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Summary:

Deputy Minister Gero Grozev advises the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Committee for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries on cultural relations with Cuba. Based on the current political situation Grozev argues that Bulgaria should postpone developing a cultural center in Havana.

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To the Central Committee of BCP

Department "Foreign policy and international relations"

Copy: To the Committee for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries

In relation to the motion of CFCRFC and our embassy for opening a cultural center in Havana, the Foreign Ministry is of the opinion that for the time being we should not take steps to open such [a center] in Cuba.

The conclusions, that there are suitable conditions in Cuba and more open and purposeful propaganda activities are required, are correct. However, establishing a cultural center [alone] could not [help] achieve our goal in this respect.

[...]

The general political situation in Cuba now and the country's attitude towards Bulgaria allow our country to develop better propaganda and cultural activities through our embassy in Havana, without opening a cultural center, [but rather] by implementing various forms of work in this direction.

It will be right if next year the issue of the possible opening of a cultural center in Cuba is examined more thoroughly and decided then.

DEPUTY MINISTER: G[ero] Grozev