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COUNTRY CUBA

REPORT NO. TDCSDB-3/656,078

SUBJECT IMMINENT LANDING IN CUBA
BY ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS
AND HIS GROUP

DATE DISTR. 16 AUGUST 1963

PRECEDENCE PRIORITY

DATE OF FO. 8-9 AUGUST 1963

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SOURCE A FORMER RESIDENT OF PALMA SORIANO, ORIENTE PROVINCE, WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION WHO HAD VARIOUS MINOR OCCUPATIONS IN CUBA PRIOR TO BECOMING A REFUGEE. SOURCE REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM A CLOSE CONTACT OF THE MASFERRER GROUP.

1. ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS AND HIS GROUP PLAN TO INFILTRATE CUBA AT DAWN ON 16 AUGUST 1963. THERE ARE TO BE LANDINGS IN MANY AREAS. THE VARIOUS INFILTRATION TEAMS WILL BE COMPOSED OF SIX MEN EACH, SOME OF WHOM HAVE BEEN TAKING TRAINING AT FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

2. THE MASFERRER GROUP HAS REPORTEDLY JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF 307 NEW FALS FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE.

3. ON 8 AUGUST AT 4:00 PM THERE ARRIVED AT AN UNIDENTIFIED PLACE IN MIAMI A SHIP WHICH MASFERRER HAD BOUGHT FOR \$18,000 AND MOORED IN THE EVERGLADES.

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4. ON 9 AUGUST 1963 AS ANTONIO ROJAS WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR KEY WEST TO INSPECT A BOAT BELONGING TO MASFERRER'S GROUP, HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE THAT SOME AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WERE SEARCHING HIS HEADQUARTERS AT THE SENATE HOTEL IN MIAMI.

5. AT ABOUT 2:30 PM THE SAME DAY SIX MEN ARRIVED AT THE SENATE HOTEL, SHOWED THEIR IDENTIFICATION AND BEGAN SEARCHING. THEY FOUND SEVERAL UNIFORMS, COMPASSES, AND A HAND GRENADE. WHILE THE SEARCH WAS BEING CONDUCTED, ROJAS WENT OUT TO LOOK FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN SUBSEQUENTLY ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL, APPROACHED THE SEARCH PARTY AND GREETED ONE OF THEM LIKE AN OLD FRIEND. THESE TWO MEN THEN RETIRED INTO ANOTHER ROOM. WHEN THEY EMERGED, ALL THE EQUIPMENT THAT HAD BEEN CONFISCATED WAS RETURNED, INCLUDING THE GRENADE WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ROJAS. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, SIX OF MASFERRER'S MEN WERE TRANSFERRED TO AN UNIDENTIFIED KEY NEAR FLORIDA WHERE THEY WERE TO LINK UP WITH MORE OF MASFERRER'S GROUP.

6. DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE WEEK OF 11 AUGUST, ROJAS AND CARLOS ZAYAS CASTRO WERE TO LEAVE FOR PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA, EACH IN POSSESSION OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO ENTER THE COUNTRY AND MOVE AROUND FREELY.

7. ON 5 AUGUST ROJAS HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM NEW YORK, INFORMING HIM THAT "MEXICO HAS BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH

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CUBA. THIS WAS A CODE MESSAGE WHICH MEANT THAT TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEXICANS, WHO WERE MEMBERS OF MASFERRER'S GROUP, HAD ENTERED HAEANA LEGALLY THROUGH ONE OF THE REGULAR FLIGHTS OF THE MEXICAN AIRLINES. THESE MEN WERE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH MASFERRER'S MEN IN CUBA AND TO INSTRUCT THEM IN THE FORTHCOMING OPERATION.

8. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL I&NS, STATE (MIAMI), FBI, AND COMNAVKEYWEST.

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