

**FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR CUBA
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Part 3: The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

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- Russian reports on Castro's speech declaring himself a Marxist-Leninist.
- Venezuelan reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Chilean reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Argentine reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Brazilian reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Mexican reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- "Popular Assembly" to be held January 22 to approve a second Declaration of Havana, announced in a speech by Fidel Castro.
- Costa Rican reactions to Castro's Communist speech.
- State Department report entitled "The Castro Regime in Cuba".
- Uruguayan reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- National General Assembly of the People postponed until January 28 to coincide with the birthday of José Martí.
- Conversation of the Canadian Ambassador with UAR Ambassador on the Cuban political situation.
- Report on Castro's speech declaring himself a Marxist and Leninist.
- Ecuadorean reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Bolivian reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Castro and communism
- Castro's power in a communist Cuba
- State Department Research Memorandum no RSB-39 of 12 December 1961-"Moscow implies Recognition of Communist Regime in Cuba".
- Honduran reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Report by Canadian Ambassador in Havana entitled "Opposition to the Castro Regime".

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Internal political situation (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 January-14 March 1962:

- Uruguay and Cuba: Reactions to Castro's Speech
- Chinese reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Estimate that half a million people listened to a two and a half hour discourse by Castro.
- Memorandum on situation in Cuba.
- Cuba: Information Policy.
- Comments on the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research memorandum on Cuba.
- Preparations for the mass rally in support of the "Second Declaration of Havana".
- Reports from Santiago and Camaguez indicating that Government popularity has reached its lowest ebb so far.
- The Cuban "Politburo".
- Wild rumours circulating about the disappearance of Castro.
- Re-distribution of power likely.

- Moscow's grip on Cuba closes. Soviet trained communists.
- "Take-over" from Dr Castro. Russian Arms pushing in.
- Nationwide broadcast by Castro announcing stringent food rationing.
- Observations on the timing of Castro's speech declaring himself a Marxist-Leninist.
- Interview given by Castro to the editor of Pravda and Izvestiya about his Marxist faith.

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Internal political situation (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 14 March-17 April 1962:

- Paper on Cuban internal situation prepared for a NATO discussion.
- Castro's latest speech was his first since February 4. Likely to be depression and discontent, but no effective opposition.
- Tass report from Havana of Castro's statement on the introduction of rationing.
- Political developments in Cuba from December to February.
- Speech by Castro at Havana University on March 13.
- Cuban newspaper "Hoy" has been publishing a column explaining the Government's policies to anyone who has doubts about them.
- Article entitled "new methods all round".
- Broadcast by Fidel Castro on 2 December 1961. (70pp).
- Extract from Daily Mail. "Nerve Gas Attack kills Cuba rebels!"
- Law No 1015 crating a National Supplies Distributing Board for the purpose of rationing.
- Main priorities of interest from speech by Castro on March 26.
- Report from Canadian Ambassador in Havana entitled "New Power Equilibrium in Cuba".
- Description of Castro's March 26 speech, attack on Escalante has caused a minor sensation.
- Main points from Castro's two speeches of March 16 and 22.
- Telegram from Canadian embassy in Havana:
Further reorganisation in Cuba.
- Castro interview, 28 March 1962. (46pp).
- Rationing in Cuba.

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Internal political situation (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 11 April-16 July 1962:

- Fire damage caused by saboteurs. Further proof of counter revolutionary activity.
- Cutting from "El Telegrafo" about punishments inflicted on non-communist sympathiser's in Cuba.
- Proposes sending a fortnightly miscellany: first miscellany enclosed as an example; information maybe of interest to IRD.
- Summary of main parts of speech by Castro on April 11.
- Presentation and implications of Castro's April 11 speech.
- The purge of Anibal Escalante as featured in "Hoy".
- Peruvian reactions to Castro's communist speech.
- Rumour that USA are intending to invade Cuba. Threat of evil war in the Dominican Republic.
- Miscellany of events for May 1962.
- Pravda article by Blas Roca called "The Significance of the building of a Marxist-Leninist Party in Cuba".
- Disturbances in Matanzas province. Some concern in the Government.
- The first month's of Castro's Marxism/Leninism.
- Exploitation of the Press by Fidel Castro to re-strengthen his popularity.
- Anti-Government incidents focusing attention on discontent in Cuba.
- Miscellany of events for June 1962.
- "Revolucion " supplement on Castro's pilgrimage to the Sierra Maestra.
- Miscellany for fortnight ending July 16.
- Castro returns to the mountains.

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Internal political situation (folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 21 August-6 September 1962.

- Requests information on the local situation to pass on to the Americans.
- Class War.
- Cuba Troubles grow despite Soviet Aid.

- Defence Forces presumably at some state of alertness; unable to confirm or deny rumours of landings; press more hysterical than usual.
- "Is Castro losing ground?" Summary of recent events.
- Senator Capehart commenting on recent newspaper articles referring to the Soviet threat to Cuba. Includes printed extracts from the Congressional Record - House and Senate.
- Brief on recent developments on Cuba.
- Congressional record for September 6: debates on the Cuban situation.
- Current account of social and economic conditions in Oriente province, given to the State Department by S Stephenson, lately H M Consul at Santiago de Cuba.

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Internal political situation (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 4 September–12 October 1962:

- "Soviet Cuba Today", Life in Castro's Sovietised Cuba.
- Extracts from the New York Herald Tribune dated 4 September 1962.
- The Cuban Revolution and Human Rights.
- Congressional Record for September 10: Future of Latin America and the problem of the Soviet Quisling Regime in Cuba.
- Congressional Record for September 12: Soviet military build up in Cuba.
- Congressional Record - Senate, for September 14 and 17.
- Situation report. Atmosphere easier but still unhealthy.
- Uneasiness among the general public in Cuba. Propitious time for increased propaganda.
- Miscellany, 24 Sept 1962.
- American press still full of Cuba. Encloses articles by Leo Savage: "Castro's Foreign Legion".
- Situation report.

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Internal political situation (Folder 7) comprising the following sub-files, dated 28 September-28 December 1962:

- Discussions at the State Department on Cuba. State Department would like Mr Marchant's comments on Alpha 66.
- Statistics on the number in support of Castro.
- Committees for the Defence of the Revolution.
- Situation report after three weeks of crisis.
- Cuba press coverage of OAS meeting. Mikoyan discussions with Castro.
- Failure of Lazaro Pena to appear at a rally at which he was billed to speak.
- Military slogans appearing on posters in the streets. Anti-American films and television programmes.
- Situation report for week ending December 1.
- Rumours that Castro and Guevara have had differences of opinion.
- Situation report for fortnight ending December 28.
- Situation report for fortnight ending December 14.
- Further observations on speeches by Che Guevara and Armando Hart on December 7.
- Strange behaviour of two PT boats speeding eastwards along the coast.

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Political relations between Cuba and the United States (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 4 January-20 February 1962:

- Cuban note delivered through Czech Embassy in Washington listing over 120 incidents violating Cuban territorial air or water by USA.
- Cuban request that First Committee of the UN should meet to discuss complaints against USA.
- First Committee to meet February 5 to discuss Cuban complaints against USA. Question of UK intervention.
- Cuban complaint: Debate opened by Cuban delegate Inchaustegui who dwelt upon the invasion of April 1961.
- Cuban complaint: Draft resolution tabled against United States by Czechoslovakia and Romania.
- Cuban complaint: Speeches by Guatemalan and Soviet delegates.
- US abandons sanctions hopes; will seek anti-subversion efforts.
- Cuban complaint: Speeches by Brazilian and Costa Rican delegates.
- Cuban complaint: Chilean delegate supported USA and promised to vote against the Czech/Romanian resolution.
- Cuban complaint: Speeches by UAR and Indonesian delegates.
- Cuban complaint: speakers from Yugoslavia, Ghana, Iraq, Guinea and Mali.
- Cuban complaint: No further resolutions introduced. Neutrals to remain impartial. Latin Americans certain to vote against Soviet resolution.
- Cuban complaint: Vote should be reached February 16. Speakers from Ceylon, Morocco, Nepal and Soviet Union.
- Cuban complaint: Mongolian resolution presents problem to the United States because of its wording. Proposed voting on the resolutions.
- Text of Soviet Government statement on Cuban/US relations published in Pravda.

- Cuban complaint: Mongolian resolution heavily defeated. Zorin attacked United States and all who voted with them.

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Political relations between Cuba and the United States (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 14 February-21 March 1962:

- Sunday Star, February 11: "Role like Hungary's seen Castro's Aim".
- Exchanges at Presidential press conference about Cuba and the rest of America.
- American attitude towards Cuba.
- Cuban complaint: Cuban representative requested meeting of the UN Security Council on USA illegal actions.
- Cuban complaint to UN Security Council concerns relationships between regional organisations and the UN when it comes to joint action against a member State.
- Text of statement by USSR on Cuban complaint against USA.
- Cuba complaint: Only four votes in favour of adoption of the agenda.
- Cuban complaint: Text of British statement to the Security Council.
- UN Release 5/5080: Letter from Cuban representative to the President of the Security Council.
- Full report on Security Council meeting on latest Cuban complaint against the US.
- Security Council Release: letter dated March 2 from Cuban representative to the President of the Security Council.
- The Cuban complaint to the UN against the USA.
- Cuban complaint: Cuban representative requested immediate meeting of the Security Council
- Cuban request to the International Court of Justice to give advisory opinion on specific legal questions with regard to the OAS resolution on embargoes against Cuba.
- Cuban complaint: Likely order of speakers after the adoption of the agenda.
- Security Council has heard four main speeches. UK delegate expects to speak on March 20.
- Full report on the latest Security Council meetings on the Cuban complaint against the US.
- Cuban complaint: Speeches by Sir Patrick Dean and by French and Chinese representatives.
- Cuban question: discussion by UN on US aggression towards Cuba.

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Political relations between Cuba and the United States (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23 March-13 September 1962:

- Cuban resolution defeated in the UN Security Council, 7-2-1.
- Americans anxious to have a clear defeat of the Cuban resolution recorded for any future resurrection of the question.
- Letter from Dr Inchaustegui (Cuban representative) to U Thant (Acting Secretary General of the UN) complaining of US aggression.
- NY Herald Tribune: "Kennedy has view that unrest in Cuba may topple Castro."
- Press reports daily list of aircraft violations of Cuban airspace by US military aircraft.
- Extract from "The Baltimore Sun" of 20 July 1962: "Bias on Cuba laid to Press".
- Alleged espionage by US Navy vessels off the north coast of Cuba.
- Current anti-American propaganda in Cuba.
- Press conference on August 29 given by President: Questions about Cuba.
- The State Department's reply to allegations of US espionage in Cuban territorial waters.
- State Department view that Cuba would come up for discussion at this year's UN General Assembly. Encloses technical article on "The Guantanamo Naval base and International Law."
- Encloses reply by Dr Castro to accusations made by the US Government.
- Statement issued by the White House after the President had conferred with Congressional leaders on the Cuban situation.
- Cuban Government's complaints to the UN about the US.
- Official Cuban reply to a United States complaint of Cuban vessels firing on United States aircraft.
- President Kennedy's Press Conference, September 13. Tass report.
- President Kennedy's Press Conference of September 13.
- Resolution passed by Barking Constituency Labour party, urging HM Government to ask United States to prevent further raids on Cuba from United States mainland.

