

FOREIGN OFFICES FILES FOR CUBA
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Part 2: Cuba and Bay of Pigs Invasion, 1961
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Annual review for 1960

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Internal political situation (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 5 January-20 February 1961:

- Cuban Council of Foreign Ministers approves Castro's modification of the Civil Code.
- Cuban Communist Party views on the Castro Revolution.
- Present atmosphere in Cuba, 5 January 1961.
- Havana in state of alert.
- Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Fortification of building containing HM Embassy.
- Proposed Heads of Missions joint plea for clemency towards persons liable to be condemned to death by Revolutionary Tribunals.
- Papal Nuncio's plea to the Cuban President: action deferred.
- Papal Nuncio's initiative: Canadian views.
- Conversation with Senor Prado of the Bacardi Rum concern.
- Report on the installation of a machine gun on roof of our Embassy.
- José Martí: the influence of his ideas on Castro and the Cuban Revolution.
- Various legislative measures resulting from meeting of the Cuban Council of Ministers.
- Defection of Dr Ernesto Martin.
- Impressions of conditions in the Oriente Province by R E Steddon, acting as British Consul in Santiago de Cuba since November 1960.
- Possibility of Castro being treated by a Mexican Tuberculosis specialist.
- Military camps for training and preparations by counter-revolutionaries outside Cuba.
- Speech by Castro in Las Villas province, January 28.
- Reports on the counter-revolutionaries.
- President Kennedy's press conference, February 15.

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Internal political situation (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 13 February-4 April 1961:

- "New York Times" report of fighting in Escambray.
- Conversation with Senor Lobo: Letter to Mr Glass, Washington, February 16.
- New Government sponsored body called Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples.
- Assessment of present position, February 22.
- Visit to Escambray area by "Daily Express" correspondent.
- Vasco de Cunha's relations with Castro.
- Fortifications on Embassy roof: no reply to HM Ambassador's representations.
- Speech by Castro commemorating the La Coubre explosion.
- Exhibition of captured United States arms and equipment: planting of bombs and shooting incidents.
- Bomb incident in private school.
- Full text in Spanish of Castro's speech of March 4, published in "Revolución" 6 March 1961, with the Special Monday Literary Supplement "Lunes de Revolución". It included on page 30 an article entitled "The Cuban Revolution comes to Oxford". Complete copy of both the newspaper and the supplement enclosed on file.
- Cuban Martyrs: Julio Antonio Mella.
- Escambray operations: statement by Ministry of Armed Forces.
- Report from HM Consul in Santiago, March 24.
- Activities of counter-revolutionaries on the Isle of Pines.

- Lloyds agent in Havana.
- Balance of forces within Cuba, March 16.
- "Revolutionary Clandestine Movement" to embarrass Government by creating financial scare.

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Internal political situation (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 17 March - 17 April 1961:

- Rumours of imminent landing by exiled Cubans.
- Counter-revolutionaries: information passed on to State Department.
- Lighthouse, Morro Castle and an oil refinery shot up by armed vessel in Santiago Bay.
- Defection to Mexico of Sen̄or Pardo Llada, the former Director of Propaganda and Radio Services in the Castro Government.
- Presentation of prize to "Revolucion". Castro's speech.
- Declaration issued by Cuban Revolutionary Council.
- Possible success of a counter-revolution.
- Arrest of Masferrer Rojas in the United States.
- Anti-Castro exiles.
- Air attacks on Cuba: proposal to accuse United States.
- Landings by counter-revolutionaries.

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Internal political situation (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 17-22 April 1961:

- Beginnings of Counter-Revolution. Long expected invasion of Cuba by the émigrés seems to have begun. On April 15 attacks were made on Cuban airfields. Since then, according to Agency messages today, four landings have taken place. Reports of fighting and sabotage, April 17-20.
- US pilot shot down; Havana bombed; British subjects arrested.
- Requests to confirm that foreign subjects are safe.
- Argentine reaction.
- Statement by Frondizi, President of Argentina.
- Safety of British ships standing by.
- Pro-Castro student demonstration.
- Tension due to mass arrests.
- Nicaraguan support.
- Soviet press coverage.
- Non-existent support for rebels in Cuba.

