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ARRIVAL IN MIAMI OF CUBANS AND HAITIANS TO JOIN HAITIAN EXILE ACTIVIST GROUP "COMBAT"

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PLACE & DATE ACQ. UNITED STATES, MIAMI [REDACTED]

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FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] OCT 64, HAITIANS AND CUBAN EXILES WHO WERE

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MEMBERS OF A GROUP HEADED BY ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS BEGAN ARRIVING IN MIAMI. GROUPS OF TEN MEN WERE ARRIVING BY GREYHOUND BUS. THE MEN WERE TO ARRIVE EVERY DAY UNTIL THE ENTIRE GROUP OF 150-200 MEN HAD MOVED TO MIAMI. THE MEN WERE BEING TRANSPORTED FROM THE BUS STATION BY RAYMOND RAMIREZ, A HAITIAN, WHO WAS USING A STATION WAGON WHICH WAS OWNED BY DAVID QUINTAS WHO RESIDED AT 769 N.W. 48TH STREET AND WHO WAS ALSO REPORTED TO RESIDE AT 200 CAMPINA COURT, CORAL GABLES. THE STATION WAGON WAS A 56 MERCURY AND THE LICENSE NUMBER WAS 1W179540. SOME OF THE MEN WERE STAYING AT AN UNIDENTIFIED HOUSE IN NORTHWEST MIAMI WHICH WAS

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RENTED BY RAMIREZ FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING THE MEN. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE LIVING AT THE STRAND HOTEL, 226 N.E. 2ND STREET, MIAMI.

2. RAMIREZ AND HIS PARTNER ELVIO MIR, A CUBAN, WERE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A LOCATION IN HOMESTEAD IN WHICH THEY COULD PLACE TENTS TO QUARTER THE ENTIRE GROUP. ONCE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAD ARRIVED, PAUL (LNU) AND FATHER MADRIGAL (FNU) WERE TO ARRIVE FROM NEW YORK TO COORDINATE THE GROUP'S DEPARTURE. THE MEN WERE SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON ABOUT 24 OCT, BUT IT APPEARED THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME DELAY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT OVIDO MIRO AND ROMAN RAMIREZ WERE RECRUITING CUBANS IN MIAMI TO JOIN THE HAITIAN EXILE ACTIVIST GROUP "COMBAT.")

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3. TWO TRUCKLOADS OF "HARDWARE" FOR THE GROUP WERE ENROUTE TO MIAMI.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE REPORTED THAT, AS OF 23 SEPT, CUBAN EXILES IN MIAMI WERE TALKING ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS WHICH WERE TAKING PLACE IN FLORIDA. MASFERRER WAS SEEKING A GOOD LOCATION FOR A NEW TRAINING AND RESIDENCE CAMP FOR HIS MEN, MANY OF WHOM WERE ARRIVING IN MIAMI FROM NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND OTHER NORTHERN CITIES. THE MEN WHO WERE ARRIVING IN MIAMI WERE BRINGING THEIR EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS WITH THEM.)

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