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Political relations between Cuba and the United States (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files,

dated 14 September–10 October 1962:

- Pravda reports on the American attitude to Cuba. Tass statement received a popular welcome.
- President Kennedy's answers to questions on his statement on Cuba.
- Moscow press: "Anti-Cuban campaign in Washington not quietening down" and other articles.
- Joint Congressional Resolution on Cuba. Press cutting from Washington Post on Soviet Arms build up in Cuba.
- "The enemies of Cuba violate international law": Article by Professor G Tunkin, Chairman of Soviet Association of International Law.
- Conversation with Mr Vorobyev, Soviet Embassy, on the vulnerability of Soviet shipping going to Cuba.
- Reaction of Soviet press to Cuban resolution in US Senate and to US attitude on trade with Cuba.
- Encloses a letter from Mr S M Leonard, Honorary Secretary of the Lansing and Sompting branch of the United Nations Association.
- "The Hemisphere Reacts": Extract from "Newsweek" of September 24.
- Chronology of US relations with Cuba, 1957-1962. (Printed in US Congressional Record - Senate, September 24).
- Text of the United States about Resolution in Cuba. Encloses US Congressional Record for 26 September and some press cuttings.
- Joseph Alsop's article on the reactions of people in Los Angeles to the Cuban situation. The President says that it represented the feeling of the ordinary American people.
- Notes regarding US Congressional Record, 1 October 1962.
- Amendment to the United States Foreign Assistance Act.
- US Congressional Record - Senate, October 2, 3 and 4.
- Address to the UN General Assembly by President Dorticos (Republic of Cuba), attacking the United States.
- Remarks by Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, on Cuba.
- US delegation's statement in reply to the speech by President Dorticos.
- Statement on the US Joint Congressional Resolution, by the Cuban Government, signed by Dr Mario Garcia Inchaustegui, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations.

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Political relations between Cuba and the United States (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 October–27 November 1962:

- US Congressional Record- House, dated October 6.
- American attitudes to UK shipping policy over Cuba.
- Cuba as a party matter.
- Extract from US "Congressional Record" of October 9. United States views on Cuban situation.
- Republican Party statement that Cuba will be the main issue of the Congressional elections.
- Pressure being put on President Kennedy to "do something" about Cuba.
- US policy regarding Cuban refugees at Guantanamo base: correspondence between Senator Keating and US Navy Department.
- United Nations venture of President Dorticos.
- Note from the US Mission to the UN to the Cuban Mission about arrest of three alleged Cuban conspirators. This states that their activities are a gross violation of their status as members of a permanent mission to the United Nations.

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Foreign Trade (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 3 January–11 April 1962:

- Arrival in Havana of Chinese and Bulgarian trade delegations.
- Commercial and financial relations between Cuba and the Soviet Bloc countries are not too good.
- Production of sugar for foreign trade.
- Twelve new organisations created to replace the Empresa Cubana de Exportacion and the Empresa Cubana de Importacion.
- Possible embargo on trade with Cuba by NATO countries.
- Statement by Rostow at meeting of the NATO Council about Punta del Este and US policy towards Latin America.
- Reply to be made by NATO government to the Cuban approach.
- Inaccurate report about trade embargo on Cuba which appeared in "The Times", pointed out by Senor Vergara.
- Mr William Warbey (Ashfield) to ask the Lord Privy Seal what discussions have taken place in the Council of NATO regarding the imposition of economic and strategic boycott against Cuba.
- Mr John Rankin (Glasgow, Govan) to ask the Lord Privy Seal if he will instruct the UK representative at UNO to vote against the proposals that have been made to the Organisation to put a trade embargo on Cuba, as being inconsistent with the provisions of the UN charter.
- Mr Zilliacus (Manchester, Gorton) to ask the Lord Privy Seal whether he will instruct the British representative on the Council of NATO to reject the US proposals for total or partial embargo on trade with Cuba, or other hostile measures against that country.
- Staff of the Cuban Foreign Trade Enterprise Office in London.
- Encounter with Senor O Beltran Vargas, of Quinimpex, who gave some idea of Cuban trade policy.
- US Department of Agriculture leaflet: "Cuba Shifts Trade in Farm Products to Soviet Bloc".
- Appointment of Sir Angel L Berard Gonzalez as representative of the Foreign Trade Ministry in London.
- Possible NATO member countries' action vis à vis Cuba.
- Paper circulated by the Secretary General on Rostow's proposals on Cuba.
- Reactions to Rostow's proposal of a trade embargo on Cuba.
- Trade with Cuba: The Rostow Proposals.
- Possible NATO member countries' action vis à vis Cuba.
Memorandum on Council Meeting of 11 April 1962.

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Foreign Trade (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 16 April-26 June 1962:

- Cuban External Trade.
- Ministry of Foreign Trade pamphlet giving details of new trading organisations.
- Rostow proposals for NATO action concerning Cuba: encloses extract from the informal record (private meeting February 20); Political Committee will not meet again until after the Athens Ministerial Meeting.
- Canadian JIB report on Cuba's economic relations with Communist countries.
- Meeting of Political Committee. Discussions of extent to which NATO Governments were applying

- the trade embargo in Cuba.
- Information on "Intercomex" obtained from a visit by Senor Santiago I Fernandez.
- Resumption of discussions on the Rostow proposals by the Political Committee.
- Discussion in the Political Committee on the first draft of the report to the Council on possible NATO action vis à vis Cuba.
- Differences of opinion between FO and the Board to Trade over the Rostow proposals on Cuba.
- The British attitude towards Cuba's trade with NATO countries.
- Details of barter negotiations with the Communist bloc for 1962.
- Britain should continue to oppose any economic measures against Cuba.
- No final conclusions reached in the Political Committee, partly due to the position of the UK.
- Britain to modify her attitude regarding Cuba to prevent damage to Anglo-US relations.
- Explanation of Britain's position in the NATO discussions on Cuba.
- Revised report to the Council on possible NATO action vis à vis Cuba.
- Mr Rusk intends to raise the Cuban question with the Secretary of State during his visit to London.
- Britain should continue to refuse to take part in any economic measures against Cuba.
- NATO discussions on Cuba: Note by President of Board of Trade.
- US embargo on Cuban Trade: North Atlantic Alliance reluctant to accept US recommendations.

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Foreign Trade (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24 June-24 September 1962:

- NATO formula on Cuba.
- Record of Conversation on June 24 on Trade with Cuba.
- Brief for the visit of Mr Rusk. NATO discussions on Cuba.
- Record of meeting at FO on June 25 between Secretary of State and Mr Dean Rusk.
- Amendments to draft report on Cuba were secured by UK representative in the Political Committee.
- Possible NATO action vis à vis Cuba: Report by the Committee of Political Advisers.
- Complete agreement over Cuban question reached in the NATO Political Committee.
- North Atlantic Council Memorandum on meeting to discuss possible NATO action vis à vis Cuba, 18 July 1962.
- Special Cuban Trade Arrangement with the Soviet Bloc.
- Approval by NATO Council that Cuba not be regarded as part of the Soviet Bloc. Asked that countries supply reports on credits to Cuba.
- Cuban Foreign Trade Ministry resolution appointing Senor Pedro Gonzalez Perez Representative of Foreign Trade Enterprises in Great Britain.
- Cuba's Foreign Exchange Position.
- Financial Capital of the import-export agencies of the Cuban Government.
- Encloses copy of Law No.1047 setting up Arbitration Commissions: assumed that the Government Import-Export agencies must also form them.
- Inclusion of Cuba in Soviet Trade Statistics as a "Socialist Country".
- Credits to Cuba: decisions so far.
- Encloses copy of a speech made by the Minister of External Commerce: Dependence on Foreign Trade.
- American decision to discriminate against any county allowing its shipping to transport "positive list" supplies to Cuba. Requests information on problems relating to this.
- Credits to Cuba: figures given to NATO.

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Foreign Trade (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 25 September-6 October 1962:

- Attitude of the United States Government and Trade Unions to ships carrying Soviet material to Cuba.
- Text of the amended United States Foreign Aid Appropriation Bill.
- US criticism of NATO countries' ships carrying Soviet material to Cuba. Requests information of British participation. With press cuttings.
- The Prime Minister requests a brief on the subject of shipping to Cuba.
- Khrushchev to the Austrian Vice-Chancellor: Soviet ships to retaliate if American ships blockade Cuba.
- US asks for UK action to restrict British ships trading with Cuba; but little action seems possible.
- Statement, read to the representatives of the principal European maritime countries trading with

- Cuba, as measures which the US Government propose to take against ships trading with Cuba.
- Press attitude, in the United States, towards NATO shipping and Cuba.
- Greek Government has recommended that all Greek shipowners refrain from chartering their ships for the transport of strategic material to Cuba.
- Federal German Government licence required for charter of German ships to Cuba, if the latter provide the crew.
- US representatives' statement in Council on shipping Soviet material to Cuba. UK delegation NATO telegram.
- Approach by the American Government, to European Governments with ships engaged in trade with Cuba, has been made known to the press.
- Senate Appropriation Committee's report on the Amended Bill.
- Americans should embark on radio propaganda. Soviet propaganda machine working effectively.
- Statement on Cuba by the US Under Secretary of State, George Ball, to the Select House Committee on Export Control.
- Debate in the Select Committee on Export Control in the House of Representatives.
- Debate in the Senate of the Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill.
- Answer to points raised by Mr Rusk satisfactory. Exact terms still under discussion.
- American proposals for "sanctions" to be applied to ships trading with Cuba made public.
- "Kennedy's Plan for Aggression. England says No". Article in "Prensa Latina".