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Internal political situation (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 19-24 April 1961:

- Panamanian reaction to invasion of Cuba.
- Soviet press coverage.
- Bulletins issued by Cuban Revolutionary Council in New York
- Evacuation plans.
- Discussion with the Philippine Foreign Secretary.
- Prisoners.
- Mexican reaction.
- Brazilian reaction.
- Colombians reaction to the invasion.
- Conversation with Counsellor at the Polish Embassy.
- Invasion of Cuba: Haitian reaction.
- Story from two travellers: Nicaraguan complicity in Cuban invasion.
- Congregations of people in front of Embassies where persons have sought asylum: US warships off Guantanamo.

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Internal political situation (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 19-28 April 1961:

- To ask HMG if they have any statement to make on the situation in Cuba.
- Easing of any tension.
- Article by Che Guevara in the 9 April 1961 issue of "Verde Olivo", the magazine of Cuban Armed Forces, on the Cuban Revolution.
- Thanks Mr Marchant for reports received during the emergency.
- Reactions to the Cuban invasion.
- Invasion of Cuba: reaction in Yugoslavia.
- Mr Nehru speaks in the Upper House.
- Statement of Mr Nehru on April 21.

- Invasion of Cuba: reaction in Guatemala.

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Internal political situation (Folder 7) comprising the following sub-files, dated 21 April-2 May 1961:

- Telephone conversation with Mr Sutherland.
- Answering Parliamentary Questions about the invasion. Note prepared by Mr H A Hankey, dated April 21. This text points out that there is still insufficient information on the invasion at this stage. It covers the official stance of the British Government which has not previously criticised the Castro régime in public, except in connection with the seizure of the Shell refinery in 1960. The document suggests that public statements should now be coloured by the following points: Many thousands of Cubans have fled from Cuba because they found that the Castro régime did not give them the freedom they had expected after escaping from the Batista dictatorship; freedom of speech and democratic government were not restored as promised; the complete break in relations with the US and the degree of dependence on the Soviet bloc "*have brought the Cold War into the Western hemisphere*". There are brief comments about the role of the United States and policy of President Kennedy. The Hankey document is followed by a cable from the High Commissioner for Canada expressing Canadian reactions. Also attached is an article from 'The Times', April 21, with the headline "US Private Sources finding money for Cuban rebels. No evidence of direct Government intervention".
- Detention in Cuba of American U P correspondent Mr Raymond.
- British Cabinet informed of events in Cuba.
- Mexican reaction to invasion.
- Haitian reactions to invasion of Cuba.
- Joint declaration of Nasser and Tito.
- Assessment of results of invasion of Cuba. FO Minute, dated April 24, which comments: "*...in Latin America as a whole the episode will have strengthened communist influence. The Americans were faced with the dilemma of seeing Castro consolidate his strength with further supplies from the Soviet bloc if they let the free Cubans wait too long, or of allowing the operation to go off at half-cock for lack of sufficient support by the underground movement if they let them strike too soon... There is now a danger that, as appears from President Kennedy's public statements, the Americans may eventually take action themselves against the Castro regime.*"
- Press reports on Cuban invasion. Note from British Embassy, Cairo.
- Report on invasion from Mr Marchant, British Embassy in Havana, dated April 27. This piece together an account of the invasion and of the immediate reasons for its failure. It gives the total strength of the invaders as not more than 1,500 men, describes the weapons and equipment employed, comments on the picture of the opposition presented by the Cuban Government, as well as providing information on the interrogation and imprisonment of rebels, the reaction to the invasion inside Cuba, the effects on the Revolutionary Government, the defeat of the invasion by Castro's forces, and support for Castro's régime.
- Mr Sutherland to visit Washington.
- Soviet press comment.
- Yugoslav views on American complicity in invasion of Cuba.
- Hungarian reaction.
- Telegram from Commission of the Churches on International Affairs to heads of missions at the United Nations urging non-intervention in Cuban internal affairs.
- House of Commons debates in Canadian Parliament, Ottawa, on April 20.
- Nicaraguan support for rebels press coverage translated with originals.
- Ambassador's report of May Day celebrations and Castro's popularity: "*I saw the whole thing partly in real life but mostly on television and must admit it was difficult not to be impressed by the organisation, display of strength, discipline, endurance and good temper and morale of the Cuban people as they showed themselves yesterday. Enthusiasm was not wild or hysterical, but I had the feeling that Castro at this moment is more firmly in the saddle than at any other time in the past year thanks partly to his military success and partly to mass arrests.*" Havana, 2 May 1961.

