats and Coastal Patrol Vessels for Cuban Navy
- Admiralty and Foreign Office reactions and comments.
- Comments by Vosper Ltd.

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Ships for navy of Cuba (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23 September-16 December 1959:

- Developments about possible sale of Patrol Boats to Cuba.
- Supplies to Cuba by Belgium.
- Proposed relaxation of the embargo by United States; present position of the United Kingdom.
- Negotiations for supply of unarmed patrol boats by Saunders Roe.
- Authority from HMG to construct unarmed craft for supply to Cuba in the United Kingdom.

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Visit to United Kingdom by naval mission from Cuba

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Special RAF overflights of Cuba

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Sales of military aircraft to Cuba (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 29 January-27 May 1959:

- Delivery of arms already contracted for should be allowed. Sale of non-offensive weapons in reasonable quantities.
- Cuban interest in purchase of further Sea Furies.
- Aircraft and aircraft spares: Castro wishes them delivered.
- Castro asks for supply of outstanding aircraft.
- Cuban Air Force has received a C74 troop transport aircraft from US. Arms embargo is still in force.
- Copies of various telegrams which the Air Attaché resident in Caracas might see.
- Sea Fury aircraft for Cuba: Re-instating of export licences essential before a claim for payment can be made to the Cuban Government.
- Cuban Naval Air Arm requests information about the aircraft used by the Royal Navy.
- C74 will not be bought. No one in Cuban Air Force capable of flying it.
- Westlands obtained order for spares for Air Force's Whirlwind helicopters (unarmed Transport).
- Cuban Government will give required assurance for release of the five outstanding Sea Furies.
- Cuban Air Force are anxious to obtain spares and replacements for the two 'Whirlwind' helicopters purchased by the previous regime.
- Copy and translation of Note in C-1675 of May 22 from the Cuban Ministry of State to the British Ambassador.

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Sales of military aircraft to Cuba (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 29 May-20 August 1959:

- Fighter aircraft for Cuban Air Force. Possible re-equipment of Air Force with British type aircraft including fighters and Westland helicopters: advantages and disadvantages of granting export licences.
- Cuban Air Force mainly interested in Hunters; Visit of Major Diaz Lanz, Commander in Chief of the Air Force, to UK.
- Mr Fordham is discouraging the Cuban Government.
- Visit of Major Diaz Lanz, Commander in Chief of Cuban Air Force, postponed due to illness.
- Desire of Cuban Air Force to obtain jet aircraft. Hawker Siddeley willing to supply within 9 months and to take back the Sea Furies provided export licences can be obtained.
- Air Sea Rescue helicopters for Cuba: Consultations with Americans.
- Licences unlikely to be granted owing to expeditions that are rumoured.
- Cuban Government have asked Hawker Aircraft Ltd to supply 15 Hunter aircraft in exchange for 15 Sea Fury aircraft.
- Admiralty view on Cuban request for exchange of Hunter aircraft for Sea Furies.
- Meeting with Minister of State, Dr Roa, about exchange of Hunters for Hawker Sea Furies; copy of memorandum to be sent to Cuban Ambassador in London.
- Recommends that sale of helicopters be authorised and that HM Embassy in Washington should approach State Department about supply of Patrol Vessels.
- Widgeon Air Sea Rescue Helicopters for Cuba. Discussion with Mr Little of State Department; administrative error in Washington which resulted in the issuing of licences for the supply of helicopters to Cuba; attitude of other countries.
- Ministry of Supply information about the Widgeon helicopter.
- Cuban request for exchange of 15 Sea Fury aircraft for 15 Hunter aircraft.
- Supply of helicopters and patrol boats to Cuba.

- Air Staff have no objection to the substitution of the Hunters for the Sea Furies, but consideration by the Arms Working Party advisable.
- Cuban Government purchase of five further Bell Helicopters for the use of the Institute of Agricultural Reform.
- Pakistan intends to export from Pakistan to Cuba eleven Sea Fury aircraft.
- Interview with Cuban Foreign Minister about requested exchange of 15 Hunters for Sea Furies.
- Telephone conversation with Cuban Ambassador about requested exchange of 15 Hunters for Sea Furies; request for interview with Secretary of State; present position.
- Arms for Cuba: UK policy in the Caribbean area; recommendation that export licences be issued for the 4 Widgeon helicopters; that the Cuban request for Hunter aircraft be turned down; that UK policy in regard to small ships remain unaltered.
- Mr Hankey's lunch on August 6 with Mr Heyland, Hawker representative in Mexico City, and Mr Humble, export manager of Hawker aircraft.
- Mr Hankey's conversation with Mr Heyland, Hawker representative in Mexico City, at lunch on August 6.

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Sales of military aircraft to Cuba (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 19 August-18 September 1959:

- Further discussions on exchange of aircraft; proposal to write to Washington about Patrol Boats.
- Discussion with Ed Little about helicopters and patrol boats for Cuba; further details of helicopters; US proposal that no action should be taken in NATO forum.
- Ambassador touring provinces: Request for instruction if position has changed since July 24.
- Substitution of Sea Furies for Hunter Aircraft. Decision should be made soon; request for advice on reply to Cuba.
- Board of Trade have no objection to replacement of Sea Furies were it not for possible supply of Sea Furies from Pakistan.
- Request for Instructions.
- Discussion between Cuban Foreign Minister and HM Ambassador in Santiago.
- Sweden to authorise export of jet military aircraft to Cuba.
- Possible sale of jet aircraft by Sweden.
- Foreign Office cannot agree to exchange of Sea Furies for Hawker Hunters. Conversation between Sir Roy Dobson, Hawker Siddeley, Lord Lansdowne and Mr Hildyard.
- Request from Cuban Ambassador for interview with Secretary of State: Exchange of Sea Furies for Hunters.
- Conversation between Cuban Ambassador and Mr Ormsby-Gore: Supply of Hawker Hunters to Cuba; Ambassador's distress at British refusal.
- No enquiry for export licence sent to Sweden.
- Conversation with Cuban Ambassador: Ambassador's proposed Press Conference regarding Cuban request for Hunters.
- Present position regarding Patrol Boats and Hunters: Conversation between Mr Ormsby-Gore and Cuban Ambassador.
- Sale of Helicopters to Cuba: Position to date.

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Sales of military aircraft to Cuba (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 18 September-30 October 1959:

- Sale of Hunters to Cuba.
- Cuban Ambassador called off Press Conference.
- Further deliberation on possible exchange of Sea Furies for Hunters.
- Application for trans-shipment licence for 10 MK2 Meteor fighters refused by Authorities in Dublin.
- Conversation between Secretary of State and the Cuban Ambassador.
- Dominican Ambassador's wish to speak with Mr Ormsby-Gore.
- Bolivian press: Reaction to aircraft sales to Cuba.
- Conversation between Mr Tristram and Mr Anderson (Hawkers).
- Interview with press: Castro stated that he expected reply from HMG soon.
- Telegrams received in Havana urging HMG to supply Hunters: Mr Fordham's views.
- Prime Minister to be consulted before decision is taken.
- History of the present position.
- Probable effect on our trade of decision for and against exchange of Sea Furies for Hunters.

