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32. SICOS XIII/3 - Alert in Oriente Province believed to be terminated (see
Item 113, 0100 23/26 November).

The alert in Oriente Province is believed to be terminated. The alert, ap-
parently prompted by President Kennedy's death on 22 November, was possibly pre-
scheduled to terminate on 25 November. There have been two orders which suggest
that the alert was declared to be concluded on 25 November. They were:
1) Access to the coastal observation post at ___ was
restricted until 25 November because of the alert.
2) Subordinates of ___ were to receive
further orders on the 25th, presumably concerning their alert status; no such orders
have been noted in communications.

There have been no further references in intercepted communications to the
alert since ___ on 23 November.

It is possible that the restricted access to the observation post at ___
extended to other observation posts in Oriente Province such as reported on
23 November when First Army Coastal Observation Posts were placed in alert status,
and that the restriction was to be lifted on 25 November by all those posts.

Further indications that the alert was terminated is the fact that the Cuban
Navy was engaged in an island-wide exercise on 25 November. It is
considered unlikely that such an exercise would be conducted under alert conditions.

There have been no further references to the alert status of the 3rd Percent
___ units which were first observed on 23 November. All CAP and
Soviet Forces Cuba Communications appear to be normal during this period.

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