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Internal political situation (Folder 8) comprising the following sub-files, dated 12 April-3 May 1961:

- Statement by Cuban prisoner before Havana television that aircraft from Puerto Cabezas took part in the invasion of Cuba.
- Castro's May Day speech.
- Censorship in force.
- Mr Sutherland in Washington DC to see Mr Allen Dulles, Mr Achilles, Mr Braddock (formerly Minister in Havana) and other members of the State Department and Pentagon.
- Colombian reactions to the invasion: declarations published by two Trade Union Federations.
- Report on Cuban invasion.
- Minutes concerning Castro's May Day speech and the statement by the

- US State Department spokesman on this.
- Conversation between Mr Heath and Mr Schlesinger.
- Failure of the counter-revolution.
- Reaction to counter-revolution in Philippines.
- Message from Nkrumah to Castro.
- Chronological account of recent events in Cuba.
- Chilean reaction to invasion of Cuba.
- Mexican reactions to the Cuban situation: editorial in "Novedades".

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Internal political situation (Folder 9) comprising the following sub-files, dated 28 April-11 May 1961:

- Assessment of public reaction in San Salvador to invasion of Cuba.
- Reactions of Brazilian press and public to invasion of Cuba.
- Uruguayan press opinion on Cuban invasion.
- Account of activities of Cuban Revolutionary Front.
- Alleged failure of rebel invasion of Cuba according to Roberto Alejos: Guatemalan disappointment at failure of invasion; US Government cast as scapegoat.
- Bolivian attitude to invasion of Cuba.
- Venezuelan reaction to invasion of Cuba.
- Discussions between Mr Sutherland and members of the US State Department, 20 April 1961.
- History and outcome of invasion of Cuba.
- List of leading Government officers and other personalities in Cuba.
- Parliamentary Question by Denis Healey asking the Prime Minister to what extent he discussed the situation in Cuba during his recent talks with President Kennedy.
- Parliamentary Question by Mr E Hughes asking the Prime Minister, in view of the importance of events in Cuba, if he will visit Cuba in order to gain first-hand information about the position there. Answer: "No, Sir. I have full confidence in our man in Havana".

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Internal political situation (Folder 10) comprising the following sub-files, dated 13-25 May 1961:

- Report by British businessman on his detention in La Cabana prison.
- Discussion with the Foreign Minister on the Cuban problem.
- Socialism and the Cuban Socialist Revolution: Remarks by Executive Secretary of the Cuban Communist Party.
- Paraguayan Government reaction to invasion of Cuba.
- Present situation with reference to invasion, armed forces, internal opposition and counter measures.
- May Day and the Socialist Revolution: a well balanced report.
- Report on conditions in various detention centres. Mr McCann writes about Morro Castle: "*The conditions under which detainees, male, female and minor were held, were reminiscent of conditions in medieval days, and in a suitable setting. The women and children were detained in dungeons facing on to the centre courtyard, and we understood that the three layers of dungeons above sea level are matched by three further layers below. The men and boys were held in the moat. They were completely without shelter, change of clothing and food. When we entered the Morro there were at least 5-700, where most had been for 5-6 days. There had been new riots and demonstrations and threats by the guards to fire down into the crowd. They were clearly desperate, having been standing in the blazing sun all day.*"
- Articles in "The Guardian" and in "The Times": Castro rules out elections.
- US forces in Panama not implicated in invasion.
- Extracts from House of Commons debates.
- Report on Cuba by British Cable company.
- Cartoons from "La Nacion", Costa Rica.
- Reactions from the Canadian Embassy.
- Information on individual of British parentage and former passport holder fighting for Castro's Cuban forces as shown in the newspaper "La Revolucion".

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Internal political situation (Folder 11) comprising the following sub-files, dated 29 May-6 June 1961:

- Minister of Foreign Affairs would welcome information on Cuba.
- Letter from Canadian Embassy in Havana to Canadian Foreign Minister: Castro's May Day Speech.

- Appearance and behaviour of Castro and Guevara at the Czech National Day reception.