- Decision to authorise exchange can be defended. Encloses Draft memorandum for consideration by the Cabinet.
- Presentation of our case to Americans for supply of Hunters.
- American reaction to a decision to authorise supply of Hunters.
- Decision to supply Hunters would make bad impression on Americans.
- Protests about alleged decision to supply Hunters.
- Any change in our attitude should be explained to the Canadians.

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Sales of military aircraft to Cuba (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 30 October-27 November 1959:

- Memorandum to be delivered from United States Embassy.
- Public subscription launched to help purchase jet aircraft.
- "Revolucion" reports that unfavourable decision on jets will result in steps being taken against Shell Company's refinery in Cuba.
- Mr Herter's preliminary reactions.
- Possible American reaction to a decision to supply the Hunters.
- Text of message from Mr Herter to Secretary of State.
- Proposed line to take in speaking to the Cuban Ambassador. Further delay.
- Regret expressed by Cuban Government at article in "Revolucion".
- Britain's interests in Latin America would be affected if Hunter-Sea Fury exchange decision was unfavourable.
- Text of message from Secretary of State to Mr Herter. Comments thereon.
- Consideration by Cabinet on November 5 of Hawker Hunter-Sea Fury exchange. Recommendation that no final decision should be taken pending Mr Herter's final answer.
- Conversations between Mr Hildyard and Cuban Ambassador.
- Conversation between Mr Dimitri C Petrou, First Secretary, Greek Embassy, and Mr Tristram.
- Reaction of Cuban press to Ministers being unable to reach a final decision.
- Cuban Government disassociate themselves with articles in "Revolucion". Unlikely that British interests will be affected if decision is unfavourable.
- Commonwealth Relations Office to be informed of decision before press, in order to let Canadians know our reasons.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Wyatt to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs what agreement has now been reached with the Cuban Government as to the supply of military aircraft and other weapons.
- Arms Exports to the Caribbean: papers to be circulated for Cabinet.
- Press-cuttings from Havana.
- Honduran reaction: little or no interest would be shown if HMG refused sale. If Castro obtained jets from Russia considerable interest would be aroused.
- Probable Chilean reaction to (a) HMG's refusal to supply Hunters to Cuba (b) Cuba obtaining fighters from Soviet Union.
- Uruguayan reaction: Hostile criticism if HMG refuses sale; Unfavourable reaction if Castro turns to Soviet Union.
- Mexican reaction: No interest shown. Cuba obtaining fighters from Russia would however create some alarm and possibly provoke criticism of UK.
- Reaction of El Salvador: No reaction to HMG refusing sale, but Cuba obtaining fighters from Russia would give rise to anxiety.
- Report requested on probable local reactions to (a) HMG refusing sale of Hunters (b) Castro obtaining arms from Soviet Union.
- Brazilian reaction: HMG's refusal would not arouse much reaction; Castro's obtaining fighters from Soviet Union would give rise to much alarm.

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Sales of military aircraft to Cuba (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 27 November-15 December 1959:

- Panamanian reaction: Reaction weak; move attributed to American pressure.
- Costa Rican reaction: little interest shown; Castro's obtaining fighters from Soviet Union would provoke criticism of UK for leaving him no alternative.
- Colombian reaction: Reaction to HMG's refusal to supply Hunters would be favourable; reaction to Castro's obtaining fighters from Russia would be unfavourable to Russia.
- Ecuadorean reaction: Favourable both to HMG's refusal and Castro's obtaining fighters from Russia.
- Peruvian reaction: HMG unlikely to be criticised for refusing sale of Hunters; possibility of HMG being accused of driving Castro into Russian arms if Cuba obtains fighters from Russia.
- Argentinian reaction: Public opinion not likely to be exercised whichever decision HMG takes; if

- Castro obtained fighters from Russia the public and press would react strongly.
- Mr Herter will send personal message regarding our decision on exchange of Hunters.
- Hunter-Sea Fury exchange: Request for final answer.
- Venezuelan reaction: unfavourable if HMG refused sale. If Castro buys from Russia the local press will make much propaganda.
- Suggestion that UK offers Cubans two-seater Hunter or Sea Hawk trainers.
- Parliamentary Question by Lord Boothby to ask HMG whether a decision has now been reached on the request of the Cuban Government for a replacement of the seventeen Sea Furies sold to General Batista by an equal number of Hunter jet fighters.
- Conversation between Mr Hankey and Cuban Ambassador: Decision on the Hunter-Sea Fury exchange; Cuban Ambassador's reply.
- Message from Mr Herter to Secretary of State.
- Reaction in Cuba to the decision not to authorise the Hawker Hunter-Sea Fury exchange.
- Cubans have interview with Mr Mikoyan in Mexico City; likely that aircraft were discussed.
- Minutes of Meeting held at Ministry of Defence, 27 November 1959. Embargo to apply both to Hunter aircraft and Jet Provosts.
- Parliamentary Question from Mr Wyatt to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs why an export licence to Cuba has been refused for the delivery of 15 Hunter K5 jet aircraft in substitution for 15 obsolete British Sea Furies.
- Conversation between Dr Roa and Mr Fordham.

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Air force of Cuba

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Rice cultivation in Cuba

FO 371/139478
Agrarian reform in Cuba

FO 371/139479
Supplies of sugar offered by the US to Cuba

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Convention on Conservation of Shrimp between US and Cuba

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Railways in Cuba

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Supplies of Leyland buses from United Kingdom to Cuba

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Civil aircraft for Cuba

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Nationalisation of airlines of Cuba

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Shipping and flag discrimination in Cuba

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United Kingdom interest in construction of shipyard in Cuba

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Expropriation of British property in Cuba

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Oil resources of Cuba

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Deportations from Bahamas to Cuba

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Attitude of Cuba towards granting political asylum

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Cancellation of diplomatic and special passports issued by Government of President Batista of Cuba

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Exit permits for citizens and foreigners leaving Cuba

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Issue of visa for Jamaica to leader of revolutionary movement of Haiti, resident in Cuba

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Visit of UK Federation of Master Builders to Cuba

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Visit to UK of revolutionaries of Cuba

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Visit of Jai Narain Singh to Cuba

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Visit to UK of Director of National Institute for Agrarian Reform of Cuba

FO 371/139503
Visit of American Society of Travel Agents to Cuba

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Visit to UK of Major Ernesto Guevara of Iria in Cuba

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Visit to UK of Head and Vice President of Industrial Division of Bank for Agricultural Development of Cuba

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Rents, leased accommodation and undeveloped land in Cuba

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Remarks on events in Cuba by Cardinal Cushing of Boston

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Reduction in sale prices of medicines in Cuba

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Racial discrimination in Cuba

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Diplomatic representation of UK in Cuba

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Diplomatic representation of foreign countries in Cuba

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Diplomatic representation of Cuba in foreign countries

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Request for UK customs facilities at Southampton for diplomats from Cuba

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Labour situation and trade unions in Cuba

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Cuba - 1960

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Annual review for 1959

FO 371/148179
Internal political situation (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 January-5 March 1960:

- Article in press: "Why do we fight" by Castro (1957).
- Mr Fordham's comments on various aspects of the internal political situation.
- Return to diplomatic circle of Minister of Finance.
- Information on counter-revolutionary activities in Cuba.
- Information about the status of the new movement "Movimiento Demócrata Cristiano (MDC).
- Conversation with Dr Felipe Pazos, formerly President of the National Bank.
- Mr Fordham's comments on two articles on Cuba, one from 'The Times', the other from 'The Economist', published in England.
- Political situation in Cuba: Ecuadorean reactions.
- Explosion in ammunition ship: American authorities accused. March 4.

