

A Russian-Cuban Revolutionary Plot



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THE KREMLIN has asked Cuban dictator Fidel Castro "to try to regain control over Latin American revolutionary movements" and has promised "to pay all the costs involved."

This is the secret finding of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) which has put together the jigsaw pieces from its agents in Europe and South America.

In an earlier column, we reported that Castro had moved his Latin American Liberation Center from his Embassy in Paris to his Embassy in Santiago, Chile. His ambition, according to the CIA, is to stir up "revolution everywhere in Latin America."

This clandestine operation, says the CIA, will be financed by the Russians.

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CITING information that came indirectly from Cuban intelligence officer Enrique Benavides Santos in Paris, the CIA reports:

"Benavides said that through Cuba the Soviets will support armed revolution or political struggle, whichever was deemed appropriate in given countries throughout Latin America.

"According to Benavides, the Soviets have told Cuba they will 'pay for everything' in helping all revolutionary groups, even Catholic radical groups.

"Benavides strongly emphasized that Cuba has not changed its line but still favors armed revolution everywhere in Latin America."

The new Liberation Center in Santiago, says the CIA, "will receive Soviet funds via Cuba and play a large role in the new Soviet-Cuban strategy for Latin America.

"Representatives of Latin America revolutionary groups now in Chile," the CIA adds, "are currently preparing a campaign of increased revolutionary activity with the support of Cuba."

At least one revolutionary group, according to another CIA report, is receiving funds directly from the Soviet Union. A source inside the Guatemalan Communist movement told the CIA that "the Soviets were giving \$100,000 per year to the Guatemalan Communist Party (PGT)."

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FROM a member of the Cuban delegation at the United Nations, meanwhile, the CIA learned that at least some Cuban leaders "are doing some rethinking on basic revolutionary tactics.

"There is some theoretical opposition to the 'Che Guevara' theory, which favors supporting native insurrectionists and anarchists in poor countries," reports the CIA.

"Instead, support is growing for the Chilean formula, which maintains that traditional democratic procedures are the best means of socialist power in weak, backward countries.

"It is in countries like Brazil," the CIA quoted the Cuban delegate as saying, "that stronger active measures should be taken."