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Foreign Trade (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24 September-11 October 1962:

- Delegation of ship owners have visited the Ministry of Transport for guidance on the Cuban problem.
- Statement by the US Permanent Representative to NATO on shipping to Cuba.
- Requests guidance on the proposal by the US Government for "sanctions" against ships trading with Cuba. Discussed in Cabinet.
- Circular letter sent to Consular Offices in America on the subject of Cuba.
- Statement by the United States Under Secretary of State on the trading relations between the Free World and Cuba.
- Request for guidance on British shipping carrying goods to Cuba. From the London Chamber of Commerce.
- Report on "Free World Shipping in the Cuban Trade", by the Maritime Commission of the United States Department of Commerce, dated 24 September 1962.
- Norwegian Ship-owners Association's announcement to its members advising them against participation in trade with Cuba.
- Repercussions of the Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill.
- US Government would like HMG to make it clear that no type of arms or munitions could be carried to Cuba in British Ships.
- Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill: new wording affecting British shipping. Encloses a list of British Ships which have called at Cuba this year. Suggests legislative measures to prevent British ship owners carrying arms from third countries to Cuba.
- Conversation between the US Secretary of State and the Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs: Council Meeting, October 3.
- Final figures for COCOM list: shipments to Cuba.
- International Longshoremen's Association intend to boycott any ship or line which trades with Cuba.
- Only a risk that the American blockade will consolidate support for the Castro regime.
- Possible American reaction to COCOM list figures. Asks if any British firms have an order for generators.
- Encloses draft proposal to be sent by the Ministry of Transport to the General Council of the Chamber of Shipping.
- Norwegian Government have advised ship owners not to trade with Cuba.

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Foreign Trade (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 4-17 October 1962:

- Requests views on a letter sent to Mr Chilver by the Athel Line on shipping to Cuba.
- Encloses letter from Crayford 7th AEU protesting at the American Government interfering with British shipping.
- Meeting held by Mr Marjoribanks to discuss the shipping problem.

- Consideration of the latest American move on shipments to Cuba.
- The Cabinet have asked the Foreign Secretary and the Ministry of Transport to produce, together, a paper on Cuba.
- Encloses revised draft Cabinet Paper on Cuba.
- American Regulations on shipping will be promulgated October 18. Advance briefing may not be given.
- Norwegian Government await American Regulations before making any decision.
- Talking points on Cuba, prepared for the Ambassador's address in New York.
- The United States proposals for the restriction of trading to Cuba.
- Norwegian Prime Minister's statement on American measures to prevent trade with Cuba.
- Swedish Government's position with regard to shipping goods to Cuba.
- Italian views on American measures to restrict trade with Cuba.
- Danish views on American measures to restrict trade with Cuba.
- American regulations on shipping postponed until after the weekend.
- Statement by an official in the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs on trade with Cuba.
- The Federal German Government have amended the Foreign Trade Ordinance to extend Government control over the charting of ships for bloc trade to Cuba.
- Establishment of an Arbitration Commission in Cuba.
- Credits granted by NATO countries to Cuba.
- International Longshoremen's Association: Measures to boycott ships dealing with Cuba.

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Foreign Trade (Folder 7) comprising the following sub-files, dated 16 October -16 December 1962:

- Visit to Paris of Mr Abram Chayes to answer questions on the problem of shipping to Cuba.
- Suggestion by Sir Patrick Reilly that the General Council for British Shipping has rebuffed the Minister for Transport's approach.
- Communiqué issued by Swedish Government expressing anxiety over restriction on shipping to Cuba.
- US restrictions on Cuba: Longshoremen in US ports refuse to attend to ships of any owner used in trade with Cuba.
- Norwegian attitude towards restrictions on Cuba was in sympathy with Britain's.
- Uruguay is not in full support of US restrictions as they affect her own exports.
- Series of anti-British press cuttings. Suggestion of boycott of British products.
- Report on picketing of foreign ships by the International Longshoremen's Association members.
- Committee of Economic Advisers considered the draft Report to the Council. Sole comment was from the Belgian representative.
- Draft paper on legislation of British shipping to Cuba is to await promulgation of the US regulations.
- Panama flag ships barred from Cuban trade.
- Shipments to Cuba: Text of Greek Government's statement recommending no shipping to Cuba.
- Credits granted by NATO countries to Cuba.
- Shipping incidents connected with Cuban and East/West trade.
- Full text of the Multilateral Payments Agreement signed in Moscow on 16 November 1960 between Cuba and Socialist Countries has now been published.
- COCOM list: UK refusal to extend embargo to Cuba.
- Port incidents connected with Cuban and East/West trade.
- Cuban import and export figures.
- President Kennedy's Press Conference, December 12: measures being taken to curb shipping to Cuba of western and unaligned countries.
- US government intends to issue regulations on shipping to Cuba soon.

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Foreign Trade (Folder 8) comprising the following sub-files, dated 12-29 December 1962:

- Representations about new US shipping regulations should be made in Washington rather than Nassau.
- Statement by Mr Finletter on the use of free-world shipping for trade between Cuba and the Soviet bloc.
- Transcript of President Kennedy's Press Conference of December 12.
- Discussions with various US officials on the President's latest speech.
- Questions that may be raised at Nassau.
- Agreement with the Ministry of Transport that the Cuban shipping problem should not be raised at Nassau.
- US Regulations to be issued at Christmas time: to be based on the 4 points and put into effect Section 107 of the Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill.

- Observations on US economic measures against Cuba with regard to NATO.
- Translation of the Multilateral Payments Agreement between Cuba and the Soviet bloc.
- Minute prepared for Mr Greenhill's talk with Mr Alexis Johnston.
- Clauses from US Public Law on US aid and Cuba.

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Commercial relations with the United Kingdom (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 4 January–15 March 1962:

- Donald Bruce and Basil Hone both again in Cuba. Bruce's interview with Che Guevara.
- FO hopes that Cubans have accepted termination of Trade Agreement in view of time elapsed.
- Letter from Cossar Radar and Electronics Ltd saying that they have terminated their appointments of their selling agents in Cuba.
- Possibility of BCPIT engaging in trade with Cuba.
- Glaxo Ltd to seek an orderly withdrawal from Cuba as soon as possible.
- Possible requests from US Government to HMG to cut UK trade with Cuba.
- Question of UK cutting off purchases of Cuban tobacco to assist the Jamaican tobacco trade.
- Realistic view of UK trade policy with Cuba should be put to the Colonial Office.
- Uncertain which line HMG would take if asked by the Americans to restrict trade with Cuba.
- Detailed account of Anglo-Cuban Trade since the Revolution.
- Discussion with Dr Roa: Geddes case could possibly depend on Anglo-Cuban trade relations.
- British Trade with Cuba. News-cutting.
- Request for information concerning the firm of A J Martinez Inc.
- Request for information concerning the firm of Astilleros Del Mariel, SA.
- Withdrawal of Glaxo Ltd from Cuba.
- Note of meeting held at Board of Trade on British trade with Cuba.
- Possibility of WHEC fostering British trade in Cuba.
- Answer to Parliamentary Question by Mr Warbey about restrictions on British trade with Cuba.
- Promise of further payment of \$150,000.
- US trade embargo on Cuba and its possible effects on Anglo-Cuban trade.

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Commercial relations with the United Kingdom (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 8 March 8–17 May 1962:

- Mr William Warbey (Ashfield) to ask the President of the Board of Trade what restrictions exist on British trade with Cuba; and what proposals he has for changes in these restrictions.
- Meeting between Mr Howard Green and the Secretary of State in Geneva.
- Mr William Warbey to ask the President of the Board of Trade to what extent it is the policy of his Department to grant licences for the export to Cuba of goods listed in the First Schedule of the Export of Goods (Control) Order, 1960 as amended, as freely as such licences are granted to any Western European country.
- Mr Phillip Noel-Baker to ask the Lord Privy Seal what decision has now been taken by HM in relation to economic action against Cuba in concert with other NATO powers, following the proposals to that effect submitted to the organisation; and what study has been made of the application of the charter

- of the UN to these proposals.
- No intentions of engaging in talks with Cuba on trade arrangements; reason; quotas made available for 1962.
- US proposals for restrictions on exports to Cuba.
- Liabilities in UK from Cuba at end of February compared with position at end of January.
- Imports into UK from Cuba, UK exports to Cuba, January-December 1961 and January-September 1962.
- Assets totalling \$700,000 belonging to the London and Lancashire Insurance Co Ltd. Counterclaim of \$180,000 by the Cubans.
- Board of Trade are opposed to treating Cuba as a member of the Soviet Bloc and are ready to have a meeting to discuss the issue.
- Report of the prospects of British trade with Cuba.
- Handling of interests of newly formed communist countries by the London Export Corporation.
- Ministry of Defence comments on Rostow's proposals on Cuba.
- Possibility of a commercial agreement with the Cuban National Shipping Line.
- Letter to Sir John Taylor dealing with the request made by Thomas and James Harrison Ltd.
- Discussions with authorities regarding the case of the London and Lancashire Insurance Co Ltd.
- Observations on the Board of Trade's brief on Anglo-Cuban trade for the Prime Minister's visit to Washington.
- Washington Talks, April 1962. Brief by Board of Trade on Trade with Cuba.
- Rostow proposals on trade with Cuba: Cuba to be included in NATO reporting system for credits granted to the bloc.
- Suggestions on future UK attitude towards "Intercomex".

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Commercial relations with the United Kingdom (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24 May-20 December 1962:

- Glaxo Group: Interview with Dr Calderín.
- Glaxo Group: two further meetings with Dr Calderín; notes enclosed.
- Glaxo Group: Westminster Bank asked Banco Nacional to re-register shares in Glaxo Group name.
- Meeting held at Board of Trade with members of Glaxo Group Ltd to discuss the company's position in Cuba.
- Señor Salvador Sala is to visit London as a special emissary of the Cuban Minister of Industries.
- Glaxo Group: Calderín interview with National Bank; whole case referred to Head Office.
- Activities of Latin American Development Corporation in Cuba: Negotiations for supply of spares for the refineries in Cuba.
- Summary of the sugar and molasses situation in Cuba.
- Present position regarding the property of Mr McGough.
- Proposal to exchange Anglo/Cuban trade figures with the Ministry of Foreign Trade.
- Trade with Cuba: details of quotas and free assets for certain goods.
- Cuba trade statistics, January-May 1962.
- United States interest in the present state of the Anglo-Cuban Trade Agreement.
- Supply of BSA Motor Cycle to Havana.
- Details received from the Morze Chain Division of Borg-Warner Ltd of a transaction in Cuba, which is still outstanding.
- Would prefer not to ask the Cubans for another copy of their trade statistics.
- Norwegian request for information on British attitude to trade with Cuba.
- Public outcry in America over British ships carrying material from the Soviet bloc. With various news-cuttings (including cartoon of "Ships that Pass in the Night").
- Statement by Senator Goldwater condemning Britain for allowing British shipping to trade with Cuba.
- Chancellor of the Exchequer's interview on "Meet the Press", an American television programme. Questions on Cuba.
- Suggestions on the best way to export goods to Cuba.
- Points for discussion between Havana Commercial Secretary and Mr Allen W Wakeford.
- Note on British shipping movements in Cuba.
- Trade figures supplied by British Embassy described as inaccurate by Ché Guevara.
- Record and particulars of Mr Allen Wakeford.
- Difficulties of Mr Hurst who represents a small British firm that buys up oil.

