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Pentagon Reports Arrival Of Soviet Planes in Havana

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuters)—Two Soviet TU-95 long-range reconnaissance planes flew into Havana Thursday after nonstop flights from Moscow, the Defense Department reported today.

It was not known whether their arrival was connected with Moscow's increased operations in Cuban waters, a Pentagon spokesman, Jerry W. Friedheim, said.

He added that similar reconnaissance flights to Cuba were reported earlier this year.

Mr. Friedheim also said that a Soviet submarine had been spotted by United States intelligence planes moving north of Haiti and toward Havana. The submarine is among vessels that Moscow has announced will call at Cuban ports.

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U.S. Reports Close Watch On Soviet Craft Near Cuba

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (Reuters)—The White House is watching Soviet submarine activity around Cuba "very closely" but does not yet see any threat from Soviet naval activity, a spokesman said today.

The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Zeigler, said President Nixon expected that the Russians would abide by a 1962 agreement in which Moscow pledged not to deploy offensive missiles in Cuba.

Mr. Zeigler, answering questions, said that a judgment had not yet been made on whether the Soviet Union was building a submarine base at Cienfuegos in Cuba to serve its nuclear submarines.

"We are following the developments in and around Cuba very closely," he added.