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Internal political situation (Folder 12) comprising the following sub-files, dated 24 May-13 July 1961:

- US receiving distorted picture of Cuba: assessment of the political scene to serve as corrective.
- Approval of new Law setting up Ministry of the Interior.
- Head of new Ministry of the Interior. "Valdes is a Major of the Rebel Army, in his thirties. Was tortured under the Batista régime and fought with the Castro guerillas..." FO Minute: "This change bodes no good".
- Appointment of Municipal Commissioner of Havana and Director of the Instituto Nacional de Deportes, Educacion Fisica & Recreación.
- Request for HMG to help in the release from prison of Dr Martinez Saenz, former President of the National Bank of Cuba.
- Conversation with Mexican Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Letter from Canadian Embassy in Havana to Canadian Foreign Ministry: Internal Security and Public Order.
- Report on television broadcast given by Castro on current food shortages.
- Anti-Castro Cuban organisations: absence of such organisations in Nicaragua.

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Internal political situation (Folder 13) comprising the following sub-files, dated 30 June-24 July 1961:

- Two veteran communist leaders of the Spanish Civil War, General Lister and Vittorio Vidali, attended the May Day celebrations.
- Information regarding the fate of Dr Joaquin Mannez Saenz.
- Press reports on the departure of General Lister and Vittorio Vidali.
- Article by Salvador de la Madanaga attacking the principle of non-intervention in Cuba.
- Emigration from Cuba to West Indies.
- Tugboat "Santa Barbara". Request for urgent advice for answering the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Aide Memoire.
- Cuba: Final impressions.
- Report on activities before July 26 celebrations. Rumours exist that Castro will be assassinated.
- Copy of the newspaper: España Republicana.

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Internal political situation (Folder 14) comprising the following sub-files, dated 20 July-28 September 1961:

- Cuban enquiry on the "Santa Barbara": the possible eventualities.
- Report on the Isle of Pines, where some British prisoners were being held.
- "Frente" publication, Guatemala.
- Present situation in Santiago de Cuba: Three hundred arrests, arms smuggling activities.
- Activities of Cuban Exiles: Cutting of CIA pay for anti-Castro soldiers. (Newspaper article in "Miami Herald", August 3).
- "New York Times" article of July 30: "A message from those who survived: Don't let freedom die on a Cuban beachhead!"
- Copy of Trieste Communist newspaper "Il lavatore" June 23 with two page interview with Vidali.
- Rumour of plot to kill Raul Castro and to incite US military intervention from Guantanamo.
- Letter from Mr José Mayorga, Spanish businessman, with report on Cuba in 1960.
- Summary of opposition and support in post-invasion Cuba. Report by Mr Marchant, Havana, 31 July 1961.
- Periodic report from British Consul, Santiago de Cuba, covering the period 26 June-7 August 1961.
- Report on various counter-revolutionary activities during July and August.
- Report on discontent and unrest building up in Cuba. Mr Marchant, Havana, 14 September 1961, writes: *"Since I last reported on the strength of opposition to the government there has been an increase in the tension and an apparent spread of disillusionment into the poorer classes. Continued food shortages are probably the main cause of discontent. Recall of bank notes affected all but the very poor and was sharp reminder to the whole nation of the totalitarian nature of the regime. Today's announcement of the new obstacles to travel abroad is bound to cause further nationwide distress."*
- Views of Western European representatives on Cuban situation.
- Report of Religious demonstrations and circulation of anti-government leaflets.

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Internal political situation (Folder 15) including the following sub-files, dated 25 September-5 December 1961:

- Problem of political asylum in Havana.
- US State Department paper on "The Castro Regime in Cuba".
- Details of HMS Troubridge's movements after she had arrived at Cay Sal; investigation of rebel activities there.
- Report on conditions in Camaguey by the Consular Agent.
- Periodic report, September 9 to October 22, from HM Consul in Santiago de Cuba.
- Note from Canadian Ambassador on the Castro Regime in the Fall of 1961.
- Report by Ministry of Interior on counter-revolutionary activities by MRP.
- Encloses copy of letter sent to State Department about the military reports. Discusses question of CIA planning a fresh invasion of Cuba.
- Describes conversation with Senor Tullo on conditions in Cuba.
- Comments on article in the 'New York Times' of October 25 by Tad Szule.
- Report of conversation between Mr Brimelow and Dr Felipe Pazos in Puerto Rico.
- Five hour televised speech by Castro on formation of the United Party of the Cuban Socialist Revolution, December 2.
- Pravda and Izvestia reports on Castro's speech, December 5.