FO 371/148180
Internal political situation (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 March-29 April 1960:

- Explosion in Ammunition ship. Speech by Castro. Inadvisable for Secretary of State to send personal message to Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Explosion in Ammunition ship. United States accused. Mr Herter protests.
- Message from Secretary of State not advisable.
- Press conference by former Cuban Naval Attaché in Venezuela.
- Cuban Political movement known as the Second Front of Escambray dissolved.
- Explosion in Ammunition ship: Details and subsequent developments.
- Resignation of Minister of Finance.
- Commander Diaz Aztarain is new Minister of Finance.
- New Minister of Finance appointed: Captain Rolando Diaz Aztarain.
- Chilean views on Cuban internal situation.

- Interview between correspondent of a Rio de Janeiro evening paper and Castro. With translation.
- Cuban press reaction to defection of Cuban Naval Attaché at Mexico.
- Arrest of four members of Movement for Revolutionary Recuperation operating in Havana.
- Report on activities of Cuban Christian Democrat Movement.
- Information on guerilla band in the mountains.

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Internal political situation (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 4 May-6 August 1960:

- Statement on Cuba by the AFL-CIO Executive Council.
- Notes on West Indian Communities in Oriente Province: May Day Celebrations; Labour; evidence of opposition to Revolutionary Government.
- Notes on the persons and bodies exercising power in Cuba; the Revolutionary Government's drift towards Communism and its position with other countries.
- Present state of affairs in Cuba: note prepared for the Prime Minister.
- Suspension of activities by Cuban Christian Democrat Movement.
- Activities and arrests of counter-revolutionaries.
- Cuban Ambassador to United Kingdom comments on Cuban political situation.
- Explosion in the military arsenal at Cayo Cruz, June 26.
- Articles from United States publications: Communism in Cuba.
- Possible resignation of Senor Rojas, Cuban Ambassador to UK; asylum granted in the Argentine Embassy in Cuba.
- Senor Rojas to return to London via Jamaica; issue of a Jamaican transit visa.
- Developments in Cuba: concern of Peruvian Ambassador.
- Rumours surrounding Castro's ill health.
- Mr Fordham pays farewell call on Miro and Rojas and the Papal Nuncio.
- Television speech by Castro.
- Speech by Castro; "26th of July" celebrations.
- Premature arrival of Raul Castro from Cairo on July 30: widespread rumours; Fidel Castro seriously ill.
- Speech by Raul Castro.

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Internal political situation (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 30 July-12 August 1960:

- Extract from speech by Raul Castro.
- Defection and desertion from the ranks of the Cuban Government. Encloses 78 page paper on the "Responsibility of Cuban Government for Increased International Tensions in the Hemisphere".
- Encloses two copies of the documentation on the Cuban affair presented to the OAS.
- HM Ambassador has appointment with Che Guevara.
- Latin American Youth Congress addressed by Raul Castro: extracts from his speech.
- Article from "The New York Times" entitled "The Cuban Defectors".
- Translation of passages of Che Guevara's speech at the opening session of the Latin American Youth Congress.

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Internal political situation (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 17 August-29 September 1960:

- Encloses article from "Time" magazine on Che Guevara.
- Increase in counter-revolutionary acts.
- Encloses article from the "Philadelphia Bulletin" by Captain Manuel Artime.
- Return of Foreign Minister from OAS meeting in San José.
- Encloses copies of a translation of the "Declaration of Havana".
- Meeting of students addressed by Foreign Minister.
- Briefs on Cuba and the Caribbean for discussions with the State Department.
- The situation in Cuba (including the oil supply problem).
- Castro's speech on return from United Nations.
- Speech by Fidel Castro on his return to Cuba, September 28.
- Record of meeting held in Mr Merchant's suite at the Waldorf, September 20.

FO 371/148184**Internal political situation (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 22 September-4 November 1960:**

- Encloses 26 page report by the Institute for International Social Research on the attitude of the Cuban people towards Castro.
- Comments on a series of "biographies" of "the men around Castro" sent from Washington to Havana.
- Encloses a report on the Cuban situation compiled by Mr Mayorga.
- Assessment of present situation, October 12.
- Letter from Mr Mayorga to Mr Fordham.
- Increase in tension, October 29.
- Revised assessment of the state of public opinion: Factors affecting this. November 4.
- Activities of Che Guevara. Encloses précis of magazine article by Guevara and main items of television interviews.

FO 371/148185**Internal political situation (Folder 7) comprising the following sub-files, dated 7 November-2 December 1960:**

- Record of NBC press interview given by Dr Teresa Casuso, a former member of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations.
- Extracts from report, received unofficially from Shell, alleging that Fidel Castro is losing support and discontent is spreading. November 9.
- Encloses translation of an article by Che Guevara entitled: "Notes for a study of the Ideology of the Cuban Revolution".
- Encloses summary of Castro's speech of November 9.
- Themes of speeches by Cuban leaders: Condemnation of those who have fled the country; emphasis on the continued need for the services in building the Revolution of Cuban professionals and technicians.
- Encloses samples of counter-revolutionary literature.
- Encloses leaflets published by the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo. (MRP).
- Record of conversation between Lord Privy Seal and Dr Glyn, MP.
- Speech to the workers on the Guantanamo Base by Castro.
- Castro's speeches: Cuban/United States relations; internal opposition. December 2.
- Further evidence of the strength of internal opposition to Castro. December 17.
- List of Cuban Ministry for Foreign Affairs' departments and their functions.
- Castro's speech to National Federation of Sugar Workers, December 19.
- Defections reported in the Cuban press.
- Information on a publication issued in Miami by "Cuban Information Service" and edited by Carlos Todd.

