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COUNTRY HAITI/CUBA/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (b)(1)

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SUBJECT

POSTPONEMENT OF INVASION OF HAITI UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL:

1. ON 21 OCT 64 BETWEEN 8:30 P.M. AND 12:30 A.M. THERE WAS A MEETING AT [REDACTED] THE HOME OF [REDACTED] MIAMI REPRESENTATIVE FOR ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS.

[REDACTED] WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK, ATTENDED THE MEETING. [REDACTED] SAID HE REPRESENTED A COMBINED GROUP OF EXILES WHICH INCLUDED "THE YOUNG HAITIANS," "LIBERTY," AND "COMBAT." DURING THE MEETING IT WAS NOTED THAT ASSISTANCE FROM GROUPS HEADED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOULD NOT BE SOLICITED. HOWEVER, IF ANY OF THESE GROUPS OFFERED ASSISTANCE AND [REDACTED]

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POSITIVELY, THEIR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE CONSIDERED. [REDACTED] OFFERED
LIAISON SECTION, FBI
TO MAKE IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH CUBAN GROUPS WHO HAVE OFFERED
ASSISTANCE, AND TO MOBILIZE THE PEOPLE HE HAS IN NASSAU.

2. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ONE SHIPMENT OF ARMS HAD ALREADY
ARRIVED IN THE MIAMI AREA AND THAT HE HAD OTHER ARMS AVAILABLE IN
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. [REDACTED] A HAITIAN, WENT TO THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ON 16 OR 19 OCT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE EXILES'
ARRIVAL FROM MIAMI ON ABOUT 24 OCT.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF EACH OF THE
UNITS WOULD HAVE A HAITIAN NAME BUT IN FACT WOULD BE CUBAN.
THE OVERALL MILITARY CHIEF WOULD ALSO BE A CUBAN. NONE OF THE
INDIVIDUAL GROUPS IS TO HAVE THE ENTIRE PLAN.

4. THE GROUP IS NOT ANTI-AMERICAN AND DOES NOT WANT TO CAUSE
ANY TROUBLE WITH THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE UNITED
STATES IS NOT BACKING THE GROUP, OR ASSISTING IN ANY WAY, THERE
IS SOME FEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY TRY TO STOP THE OPERATION.

5. ON 22 OCT. A SECOND MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF
[REDACTED] PRESENT AGAIN WERE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MADE IT
CLEAR TO ALL THOSE PRESENT, AND ESPECIALLY TO [REDACTED] THAT THE
NEW YORK GROUP WOULD NOT PERMIT MASFERRER TO BE IN THE CHAIN OF
COMMAND. MASFERRER'S PEOPLE WOULD JUST BE ANOTHER PART OF THE
OVERALL GROUP.

6. [REDACTED] SAID THAT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN COMPARTMENTED. THERE
IS A SEPARATE GROUP EACH FOR MARITIME, WEAPONS, TRAINING,

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LOGISTICS, AND PERSONNEL, NONE OF WHICH GROUPS COORDINATES WITH ANY OTHER. THE COORDINATION IS HANDLED BY THE JOINT LEADERSHIP IN NEW YORK.

7. [REDACTED] SAID THAT BETWEEN MIAMI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THERE ARE ENOUGH WEAPONS ON HAND FOR 150 MEN. THE WEAPONS INCLUDE ONE BAZOOKA, 50- AND 30-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS, GARAND RIFLES, M-1 CARBINES, AMMUNITION, 1,000 POUNDS OF C-4, AND ONE 81-MM MORTAR WITH 100 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. ONLY TWO OR THREE PEOPLE KNOW THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE WEAPONS.

8. [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS LEAVING FOR NEW YORK ON 22 OCT BUT WOULD RETURN ON ABOUT 25 OCT. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO THE ORIGINAL TIME TABLE OF 24 OCT, [REDACTED] SAID THAT IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS, NOTHING WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS, AT WHICH TIME A NEW TIME SCHEDULE WILL BE MADE.

9. [REDACTED] COMMENT: NO MORE THAN 40 OF THE 150-200 MEN ARRIVED IN THE MIAMI AREA. NOW THAT THE PLAN IS SUSPENDED UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NO MORE MEN WILL BE SENT TO MIAMI.)

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

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