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Internal political situation (Folder 16) comprising the following sub-files, dated 3-20 December 1961:

- Salient points from Castro's speech on December 3 stating that he was a Marxist-Leninist. With translation of most important part of the speech.
- Periodic report for October 23 to December 3 from HM Consul in Santiago de Cuba.
- Tension has increased during last few days. Possible uprising threatening.
- State Department agrees that situation in Cuba is tense, but US will not support an invasion.
- Nicaraguan reactions to Castro's Communist speech.
- Guatemalan reactions to Castro's speech.
- Dominican Republic reactions to Castro's Communist speech.
- Cuban Internal Political Situation: report by Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US State Department.
- Panamanian reactions to Castro's speech.
- Salvadorean reactions to Castro's speech.
- Columbian reactions to Castro's speech.

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Statements of anti-Castro exiles including the following sub-files, dated 9 February-18 July 1961:

- Information on movement of Senor Luis Manuel Martinez.
- Anti-Castro activities being conducted in Costa Rica.
- Report on activities of a group of exiles training as volunteers in Florida.
- Press report that Manuel Ray is no longer head of the Peoples Revolutionary movement in exile.
- Cuba Exile Group criticises CIA for repeated interference in their affairs.
- United States are not encouraging the Guatemalans to set up a Cuban exile Government.

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Communism

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United States ransom of prisoners in Cuban gaols including the following sub-files, dated 22-26 May 1961:

- Mercy Fund Committee set up in the United States.
- "Prisoners for Tractors". Text of President's statement of May 24. Aims of the "Tractors for Freedom" humanitarian movement.

- Reports of renewed negotiations concerning prisoners captured in the April landing.

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Influence of Cuban revolutionaries on rest of Latin America including the following sub-files, dated 15 February-24 May 1961:

- "The Influence of the Cuban Revolution in Latin America". Encloses copy of a memorandum from the State Department and a press-cutting about a "Voice of America" programme.
- Copy of letter from Senor Sergio Rojas in Miami giving his views on what was wrong with the recent attempted revolution.

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Foreign policy (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 5 January-13 October 1961:

- Television interview by Che Guevara on return from his tour of Soviet bloc and China, January 1961.
- Article entitled "Increasing Dependence on Soviet Bloc", from "The Financial Times".
- Encloses communication from the Guatemalan representative to the United Nations Secretary General: statement by Cuban Prime Minister urging guerrilla warfare in Latin American countries.
- Encloses translation of a letter from Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to other Latin American Ministers for Foreign Affairs.
- Cuban attitude towards "Peronistas".
- Castro to make visits to 'friendly' countries after the Belgrade conference.
- Encloses letter from Julio Lobo, sugar magnate, warning of the dangers threatening the Caribbean area from Cuba.
- Cuban relations with the USA and the Sino-Soviet Bloc.
- Castro has denounced "renewed US attempts to force minor Latin American countries to break relations with Cuba".
- Main points from a 22 page note to all Foreign Missions about the alleged US attempt to cause other nations to break relations with Cuba.
- Copy of a note received from the Cuban Embassy in Paris about the activities of the CIA.
- US State Department have denied that USA is training an invasion force at home and in the Caribbean.
- Chilean Government concerned at the prospect of Argentina breaking off relations with Cuba.
- Translation of Note addressed to the Secretary of State from the Cuban Foreign Ministry about alleged US activities in Latin America.
- Details of Secretary of State's meeting with the Cuban Chargé d' Affaires.