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Commercial relations with Canada

FO 371/162371
Arms for Cuba

FO 371/162372
Soviet military aid to Cuba

FO 371/162373
Soviet aid to Cuba

FO 371/162374
Cuban armed forces

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FO 371/162375
US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 22-23 October 1962:

- Britain will help US in the Security Council over Cuba.
Further information to come.
- Letter from Adlai Stevenson to Mr Zorin about the offensive weapons build-up in Cuba.
- Text of draft resolution presented to the Security Council.
- Cuban ambassador calm over rumours from Washington about President Kennedy's present attitude to Cuba.
- Special meeting of the Council attended by the Acting Secretary-General Mr Finletter, Mr Dean Acheson and Mr Sherman Kent of the CIA.
- Full text of nationwide address by President Kennedy at 2300 hours GMT on October 22.
- Probable sequence of events at the Security Council. Requests advice on what to say about the "quarantine".
- Meeting of the quadripartite Berlin military sub-group to discuss the quarantine action on Cuba.
- Federal German views on United States action over Cuba.
- Conversation between Kohler and Khrushchev on October 16:
Mr Khrushchev's views on Cuba.
- Tass reports from New York about "pre-blockade" activity in Washington.
- UN Security Council Meeting now arranged for 4pm, October 23.
- Yugoslav reactions likely to be hostile to US.
- Overwhelming support for US in the OAS. Question of how "far out" the interceptions should be.
- Resolution passed by the OAS to the effect that all missile sites in Cuba should be withdrawn.
- Proclamation on the Interdiction of the Delivery of Offensive Weapons to Cuba signed by President Kennedy at midnight GMT, October 22.
- Uruguay abstained from OAS vote but representative had not consulted his Government.
- Turkish Government's active support has not yet been asked for.
But Turkey is in full support of the US.
- Soviet reactions to President Kennedy's speech.
- Speech by Mr Adlai Stevenson in the Security Council.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-24 October 1962:

- Statement by Mr Zorin. Draft resolution by non-aligned delegations.
- Text of neutral draft resolution on Cuba.
- Issue of "War Alarm" by Castro. Some radio frequencies have been jammed.
- President Tito is of the opinion that the Security Council should have been consulted by the USA before action was taken.
- French press reaction to President Kennedy's statement.
- Conversation with Sobolev, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, about the Cuban situation, at the Malcolm Sargent concert.
- Norwegian statement about Cuba. Hopes for a peaceful solution.
- Chinese Press reaction to President Kennedy's statement.
- Argentina unanimously supports the USA.
- Statement by President Tito calls for an immediate peaceful solution.
- Dutch statement regarding President Kennedy's announcement;
Many aspects require further study.
- Letter from SHAPE to North Atlantic Council about General Norstad's precautionary measures with regard to the Cuban situation.
- UAR press comment is largely non-committal.
- Soviet press on Cuba: "US are recklessly playing with fire".

- Question of Soviet reciprocal action. Suggestion that Iran or Pakistan more likely to be affected than Berlin.
- West German press reactions.
- Statement by the Danish Prime Minister.
- Statement in Parliament by the Turkish Prime Minister pledging support for the US action.
- FLN and Communists both condemn US action.
- Address by Prime Minister Fanfari to the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies in Italy.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 22-25 October 1962:

- Statements by Mr Dieferbaker and Mr Mezzies on Cuba.
- Suggested military measures to be taken by NATO member countries.
- No action to be taken against Anti-Castro ships at the moment.
- Statement by the USA in reply to allegations by President Dorticos of Cuba.
- French surprise at United States action on Cuba.
- Norwegian Government support United States blockade.
- Meeting with Mr Rusk, French Ambassador and German Ambassador to discuss the latest situation in Cuba.
- UK to support the Americans in the Security Council.
- Message from Mr Macmillan to Prime Minister of Uganda.
- Suggestion by Mr Macmillan that if US knew where British ships were and what their cargoes were, they would not stop them.
- Text of Sir Patrick Dean's speech in UN Security Council on October 24.
- Speeches in Security Council by representatives of Venezuela, Romania and Ireland.
- Appeal to U Thant that by representatives of neutral and unaligned Powers to take initiative.
- Resolutions tabled by UAR and Ghana at United Nations.
- Text of resolution tabled by UAR and Ghana at United Nations.
- Summary of Security Council meeting, October 24.
- Text of speech by Acting Secretary-General at UN Security Council meeting, October 24.
- Summary of events at United Nations, October 24.
- Situation Report.
- Brief summary of main points in speech by Castro which was carried by all Cuban radio and television stations, October 23.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24-26 October 1962:

- Regulations affecting shipping to Cuba may now require amendment.
- Statement by the Chinese Government supporting Russia and Cuba.
- Text of Statement issued by President Tito.
- Soviet press reactions.
- Tunisia supports the US action.
- Spanish Government were informed in advance of President Kennedy's statement. Communiqué issued.
- Iranian Government reaction. Full support of the USA.
- Ecuadorean Government supports the US action completely.
- Statement by Foreign Office spokesman. UK will support USA.
- Text of speech by Lord Home at the National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.
- Suggestion to elicit from President Kennedy the lines on which he may be contemplating a conference.
- Observations on whether Castro will accept observers to inspect the missile sites.
- Communiqué issued by the Algerian Political Bureau.
- Full text of Soviet resolution put before the UN Security Council.
- Defence Department announcement on the first contact with Soviet shipping in the Caribbean.
- Belgian press Comment.
- Question of issuing special instructions for requests by Soviet bloc or Cuban ships or aircraft for special facilities is under consideration.
- CRO telegram to posts overseas about Ministry of Transport action regarding the blockade.
- Summary of a background news briefing on the President's address on Cuba.
- Philippines have pledged total support for US Blockade of Cuba.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24-26 October 1962:

- Warning from US authorities on the "dangerous waters" areas.
- Statement by Mr Dieferbaker in the Canadian Parliament.
- British Chamber of Shipping has suggested that it should co-operate with the US measures.
- Conversation with the Reverend D A Keighley, representative of the British Council of Churches.
- Draft paper in connection with the Lord Chancellor's report to the Cabinet.
- Government action relating to Alpha 66 and the blockade is under consideration.
- Press cuttings on the ILA Boycott of Cuba trade ships.
- Legal considerations relevant to US action.
- All merchant shipping advised to use Mona Passage or to keep as close to Mexican or US waters as possible.
- Bibby Line ship "Cheshire" to proceed to Boqueron in Guantanamo Bay.
- British ship "Eastern Star" is due to sail for Turks island.
- Text of President Kennedy's reply to U Thant's message of October 24 delivered by Mr Stevenson.
- Adjournment of UN Security Council: report of discussion opened on afternoon of October 25.
- Text of Khrushchev's reply to U Thant.
- Extracts from Soviet press on Cuba.
- Soviet press on Cuba: publicity campaign: Special coverage in Pravda for Khrushchev's message to Bertrand Russell.
- Demonstrations against US Embassy: panic buying widespread in Prague.
- Conversation between the Secretary of State and Polish Ambassador, October 24.
- Haitian press comment on Cuban situation.
- Honduras Government support United States' attitude.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-26 October 1962:

- El Salvador seriously concerned over Cuban situation: support for United States.
- Turkish attitude on Cuba.
- Soviet reactions relatively calmed and restrained.
- Official communiqué issued after meeting of the French Council of Ministers on October 24 concerning Cuba.
- Polish reactions to the Cuban situation: reports of renewed panic buying and rough and ready rationing.
- Translation of Polish Government Declaration published on October 25.
- Possible pattern of talks with Acting Secretary-General U Thant.
- Treatment of British ships. Navicert system will soon be operating.
- Lists of missile sites as identified by the USA.
- Convoy seen passing Embassy heading west at 3pm local time may indicate existing missile launching equipment is being redeployed.
- Possible compromise might be the demilitarization of Cuba in exchange for an international guarantee of inviolability.
- Very little evidence of serious military preparation in Havana.
- One Dominican navy vessel offered to co-operate in "Quarantine".
- United States Navy will wish to take advantage of offer of seaport facilities, especially in north of island, in response to offer made by Dominican Republic.
- Bolivian Government attitude still unresolved.
- Statement made by the President of the Dominican Republic concerning the nuclear installations in Cuba. The Government of the Dominican Republic will lend full support to any measures taken by the UN or OAS to combat this menace.
- Memorandum on Cuba.
- Philippine support of the United State blockade of Cuba.
- Cuba: The First Soviet reaction.
- Cuba and the United Nations.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 7) comprising the following sub-files, dated 26-29 October 1962:

- Request for information on Soviet thinking at present to pass to the Americans.
- "Cheshire" may pass the Guantanamo Bay entrance without hindrance.
- Soviet press on Cuba.
- Cuba space receding slightly in the Soviet press.
- Luxembourg Government approves of American action.
- Details of a convoy near Havana moving at night.
- The Shah of Iran fully supports President Kennedy's action.
- Norwegian and Danish ships will submit to search under protest.

- Small pro-Cuban demonstrations in Chile.
- Text of message from U Thant to Castro.
- Turkish Government requests views on Mr Khrushchev's attempt to link Turkish bases with Cuban ones.
- Soviet tanker allowed to pass through the blockade.
- Soviet press emphasise the Soviet Government's efforts for peace.
- Cuban press headline: Khrushchev's agreement to suspend shipments. Reports of pro-Cuban demonstrations.
- Cuban General Staff announced that an unidentified aircraft was shot down on October 27. Castro declared that any unauthorised foreign aircraft over Cuba will be fired on.
- Discussion with Chiefs of Staff and Ministry of Defence: Proposal to arrange for a rendezvous for merchant shipping to facilitate inspection.
- Official report of Indonesian views on the situation.
- U Thant intends to visit Cuba.
- Text of resolution adopted on Cuba by the OAS and text of a speech made at the meeting by Dean Rusk.
- Cuba's reply to President Kennedy's guarantee against invasion.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 8) comprising the following sub-files, dated 25-29 October 1962:

- Suggested line of United Kingdom propaganda.
- HM Government do not intend to offer the Americans any assistance in enforcing the blockade.
- Notice from American Secretary of Defence to mariners on the procedure to be used.
- Talk with President Kennedy: Comments on the latest proposals by Khrushchev: merits of the removal of missiles from Turkey and Cuba.
- Meeting of the three allied Ambassadors called by Mr Rusk; intelligence briefing by the State Department Director of Intelligence.
- Khrushchev's decision to climb down over the Cuban missile bases; problems of the Americans posed by the Castro regime; link between Cuba and Berlin.
- Discussion on a statement about Cuba issued by the Soviet Government.
- Americans would welcome further views on the Cuban situation.
- Americans pleased with results so far.
- Sequence of events within the United Nations.
- Possibility of linking Cuban and Turkish bases: views of Mr Hare on this proposal.
- Interview between Ambassador Stevenson and U Thant.
- General situation report from Cuba.
- Latest facts on the Cuban situation: North Atlantic Council meeting.
- Khrushchev's aims and intentions.
- Mexican Government's attitude.
- Emir of Kuwait applauds the US action.
- Recent Soviet press comment.
- Soviet press on Cuba are more restrained.
- Danish press comment.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 9) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-30 October 1962:

