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Cable from Fernández Padilla to Che Guevara

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Summary:

Cable from Fernández Padilla, head of the Cuban intelligence station in Dar-es-Salaam, to Che Guevara, who was in the Congo, regarding the contents of a letter from Castro to Che.

Original Language:

Spanish

Contents:

Translation - English

I am sending you, via courier, a letter from Fidel. Its key points are:

- "1. We must do everything except that which is foolhardy.
- "2. If Tatu [Guevara] believes that our presence has become either unjustifiable or pointless, we have to consider withdrawing.
- "3. If he thinks we should remain we will try to send as many men and as much material as he considers necessary.
- "4. We are worried that you may wrongly fear that your decision might be considered defeatist or pessimistic.
- "5. If Tatu decides to leave [the Congo], he can return here or go somewhere else [while waiting for a new internationalist mission].
- "6. We will support whatever decision [Tatu makes].
- "7. Avoid annihilation."