

8. PRESENCE IN CUBA OF SOVIET ARMS EXPORT CHIEF

Information has become available that during the first week of August the Embassy in Havana received visa requests from two officials of the Soviet Chief Engineering Directorate (CED) of the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations, the Soviet organization responsible for export of military equipment. The two officials--Deputy Chairman of the CED

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10. PLANNED CUBAN PURCHASE OF SOVIET HELICOPTERS

In an 18 May plain-text message, the Head of the Soviet Commercial Mission in Havana informed the Soviet All-Union Association for Motor Vehicle Export that a contract for helicopters was to be signed with Cuba in two days, and he requested that the planes be shipped urgently since a letter of credit was being opened. (On 3 April the Soviet Commercial Mission in Havana had requested information on passenger and freight helicopters, including agricultural versions.)

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M. A. Sergsychik and Yastrebov, an individual who has been associated since 1956 with the loading of arms cargo for Indonesia and the Middle East--applied for visas to pass through the ~~enroute~~ enroute to Moscow from Havana. This is the first indication that CED officials have been to Cuba. However, the head of the Czech arms export organization is known to have been in Cuba in early June.

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