FO 371/148186**Alleged attempts to overthrow Government comprising the following sub-files, dated 2 March-21 November 1960:**

- Plot against Cuban Revolutionary Government by Cuban refugees in Honduras: Honduras implicated.
- Allegations against Honduras: Denial by President of the Republic.
- Article in "Revolucion": Twelve Cuban exiles have landed at Montego Bay with plans to overthrow Castro. July 11.
- Request for a letter to be forwarded to Mr Edmonds from Señor Don José M Mayorga.
- Landing of armed men between Moa and Baracoa on the north coast of Oriente Province.
- Operations by Army and Militia against anti-revolutionary groups in Escambray, October 10.
- Three notes delivered to the United States Ambassador: Flight of aircraft over Sierra Escambray; landing in Oriente Province; attack on the Cuban Consulate in Miami.
- Execution of the thirteen counter-revolutionaries condemned in Costa Rica.
- Article entitled: "Castro Sensation: Thousands Mass: 'We invade' threat by Cuban exiles". Article by correspondent in Miami, 15 October 1960.
- Execution of two United States citizens: State Department comments.
- Statement by Tony Varona, November 3.
- Execution of three Americans: Cuban reply to US note of protest, 21 November.

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Tour of Province of Matanzas by various Heads of Missions in Havana

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Political relations: Eastern Europe

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Political relations: Spain

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Political relations: US (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 2 January-10 February 1960:

- Havana cannot trace receipt of a Washington letter.
- Cuban/United States Relations: JIC paper on Cuba: request for information on certain aspects of the political situation.
- Present situation in Cuba: Note prepared by the United States Delegation to the Committee of Political Advisers, January 6.
- United States protest against seizure of property belonging to United States citizens.
- Castro's attacks on Vice President Nixon and United States Ambassador to Cuba: Ambassador called back to United States for consultations.
- Possible changes in United States policy towards Cuba: Conversation with desk officer at the State Department.
- British Embassy in Havana implicated if United States breaks off relations with Cuba.
- President Eisenhower's replies to questions about Castro's attacks against US Government and about Cuban sugar quota.
- Castro's attacks on United States: American press comment, January 26.
- Castro's attacks on United States: Text of statement issued by President Eisenhower.
- Cuban reply to statement by President Eisenhower.
- Incendiary bombs dropped on sugar cane plantations: Castro accuses United States, February 2.
- Mr Herter's press conference: Not worthwhile to resume relations with Cuba.
- Complete break in diplomatic relations unlikely; United States Administration have decided what recommendation to make to Congress about the Sugar quota.

FO 371/148214

Political relations: US (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 19 February-11 May 1960:

- Television interview by Castro: Condemns air attacks on Cuba by United States aircraft, February 18.
- Crashed aircraft in Cuba: State Department acknowledges fact that aircraft flew from Florida, February 19.
- Mikoyan's visit to Cuba: American press comment.
- United States reply to Cuban Note of February 22 welcomes suggestion of negotiations but rejects condition regarding no measure of a unilateral nature by US Government or Congress.
- Crashed aircraft in Cuba: Text of United States reply to the Cuban Note.
- Aircraft activity over Cuba.
- Cuban Government rejects remarks made by American Secretary of State to the Cuban Chargé d' Affaires in Washington.
- Mr Herter's press conference, March 9.
- Press release: Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs' reply to attitude assumed by United States Secretary of State with Cuban Chargé d' Affaires.
- United States willing to negotiate with Cuba.
- Bonn Embassy received a circular note from Cuban Embassy: "Offensive" tone of Mr Herter's reply to Cuban Chargé d' Affaires.
- Aircraft belonging to United States company shot down near Havana.
- United States aircraft shot down by Cubans: bound for Cayo Sal.
- United States aircraft shot down by Cubans: occupants of plane named.
- Note verbale circulated by Cuban Embassy: Federal Foreign Office in Bonn considering action.
- Brazilian intervention in the Cuban/United States dispute.
- United States aircraft shot down by Cubans: Nothing suspicious reported from Cay Sal.
- Present situation as seen by United States Ambassador to Cuba.

- No official representations received by United States authorities urging economic reprisals against Cuba.
- Three notes of protest from Cubans on March 25; further note on March 26; television appearance by Fidel Castro; further speeches by Fidel and Raul Castro.
- "Economic reprisals" against Cuba: Brazil's views.
- Present state of relations: President Eisenhower's reply to letter presented by Chilean students: Cuban reaction.
- Castro's May Day speech: State Department apprehensive; article by Drew Pearson.
- United States plane shot down by Cubans: charges against pilots. Official statement by Executive Council of AFL/CIO on Castro's Government, May 4.
- "Revolucion" article: US prepared for aggression against Cuba, May 11.

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Political relations: US (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 12 May-29 June 1960:

- Light plane shot down by Cubans: United States pilot killed.
- Witnesses before the Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security: mostly Batista supporters. United States officials' reaction.
- Abusive speeches made against United States Government and Ambassador at demonstration, May 12.
- Protection of United States property: Castro rejects United States Embassy's explanation that notices are routine precaution.
- Television interview by Castro: anti-United States Government tone.
- Defections from the Castro Regime.
- Relations strained further by United States Embassy action regarding United States property in Cuba.
- Discussions at desk level in State Department; Cuban Ambassador to United States; technical assistance.
- United States' statement on Cuba in the form of an aide-mémoire.
- Comments on the form and effect of the United States' aide-mémoire, June 6.
- Trade relations: United States newspaper articles: Oil in Cuba; Cuban debt to United States trade; United States companies in Cuba.
- United States newspaper articles on various aspects of relations, June 22.
- United States policy towards Cuba.
- Provocative Cuban activities: US complaint; Report sent to Inter-American Peace Committee. With Annexes.

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Political relations: US (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 27 June-14 July 1960

- Extracts from Congressional Record of June 24 expressing concern over developments in Cuba.
- Press comment on relations between United States and Cuba.
- Extracts from Eisenhower's press conference on July 6.
- Television speech by Castro.
- Cuban Foreign Minister requests immediate meeting of the Security Council to consider accusations of economic aggression against the United States.
- Summary of the letter from Cuban Foreign Minister to the President of the Security Council. Senor Roa requests a meeting to consider: "the grave situation which now exists, with manifest danger to international peace and security, as a consequence of the repeated threats, harassments, intrigues, reprisals and aggressive acts to which my country has been subjected by the Government of the USA". July 11.
- Cuban complaint against United States: possible course of action by the Security Council.
- Principal points from speeches at a mass meeting of protest against United States economic aggression.
- Cuban complaint against the United States: course of action to be taken by the Security Council.
- Yugoslav Government worried about the state of relations between Cuba and the United States.
- Cuban/United States dispute: Mexican attitude.
- Cuban complaint to the Security Council: Argentine requests HMG's view.
- Cuban appeal to the Security Council: Argentine view.
- Meeting of the NATO Political Committee: Statement by the United States representative on Cuba: ensuing discussion. Requests information for further discussion.
- State Department approves of Senor Correa's plan.

- The new Nationalisation Law and some consequential amendments to the Law of Constitutional Reform.
- Cuban/United States dispute: Draft being prepared by Senõr Correa: Possible substance of Mr Lodge's speech; requests guidance on line the United Kingdom representative should take.

