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Foreword

While preparing for special studies to be conducted in the aftermath of the Cuban crisis of late October, 1962, it became apparent that there existed no readily available up-to-date bibliography of literature concerning events in Cuba from 1953 to 1962, particularly the time-period 1959-1962. Therefore, as a support service to the Army as well as to research groups and to others likely to require guidance to the post-Castro-influence literature on Cuba, it was decided that SORO would prepare such a bibliography.

To be most useful the bibliography had to be prepared and distributed quickly. It was decided, therefore, to forego annotating and abstracting the available sources and to limit coverage to items most readily accessible. The first section of the report contains further information on development and use of the bibliography.

Comments and suggestions from users are invited.

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RESEARCH STATEMENT

This bibliography represents five days of research effort by a three-person team to fill the research gap indicated in the "Foreword." As a basis for the preparation of this bibliography, information was collected from the Library of Congress card catalog system, from periodical guides, from certain magazines, and from various internal SORO studies—all these sources being individually listed in the section, "Sources of Information," at the back of this book. From these sources, dating back to 1950, approximately 300 leads to books and articles were gathered. These leads were scanned for pertinence and generality, and from this review 186 were selected for inclusion.

Each selected item was categorized into one of five sections of the bibliography to which the item bore greatest relevance. The sections are: (1) the 26th of July Movement and its origins; (2) the major persons in revolutionary Cuba and their dominating ideas and philosophies; (3) the form that anti-Castroism, both within and outside of Cuba, has taken; (4) the growing importance of Russian influence in Cuba and the establishment of missile bases; and finally, (5) the response of American States to the changing and increasingly menacing posture of Cuba. Items have been categorized according to the above breakdown, but an author-title index included at the end of this work will help the reader to locate items easily.

Although every effort has been made to make this listing as pertinent as possible, there will undoubtedly be errors both of omission and commission. It will be appreciated if such errors are called to the authors' attention.

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I. BACKGROUND: THE 26th of July MOVEMENT

Items in this section consider economic and social reasons for dissatisfaction in Cuba—failure of Castro's attack on Moncada Barracks on 26 July 1953—Castro's 82-man invasion from Mexico in 1956—development of guerrilla forces in the Sierra Maestra from 1956-1958—takeover of Havana by revolutionary forces on 8 January 1959.


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