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INCREASED FLIGHT ACTIVITY OF CUBAN TACTICAL AIR FORCE

Since 31 August 1962, when Cuban Air Force communications personnel were placed on a state of alert, an increase in MIG flight activity has been evidenced on air-to-ground communications. Between 1 and 4 September 1962, 76 pilot suffixe were recorded. On 4 September, a total of 43 pilot suffixes were noted active between 1022 and 1659Z (0522-1159 local). Of these, 36 were active in contact with the ground controller at San Antonio de los Banos. Activity consisted of bombing practice and possibly patrol flights. During the same period, seven additional MIG pilot suffixes were noted active with the Camaguey ground controll No flight activity was noted at Santa Clara, although the ground controllers were active in ground to ground contacts.

COMMENTS: This is the highest number of MIG pilot suffixes recorded since the first intercept of air-to-ground communications on 1 May 1962. The highest number previously recorded was on 20 June 1962, when 31 pilot suffixes were noted active

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