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~~USSR-CUBA:~~ SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES. (S)

~~(S)~~ CUBA WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE A SHIPMENT OF MIG AIRCRAFT -- THE THIRD THIS YEAR -- FROM THE USSR. THE SOVIET FREIGHTER AKADEMIK SHIMANSKIY IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE HAVANA/MARIEL AREA SHORTLY WITH 4,400 TONS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING FIGHTER AIRCRAFT CRATES. THE FIVE FUSELAGE CRATES ARE BELIEVED TO CONTAIN AN EXPORT VARIANT OF THE MIG-21/FISHBED FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONALLY, TWO AIRCRAFT COMPONENT CRATES, EIGHT MILITARY-ASSOCIATED VEHICLES, AND 30 STEEL CYLINDRICAL STORAGE TANKS WERE OBSERVED ON DECK WHEN THE SHIP ENTERED THE MEDITERRANEAN ON 17 OCTOBER. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE HOLD

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CARGO, BUT MOST RUSSIAN MATERIEL SHIPMENTS TO THE ISLAND IN THE PAST HAVE CONSISTED LARGELY OF SMALL ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND VEHICLES. EARLIER THIS WEEK, ANOTHER SOVIET MERCHANTMAN ARRIVED IN CUBAN WATERS CARRYING 3,000 TONS OF CONTAINERIZED CARGO AND TWO POLUCHAT 1-CLASS PATROL BOATS ON DECK. THUS FAR IN 1977, DELIVERIES ARE CONSISTENT WITH OUR EARLIER ESTIMATE THAT CUBA WILL RECEIVE LIMITED NUMBERS OF FISHBED FIGHTERS

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