- More Danish press comment.
- Guatemalan support for United States action.
- Indonesian attitude towards the United States and the Soviet Union.
- Suggestion made to U Thant to visit Cuba.
- Guinean reaction to the Cuban situation.
- Time ripe for increase in United States propaganda to Cuba.
- Prime Minister's message delivered to the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Reactions to Khrushchev's climb down.
- Secretary of State's congratulatory message to Mr Rusk.
- Effect of Cuban crisis on Italian Centro-Left Government.
- Moroccan Government attacked by left wing parties for not condemning US action.
- Netherlands support for US action.
- Report on German Chancellor's television speech on October 26.
- Swedish Government's reply to American transmittal of President Kennedy's Proclamation of October 23.
- Explanation of Swedish Government's legal stand to reserve their rights in so far as measures affect

- Swedish vessels.
- Position reached in meeting between Stevenson and U Thant: discussion between Stevenson and some NATO and other friendly delegations.
- Work in connection with missile sites: transport of sand in Soviet lorries from docks westwards.
- Pravda coverage of Khrushchev and Kennedy statements.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 10) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-29 October 1962:

- Suggestions by U Thant that Americans should suspend quarantine during his stay in Cuba: briefing on the objections likely to be raised by Castro.
- Libyan Government reactions.
- Guatemalan armed forces ready to take any action prescribed by OAS.
- Netherlands press comment.
- Shipping movements noted but not reported by H.M. Embassy unless required.
- Meeting with U Thant.
- Report on Ambassadorial Group meeting held on October 29.
- Americans say they had flown no reconnaissance flights on Sunday October 28.
- Consequences of the United States decision to blockade Cuba.
- Recommendations to be issued to British shipping: co-operation of British merchant ships with the American blockade.
- Americans would stop at nothing if the blockade did not succeed in getting rockets out of Cuba.
- Assurance given by President Kennedy that he would not take any drastic action without telling Prime Minister in advance.
- Message from the Prime Minister to Mr Khrushchev.
- Soviet statement on Cuba.
- Request briefing on situation.
- British garrison in Hong Kong.
- Prime Minister's message to Commonwealth Prime Ministers; message to Dr Williams of Trinidad to be passed to him through HM Embassy in Brussels.
- Issue of Quarantine Proclamation for shipping: possible institution of navicert system.
- Reply to a message to the Netherlands Foreign Minister about the situation in Cuba.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 11) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-31 October 1962:

- Cuban press continues with strong support of Castro.
- Considerable Russian activity. No sign of dismantling of missile sites.
- Council Meeting, NATO: discussion of situation.
- Reactions of the Americans to the situation.
- Conversation with the Sous-Directeur Politique M Laloy.
- Lebanese Press comment.
- Greece stands firmly behind the United States.
- No further reports by telegram.
- Editorials in Danish National papers praise Kennedy's actions.
- U Thant expects trouble with Castro, but he is optimistic.
- General da Silva of Brazil has visited Fidel Castro.
- Press reports in Izvestia and Pravda on situation in Cuba.
- Note by Foreign Secretary to Prime Minister: Legality of the United States Blockade.
- Careful examination of President Khrushchev's last messages for hidden snags.
- Photographic proof of Soviet missile bases in Cuba.
- Account of talk with President Kennedy: proposed US action.
- Proposed US alert to introduce no visible action.
- No intention by President Kennedy to seize Cuba at present.
- Requests views on the President's purpose.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 12) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-31 October 1962:

- State Department agree to more precise information being made public.
- Long talk with President Kennedy: reaction to speech in UK.
- Disadvantage of the Americans early interception of a Russian ship sailing to Cuba.
- Talk with Mr Bundy: six Soviet ships turned back from Cuba.
- Reply to be sent to Secretary General when Security Council meets.
- Time required by U Thant to reach satisfactory standstill.
- Asks which facts given by US Ambassador can be used in statements to UN and Parliament.

- Statement made by the Prime Minister on 25 October 1962.
- Amended statement made by the Prime Minister in Parliament.
- Discussions with Mr Rusk on immediate developments.
- Press reactions to Khrushchev's agreement to dismantle bases in Cuba.
- UN Security Council lunch: Zorin and Kuznetsov stated that the blockade should not be re-imposed.
- Ambassadorial Group meeting on the aspects of denuclearization in Latin America and Europe.
- Interview with Yugoslav Foreign Minister.
- Mobilisation posters appearing on taxis in Havana.
- Chinese Peoples Daily editorial entitled: "Protect the Cuban Revolution".
- Chinese reactions to Khrushchev's agreement to dismantle bases.
- Cuban newspaper reports.
- Visit of Mr Mikoyan to Cuba. Overflight of Canada.
- Results of aerial reconnaissance: "Reading Out" not quite completed.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 13) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-31 October 1962:

- Statement by Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary: Continuous consultation with President Kennedy about developments in Cuban situation.
- Comments about the formula of the Lord Chancellor's memorandum on the legality of the blockade.
- Suggestions to be put to U Thant before he leaves for Cuba.
- UN Secretariat's attitude towards U Thant's talks with Castro.
- Message from Secretary of State to Belgian Foreign Ministry requesting views on Cuban situation.
- Message from Prime Minister to President de Gaulle requesting views on Cuban situation.
- Misgivings over text of Prime Minister's message: proposed action and approach to Chancellor Adenauer.
- Views of Chancellor Adenauer on the Cuban situation.
- No official point of view adopted by Portuguese Government to US blockade.
- Views of General de Gaulle on messages from Prime Minister and President Kennedy.
- Prime Minister's message delivered to Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Cordier (lately United Nations Under-Secretary) in touch with top level persons in US Government about U Thant's statement on Cuba.
- Message from Prime Minister delivered to Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels.
- Message from Italian Prime Minister to Mr Macmillan.
- Italian Prime Minister gratified by Mr Macmillan's message: Italians hope to keep dispute within the United Nations.
- Summary of Signor Fanfani's reply to President Kennedy.
- Signor Fanfani's desire for British and Italian Governments to keep in close touch.
- Prime Minister's message conveyed to M Spaak: expresses appreciation and agrees for need to keep in touch.
- Request to be provided with legal case to be made by United States Delegation.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 14) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23-31 October 1962:

- Account of telephone conversation between Bundy and de Zulueta: possibility of the Russians dismantling the missiles.
- UK misgivings about possible extension of blockade.
- Copies of White House Press Releases with explanations.
- Position of British shipping as regards to the blockade.
- Polish intentions over Cuba. Interview with Mr Rapacki, the Polish ambassador.
- Mentions two points on the disarmament context of the negotiations between Heads of Governments.
- Prime Minister's message to Dr Nkrumah.
- Reactions in Venezuela. Unanimously in favour of the US.
- Meeting between Foreign Minister and Heads of Missions in which he expressed concern over the provocative acts of the Russians.
- Discussions with Mr Ashenheim, Jamaican Ambassador in Washington.
- Procedure concerning British ships in the Caribbean.
- Definition of "Blockade" as given in the Soviet Diplomatic Dictionary.
- Encloses minute sent to Lord President: proposed communication to the Americans.
- Note of personal message sent from Mr Macmillan to President Kennedy.
- Record of meeting held at Admiralty House at 5.00pm on October 23.
- Letter from President de Gaulle thanking Mr Macmillan for his message of October 25.
- Message from Chancellor Adenauer thanking the Prime Minister for

- his letter.
- Letter from President de Gaulle to Prime Minister of October 22; Sir Pearson Dixon informed of contents of President Kennedy's message.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 15) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24-31 October 1962:

- Signor Fanfani's reply to Mr Macmillan's message about Cuba.
- Explanation of Presidential Proclamation on offensive weapons.
- Greek ships to submit to search by US officials.
- Hungarian Government's reactions to the blockade follow the rest of the Soviet Bloc.
- President Tito's United Nations Day Speech.
- Text of statement made by Prime Minister to House of Commons on October 25.
- UK reactions to UN actions.
- All exchange officers likely to be withdrawn.
- Shipping incidents connected with Cuba and East/West Trade up to October 24.
- Letter from Danish Ambassador to Lord Home.
- Instructions given to masters of British ships in the Caribbean area.
- Draft Statement by the Secretary of State on Cuba.
- Main points of Khrushchev's letter to Bertrand Russell.
- Statement by Mr Diefenbaker in Canadian Parliament on October 25.
- Izvestiya article on Cuba entitled: "Reason is Victorious", dated October 30.
- Cuban press on Castro's meeting with U Thant.
- Situation report on Havana during U Thant's visit.
- Discussion between Mr Khrushchev and the Iranian Ambassador.
- Swedish reactions to Cuban crisis: phlegmatic.
- U Thant assured by Soviet General in Cuba that bases will be dismantled.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 16) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23 October-1 November 1962:

- Review of the Oslo Press: Comments on the new developments in the Cuba situation.
- Statement issued by President Somoza of Nicaragua on October 26.
- Report of NATO Council Meeting of October 31.
- Discussion between US Ambassador and Mr Gromyko in Moscow.
- Khrushchev's offer to remove bases is main theme of Danish press.
- Conversation between Danish Foreign Minister and the Soviet Ambassador in Copenhagen.
- Prime Minister's statement on Cuba.
- Decision by the Uruguayan National Council to authorise their OAS representative to vote in favour of the US.
- Extract from the New York Times: "US considering Ship Certificates".
- Main points of Izvestiya article entitled: "Not Trial of Strength, but Negotiations", dated October 31.
- Views expressed by Polyanov in the Izvestiya article may give some guide to Soviet intentions.
- Special Warning No.33: Clearance System "CLEARCERT" instituted to avoid unnecessary delays and stoppages.
- Extract from the Irish press: "Lemass favours a curb on arms".
- Translation of Mr Per Haekkerup's statement to the Ritzhausbureau on October 23.
- Telegrams to be repeated to Kingston, Jamaica.
- Views on the situation by Mr Tom Driberg, MP.
- Port incidents connected with Cuban and East/West trade.
- White House Press Release to editors and radio and television news directors, October 24.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 17) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24 October-1 November 1962:

- Sealey, Lutchman and Ellis Clarke on way to London for talks with Dr Williams.
- Communiqué issued by MFA explaining vote of Brazilian delegate to OAS.
- Text of statement left by the Polish Counsellor.
- No relaxation in precautionary measures which have been taken.
- The situation in Florida
- Message to Mr Macmillan from Mr Nehru.
- Reaction in Columbia one of apprehension, but opinion by and large behind the United States.

