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**Cable no. 336 from the Czechoslovak Embassy in
Havana (Pavlíček)**

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Summary:

Cable 336 reinforces the notion by Pavlicek that the press is inadequately reporting on the Soviet Union's side of the crisis. The newspaper Revolucion in particular has poor coverage, which has sparked outrage among the Cuban population. The purported reason is preoccupation with other stories and a lack of adequate understanding of the entire crisis.

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As we already indicated, the press continues to inadequately explain the situation and the importance of individual steps made by the USSR. Usually it only registers. Among the current press clippings, pay special attention to Revolucion from 29.10 [29 October], to the proportions and placement of the message's titles, etc., which already resulted in protests by the revolutionaries and supported an undesirable discussion. Reasons for the weak press campaign: mainly busy, an inadequate understanding of the situation by Revolucion; we do not discount a focus unfavorable to the USSR's prestige. I send more details by messenger. Vavruš [Czech Press Agency reporter in Havana] has an opportunity to visit with military personnel and he is consulting his steps with the embassy.

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