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Foreign policy (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 18 October-9 December 1961:

- Brazilians do not agree with the Peruvian suggestion that there should be an OAS meeting on Cuba.
- Meeting of the OAS to consider the Cuban situation; US policy towards Cuban exiles.
- Remarks made by the Secretary of State at his press conference; OAS approach to the Cuban problem.
- OAS have referred the Peruvian proposal on Cuba to the General Committee.
- Peruvian initiative was ill-timed and their proposal was distasteful to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Ecuador. The US Government was placed in an awkward position; while wholeheartedly endorsing the aim of the Peruvian Government and reluctant to appear ungrateful to their friends they would have preferred to await the outcome of the more cautious Colombian soundings.
- Venezuelan Government's attitude towards events in Cuba.
- Chileans have announced that they are unable to accept the Peruvian proposal to investigate conditions in Cuba.
- OAS and Cuba: Colombian attitude to Peruvian request.
- Complaints by Cuba of threats to International Peace and Security arising from new plans of aggression and Acts of Intervention being executed by Government of USA against Revolutionary Government of Cuba.
- Bolivian press reaction to Peruvian proposal to OAS.
- Laureanista Conservatives pressing for a rupture in relations with Cuba. Colombia and Costa Rica to request a meeting of the OAS.
- Venezuela's attitude to Cuba provoked a rude reply from the Cuban Government. Relations have now reached their lowest point.
- El Salvador to support Peruvian proposal to OAS.
- Speech by Castro: break with Venezuela was US plan for isolation of Cuba. Panamanian and Colombian Governments were Governments of traitors.

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Visit to Mexico by Cuban delegation

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Political relations: Argentina

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Political relations: Bolivia

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Political relations: Soviet Union

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Political relations: US (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 2 January - 9 January 1961:

- Cuban Government announce "imminent Yankee invasion".
- Castro orders cutting down of US Embassy staff.
- Decision of US Government to sever relations with Cuba.
- Publication of Khrushchev's speech at Cuban National Day Reception in "Pravda".
- Proposed Meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss Cuban accusation of "direct military aggression" against Cuba by United States Government.
- Draft resolutions on Cuba for the UN Security Council.
- Debates in UN Security Council.
- Cuban Council approves resolution on rupture of relations with US. Eisenhower's Administration blamed for severing relations.
- Text of Mr Beeley's statement to the UN Security Council.
- Statement by Che Guevara on the rupture of relations and the imminence of invasion.
- Reply by James J Wadsworth (United States Representative at the UN Security Council) to the Cuban accusations.
- Statement by President Eisenhower.

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Political relations: US (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 4 January - 7 February 1961:

- International reactions to the severing of relations between Cuba and the United States.

- Principal points from speeches by President Dorticos and Castro.
- Change in Castro's attitude.
- Swiss officials to look after United States interests in Cuba.
- Official Mexican reaction.
- Castro hopes for new policy in Washington.
- President Kennedy's press conference: answers to questions on Cuba.
- Main points on relations from speech by the Secretary General of the Cuban Communist Party.
- Cuban press comment on possibility of negotiations to improve relations.

FO 371/156177

Political relations: US (Folder 3) comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 February-16 March 1961:

- Dean Rusk press conference, February 6.
- Ché Guevara's attitude to the new US Administration under President Kennedy.
- Progress in exchange of information with the US State Department on Cuba.
- Cuban reactions to President Kennedy's pronouncements on Cuba.
- Cubans willing to negotiate with the new administration;
- Ché Guevara interviewed by a Canadian journalist.
- Paraguayan Government opposed to a joint approach by Latin American Governments to resolve differences between Cuba and US.
- Note about mediation between Cuba and US circulated by Cuba.
- Letter of 23 February 1961 from Minister for External Relations of Cuba, addressed to the President of the General Assembly.
- Cuban note to "Friendly" Latin American countries.
- Complaint issued against US Government by Cuba: attack made by motor boat on refinery at Punta Garda.

FO 371/156178

Political relations: US (Folder 4) comprising the following sub-files, dated 14 March-18 April 1961:

- Complaint by the Cuban Government against acts of aggression by United States.
- Possible mediation by Argentina and Mexico.
- Cuban protests against incursions by US aircraft into Cuban air space.
- Complaints to the UN General Assembly: letters from Cuban and United States representatives.
- Note on activities against Cuba: damaging position of the Americans if they support these activities.
- Press reports on preparations in the US by Cuban revolutionaries for an invasion of Cuba.
- Indonesian Government's mediation proposals.
- Air attacks on Cuba: US press comment.
- Statement by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, April 17.
- Air attack on Cuba: Pravda accuses United States.
- Cuban complaint: United States wishes to refer it to the OAS.
- Minutes by Mr Cromartic at the Foreign Office.
- Analysis of press comments. *"The landings in Cuba dominated the news on April 18 and 19. The tone of reporting leaves no doubt about United States sympathy with the efforts to overthrow the Castro regime, but all admit difficulty in ascertaining the extent and strength of the attacks, the papers of April 19 being more pessimistic about the outcome."*