- Uniform scope of recommended precautionary measures agreed at a Conference with Corps Representatives.
- Account of measures taken in response to message SHOC 233/62.
- Additional precautionary measures to be taken.
- Problem of RN officers serving with the US Navy.
- Summary of points made to Indian Chargé d'Affaires by U Thant's party.
- Cuban press: Speech by Castro on meeting with U Thant announced for 8.30 pm on November 1.
- Interview with Hungarian Counsellor who said that the Cubans did not understand the Crisis.
- Situation report: outcry against embargo on food, patriotic spirit is low, but army would fight.
- Constructional activity in Valle de Jistiz.
- Meeting between U Thant, Nielson and Boland.
Account of U Thant's visit to Cuba.
- Telegraphic guidance sent to all US Missions in Western Europe.
- Conflicting reports from both sides of the Lebanese Press.
- Routing of Mr Mikoyan's IL 18 aircraft for his visit to Cuba.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 18) comprising the following sub-files, dated 26 October-3 November 1962:

- ILA Boycott campaign: undertakings from Orient Mid-East Lines.
- Note of Meeting of Ministry of Transport on October 23.
- Brazilian initiative in Cuba.
- Blockade approved by Panama.
- Copy of US Brief for Mr Findletter for speaking at NATO Council on October 29.
- Swedish Ambassador in Russia. His views on Cuban Crisis.
- Route of Mr Mikoyan's aircraft.
- Text of further statement by President Kennedy regarding the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba.
- Main items on Cuba as published in Pravda, November 2.
- Reports in "Hoy" and "Revolution" on Cuban refusal to allow inspection.
- Discussions with U Thant on his visit to Cuba.
- Ambassadorial Group Meeting: intelligence assessment given by Americans on low-level reconnaissance, November 3. Missile sites have been or are being dismantled.
- Talk between US ambassador and the King of Morocco about increase of Soviet aircraft through Morocco.
- Views exchanged at Americans dinner between Mikoyan and US delegates.
- Discussions between Sir A Rumbold and Minister of Foreign Affairs of France.
- Two Russian freighters in Mariel. Truck carrying flat circular metal object in Guanajay.
- Cuban press headlines are devoted to Mikoyan's New York statement of support for Castro's five points.
- Mikoyan expected to stay at least a week.
- Four Russian vessels at Mariel. No movements.
- Movements and presence of Soviet ships at Mariel.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 19) comprising the following sub-files, dated 23 October-2 November 1962:

- Memorandum from State Department in reply to UK Aide Memoire of October 25.
- Possibility that some non-aligned countries may press US to accept four of Castro's five points.
- Whereabouts of all known missile sites in Cuba.
- Instructions to British shipping owners as regards the blockade.
- Press Conference given by Robert S MacNamara, October 23, (with text running to 35pp).
- Implications of President Kennedy's undertakings with regard to the invasion of Cuba.
- Full account of conversation with Ambassador Bernades of Brazil.
- Comments on Ceylon newspapers.
- Draft message from the Prime Minister to all other Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Presidents regarding dismantling of offensive bases in Cuba.
- Port incidents connected with Cuba and East/West trade up to October 29.
- Shipping incidents connected with Cuban and East/West trade up to October 25.
- Message from Netherlands Government to Netherlands' Ship owners.
- British ship owned by Chinese company is said to be manned by Communist crew.
- Extract from speech made by Home Secretary on October 31.

- Formosan reactions to the blockade. Support of the USA.
- Prime Minister's message now being sent to Salisbury.
- Mr Mikoyan's plane will land at Prestwick and Gander.
- Nigerian press reaction to the blockade.
- Asks if British policy towards the Castro regime can be reconsidered.
- Proposed draft of Prime Minister's message.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 20) comprising the following sub-files, dated 31 October-5 November 1962:

- Text from Ceylon of Mrs Bandaranaike's reply to the Prime Minister's message.
- Summary of a speech made by Castro on November 1.
- Observations on Castro's speech of November 1.
- Mikoyan now given prominence in Cuba after initial coolness.
- Details of Russian movements in Cuba.
- Issue of two official statements by the Yugoslav Government on the Cuban Crisis.
- Soviet Public Opinion and the Cuban Crisis.
- No great progress on talks between United States, USSR and U Thant: Red Cross to carry out inspections at sea.
- Two "cherry-pickers" visible at Mariel from air.
- No evidence of dismantling or movement to the ports; continuation of Russian movement of sand.
- Brief report of conversation between Gromyko and US Ambassador in Moscow.
- Soviet Policy: discussion on possible internal and external pressures enforced on Khrushchev.
- Polish press reaction to Cuba issue.
- American press and radio reaction.
- Conversation with M Couve de Murville: anxiety about present situation and praise for Americans.
- Demonstrations in Peking in support of Cuba.
- Soviet reactions to American moves.
- Reports from Sunday papers "Hoy" and "El Mundo".
- Movement of Soviet ship "Nikolaevsk" from Havana.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 21) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24 October-5 November 1962:

- Movement of Soviet freighter "Volgoles" from Havana.
- Castro's five points.
- Attitude of Tanganyika to the Cuban Crisis.
- Record of conversation between Trinidad High Commissioner and the Acting Prime Minister, Dr Solomon.
- Mikoyan's flight to Cuba.
- Flight of Russian Aeroflot aircraft IL 18 no.75763 to Havana: permission given for stop at Prestwick and to use Nassau as reserve aerodrome.
- Americans to request French to use all possible influence to line up UAM Africans over Cuba.
- Romanian reaction to the Cuban Crisis: support for the Soviet line.
- Notes for the Lord Privy Seal on the Cuban situation.
- Legality of the US blockade.
- Italian interventions in Moscow during the Cuban crisis.
- Permanent Representatives of US Delegation to stand by for private meeting of Council on November 1, to hear appreciation of Cuban crisis by Mr Nitze.
- Cuba and the United Nations: Supply of material to assist Jamaican officials.
- Baghdad reaction to Cuban crisis: radio broadcast by Qasim on October 25.
- Unofficial translation of the Czechoslovak Government's declaration on the Cuban crisis.
- Togolese reactions to Cuban issue.
- Subsequent developments regarding Cuban propaganda in Chile.
- Bulgaria solidly supports Cuba and the Soviet Union.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 22) comprising the following sub-files, dated 29 October-6 November 1962:

- Lorries seen travelling towards Havana and trucks towards Mariel.
- Russian activities in Cuba.
- Venezuelan reactions to Cuban crisis: President's mobilization decree.
- Danger of Venezuelan President's mobilization decree being misused.
- Iranian press reactions to Cuban crisis.

- Ships and equipment at Mariel.
- Cuba dying out in Soviet press.
- Soviet press on Cuba. President Nasser's appreciation of Khrushchev's handling of the situation.
- Vietnamese press coverage of Cuban crisis.
- Account of US Ambassador's talk with Mr. Gromyko last week.
- Hungarian reactions to Cuban situation.
- Notification to Singapore ship-owners from the US Consulate.
- Reactions in Brazil.
- Press reaction in Southern Rhodesia to US Blockade.
- Discussions proceeding slowly. Americans disturbed at the discovery that Ilyushin 28 bomber aircraft were being uncrated and assembled.
- Massive solidarity demonstration in Peking. Possible reasons for this fanatical support for Cuba.
- Discussions with the Brazilian Ambassador in Havana.
- Items of interest from the Cuban Press featuring Venezuela and USSR.
- Soviet convoys heading east between Ciego De Avila and Colon.
- Oil refineries in Havana appear to be out of action, but petrol is freely available.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 23) comprising the following sub-files, dated 30 October-6 November 1962:

- With reference to the "Two Chinas" dispute at the Red Cross centenary celebrations, the Swiss have asked Governments to regard the ICRC as "above politics". The ICRC does not seem too happy about their undertaking the Cuban task.
- Parliamentary Question by J Rankin (Govan) to ask the Lord Privy Seal under which provision in the UN Charter he finds sanction to impose a possible inspection of Cuba's defences.
- Action by Norwegian Government, the Norwegian Ship-owners Association and Norwegian Seaman's Union in connection with American quarantine of Cuba.
- Cuban crisis as seen from Washington: function of the Administration.
With news-cuttings.
- Reaction of the Argentine Government.
- The tasks ahead.
- Soviet bases in Cuba.
- Views of Mr Arnold Smith on the Cuban Situation.
- US system of clearance for vessels sailing for or near to Cuba.
- Paraguayan press comment.
- Official text of Mr Khrushchev's message to President Kennedy, October 28.
- Press report: Summary of American action.
- Summary of the development of Yugoslav press comment.
- Vessels in Mariel harbour.
- Soviet shipping at Havana, November 5 and 6.
- Seventeen US naval vessels passed through the Panama Canal to the Atlantic.
- Finnish Government's statement on the Cuban crisis.
- Message to the Prime Minister from Mr Nehru, dated October 27.
- Colombian Government's statement on the Cuban Situation.
- Message on the Cuban crisis from the "Heads of Churches and Religious Communities of the Soviet Union".

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 24) comprising the following sub-files, dated 26 October-7 November 1962:

- Declaration by the President of the Republic of El Salvador backing President Kennedy.
- Statement by Foreign Secretary: Progress in the dismantling and withdrawal of Soviet missiles from Cuba.
- 51st Inter Parliamentary Conference: Resolution on Cuban and Sino-Indian crises.
- Cuban Crisis: Views of Political Director of Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Moroccan reaction to Cuba crisis.
- Department of State announcement on system of clearances for vessels in Cuban vicinity.
- Guatemalan reaction to Cuban crisis.
- Requests material on UK contribution to Cuban crisis.
- Castro's continued insistence on his five points.
- Panamanian reaction to Russian decision to dismantle missile bases in Cuba.
- Attitude of Mexican Government on Cuba Crisis.
- Attitude of Panama Canal Administration to transit of Soviet vessels.
- The Soviet Union and Cuba.
- US resumption of natural control measures and reconnaissance flights.
- Syrian press reaction to Cuban crisis.

