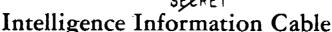
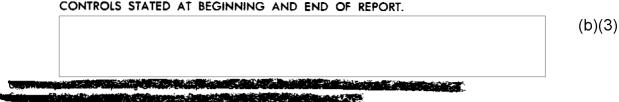
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JAMAICA

SUBJECT: INDICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE COUP D'ETAT BY

THE JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE ON OR ABOUT 12 MARCH 1980

SOURCE:

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- 1. THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) GENERAL SECRETARY AND MARXIST, D.K. D U N C A N, SAID THAT UNKNOWN ELEMENTS OF THE JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE (JDF) ARE PLANNING A COUP D'ETAT ON OR ABOUT 12 MARCH 1980 BECAUSE OF THEIR INCREASING CONCERN OVER THE CONTINUED DETERIORATION OF CONDITIONS IN JAMAICA. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS NOT ABLE TO PREVENT CONTINUED ECONOMIC DECLINE, POLITICAL INSTABILITY AND THE INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN FAMAICA.
- 2. ACCORDING TO DUNCAN, JDF PERSONNEL ARE NOW PROBING
 THE JAMAICA CONSTABULARY FORCE (JCF) TO ASSESS AND DETERMINE
 IF THE JCF WOULD OPPOSE A COUP ATTEMPT. DUNCAN SAYS THAT

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THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION JAMAICA LABOR PARTY

(JLP) FOLLOWING IN THE JDF AND A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF

ANTI-MANLEY SYMPATHIZERS THROUGHOUT THE JCF. THESE GROUPS

PROBABLY WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH A COUP ATTEMPT.

3. (SOURCE COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE JOF IS CONSIDERING 12 MARCH FUR A COUP ATTEMPT BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL M A N L E Y IS PLANNING TO DEPART KINGSTON, JAMAICA AT 0900 HOURS ON 12 MARCH FOR CURACAO AND THEN ON TO GRENADA. MANLEY'S LATEST PLANS ARE TO RETURN TO JAMAICA IN THE EVENING OF 13 MARCH AND SEND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER P.J. P A T T E R S O N TO BARBADOS. MANLEY MAY BE COMING BACK EARLY BECAUSE OF THE UNSETTLED IMF ISSUE PRESENTLY BEING DEBATED OR BECAUSE OF MANLEY'S INCREASING PARANOIA OVER SECURITY CONDITIONS.)

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