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Political relations: US (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 13-18 July 1960:

- Preoccupation of Argentine Government of interference in American affairs by an extra-Continental state.
- Cuban complaint to the Security Council: Senõr Correa's draft resolution not acceptable to the State Department.
- American press comment, July 15.
- Statement in the Council by the United States Acting Permanent Representative.
- Cuban complaint to the UN Security Council: Speech by Cuban Foreign Minister; reply by Mr Lodge.
- Cuban/United States dispute: Tass statement in "Pravda".
- Cuban complaint to the UN Security Council: Text of draft resolution tabled by Argentina and Ecuador.
- Cuban complaint to the UN Security Council: Text of statement by Beeley.
- Discussion between Mr Fordham, Mr Marchant and Mr Rubottom, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.
- Cuban/United States dispute: How it affects the United Kingdom.
- Cuban complaint to the UN Security Council: Draft resolution adopted.
- Encloses letter from President Eisenhower to Mr Macmillan, July 11.
- Cuban/United States dispute: requests Canadian views.

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Political relations: US (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 13-29 July 1960:

- Uruguayan attitude to the situation in Cuba.
- NATO discussion on Cuba: requests made by the United States for action regarding Cuba.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr Brockway to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs how the British delegate voted in the Security Council of the United Nations on the request of the Government of Cuba for consideration of the situation in that country.
- Cuban complaint to the Security Council: Speech by Mr Sobolev, USSR: Soviet amendments to Resolution defeated; Argentine/Ecuadorean Resolution adopted.
- Cuban/United States dispute: Discussion in the Political Committee, July 12.
- Reaction in Dominican Republic to the crisis in relations.
- Informs various Commonwealth countries of the deterioration in relations.
- Extracts from Mr Herter's press conference.
- Cuban/United States dispute: Argentine reaction over Russian threats. Peruvian initiative to get the OAS to consider this dispute; reports from "The Daily Telegraph" and "The Guardian".
- United States/Cuban Relations: draft reply from the Prime Minister to President Eisenhower's message of July 11.
- Encloses text of a note called "The Situation in Cuba" circulated by the Italian delegation.
- Cuban/United States dispute: Yugoslav reaction.
- United States/Cuban Relations: Mr Macmillan's reply to President Eisenhower's letter on Cuba.
- Parliamentary Question to ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he will, in accordance with Article 35 of the Charter, bring the dispute between the United States and Cuba to the attention of the Security Council of the United Nations.
- United States "economic aggression": mass rally organised by the Cuban Confederation of Labour.
- United States reaction to Note on Cuba by the Italian delegation.

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Political relations: US (Folder 7) comprising the following sub-files, dated 29 July-6 October 1960:

- Intervention in Cuba by United States: possible Latin American reaction.
- Proposed line to be taken by Mr Herter when in San José for the OAS meeting.
- Uruguayan views on Cuban-United States dispute: policy to be adopted at Foreign Ministers meeting in San José.

- Nationalisation of United States undertakings: letter addressed to Castro from the Executive Bureau of the National Committee of the Cuban Communist Party.
- President Eisenhower comments on the regime in Cuba at his press conference.
- Message from President Eisenhower to the Prime Minister dated August 8.
- State Department have made public a forged document: sabotaging of the proposed Havana Conference of Under Developed Countries.
- United States Ambassador's movements restricted: arrest of typist in United States Embassy.
- Raul Castro protests against treatment of Fidel Castro in New York.
- Explosive situation in Cuba: United States Ambassador fears outbreak of civil violence; Growth of opposition to Castro in Cuba, September 22.
- Circular letter to Latin American Posts: Brief summary of answers received so far.
- Latest United States attitude to Cuba.
- Possibility of United States breaking off relations, October 3.
- Recent events used by Cuban Government for propaganda against United States.
- Disadvantages of HM Ambassador in Havana assuming charge of United States interests.
- Article in "Bohemia" purporting to be from the Kingston review "New Day".

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Political relations: US (Folder 8) comprising the following sub-files, dated 13 October-17 December 1960:

- United States Ambassador to Cuba recalled.
- Mr Nixon's address to the American Legion, October 18.
- Senator Kennedy comments on Mr Nixon's Cuban Policy.
- Guevara's comment on the recall of the United States ambassador.
- Cuban aircraft bearing United States insignia: United States note of protest; Cuban reply.
- Activities within the United States Embassy.
- Senator Kennedy's statement on Cuba: Mr Nixon replies.
- Letter from United States representative to the OAS to the Secretary-General. Cuban allegations against the United States.
- Protection of United States interests in Cuba: Changes in personnel dealing with Latin American affairs in the State Department, October 25.
- United States radio and press comment on Cuba, October 31.
- Cuban complaint of United States aggression: debate concluded in the UN General Assembly.
- Conversation with the Deputy Director of the Office of Caribbean Affairs at the state Department: Weekend visit of marines to Guantanamo Base.
- Senator Kennedy's views on what United States policy towards Cuba should be: verbatim text of "Face the Nation" television broadcast on October 30.
- Conversation with Mr Stevenson in the State Department: collective economic sanctions against Cuba and Dominican Republic: severing of relations by Latin American Governments with Cuba.
- Brief history of Cuban/United States Relations (incomplete).
- Cuban efforts to attract tourists from the United States.
- Speeches by Castro, November 24 and 27.
- Forecast of strong Cuban protest about flights of United States space rockets over Cuba.
- State Department press release: United States protests Cuban shooting of Embassy staff member.
- Joint statement by Chinese and Cuban students condemning the United States' activities in the Caribbean.
- Joint approach made to the US and Cuban Government by Mexican, Canadian and Brazilian Governments.
- Possibility of Cuba declaring the existence of a casus belli with United States: copy of a memorandum by a Legal adviser in the State Department.

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Political relations: Venezuela

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Political relations: Ecuador

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FO 371/148229
Political relations: UK (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 28 January-25 November 1960:

- Statement by Dr Roa on relations between United Kingdom and Cuba.
- Conversation with Cuban Ambassador: HMG's attitude towards Cuba.
- "Revolucion" report on the debate in the House of Lords of July 5.
- Protestations by Olivares of the Cuban Government's wish to maintain friendly relations with United Kingdom.

FO 371/148230
Political relations: UK - salient points (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 1 March-29 November 1960:

- Salient Points Review.
- Instructions for updating Salient Points Review.

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Political relations: Commonwealth countries

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FO 371/148233
Claim to sovereignty over Cay Sal islands (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-file, dated 8 January-17 February 1960:

- Papers concerning possible British protest against Cuban landings on Anguila Island, one of the Cay Sal Bank in the Bahamas. Questions of sovereignty.

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Claim to sovereignty over Cay Sal islands (Folder 2) including the following sub-files, dated 17 February-10 November 1960:

- Burning of Cuban sugar cane: Seeks assurance that Bahamas and Grand Cayman Island are not being used as a base for the aircraft concerned.
- Lansdowne's meeting with Cuban journalists.
- Aircraft found on Anguila island.
- Supplying up to date information on Cuban interest in the Cay Sal Bank.
- Airstrips in the Bahamas; report of Special Branch of Bahamas Police Force.