- Cuban crisis: Note on events for use of Secretary of State in Cabinet, dated November 5. The missiles are on their way out.
The Ilyushin bombers are still in Cuba. The Americans want UN inspection of all sites to verify removal of all offensive weapons. The International Red Cross may agree to help with the checking of Cuba-bound ships.
- US interpretation of the "interception area".
- Cuban press comments on 45th anniversary of Russian Revolution; Castro's five points; and failure of British Guiana talks.
- Movement of trucks carrying concrete slabs.
- Account by Mr. Stevenson on further developments in the Cuba situation, dated November 7.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 25) comprising the following sub-files, dated 26 October-8 November 1962:

- Effect of negotiations with Kuznetsov on Mr Stevenson's outlook.
- Celebration of Russian Revolution: Comments on Castro's absence.
- Cuba: Turkish press comments.
- Cuban Crisis: Meeting of Stevenson and McCloy with Kuznetsov.
- Cuban Crisis: Official and unofficial reactions.
- Comments on views expressed by Mr Stevenson on Soviet intentions in Cuba.
- Points emerging from briefing to friendly and allied delegations by Mr Stevenson and Mr McCloy. Telegram of November 8 from Sir P Dean.
- Main points from speeches by Kosygin and Malinovsky.
- Resolution passed in Bolivian Chamber of Deputies deploring US action without consultation with the OAS.
- Crew list of aircraft that took Mikoyan to Cuba.
- Guinean reactions seem to be neutral between UN and Soviet Union.
- The Red Cross and the Cuban question.
- Spanish attitude on US blockade of Cuba.
- Swiss reaction to participation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Cuban crisis.
- Portuguese support of American action.
- Institution of navy-cert system for ships trading with Cuba.
- Port control problems in Jamaica.
- Text of letter from Nkrumah to Prime Minister.
- Information from HM Embassy in Havana on dismantling of missile sites in Cuba has been given to the US authorities.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 26) comprising the following sub-files, dated 2-11 November 1962:

- Trinidad reaction to Cuban crisis.
- Soviet purpose of establishing missile bases in Cuba: Points against Adlai Stevenson's thesis.
- Question of formal communication to US on legality of blockade.
- Cuba: Russian activity at docks.
- Request for information on Castro's relations with Mikoyan.
- Message from the Prime Minister of India to Mr Macmillan.
- Traditional approach to maintain freedom of high seas: advantage of publication or reference to the communication.
- Guatemalan official reaction to Soviet withdrawal.
- Cuba: Moroccan press comment.
- Five points as conditions for undertaking inspection being sought by the Red Cross.
- Private session of the North Atlantic Council on November 7.
- Views of State Department officials on the implication of President Kennedy's undertaking in Cuba.
- Virtually no progress in last 24 hours on Red Cross inspections.
- The latest position in Cuba.
- U Thant's remarks to the Minister of State on on-site inspection, Red Cross inspection of incoming ships and the quarantine, overflights and IL 28s.
- Account of Cuban situation by Mr Thompson at Ambassadorial Group meeting, November 8.
- "Friendship meeting" held in Moscow of Moscow workers and Cuban workers on November 8. Soviet speakers stressed Soviet role in "thwarting the criminal plans of the American Military Machine".
- Discussion with Minister for Foreign Affairs on November 5.
- Mexican attitude to US action.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 27) comprising the following sub-files, dated 26 October-12 November 1962:

- Communiqué issued by President Touré on November 6.
- NATO discussions on USSR and Cuba.
- Memorandum on genesis and development of the Cuban crisis.
- Mr Roy Mason (Barnsley) to ask the Secretary of State for Air if he will take steps to suspend all flights of U2s from British bases during the Cuban crisis.
- Nationwide address by the President of Honduras in support of the US.
- Encloses step by step review of Cuban crisis in "New York Times" of November 3: Preliminary comments on handling of crisis by American Administration. (Includes map of naval interception area).
- Points to be raised when Cuban Ambassador calls at American Department.
- US pamphlet entitled "Cuba - Questions and Answers", issued by the Department of Defense.
- Swiss press reactions to the Cuban crisis.
- Address by Legal Adviser to the State Department on the legal aspects of the blockade.
- Brief statement by US representative on present position regarding shipping regulations contemplated by US Government.
- Sir Frank Roberts' Leave-Taking: Draft message from Prime Minister to Mr Khrushchev.
- Question from Monsieur André about Prime Minister's message to Khrushchev.
- US proposal to issue clearance certificates to posts abroad to assist vessels destined for Cuban ports.
- Official statement issued by Chilean Government on 23 October 1962.
- Dismantling of missile bases: News received with relief by Iraqi people.
- Account of conversation between Danish Foreign Minister and Soviet Ambassador in Copenhagen on October 25.
- Cuban press reports of latest developments in Cuban crisis, November 11 to 12.
- Details of Soviet traffic by Consul in Santiago.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 28) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6-14 November 1962:

- Views on Stevenson's suggestion of an approach to Castro through OAS; no news of Mikoyan talks.
- Observations on Soviet vehicles; no Soviet ships.
- Mexican press reaction to the Cuban crisis.
- Statement by President Somoza at press conference on November 7.
- Information from Belgian colleague about Cuban merchant ship "Las Villas".
- US policy towards Cuba after removal of missiles: HMG's commercial policy; Hawker Siddeley contract.
- Meetings in Washington; no change in basic US position.
- Telegram from Sir P Dean dated November 13.
- Meeting between the Americans and Kuznetsov.
- Reactions of the Uganda Government.
- Official and popular reactions of the Satellite countries.
- Message to Prime Minister from President de Gaulle of November 6.
- US Consul-General not allowed to raise question with British Guiana Ministers.
- Excerpts from Ankara Home Service Commentary on the Cuban crisis.
- Report of the public reactions of the Romanian Government.
- The Cuban Crisis in the United Nations. (Includes 10 page dispatch by Sir Patrick Dean, dated 9 November 1962).
- Some doubt about Jamaican reactions during the crisis.
- Notice issued to mariners in connection with the Cuba quarantine from the US Embassy in Port of Spain.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 29) comprising the following sub-files, dated 25 October-16 November 1962:

- Reasons for Dominican support of US. Many clamouring for all out assault on Cuba.
- Considerations to be borne in mind when analysing Soviet objectives in creating conditions for the Cuba crisis.
- Résumé of Cuban press headlines.
- Account of talk between Adlai Stevenson and U Thant.

- Views on Soviet intentions in Cuba.
- Addendum on Summary of November 13 on IL 28 bombers at San Julian airfield.
- Soviet vessel "Cherwebkovsk" in Havana harbour may be discharging vehicles, November 14.
- Bastings and linings far underground shafts and wells in the north side of the Sierra de Anafe.
- Evidence showing how far Gromyko deliberately lied to President Kennedy; American judgement.
- Conversation with Mr Safronchuk of the Soviet Embassy about Mr Mikoyan's visit to Cuba.
- Events leading to Khrushchev's decision to order dismantling of missile sites in Cuba.
- Castro's letter of November 15 to U Thant. Headlines in all papers.
- List of those present at dinner in Soviet Embassy.
- Some observations on Castro's letter to U Thant.
- Pravda quotes reports in US papers of military build-up at Guantanamo.
- Account of conversation between Stevenson and Kuznetsov.
- Extract from "US News and World Report", November 12.
- Further account of Brazilian reactions and possible effects in Brazil.
- Observations on an article by Heikal on November 2 about the Cuba crisis.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 30) comprising the following sub-files, dated 31 October-19 November 1962:

- Comments on evacuation plan for Cuba.
- Sand and gravel transport has increased. Possibility of ground to air sites still being constructed.
- Situation report: No visible cracks in Cuban economy.
- Vast improvement in voice of America programmes.
- Editorial support in "Hoy" and "Revolucion" for Castro's letter to U Thant.
- Cuba: wider issues
- Comments on article by Joe Alsop: "The Soviet Deception Plan" of November 5.
- Problem of the IL-28 bombers.
- Proposals made by President Keita of Mali to President Kennedy.
- Statement by spokesman of the Yugoslav Foreign Secretariat on November 9.
- US naval vessels identified by the Consul in Colon.
- Statement by Mr Thompson at Ambassadorial Group meeting: Cuban situation still extremely fluid and outlook uncertain.
- Dated November 19.
- Cubans likely to make serious efforts to shoot down US aircraft.
- Cuban press summary: Supposed plan of sabotage in New York by Cubans; dinner for Mikoyan; Castro's five points, arrests of Cubans by FBI.
- No progress made during meeting between McCloy and Kuznetsov.
- False assertions in the London "Economist".
- Mr Arthur Henderson (Rowley Regis and Tipton) to ask the Lord Privy Seal whether he will make a statement on the present situation with regard to Cuba.
- Mr Zilliacus (Manchester, Gorton) to ask the Lord Privy Seal whether he will propose in the UN that the Security Council should assist Cuba and the US to conclude an agreement, open to all Caribbean States, pledging them strictly to observe in their mutual relations the obligations of the Charter enjoining the peaceful settlement of all their differences and prohibiting interference in the internal affairs of States, or resort to force, except in defence against an armed attack.
- Mr John Rankin (Glasgow, Govan) to ask the Lord Privy Seal under what powers the UN have proposed an inspection of Cuba's defences.
- UK Mission to report events: query to check that they are not reporting at too great a length.
- Grateful for comments on evacuation plan for Cuba.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 31) comprising the following sub-files, dated 2-20 November 1962:

- Further evidence of Indonesia's hostile attitude towards US.
- Council meeting: The Cuban Aftermath.
- Postponement of departure of Mikoyan's aircraft. Disappearance of Castro.
- Statement concerning Australian reaction to Cuba crisis.
- Second-hand account of McCloy's conversation with Kuznetsov.
- Position of Guantanamo Naval Base in the current crisis.
- Removal of offensive weapons from Cuba.
- Linkmoor wishes to use Windward Passage for voyage to Japan via Panama. Quarantine Proclamation and Special Warnings of October 23 cancelled November 22.
- Wishes to know if Sir H Caccia has the text of Khrushchev's letter of October 26 with the knowledge of the Americans.
- Details of the intelligence aspect of the Cuba crisis which emerged from the NATO Experts Working Group on Latin America.

