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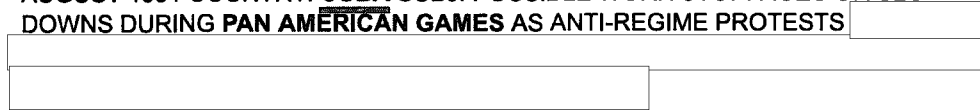
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TEXT: 1. AS OF LATE JULY 1991, MANY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MORON IN CIEGO DE AVILA PROVINCE WERE DISCUSSING LIKELY WORK STOPPAGES OR WORK SLOWDOWNS DURING THE AUGUST PAN AMERICAN GAMES TO PROTEST FIDEL ((CASTRO))'S MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRY. MORON RESIDENTS BELIEVED THE ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN IN HAVANA AS WELL AS IN MORON AND OTHER CUBAN CITIES. COMMENT: IT IS UNKNOWN WHICH WORK CENTERS WOULD BE AFFECTED.) FEW, IF ANY, BELIEVED CIVILIANS WOULD STAGE SIGNIFICANT PROTESTS AGAINST THE REGIME BECAUSE OF FEAR OF SECURITY REPRISALS.

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2. WHILE DISCONTENT WITH THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC CONDITION WAS SPREADING IN NORTHERN CIEGO DE AVILA PROVINCE, THERE HAD BEEN NO KNOWN ACTS OF SABOTAGE AGAINST THE REGIME THERE SINCE MARCH 1990 WHEN SOME YOUTHS SET A BLAZE AT THE SUGAR REFINERY AT FALLA, ABOUT 12 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF MORON. THE YOUTH WHO WAS THE RINGLEADER GOT A SENTENCE OF THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON. IN GENERAL, YOUTHS WERE THE MOST DISCONTENTED SECTOR OF SOCIETY. WHILE THE COMMITTEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION (CDR) WERE STILL FAIRLY ACTIVE IN MORON, YOUTHS FOR THE MOST PART AVOIDED PARTICIPATING EXCEPT WHEN THEY COULD NOT INVENT A DECENT EXCUSE TO ESCAPE "GUARD" DUTY. [Redacted] COMMENT: THERE WERE NO KNOWN GROUPS FORMING IN THE AREA TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE REGIME.) DISCONTENTED LOCALS SAW NO OPPOSITION LEADER TO FOLLOW AND HAD NO WEAPONS WITH WHICH TO REBEL. THE MOST FRUSTRATED INSTEAD CONSIDERED FLEEING CUBA BY SEA.

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3. [Redacted] RESIDENTS OF MORON WERE NOTING A REDUCTION IN FOOD AVAILABILITY. SUCH BASICS AS RICE AND SUGAR WERE ARRIVING AT MARKETS TOO SELDOM FOR LOCALS TO EVEN OBTAIN WHAT THEY WERE AFFORDED BY THE "LIBRETA" QUOTA. SOAP AND COOKING OIL WERE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND.

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