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Political relations: US (Folder 5) comprising the following sub-files, dated 18-19 April 1961:

- Cuban/United States relationship; United Nations.
- Cuban complaint: Part of Romanian draft resolution; appeal to United States to help "general peace".
- US aggression: Pravda comments. Sir F Roberts reports from Moscow that Pravda dismisses as a slanderous invention the American claim that the attack on Cuba is the work of internal forces. It claims that forces of hirelings were assembled on US territory, armed with American weapons and trained under leadership of American forces. American "white book" published on April 3 was direct aid to rebellion against lawful government, which in itself constitutes direct aggression in the language of International Law.
- Possibility of Soviet aid to Castro.
- United States aid to rebels: Comments of Vice Minister Sobolev; Affect of counter-revolution on United States prestige.
- Cuban complaint: Item defeated.
- Cuban complaint: Text of Seven Power draft resolution.
- Cuban complaint: Text of Mexican draft resolution.

- United States State Department booklet on Cuba.
- Cuban complaint: Text of Soviet draft resolution.
- US aggression: Riots in La Paz, Bolivia.
- US aggression: Message from Nasser to Castro.
- Talk with Gromyko, his views on US action regarding Cuba.
- Statement by Soviet Government and Khrushchev regarding US complicity with rebels.
- Cuban complaint: vote not reached.
- Anti-American riots.
- Bolivian Government communiqué.
- Record of conversation between Secretary of State and US Ambassador.

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Political relations: US (Folder 6) comprising the following sub-files, dated 19-21 April 1961:

- Cuban landings: US press comment.
- Cuban complaint: Extracts from UK representative's statement.
- US aggression: Joint declaration by Nasser and Tito.
- Anti-US riots.
- President's statement to American Society of Newspaper Editors.
- Text of messages exchanged between Kennedy and Khrushchev.

FO 371/156181

Political relations: US (Folder 7) comprising the following sub-files, dated 19-21 April 1961:

- President Kennedy's press conference.
- Khrushchev's letter to President Kennedy; US State Department comments.
- President Kennedy's reply to Khrushchev.
- Joint statement by Castro and President Dorticos: Ambassador summoned to Presidential Palace.

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Political relations: US (Folder 8) comprising the following sub-files, dated 22 April-5 May 1961:

- President Dorticos interested in negotiating a settlement of Cuba's differences with the United States.
- Joint statement by Dorticos and Castro.
- US complicity in invasion of Cuba; censure by Costa Rican government.
- Parliamentary Question asking what evidence has been submitted to the UN concerning military forces and weapons being organised on US soil for the invasion of Cuba.
- UN discussions on US intervention in Cuba.
- Message from Khrushchev to Kennedy, 22 April 1961.
- United States press review.
- Demonstrations in front of US Embassy in Sofia and similar incidents in other capitals.
- Admission of US involvement (in closed session of a Senate Committee). Mr Rusk said that "the Cuban insurgents had received United States support in training, finance, and equipment."
- UK attitude towards US and Cuba.
- Reaction of HMG to note delivered to Ambassadors by the President of Cuba, 27 April 1961.

FO 371/156183

Political relations: US (Folder 9) comprising the following sub-files, dated 25 April-20 May 1961:

- Note by the President of Cuba to Ambassadors: Italian Government suggests action.
- Protests of Cuban Foreign Minister to UN General Assembly against US vessels off coast of Cuba.
- Future policy of US on Cuba.
- Private meeting arranged by Sir Berkeley Gage on April 18: discussion with Peruvian Prime Minister, Lord Lansdowne, Mr Brain and Sir Berkeley Gage.
- President Kennedy's conference on May 5.
- Debates in the UN regarding Cuba.
- Mr Heath's statement in the House of Commons on May 3.
- Text of message from Liu Shao Chi and Chou en Lai to Dorticos and Castro, May 9.
- US complicity in invasion of Cuba: Chinese reaction.
- Mediation between Cuba and United States.
- Questions to the Lord Privy Seal (Mr Heath) regarding British policy in the UN in the event of a further invasion of Cuba.