- Memorandum on the Cuba crisis: its course as seen from Moscow, an assessment of the motives, actions and future policy of Mr Khrushchev.
- Enquiries made as to when General de Gaulle is likely to reply to Prime Minister's speech of October 25.
- Newspaper reports of Castro's message to U Thant of November 19.
- Statement by Mr Finletter at a special meeting of the North Atlantic Council.
- New Zealand reactions to the Cuba crisis.
- Text of Castro's letter to U Thant of November 15.
- Cubans have issued no information on talks between Mikoyan and Castro.
- Mr Zilliacus (Gorton) to ask the Prime Minister what reply he received from President Kennedy on his communication with him about the partial US blockade of Cuba.
- Draft answer to Mr Rankin's Parliamentary Question to Minister of Transport about British shipping.
- Position of British ships with regard to the "quarantine". No reports of inconvenience.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 32) comprising the following sub-files, dated 29 October-22 November 1962:

- Message from President Kennedy to the Prime Minister on situation in Cuba and present US intentions, dated November 20.
- Statement by President Kennedy at Press Conference on November 20. Quarantine has been lifted.
- Cuban press reactions to Kennedy's announcement lifting the blockade, November 21.
- US Ambassador's statement on Soviet bases in Cuba in the CENTO Council on November 8.
- Reactions of the North Vietnamese press to the developments in the Cuba crisis.
- Canadian reactions to the Cuban crisis.
- Mr Michael Foot (Ebbw Vale) to ask the Prime Minister what representations he has made to President Kennedy about the continued naval blockade of Cuba.
- Plausible suggestions from Yugoslav Ambassador in Cuba as to reason for Mikoyan's stay in Cuba.
- Exchange at Kennedy press conference on November 20: No other issues apart from Cuba have been discussed with Soviet Union during past three weeks.
- Quarantine lifted.
- Destination of sand trucks probably Torrens: intended as military or intelligence headquarters.
- Nikita Khrushchev's messages to President Kennedy on the Cuban situation.
- No account of interview between Mr Knox of Westinghouse and Mr Khrushchev received.
- Points issuing from talk between Soviet Ambassador and Turkish Foreign Minister on October 25.
- Points of interest on latest developments left by US Ambassador, November 20.
- Extracts from "The New Republic": "What Next for Cuba - An Exile's View" and "Afterthoughts on the Cuban Blockade".
- Possible repercussions of the Cuba crisis in Czechoslovakia.
- Demonstrations outside the US Embassy.
- Meeting with Leopold Boissier, Chairman of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in Geneva.
- Portuguese Foreign Minister's reply to the Secretary of State's request for views on Cuba situation.
- Revised version of the US legal memorandum on the "quarantine".

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 33) comprising the following sub-files, dated 8-28 November 1962:

- Account of specially convened restricted session of the North Atlantic Council on November 20.
- Extracts from Pravda and Izvestiya articles on Cuba, November 22.
- UN Security Council meeting next month. Draft declaration being prepared.
- Situation report at the end of the fifth week of the crisis.
- Text of message sent to Prime Minister from President Kennedy by teleprinter, November 22.
- Brief on Cuba for Mr Vosper of the DTC.
- Text of President Kennedy's News Conference of November 20, with news-cuttings.
- Soviets tried to get the US to sign a formal document for presentation to the UN Security Council, but failed.
- Farewell speech by Mr Mikoyan on November 25.
- Summary of "Cuba's reply to Kennedy" signed by Dorticos and Castro, November 25.
- Relationship in timing and similarities in text between Mikoyan's speech and "Cuba's reply to Kennedy".
- US sanctions reconsidered. Cuba conference.
- Soviet activity in Cuba continues. Major encampment being constructed with accommodation for

- 1,000 men.
- "US News and World Report": article on "What kind of a Soviet base is Cuba now?" dated November 19.
- Message from the Government of Dominica (West Indies) expressing their appreciation of the firm stand taken by Kennedy over Cuba.
- Soviet press coverage of Mikoyan's visit to Cuba.
- China and the Cuban crisis.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 34) comprising the following sub-files, dated 10 November-4 December 1962:

- Conclusions underlying the sending of Mr Khrushchev's letters to President Kennedy.
- Further information on the Cuban crisis given by Mr Finletter at a NATO Council meeting on November 28.
- Demonstrations against US in Surabaya.
- Personal message to Lord Home from the Portuguese Foreign Minister.
- Message of thanks to HMG from U Thant.
- Report from Stevenson on the American negotiations with the Soviet delegation, November 29.
- The Cuban Crisis: Chapters I and II.
- Statement issued by Chinese Government supporting Cuban demands.
- Chinese press has been taking the line that Cuba has won a clear cut victory.
- Message from Sir Alexander Bustamante to the Prime Minister, November 10.
- Extracts from Lord Gladwyn's broadcasts on ITN and BBC.
- Extract from "The Reporter" entitled "Reflections on Cuba" by Henry A Kissinger. (Pages out of sequence).
- Message from President Ayub Khan (from Peshawar) to Prime Minister.
- Report for the next session of the West European Union Assembly to be held in Paris, December 3-6: Cuban Crisis.
- Communist China's reaction to the Cuban Crisis.
- Mr Mikoyan's discussions in Washington; nuclear zone for Latin America; may be trouble eventually about overflights of Cuba.
- Extract from "Washington Post" entitled "Lord Russell on Cuba", dated November 29.
- Talk with United States Mission and the Russians: Content of two draft declarations to be made before UN Security Council main subject for discussion.
- Interview by Sam Russell: "The Americans still want to come here" says Ché Guevara. Article in "Daily Worker", December 4.
- Defence outside the NATO area: The Cuban Crisis. Report by the WEU Assembly.

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US Blockade of Cuba (Folder 35) comprising the following sub-files, dated 28 November-22 December 1962:

- Soviet publications of requirement for a formal agreement on Cuba.
- Parliamentary Motion by Mr William Warbey and several other MPs.
- Mrs Julia Hart (Lanark) to ask the Prime Minister if the public speech of the Secretary of State to the Oxford University Conservative Association on 21 November about HMG's refusal to mediate in the Cuban crisis represented HMG's policy.
- Report from Yost of suggestion by Kuznetsov for different procedure for concluding outstanding points under discussion.
- Mr Mikoyan in Havana.
- Request for telegrams on the crisis dealing with the inspection aspect.
- Report received from the BBC Washington correspondent on a statement by McGeorge Bundy.
- Air reconnaissance on December 15: movement of equipment out of several Soviet encampments.
- Statement by Adlai Stevenson that the Cuban Crisis would be settled before Christmas.
- Egyptian reactions to the Cuban crisis.
- Peruvian reactions to Cuban crisis: negative.
- Message from Dean Rusk to Venezuelan Foreign Minister, December 10.
- Correspondence between the Prime Minister, President Kennedy and Mr Khrushchev.

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US Blockade - Public Relations (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 22 October-3 November 1962:

- Public reactions to US Blockade (3 sub-files of letters and telegrams).
- Encloses letter from Westminster Group CND.
- Mr S Scholefield Allen (MP for Crewe) requests reply which can be forwarded to his constituent Mrs L M Kelly in answer to her letter on events in Cuba.
- Comments requested on letter received from one of Prime Minister's constituents, Mr V S Rose.
- Request for draft reply which the Prime Minister may send to the Reverend Reginald Sorenson MP of the National Peace Council in reply to his letter of October 23.
- Public reactions to US Blockade (6 sub-files of letters, postcards and telegrams).
- Letter from Mr Towers complaining against US action in Cuba.
- Letter from Mr Morris complaining against UK support of the USA.
- Complaint against US action by Mr Varwell.
- Complaint against UK support of USA by Mr Bott.
- Complaint by Commander Milner against US action in Cuba.
- Public reactions to US Blockade (2 sub-files of letters and postcards).

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US Blockade - Public Relations (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 October-7 November 1962:

- Public reactions to US blockade (sub-files of letters, postcards and telegrams).
- Petition to Lord Home from members of staff of University of Aberdeen.
- Protests against the US action.
- Encloses letter from Dr W A L Blyth about Cuba.
- US blockade of Cuba: copy of letter to US Ambassador.
- Encloses letter from Mr John Lyons about Cuba.
- Encloses letter from Mr W Adams, Managing Secretary of the Warrington Co-operative Society Ltd, about the blockade of Cuba.
- Encloses letter from Mr R Banks, President of Rushcliffe Constituency Labour Party.
- US blockade of Cuba: views on the situation from Mrs K M Binder.
- US blockade of Cuba: views on the situation from Mr A R Freeson.
- Petition from Douglas Colliery: "We demand hands off Cuba."
- Public reactions to US Blockade (4 sub-files of letters and postcards).

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US Blockade - Public Relations (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 15 October-27 November 1962:

- Resolution passed at a meeting of the Presbyterian Church of the Conway Valley.
- Congratulatory message to Lord Home.
- Public reactions to US blockade (letters and postcards).
- Views on Government action to combat communism in Britain.
- Message from Patriarch to Prime Minister.
- Complaint about remarks made by Lord Home at meeting of Directors at the Albert Hall.
- Encloses correspondence from Mr W E Chapman about Cuban Crisis.
- Letter from a selection of University teachers.
- Resolution passed by the St Cuthbert's Co-operative Association.
- Resolution passed by the Bangor Labour Party (Women's Section).
- Protest by "Liberacion Europea" against shipping of arms to Cuba.
- Views of the Bexley Heath Branch of the Young Co-operators.
- Misinterpretation of remark made by Lord Home.
- Letter from Major E J Halsted-Hanby: need for on-site inspections to make sure missiles have been removed.
- Letter from Mr F Travers of New York protesting against a film report seen on TV.
- Meeting of the Barnet Divisional Labour Party.
- Resolution passed by the Harrow Aid to Cuba Committee.
- Letter to Lord Home applauding his reply to the University of Aberdeen petition.
- Letter to Lord Home commenting on his reply to the Aberdeen petition.

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British property in Cuba

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Steel

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Visit to Cuba by Viscount Montgomery of Alamein

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Visit to Cuba by Lord Lambton

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Visit to Cuba by Lord Boyd Orr and his wife

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Visit to Soviet Union of Guevara and Aragonés

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Visit to Cuba of Mr R H Christin and his party

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Cuban publications and journalism

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Celebrations in Cuba

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PREM 11: Prime Minister's Office: Correspondence and Papers, 1962

PREM 11/3689

Cuba, 1962: Cuban Missile Crisis

including telegrams, records of conversations and meetings, discussions with NATO, notes from the Board of Trade, views of Lord Home, discussion on British position regarding trade with Cuba, covering the period June-October 1962. The first part of the file deals with the crisis in September and October including personal exchanges between Kennedy and Macmillan; the remaining documents cover discussions in June on the subject of trade with Cuba.

Folios 26-32 provide a full record of the telephone conversation between the Prime Minister and President Kennedy at 12.30am on Tuesday 23 October 1962; folios 106-107 are text of personal letter from Kennedy to Macmillan dated 22 October 1962; folios 110-111 are text of private "eyes only" telegram to Macmillan from Kennedy dated 21 October 1962.

PREM 11/3690

Cuba, 1962: UN Security Council discussions; detailed telephone conversations between Kennedy and Macmillan; US blockade of Cuba; Cold War tensions

covering the period 23-27 October 1962 with complete file of telegrams, records of all top level conversations and meetings, daily contacts with Americans, discussions with NATO, full brief for Prime Minister of developments in the UN Security Council, and frequent exchanges with Commonwealth countries and European leaders. Folios 35-39 cover the conversation between Kennedy and Macmillan at 11.15pm on Friday 26 October 1962.

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