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RE: A. HAVA 2394 (IN 40331)*

B. HAVA 3163 (IN 26999)**

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS CUBAN GOVT HAS ISSUED INVITATIONS TO VARIOUS AMERICANS TO VISIT CUBA. AMONG INVITED ARE HERBERT MATHEWS OF NY TIMES, JACK PAAR OF TELEVISION, BOB TABER OF CBS, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AND OTHERS.
2. HIGHLY PROBABLE CASTRO WILL USE ABOVE INVITATIONS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. HE WILL ATTEMPT WOO INVITEES AND OBTAIN COMPLIMENTARY STATEMENTS FOR EXPLOITATION THROUGH PROPAGANDA CHANNELS. FURTHER REWARD WOULD BE COMPLIMENTARY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY INVITEES AFTER THEIR RETURN TO STATES. OBJECT IS TO CONFUSE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE OF THE CUBAN PROBLEM.
3. HQS ATTENTION CALLED TO REF REPORTS. INFORMED SOURCES AND STATION OF OPINION THAT CASTRO BELIEVES HE CAPABLE OF DIVIDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. OBJECT IS TO SEPARATE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM GOVT LEADERS BY CONVINCING PUBLIC THAT US MISLED IN CUBA. THIS ALREADY HAS BEEN THE LOCAL PROPAGANDA THEME. CASTRO ALSO BELIEVES THAT WHEN NECESSARY HE CAN TURN ON HIS CHARM AND TAKE OFF PRESSURE BY TELLING AMERICANS WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR, THAT HE AGAINST COMMUNISTS. REPORTS REACHING STATION ARE THAT CASTRO MAY MAKE MOCK STAND AGAINST COMMUNISM. A FITTING TIME TO DO SO WOULD BE TELLING INVITEES HE AGAINST COMMUNISM AND ONLY SOCIAL REFORMER IN HOPES OF OBTAINING SUPPORT OF INVITEES.

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4. VIEW ABOVE INFO HQS MAY WISH IMPLEMENT ACTION TO WARN ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AS WELL AS OTHER REPUTABLE INVITEES ON DANGERS OF ENTRAPMENT ADVERSELY AFFECTING US.

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