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Raul Castro reports on the OLO Leadership's decisions regarding Fidel's trip to Moscow.

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RECORD OF A CONVERSATION

with Raul CASTRO RUZ, Minister of the Armed
Forces of the Republic of Cuba

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I met with Raul Castro and had a conversation with him about the upcoming trip of Fidel Castro to Moscow. He reported that the ORO Leadership had decided about the trip of Fidel Castro to Moscow for the May 1st holidays. It was decided that Fidel would not go to other countries. Inasmuch as Raul had been entrusted with organizing this trip and the choice of the most reliable means of transportation, he asked that he be informed of all possible alternatives, including a trip by steamship. He also requested he be informed of the steamship and aircraft schedule[s] for the month of April and to come to agreement with Captain Pina, the Chief of Civil Aviation, about all the practical questions associated with this trip.

Castro said that in the next few days Pina was to fly to London and Algiers and on the way to go to Moscow in order to discuss this question with the Aeroflot leadership.

I briefly informed Raul about the possible alternatives for the trip with our aircraft and promised to pass him the schedule of steamships leaving Havana in the first half of April.

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