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Political relations: US (Folder 10) comprising the following sub-files, dated 9 May-8 August 1961:

- Failure of invasion: courses now open to US.
- Preparation and execution of the invasion.
- Dean Rusk's statement at the Oslo Ministerial Meeting.
Mr Wolf's comments.
- Debates in the UN.
- Cuban exiles in US: activities of Manolo Ray.
- Statement by the US Government on recent invasion.
- Parliamentary Question on discussions/official conversations between Lord Privy Seal (Mr Heath) and Arthur Schlesinger on Cuba.
- Conversation with Eduardo Arze: mediation; collective action.
- US public comment on Cuba.
- President Quadros of Brazil suggests that the Pope should mediate between Cuba and the US.
- Extract concerning the "Prisoners for tractors" deal.
- Two letters from Cuban representative to President of the UN Security Council: Accusations against US Government for warmongering.

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Political relations: US (Folder 11) comprising the following sub-files, dated 3 August-21 December 1961:

- Acts of aggression by the US against Cuba.
- Present US position on Cuba.
- Talk between the Lord Privy Seal and Senator Humphrey.
- Brief for UK Delegation to the UN General Assembly:
The Cuban Complaint.
- Meeting of the Security Council to consider Cuban allegation that US is planning armed intervention, 21 November 1961.
- Speeches and debates in the UN relating to Cuba.
- Brief on Cuba for Bermuda meeting between President Kennedy and Mr Macmillan.

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Political relations: Venezuela

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Political relations: Ecuador

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Political relations: North Vietnam

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Political relations: Honduras

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Political relations: Philippines

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Political relations between Cuba and the United Kingdom comprising the following sub-files, dated 6 April-5 December 1961:

- Requests date on which UK recognised the Cuban Government.
- Record of conversation between Cuban Foreign Minister and the Lord Privy Seal.
- Cuban Chargé d' Affaires, Senõr Stolik, to meet with the Secretary of State to discuss "personal matters".

- Brief for this meeting.
- As Castro has now announced that he has been a Communist since 1953, the Cuban Government should be treated the same way as Communist Governments in Europe and Asia.

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Political relations: British colonies

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Anti-Castro refugees in Bahamas and Jamaica (Folder 1) comprising the following sub-files, dated 10 February-16 March 1961:

- Bahamas: Illegal use of Out Islands.
- List of Cuban refugees in the Bahamas: particulars of only one received in form of a visa application in Washington.
- Aircraft containing 9 Cubans has landed at Montego Bay.
- Cuban Government to request that the aircraft and crew which landed at Montego Bay be handed over to Cuban authorities.
- Aircraft which landed at Montego Bay: statement by Castro.
- Information received from interrogation of 9 Cubans who landed at Montego Bay.
- Cuban aircraft at Montego Bay: Text of Note delivered to HM Embassy from Cuban Foreign Ministry. With HM Ambassador's comments.
- Cuban aircraft which landed at Montego Bay: No official comment from Guatemala.
- Requests instructions for replying to Cuban note.
- Article entitled "Extradition demand by Dr Castro".
- Cuban aircraft at Montego Bay: Events up to the departure of the crew from Jamaica; history of present position; reply to Cuban note; crew have left for United States.

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Anti-Castro refugees in Bahamas and Jamaica (Folder 2) comprising the following sub-files, dated 14 March-18 October 1961:

- Cuban aircraft in Montego Bay: Legal aspect.
- Cuban aircraft at Montego Bay: Reply to Cuban note delivered.
- Cuban aircraft at Montego Bay: Text of reply to Cuban note.
- Cuban aircraft at Jamaica: AP Report: Aircraft released to Guatemalan subject who then left for Guatemala.
- Unidentified ship 5 miles south of Grand Cayman. Loud explosion heard.
- Cuban aircraft over Cayman Islands.
- Aircraft landing near Grand Cayman lighthouse. No reaction from Cubans. Urges disposal of wreckage.
- Press report that Cuban refugees were taken off Cay Sal by a US coastguard vessel.
- Cuban landings in Bahamas: Two parties of Cuban refugees put ashore at Cay Sal, later picked up and taken to Florida.

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