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1. REF'S MHS AGREES IN PRINCIPLE THAT INFILTRATION INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDE PSYCH IMPACT AS WELL AS UNIFYING INFLUENCE SCATTERED DISSENT ELEMENTS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE. HOWEVER BELIEVE AMBIDY ONE SUITABILITY THIS MISSION IS QUESTIONABLE.

2. OPINION HERE IS THAT SIGNIFICANT PSYCH EFFECT BE GAINED ONLY BY REAPPEARANCE OF POLIT OR MILIT FIGURE WITH NATIONAL STATURE CAPABLE CREATING SENSATION THAT BIG EVENTS IN OFFING. SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AMBIDY WAS MOST OBSCURE FIGURE PRIOR TO EXILE AND WHILE RESPECTED AND ADMIRER HIS CIRCLE (YOUNG CATHOLIC GROUPS), HIS TOTAL REPUTATION LARGELY OUR OWN MAKING AS MEMBER AMICAR. IF THIS REALISTICALLY TRANSLATED INTO TERMS PROBABLE IMPACT HIS RETURN CUBA, MUST CONCLUDE IT BE SLIGHT.

3. SIMILARLY FEEL AMBIDY LACKING IN QUALITIES NEEDED EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZE GUERRILLA FORCES. HE HAS ONLY SPATTERING MILIT THRU HIS BACKGROUND AND DOES NOT MEASURE UP AS SEASIDE SOLDIER WHICH SUCH A MISSION REQUIRES.

4. IN LIGHT THESE AMBIDY LIMITATIONS AND ALSO IN CONSIDERATION SECURITY RISKS INCURRED BY REASON AMBIDY VAST FUND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE AMICAR ORGANIZATION, INSTALLATIONS, PEPPERM CONNECTIONS, CANNOT APPROVE HIS ASSIGNMENT.

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5. SOMEONE HOG WISHES PURCHASE GENERAL PURPOSES PROPOSED MISSION AND ATTEMPT
ENLIST MORE SUITABLE INDIVIDUALS. NOTWITHSTANDING DIFFICULTIES WITH AMBEEF AND FACT
THAT HE TO DEGREE INCOMPATIBLE, FEEL HE WOULD CREATE DESIRED EFFECT AS POLITICAL FIGURE
AND MIGHT HAVE SUFFICIENT ABILITY CONSOLIDATE GUERRILLA FORCES. WHILE SAME SECURITY
CONSIDERATIONS AS ABOVE APPLY FEEL THIS CALCULATED RISK PERHAPS MORE WARRANTED THAN
CASE AMBEEF. THIS FEEL CAREFUL SCHEDULING MAY BE TAKEN AMBEEF. NO FIRM COMMITMENT
TO BE MADE AT MOMENT.

6. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NEXT STEP.

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WH COMMENT: * Ref set forth tentative plan to infiltrate AMBEEF into Pinar
del Rio Province at Rio San Diego.

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