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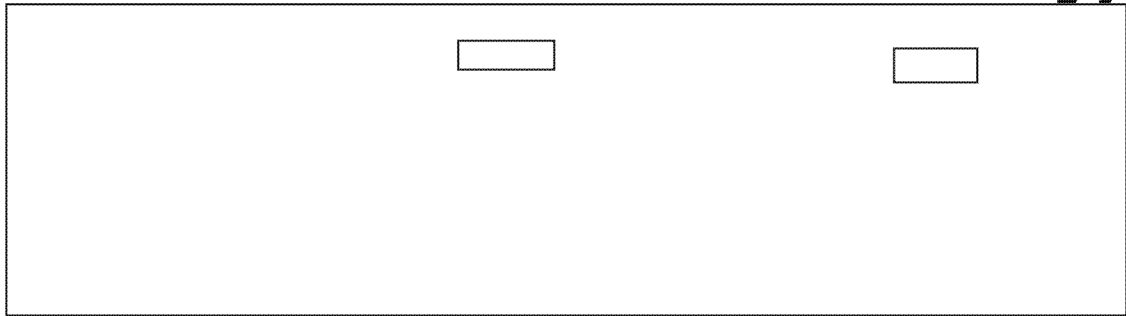
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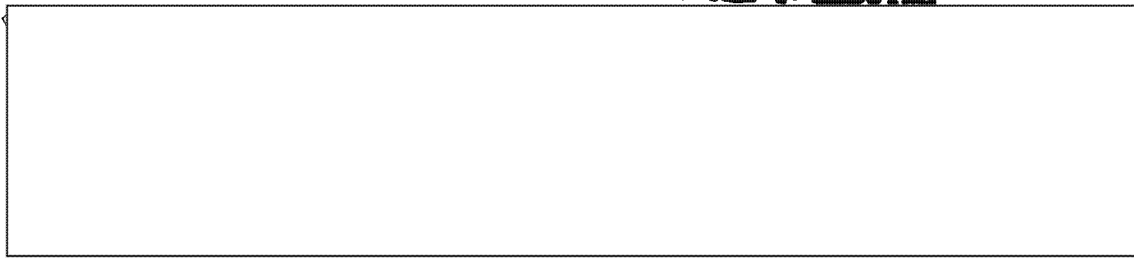
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**TYPIC MESSAGE CONCERN MEVIPER**

1. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED REPORT AND TRY SECURE ANY REPORTS FOR OR BY CUBANS TO PURCHASE USED AIRCRAFT AND/OR SPARE PARTS, AND ATTEMPTS RE-REGISTER CUBAN-OWNED/LEASED AIRCRAFT IN "FLAG OF CONVENIENCE" COUNTRIES. SUCH ATTEMPTS WOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO OLDER AMERICAN TYPES SUCH AS C-46'S, C-47'S, DC-4'S, AND LOCKHEED CONSTELLATIONS.

2. FYI, MOST RECENT REPORTED PURCHASE EFFORTS IN EUROPE INVOLVED TWO DC-4'S, AND SPARE WRIGHT R-3350 ENGINE OF TYPE USED ON CONSTELLATIONS. (LATEST ON DC-4 PURCHASE INDICATES CUBANS WISHING PURCHASE ARE ENIGMAS, BUT THEIR STATUS AND END USE AIRCRAFT NOT YET VERIFIED). THERE ALSO REPORTS CUBANS RENOVATING ABOVE TYPES AIRCRAFT ~~IN CANADA~~ <sup>NOW</sup> CUBA, INCLUDING INSTALLATION EXTRA TANKS ON C-46'S, C-47'S IN ORDER INCREASE DURATION TO APPROX 12 HRS AS FLYING TIME. SEVERAL C-46'S ALSO REPORTED PAINTED WITH VENEZUELAN AIR LINE MARKINGS.

3. HQS MOST INTERESTED IN SUDDEN INCREASE ACTIVITY THIS FIELD AS INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH IT COINCIDES WITH DECEMBER DEATH WE

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