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TO: DIR INFO: CITE: HAVA 3124

RE DIR 07733 (OUT 76921)*

1. PETER N. LICARI MET WITH AMHAWK AT LATTER'S HOME ON MORNING 29 DECEMBER. ACCOMPANIED THERE BY AMPAN-1 WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONVERSATIONS. MEETING WAS OF ONE AND HALF HOURS DURATION. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

A. AMHAWK STATES NOTHING CAN BE DONE INTERNALLY BY HIS GROUP OR OTHER NON-BATISTA POLITICAL FORCES UNTIL NOTORIOUS BATISTA ELEMENTS ARE MOVED OUT OF FLORIDA, PREFERABLY OUT OF UNITED STATES.

B. AMHAWK WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE INVASION BY PEDRAZA, HE IS BITTERLY ANTI-PEDRAZA AND ASSURED LICARI HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS WOULD JOIN UP WITH CASTROS IN REPELLING A PEDRAZA LED INVASION.

C. HE FEELS ECONOMIC SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS AND GROWING WORSE AND THAT AFTER SUGAR HARVEST PEOPLE WILL REALLY START FEELING THE PINCH. SAID THIS WILL RESULT IN FURTHER EROSION OF CASTRO'S POPULAR FOLLOWING. FEELS WE SHOULD NOT USE SUGAR QUOTA AS A WEAPON FOR IN LONG RUN IT WOULD HURT MORE THAN HELP THE SITUATION. HE FEELS BIGGEST AND BEST WEAPON IS TO KEEP THE TOURISTS OUT.

E. HE SAID COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND INFLUENCE IN GOVT HAS REACHED ALARMING PROPORTIONS AND THAT COMMUNISTS ARE GETTING COCKY AND FEEL RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS HERE TO DISCREDIT UNITED STATES WILL OVERFLOW BORDER INTO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

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F. WITH RESPECT OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS HE SAID AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO IN SAME SITUATION AS HE IS. IN OTHER WORDS WITHOUT RESOURCES AND UNABLE TAKE ANY POSITIVE ACTION. SAID THAT JUSTO CARRILLO AND RUF0 LOPEZ FRISQUET OF MONTECRISTI GROUP HAVE NO ORGANIZATION AND ARE GOING ALONG WITH THE REGIME IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR GOOD JOBS. SAID HE DOES NOT THINK THE GOVT WILL PERMIT NEW CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT TO TAKE ROOTS.

G. SAYS HE WILL KEEP DRUMMING AWAY AT NEED FOR ELECTIONS. WOULD LIKE TO SEE UNITED STATES GOVT THROUGH THE OAS BRING PRESSURE ON CASTRO TO HOLD ELECTIONS. WHILE HE APPEARS NOT TO BE AT ALL OPTIMISTIC THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE HE FEELS CASTRO VULNERABLE ON THIS POINT FROM

~~STANDPOINT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION.~~ *OPINION NACIONAL*

H. SAID HIS NEWSPAPER HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED FOR THREE WEEKS FOR LACK OF ADVERTISING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. WILL DECIDE IN NEXT TWO WEEKS WHETHER TO CONTINUE PAPER OR ABANDON FOR TIME BEING.

I. HE FEELS ONLY EFFECTIVE STEPS CAN BE TAKEN NOW IS ATTEMPT BY APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY TO DISCREDIT AND DESTROY POPULAR IMAGE OF FIDEL CASTRO. TO LET THE CUBAN PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN GOVT AND PEOPLE WANT TO HELP THEM TO ACHIEVE DEMOCRACY BUT ARE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY THE ATTITUDES AND LAWS OF THEIR OWN CUBAN GOVT. TO COMBAT SOVIET PROPAGANDA BY DEMONSTRATING

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THE BENEFITS OF DEMOCRATIC LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES AND FREE COUNTRIES.

2. ALTHOUGH LICARI PROVIDED AN OPENING AMHAWK DID NOT MAKE A PLEA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HE DID SAY THAT IT WOULD TAKE \$5,000 MONTHLY TO PUBLISH HIS PAPER ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

3. STATION FEELS LICARI VISIT ACCOMPLISHED PURPOSE OF OPENING WAY FOR FUTURE TALKS AND LETTING AMHAWK KNOW HE IS NOT ALONE. ALSO BELIEVES REACTION TO LICARI VISIT WILL SOON BE FORTHCOMING FROM AMHAWK. LICARI RETURNING WASHINGTON 30 DECEMBER.

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CS COMMENT: *STATED LICARDI GOING HAYA TO CONFER WITH AMHAWK.

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