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Military expeditions against countries in Latin America

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Industrial development

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Currency and banking

FO 371/148239
Financial situation

FO 371/148240
Controls of imports and exports (Folder 1) including the following sub-files, dated 13 January-23 May 1960:

- Minutes of a meeting held in Treasury to discuss payments due to Shell from Cuba, 5 May.
- Papers on outstanding remittances.

FO 371/148241
Controls of imports and exports (Folder 2) including the following sub-files, dated 18 May-20 August 1960:

- Papers on outstanding remittances.
- Charter and by-laws of the new Foreign Trade Bank of Cuba.
- Monies owing to Massey-Ferguson.
- Cuban Foreign trade Bank (BANCEC) as sole importer for a wide range of goods.

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FO 371/148242
Controls of imports and exports (Folder 3) including the following sub-files, dated 31 August-10 November 1960:

- Papers on outstanding remittances.
- Activities of BANCEC; details of transactions.

FO 371/148243
Controls of imports and exports (Folder 4) including the following sub-files, dated 24 November-22 December 1960:

- Outstanding remittances: encloses a schedule setting out information so far received.
- Balfour Williamson Merchant Shippers Ltd: problems with consignment of whisky shipped to Havana.
- Outstanding remittances: further claims received since November 14.
- Various dealings with the National Bank by Mr McCann.
- Monies owing to various other British companies.

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Commercial relations: China

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Commercial relations: Poland

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Commercial relations: Yugoslavia

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Commercial relations: Iraq

FO 371/148259
Commercial relations: UK trade agreement

FO 371/148260
Commercial relations: UK (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 21 January-16 August 1960:

- Record of meeting between Sir Edward Thompson and Mr Airey Neave MP. Trade prospects with Cuba.
- Commander Parker's visit to Lord Lansdowne: Information on visit to Cuba of Commander Parker, Sir Stanley Rawson and Marcel Mann.
- Record of conversation between Minister of State, Board of Trade and Cuban Ambassador.
- Anglo-Cuban Trade: Visit to Cuba of Marcel Mann.
- Difficulties of British firms in Cuba, including Shell.
- Marcel Mann: Conclusion of arrangement for purchase of fruit juice and alcohol on behalf of Charles Page & Co Ltd.
- Principals in the United Kingdom concerned about security in all aspects of transaction; they believe outstanding remittances total 3 million pounds. Marcel Mann negotiations.
- Enquiry from Hawker Siddeley Brush representative: question of guarantees on contracts for INRA and/or BANCEC.
- Export Credits Guarantee Departments' liabilities in Cuba and attitude towards giving further cover.
- Information on British interests in Cuba.
- Encloses list of current policies and offers of cover. Guarantees; intervened firms; outstanding remittances.
- Information on persons, organisations and firms whose assets have been confiscated or who are subject to investigation by the Revolutionary Government.
- Information on intervened companies and outstanding remittances.
- Sugar imports from Cuba: likely trend.
- Sugar imports from Cuba.
- An estimate of British assets in Cuba.
- Enquiries from representatives of British firms wishing to supply expropriated United States companies with goods.
- Question of consultation with the foreign Office before ECGD cancels cover for Cuba.
- Supply of goods to expropriated United States firms by British firms: possible United States reaction.
- HM Ambassador's conversation with Guevara, August 17.

FO 371/148261
Commercial relations: UK (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 11 August-10 October 1960:

- Authorisation of BANCEC as sole importer for various goods: ECGD comments. (Export Credits Guarantee Department).
- Offer by Automatic Telephone and Electric Company of Great Britain to expropriated Telephone Company in Cuba of large supplies of equipment.
- Encloses letter from Agrarian Reform Institute to Mr Sutherland, Havana.
- Cover for Cuba: Encloses general departmental policy notice. No further offers of cover to be made; no renewal of previous offers of cover.
- Crop spraying aircraft: Requests information with which to reply to letter from the INRA.
- Crop spraying aircraft: United States are refusing licences for these aircraft.
- Supply of British foods to expropriated United States companies.
- Discontinuation of cover without obtaining Foreign Office views;

- ECGD comments.
- Encloses letter from President of the Board of Trade to Sir Thomas Eades, Automatic Telephone and Electric Company Ltd, on ECGD cover for Cuba.
- Contract for equipment from the Ministry of Communications: guarantee offered by National Bank.
- Details of the workings of BANCEC.
- Up to date list of persons, organisations and firms, whose assets had been intervened or confiscated or who were subject to investigation by the Revolutionary Government.
- Possibility of long standing British orders being placed with the Japanese.
- New Law authorising the denomination of certain Bandes bands in US dollars.
- Discussion with Soviet Ambassador to Cuba, September 15.
- Charles Page & Company Ltd: Telephone conversation with Mr Geoffrey Owtram.

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Commercial relations: UK (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 30 September-20 December 1960:

- Automatic Telephone Company: possibility of contract with nationalised Cuban Telephones: Cover.
- Joint reception by Chinese News Agency and Chinese Commerce Mission.
- Use of Section 2 cover for certain transactions with Cuba: Export Credits Guarantee Department comments.
- Supply of United Kingdom equipment to United States companies in Cuba: negotiations with ICI.
- Extracts from Export Guarantees Committee Meeting.
- Encloses detailed account of the Chinese reception: Conversation between HM Ambassador and Minister of Economy.
- HMG's policy towards trade with Cuba.
- Encloses extract of a report on Cuba by a representative of the Central Agency Ltd of Glasgow.
- Activities of Mr Owtram of Charles Page & Company in Cuba.
- De Havilland's agent in Havana.
- Marconi's negotiating a contract for the supply of electronic equipment.
- Sales of engines to INRA: Deal negotiated by WH Dorman of Stafford. Possibility of US criticism.
- Guarantees BANCEC are willing to offer in the case of the Cummins and Mackie contracts: encloses record of conversation with Vilaseca.
- Possibility of resuming imports of biscuits.
- Visit to the Board of Trade by Sir Stanley Rowson and Mr Leete of Douglas Grigg and Company.
- Question of National Bank guarantees.
- Supply of electronic equipment to Cuba by Marconi: encloses letter from Marconi giving details of this equipment.
- Question of National Bank guarantees for contracts with BANCEC.
- Enquiry from the Anglo Caribbean Trading Company Ltd.
- Dangers of Sir Stanley Rowson's credit offer to Cubans.

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Commercial relations: Commercial visits to UK

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Sale of arms (Folder 1) including the following sub-files, dated 10 March-20 August 1960:

- Export of radar equipment to Cuba.
- Modernisation of Cuban ground to air radar system.
- Transshipment of pistols and cartridges, originating from Belgium, to Cuba.
- Request for information on two outstanding transactions: Comet tank spares and 77mm ammunition.
- Report on quantities of arms unloaded from Russian freighters in Cuban ports.

- Supplies from Racal Engineering Ltd.
- Supply of 500 Jeeps for Cuba.
- Unlikely that the Russians will supply arms to Cuba through the United Arab Republic.

