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- 1. EMBASSY SOURCE BELIEVED RELIABLE REPORTED STORY TOLD
 HIM BY ARMY CONTACTS THAT MORGAN WAS CALLING PEDRAZA ON RADIO

 FROM LAS VILLAS PROVINCE LIKE MAD" BEGGING FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

 THE ARMY CONTACTS IMPLIED MORGAN WAS TRYING LAY TRAP FOR PEDRAZA.
- 2. SAME SOURCE TOLD EMB THAT HE ADVISED BY MIAMI CONTACT
 THAT CAPTAIN OF YACHT WHICH CARRIED MADEAN AND LOAD OF ARMS TO
 PORT OF CASILOA NEAD TRINIDAD, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, STATED ON RETURN
 TO MIAMI THAT MORGAN WAS MET BY 250 MEN WHO HELPED UNLOAD ARMS.
- 3. SAME SOURCE ALSO PERSONALLY CONVINCED THAT DOMINICAN CONSUL GENERAL MIAMI COULD BE EXPECTED TO STICK TO STORY THAT MERGAN DID NOT DOUBLE CROSS HIM IN VIEW FACT HIS OWN POSITION EXTREMELY SHAKY FOR HAVING VOUGHED FOR MORGANS BONA FIDES AS ANTI-CASTRO PLOTTER. SAID DOMINIC BARTONE, MORGAN ASSOCIATE, AND MAN WITH ITALIAN NAME WHO CONNECTED WITH MOULIN ROUGE, MIAMI, ARE IN SAME POSITION.
- 4. STATION HAS VERIFIED TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH CIENFUEGOS CUT OFF BY GOVT. DIARIO DE LA MARINA OF 12 AUGUST & PUBLISHED REPORT FROM CORRESPONDENT IN CIENFUEGOS THAT CAMPESINOS

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FROM VICINITY OF TRINIDAD REPORT ARMY HAS SURROUNDED GROUP OF REVOLUTIONARIES IN NEARBY HILLS. ALSO THAT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BARRED FROM STRETCH OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN CIENFUEGOS AND TRINIDAD AND BETWEEN CIENFUEGOS AND CUMANAYAGUA. REPORTED THAT COMMANDANTES ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO AND VICTOR BORDON MACHADO ARE IN CHARGE OF CUBAN ARMY ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA AND THAT IT RUMORED RAUL CASTRO HAD VISITED LAS VILLAS AND INSPECTED ZONE BETWEEN CUMANAYAGUA AND ESCAMBRAY.

5. NO INFO AVAILABLE TO STATION OF OPEN CONFLICT IN SANTA CLARA AND CIENFUEGOS. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS MORGAN NOT KNOWN. HE GOULD SE IN HILLS FIGHTING CAST. D BUT STATION HAS NO FIRM INFO TO THAT EFFECT NOR CAN IT SUBSTANTIATE WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT HE HAS BEEN CASTRO AGENT FROM THE BEGINNING.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: * Headquarters requested any information available regarding a report that Major Morgan and Eloy Gutierrez Mencyo's troops were in open conflict with Castro's forces in Santa Clara and Cienfuegos.

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