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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

FIELD REPORT NO. MVC 2868

A CUBAN EXILE IN CARACAS WITH EXTENSIVE CONTACTS AMONG HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA. SOURCE IS HIGHLY THOUGHT OF AND TRUSTED BY THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY IN CARACAS AND HAS BEEN A RELIABLE REPORTER ON PLANS AND ACTIVITIES OF JURE MEMBERS IN VENEZUELA.

APPRAISAL: 3

1. MANUEL RAY RIVERO, INTERNATIONAL LEADER OF THE JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA (JURE, CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA), IS EXPECTED BY JURE MEMBERS IN CARACAS TO ARRIVE IN VENEZUELA BETWEEN 15 AND 20 FEBRUARY 1964 DURING WHICH TIME HE PLANS TO INAUGURATE A GUERRILLA TRAINING BASE IN VENEZUELA. THIS BASE IS TO BE A REGIONAL CENTER AND WILL BE USED BY CUBAN EXILES IN PANAMA AS WELL AS THOSE IN VENEZUELA. (FIELD COMMENT: JURE MEMBERS IN VENEZUELA ENJOY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA AND, IN PARTICULAR, WITH THE CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE VENEZUELA (CTV, CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS).

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IT IS LIKELY THAT IF RAY SUCCEEDS IN SETTING UP A TRAINING BASE IN VENEZUELA, IT WILL BE WITH THE TACIT CONSENT OF THE BETANCOURT GOVERNMENT.)

2. RAY PLANS TO ENTER CUBA CLANDESTINELY BEFORE JURE INITIATES HIS PLANS TO FOMENT AN UPRISING IN CUBA PRIOR TO 29 MAY. ORLANDO CASTRO, PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JURE IN VENEZUELA, HAS BEEN DELEGATED BY RAY TO TAKE OVER FROM HIM THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ENTIRE JURE ORGANIZATION FROM JURE'S HEADQUARTERS IN PUERTO RICO. CASTRO IS TO LEAVE FOR PUERTO RICO IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (FIELD COMMENT: ANOTHER SOURCE WITH CONTACTS IN THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY IN CARACAS ALSO REPORTS THAT JURE PLANS TO INCITE REBELLION IN CUBA DURING MARCH AND THAT CASTRO IS TO TAKE OVER FROM RAY THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OVERSEAS JURE DELEGATIONS.)

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