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Sale of arms (Folder 2) including the following sub-files, dated 7 September-5 December 1960:

- Aircraft spares: revalidation of a blanket licence given to Hawkers.
- Application for a transshipment licence from AD Wills Rowat Ltd: export of 300 Jeeps from Western Germany to Cuba via the United Kingdom.
- Refusal to supply Jeeps to Cuba: Germans request reasons.
- Sale of Willys Jeep parts to Cuba: enquiry from JC Oliver (Leeds) Ltd.
- Deliveries of Soviet arms and presence of Soviet technicians in Cuban Services uniforms to maintain them. November 10.
- British Defence Staff are unable to obtain copy of report by United States Military attaché: unofficial information has been given to them.
- Soviet bloc arms deliveries: Cuban militia.
- Outstanding items: Comet tank spares and 77mm ammunition.

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Embargo on sale of arms

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US naval bases

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Naval bases of Soviet Union in Cuba

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Naval co-operation with US and UK

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Sale of naval vessels and equipment

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Sale of military aircraft (Folder 1) including the following sub-files, dated 22 January-11 February 1960:

- Press comment throughout Latin America on HMG decision not to supply jets to Cuba.
- Report on Cuban Air Force written by test pilot from Hawkers.
- Cuban interest in AVRO 748 aircraft and Hunter trainers.
- Sea Furies transferred to Cuban Navy. Air Force expects two squadrons of Vampire jets from Italy.
- Possible supply of aircraft by Italy: State Department reaction.
- State Department seeking information on possible Belgian sales.
- Assurance that Italy will maintain the embargo.
- Possible sale to Cuba of Westland helicopters. British decision to authorise sale.
- Possible sale to Cuba of Westland helicopters: American reaction.

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Sale of military aircraft (Folder 2) including the following sub-files, dated 26 January-8 December 1960:

- Hunter trainers: objections to this sale.
- Foreign Office views on sale of Hunter trainers, Sea Furies, spare parts for Sea Furies, Westland Helicopters. Strong Foreign Office opposition to sale.
- Secretary of State's personal message to be passed on to Mr Herter.
- State Department's reaction to HMG's approval of sale of helicopters.

- Demonstration of Soviet helicopters.
- Information on American sales last autumn.
- Encloses personal message from Mr Herter to Mr Lloyd.
Sale of un-armed Westland Helicopters to Cuba.
- Refusal by National Bank to finance the helicopter contract. They may be getting helicopters from Soviet Union instead.
- Fighter aircraft from Czechoslovakia: request for information.
- Refusal to sell helicopters to Cuba by United States.
- Helicopter given to Cubans by Russians. Castro announces that the Agrarian Reform Institute will buy 12 helicopters from the Soviet Union.
He claims it is not true that they could be used for military purposes.
- Enquiry from Industrial Exports Ltd: export of Sikorski helicopters.
- Castro authorised purchase of six un-armed helicopters from Westlands.
- Outcome of discussion between Thorne of Westlands and Marcel Mann.
- Application from Westland Aircraft Ltd to export un-armed helicopters to Cuba for tourist and agricultural purposes.
- Secret activities at San Antonam de las Banas airfield.
- Hawkers team to return to United Kingdom: more information on the use of airfield at San Antonam.
- Request from Hawkers for the extension of their licence to export
Sea Fury spares to Cuba.

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Treatment of press by President Fidel Castro

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Expropriation of property owned by British subjects

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Expropriation of property owned by US nationals

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Expropriation of property

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Claims against Government

FO 371/148293
Oil (Folder 1) including the following sub-files, dated 4 January-8 June 1960:

- Shell and the boycott of British goods.
- Difficulties experienced by Shell in Cuba.
- Oil firms told to buy Russian oil by National Bank.
- Refining of Soviet crude oil in Cuba: decision expected soon.
- Shell decision not to refine Soviet crude oil in Cuba.
- Soviet tankers enter Cuban ports; possible difficulties of storage if further cargoes arrive.
- Refusal of oil companies to refine Russian crude oil.
- Shell refinery may be intervened or confiscated. Requests briefing on legal position in case representatives are called for.
- Interview with Mr Wilkinson of Shell about Russian oil for Cuba: Cuban Government's proposal makes no commercial sense; United States Government has expressed hope that the companies concerned will resist.
- US consideration of economic sanctions and ways to bring about Castro's downfall.

FO 371/148294

Oil (Folder 2) including the following sub-files, dated 7-18 June 1960:

- Shell de Cuba and Russian oil. Draft press releases.
- Statement by Gutierrez, Director of the Cuban Petroleum Institute.
- Venezuela not to refine Russian oil in their Cuban refineries.
- Main points of television interview by Castro.
- Article from "The Times of Havana" entitled "Russian oil to fill large part of refinery needs".
- Refining of Soviet Crude Oil in Cuba: meeting held in Foreign Office.
- Refining of Soviet Crude Oil in Cuba: Oil Companies to reject Cuban request.
- Shell's refusal to refine Soviet Crude Oil: effect on Anglo-Cuban relations.
- Further consignment of crude oil due in Havana in the Soviet tanker, Zhitomir.
- Translation of full text of Mr Baird Smith's (President of Shell de Cuba) letter to Dr Guevara.
- Soviet tanker identified as the Zhitomir. She carries refined oil.
- Press conference by Venezuelan Mines Minister: Expressed hope that agreement would be reached on oil question; that negotiations between United Kingdom and Soviet Union would not have adverse effect on Venezuelan oil exports.

FO 371/148295

Oil (Folder 3) including the following sub-files, dated 17-22 June 1960:

- Change of attitude by Venezuelan Minister of Mines.
- Aide mémoire by Shell.
- Press reports: approach to Mexican Government by Cuban Government: possibility of Pemex refining Russian crude oil on behalf of the Cuban Government.
- Record of meeting held in the Foreign Office, June 20.
- Present position of the oil companies in Cuba.
- Cuban Government dispute with the Oil Companies: State Department comments.
- Marcel Mann suggests a solution to the problem facing the oil companies.

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Oil (Folder 4) including the following sub-files, dated 24-30 June 1960:

- President of National Bank replies to Shell's letter of June 20.
- Castro comments on oil companies' refusal to refine Russian crude oil; Article 44 of Mineral Law.
- Conversation between Rojas and Baird-Smith of Shell.
- Encloses copy in translation of letter from Shell to the President of the National Bank.
- Arrival of Soviet tanker in Santiago de Cuba.
- Texaco refinery: intervention by the State Petroleum Institute.
- Letter from Shell to Cuban Government: Shell to import no further oil; refinery to close down soon.
- Oil Companies in Cuba: latest developments given by Mr Watson of Shell.
- Television interview by Castro about the oil companies; threats to take over US property in Cuba.
- Seizure of Texaco: comments from State Department spokesman.
- Shell: comments on the possibility of intervention.

FO 371/148297

Oil (Folder 5) including the following sub-files, dated 29 June-4 July 1960:

- Shell's letter of June 29: gives various points from the letter.
- Oil Companies in Cuba: United Kingdom policy.

