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SUBJECT

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, CUBAN SENATOR, IN COMPLETING PLANS FOR PROPOSED INVASION OF HAITI

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1. [Redacted]

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ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR WHO HAS BEEN REPORTED PLANNING AN INVASION OF HAITI IN FEBRUARY USING HAITIAN AND CUBAN EMIGRES, IS HAVING DIFFICULTY RECRUITING MEN TO PARTICIPATE. ACCORDING TO EARLIER INFORMATION, MASFERRER IS DISLIKED AND DISTRUSTED BY MANY CUBAN EMIGRES IN MIAMI.

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2. [Redacted]

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3. ON 22 FEBRUARY IN MIAMI FLORIDA, ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS SAID THAT HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING HAITIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS PLOT TO INVADE HAITI. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY HAITIAN WORKING WITH HIM IS HENRI VIXAMAR. [REDACTED] VIXAMAR HAS BEEN DESCRIBED EARLIER AS A FORMER HAITIAN AND A FUNCTIONARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD). MASFERRER ADDED THAT HE WAS STILL ATTEMPTING TO FIND HAITIAN EMIGRES WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE PART.

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5. ON 16 FEBRUARY 1966 IN MIAMI MASFERRER MET WITH THE FOLLOWING "STAFF OFFICERS" OF THE PROPOSED INVASION EFFORT:

A. GENERAL STAFF: ANTONIO ROJAS MASFERRER, LUIS SIERRA LOPEZ, AND JUAN HERNANDEZ. HERNANDEZ, WHO RESIDES AT 569 SW TENTH STREET, APARTMENT B, MIAMI, HAS BEEN APPOINTED RECRUITMENT CHIEF.

B. CHIEF OF OPERATIONS: VLADIMIR SECEN, WHO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MASFERRER HAD APPOINTED NAPOLEON VILLOBOA LLERENA TO REPLACE SECEN AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SECEN HAS TOLD FRIENDS AND CONTACTS IN THE HAITIAN AND CUBAN EMIGRE COMMUNITIES IN MIAMI THAT HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN MASFERRER'S PLOTTING AND THAT HE WILL NOT SUPPORT IT IN ANY WAY.)

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C. BATTALION COMMANDER: NAPOLEON VILABOA LLERENA.

D. COMPANY COMMANDERS: OTONIEL PENA ENTENZA, WHO RESIDES AT 1516 SW THIRD STREET, MIAMI; ERIC ARIAS ARIAS; AND ATON CONSTANZO PALAU.

6. AT THE MEETING ON 16 FEBRUARY ANTONIO ROJAS SAID THAT WEAPONS AS FOLLOWS HAD BEEN ACQUIRED FOR THE INVASION ATTEMPT AND THAT THEY WERE IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION:

TWENTY OR MORE 30-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS

TEN 50-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS

FOUR 81-MM MORTARS

EIGHT 60-MM MORTARS

FIVE BAZOOKAS

AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF AR-15, M-1, AND M-14 RIFLES

ONE THOUSAND HAND GRENADES

HAND GUNS AND SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION.

7. ON 21 FEBRUARY AT ANOTHER MEETING OF ESSENTIALLY THE SAME GROUP, MASFERRER TOLD THOSE PRESENT THAT HE WAS DISGUSTED SINCE HE HAD EXPECTED TO HAVE DEFINITE NEWS THAT DAY. INSTEAD, HE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE HAITIAN WHO WAS DIRECTING THE AFFAIR ORDERING A CHANGE OF PLANS. MASFERRER SAID THAT THE HAITIAN (WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) HAD (A) GONE TO NASSAU; (B) SAID THAT THE OPERATION COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH 125 MEN INSTEAD OF 300; AND (C) ORDERED ALL WEAPONS IN MIAMI AND NEW YORK ~~TRANSFERRED~~ TO THE BAHAMAS. () COMMENT: MASFERRER UNDOUBTEDLY WAS REFERRING TO

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8. MASFERRER SAID THAT HE HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE HAITIAN IN NASSAU CLARIFYING SOME MATTERS AND REMINDING HIM OF THEIR PREVIOUS AGREEMENT. IF BY 22 FEBRUARY MASFERRER HAD NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER TO HIS LETTER HE WOULD SEND LUIS SIERRA LOPEZ TO NASSAU TO MEET WITH THE HAITIAN AND "LAY THE CARDS ON THE TABLE". MASFERRER ADDED THAT IN THE MEANTIME ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT 300 TO 400 MEN MUST BE CONTINUED, AND IN CASE THE HAITIAN EFFORT FAILED THEN THESE MEN COULD BE USED "IN SOME OTHER WAY". MASFERRER SAID THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE DEFINITE NEWS TO ANNOUNCE AT ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE EVENING OF 23 FEBRUARY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: A CHECK WITH

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U.S. GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN MIAMI ON 25 FEBRUARY FAILED TO SHOW ANY RECORD OF RECENT TRAVEL TO NASSAU BY SIERRA)..

9. AT THE MEETING ON 21 FEBRUARY MASFERRER ASKED HOMERO LEON FERNANDEZ WHETHER THE LATTER WAS READY TO FURNISH 100 MEN FOR THE INVASION OF HAITI, AS HE HAD PROMISED EARLIER. LEON ANSWERED THAT HE WAS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: LEON, A CUBAN EMIGRE, IS A LEADER OF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS CONSTITUCIONALES DE CUBA EN EL EXILIO. (FACCE, CCNSTITUTIONAL ARMED FORCES OF CUBA IN EXILE). FOR EARLIER INFORMATION ON HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH MASFERRER, [REDACTED]

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10. FIELD DISSEM: CINCSO, CINCLANT, COMKWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, AND USCG [REDACTED]

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