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<u>COURSE</u> > > Proceed W by NW, 2-9-0 degrees.

<u>ULTIMATE DESTINATION</u> > > Cuba

<u>ROUTE</u> > > Usual evasive track through Reykjanes Ridge. Head west past the north cape of United State's imperialist puppet state, Norway. Proceed to usual southwest massing point (same point used for North American nuclear attack simulations) and turn towards open Atlantic. Maneuver per standard procedures.

<u>SEA TRIALS</u> > > You are to push RED OCTOBER to her limits. Every element of RO's design must be tested and evaluated, especially the Caterpillar Drive.

<u>STRATEGY</u> > > To thoroughly evaluate the RO and the Caterpillar Drive, you must elude all naval vessels from all nations (friend and foe alike). This evasion must be treated with utmost seriousness by the entire crew.

Naturally, United States and NATO naval patrols will try and trace your every move. The Soviet navy will also engage in a major exercise to find and follow the Red October.

<u>COMMUNICATION</u> > > This is a clandestine mission. Strict communication silence must be maintained to avoid being tracked by United States or Soviet sensors.

<u>BACKGROUND</u> > > Some improvisation in navigation may be necessary in order to avoid detection. You are hereby officially notified that such improvisation is permissible for this mission. Upon crossing the Atlantic, you will skirt down the North American seaboard from Virginia, south to Cuba. If you are successful, you will be the first Soviet sub to arrive at the secret sub base which is under construction near Cuba's Santa Cruz del Sur in the Golfo de Guacanayabo. A submarine replenishment vessel will rendezvous with you there. The exact rendezvous coordinates are in the boat's computer (priority access-key sequence).

A week of rest and relaxation awaits you on the most beautiful beaches of Cuba. Shore leave will not take place, however, if your trek to Cuba is discovered. We presume this discovery will not occur. When the shore leave is complete, follow the same Sea Trials and Strategy on your return trip.

<u>CLOSING</u> > > Every time a Soviet vessel puts to sea, it is protecting the sovereignty of our beloved socialist homeland. This is the most important naval technological test we have ever undertaken. The Caterpillar Drive should allow us to move through the world's waters with complete stealth—avoiding the aggressive sensor devices deployed by the West. We will at last have naval superiority!

And to the Red October's crew: do your duty. There are no small jobs on the RO; the responsibility for the success of this mission lies with every man, from the highest officer to the lowest seaman. Follow orders, be diligent, and make the homeland proud of you.

>> END ORDERS

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