- Movement of Soviet vessels.
- Resolution signed by Castro giving State Petroleum Institute power to intervene Shell and Esso refineries.
- Intervention of Shell.
- Representations to Cuban Government: legal position.
- Representations: Co-ordination between State Department and United Kingdom Government.
- Extracts from State Department's legal adviser's memorandum.
- Background information given to representative of Canada House.
- United Kingdom protest to Cubans: Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs have no objection to text.

FO 371/148298

Oil (Folder 6) including the following sub-files, dated 4 July–7 July 1960:

- United Kingdom protest to Cubans: State Department have no objection to text.
- Text of United States note of protest.
- Toronto press release: "Crude oil supplies stopped".
- Enquiry from French Embassy on present position and proposed action by United Kingdom.
- Present situation: effect on British life and property.
- Presentation of note of protest by HM Ambassador: no comment from Cuban Foreign Minister.
- Gutierrez, Head of the State Petroleum Institute, gives assurance of continued supplies of oil to Cuba. He claims that nineteen tankers are en route from Soviet Union.
- Soviet bloc shipping movements.
- Reporting in Press: possibility of Cuban Government trying to split United Kingdom Government and United States Government over oil issues.
- Appeal by Shell to Cuban President.
- Intervention of oil companies: Canadian Ambassador's views.

FO 371/148299

Oil (Folder 7) including the following sub-files, dated 4-11 July 1960:

- Publicity of the difficulties of the oil companies in Cuba.
- Replacing of specialised items in oil refineries: possibility of United States Government delaying delivery of equipment.
- Text of Cuban reply to the United Kingdom note of protest.
- Venezuelan reactions.
- Information on the Dutch interest in the difficulties of oil companies in Cuba. Unofficial translation of Netherlands note to Cuban Government.
- Encloses picture of a Russian tanker unloading oil at the Shell refinery.
- Intervention of Shell: legal position.
- Netherlands Chargé d' Affaires has received instructions as regards presentation of their note of protest.
- Encloses full text of memorandum left by the former Cuban Ambassador in London.
- Parliamentary Questions on the oil situation in Cuba and possibility of getting legal opinion of the International Court of Justice on the intervention of the oil refineries.
- Reactions in Colombia.

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Oil (Folder 8) including the following sub-files, dated 1-16 July 1960:

- Record of conversation between the Secretary of State and Lord Shawcross.
- Implications of these events for Venezuela.
- Conversations with Shell representatives.
- Oil in Cuba: background information.
- Appreciation of the Cuban situation to be prepared for President Frondizi.
- Canadians apprehensive about making a protest.
- Shell de Cuba institutes legal proceedings.
- Encloses text of Cuban reply to the United States note of July 5.
- Soviet tanker "Peking" has arrived in Havana, July 16.
- Minute by Mr McNeill: Tanker movements and Cuban situation.

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FO 371/148301**Oil (Folder 9) including the following sub-files, dated 29 June-21 July 1960:**

- Venezuelan policy.
- Oil in Cuba: movements of Soviet shipping.
- Attitude of Canadian Government.
- Encloses copy in translation of Shell's letter to Guevara, dated June 29; copy of telegram from Shell of Venezuela to Baird-Smith; translation of Resolution 188.
- Other documents relating to intervention of Shell de Cuba.
- Parliamentary Questions.
- Confidential Shell papers left at HM Embassy in Havana: requests instructions on where to send them.

FO 371/148302**Oil (Folder 10) including the following sub-files, dated 12-26 July 1960:**

- Supplement to the Aide Mémoire of June 20.
- Arrival and departure of Soviet vessels.
- Statement issued to the press by Dr Perez Alfonso, the Minister of Mines and Hydrocarbons in Venezuela, entitled "Defence of Markets and of Oil Prices". Note on additional points.
- Outward telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the West Indies, British Guiana, British Honduras and the Bahamas.
- Specialised items of equipment to be withheld from the Cubans. Action by American companies and by Asiatic.

FO 371/148303**Oil (Folder 11) including the following sub-files, dated 7 July-15 August 1960:**

- Netherlands note of protest: encloses text in Spanish.
- Arrival in Havana of various vessels.
- Interview about Castro's position and British interests.
- Venezuela willing to sell royalty oil to Cuba for cash at appropriate price.
- Soviet shipping and cargoes: arrivals and sailings.
- Take over of Shell Company's Refinery in Cuba: Correspondence between the Hon. Greville Howard MP and Mr Francis Julian: action by HMG.
- Requests meeting with Mr Oliver regarding Marcel Mann's claim against Shell. Legal matters.
- Maintenance of refineries by Cubans: State Department's views.
- Mr Vallat's immediate reactions to Cuban reply to United Kingdom note of protest. Calls for a rejoinder.
- Soviet shipping.
- Netherlands note of protest rejected by Cubans.
- Soviet shipping: further update, August 15.

FO 371/148304**Oil (Folder 12) including the following sub-files, dated 10 August-13 October 1960:**

- United Kingdom's new Note to the Cubans: rewording of proposed Note.
- HM Ambassador's conversation with Guevara.
- Cuban reply to United Kingdom's note of protest: presentation of the rejoinder.
- Carriage of Soviet crude oil by Italian tankers.
- Figures on Cuban oil.
- Mr Perkins, Ministry of Power, transmits revised draft appreciation of the Cuban oil situation for Foreign Office approval. Encloses letter with comments from Derek Eagers, Assistant Petroleum Attaché in British Embassy, Washington DC.
- Refinery equipment being sought by the Cubans.
- Mr Oliver to supply a fresh statement for Marcel Mann's solicitors.
- Personal effects of Shell personnel.
- Presentation of United Kingdom's second note of protest.
- British tanker "Lord Canning" carrying oil for Cuba.

FO 371/148305**Oil (Folder 13) including the following sub-files, dated 6 October-30 November 1960:**

- Visit to the Ministry of Power by Mr Crossland of Texaco: encloses list of ships carrying Russian oil to Cuba.

- Cuban version of events leading up to the intervention of the oil refineries: encloses translation of an article published in the press, September 8.
- Acute shortage of lubricating oil for vehicles and industrial purposes.
- Legal proceedings: Marcel Mann versus Shell. Statement by Mr Peter Oliver, First Secretary at the British Embassy, Havana.
- Possibility of Cuban Government negotiating a separate settlement with Shell.
- Texaco's appeal against nationalisation dismissed; Shell's appeal; separate negotiations with Shell.
- Breakdown at the Shell refinery.

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Treatment of Jews

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Attitude towards granting of political asylum

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Visit to Cuba of Brigadier F J C Pigott, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence, UK

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Visit to Cuba of Abd'ol Kader Chanderli, representative of Liberation Movement of Algeria (FLN)

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Visit to Cuba by Dr Jagan, Minister of Trade and Industry, British Guyana

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Tours of Latin America by President Dorticos

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Visit of Mr Jack White of Irish Times

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Visit to Cuba of academics from Romania and Czechoslovakia

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