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PROCEEDING FOR A MILITARY EXPEDITION TO BE LAUNCHED FROM FLORIDA AGAINST HAITI BY A GROUP OF CUBAN AND HAITIAN EMIGRES. LEADERS IN THE PLANNING WERE FOLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR,

WAS EXPECTED TO ERRIVE IN THE MIAMI AREA FROM NEW YORK WITH ABOUT 50 HAITIAN EMIGRES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPERATION.

PROMISED CUBAN EMIGRES THAT AS PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF HAITI HE WOULD FURNISH A BASE OF OPERATIONS AGAINST CASTRO CUBA AND PROVIDE OTHER ASSISTANCE. THE GUARANTEE WOULD BE MADE TO THE LEADER WHO COULD REPRESENT ALL CUBANS.

5. ONE LEADER OF THE GROUP SAID THAT THREE AIRCRAFT

AND FOUR VESSELS WOULD TRANSPORT THE CUBAN AND HAITIAN EMIGRES AND
THE OTHER WOULD CARRY.

NEWSMEN.

COMMENT:

MASFERRER'S GROUP HAD THE USE OF A 27-FOOT, 1958
MCDEL, VIKING-CLASS VESSEL WITH REGISTRATION NO. FL-8200-R.

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NEWSMEN OF CBS-TV WOULD ARRIVE IN MIAMI TO COVER THE EXPEDITION, WHICH WOULD LEAVE DURING THE WEEKEND OF 18 TO 20 NOVEMBER.)

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7. IN MID-NOVEMBER, TWO INDEPENDENT GROUPS OF CUBAN EMISSE ACTIVISTS WERE IN TRAINING IN THE AREA OF THE TALISMAN SUGAR MILL IN SOUTH FLORIDA. ONE GROUP CONSISTED OF A DOZEN MEN WHO POSSESS PARAMILITARY SKILLS. THE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WERE USING AUTOMATIC RIFLES, 30-CALIBER LIGHT MACHINE GUNS AND A RUBBER BOAT IN THEIR TRAINING. DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OTHER GROUP IS SOT AVAILABLE, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT IT INCLUDES HAITIAN AS WELL AS CUBAN EXILES.

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- 9. IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL B-26 AIRCRAFT, MASFERRER HAS SEVERAL
 LIGHT PLANES ARMED WITH 30-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS. HAND GRENADES WILL
 DE CARRIED IN THE LIGHT PLANES. THE MAIN VESSEL, (NOT
 IDENTIFIED)
 CAN CARRY ABOUT
 202 MEN. THE GROUP WAS COUNTING ON THE AID OF ABOUT 20 OFFICERS
 DF THE HAITIAN ARMY, INCLUDING AN OFFICER (NOT IDENTIFIED)
- A CUBAN EMIGRE, WHO CLAIMS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
 MASFERRER GROUP, SAID ON NOVEMBER THAT HE HAD DEMANDED
 THAT MASFERRER SHOW HIM ALL ARMS, PLANES, BOATS, AND OTHER
 EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE OPERATION; OTHERWISE HE WOULD
 NOT PARTICIPATE. MASFERRER AGREED. 1.

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12. LEADERS OF THE PLAN ARE GUARDING DETAILS FROM
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TO BE USED, POINTS OF DEPARTURE, INTERMEDIATE STOPS, OR THE POINT OF INVASION. MASFERRER CONTINUES TO CLAIM TO THE MEN THAT THE PLAN HAS THE BLESSING OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG). MASFERRER SAYS PRIVATELY THAT SEVERAL AGENCIES OF THE USG ARE WATCHING HIS PREPARATIONS CLOSELY AND THAT HE IS SPREADING CONFLICTING RUMORS TO CONFUSE THEM.

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