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1. ALTHO LETTERS FROM <sup>DALTON</sup> [redacted] SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED IN OTHER LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, PUBLIC REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY LIGHT.

2. <sup>A CUBAN ASSET</sup> [redacted] BROUGHT UP THE CASE WITH <sup>OUR OFFICER</sup> [redacted] AT MEETING NOV, BUT APPEARED TO BE UNRUFFLED. SAID HE HAS NOT TALKED WITH <sup>DALTON</sup> [redacted] <sup>OUR OFFICER</sup> [redacted] EXPLAINED THAT <sup>AN AGENCY OFFICER</sup> [redacted] HAD INTERVIEWED <sup>DALTON</sup> [redacted] SEVERAL TIMES AT REQUEST OF <sup>DALTON</sup> [redacted], WHO FELT <sup>DALTON</sup> [redacted] WOULD TALK MORE FREELY TO <sup>AN AMERICAN</sup> [redacted] SINCE HIS FATHER A <sup>AN AMERICAN</sup> [redacted] WHILE INTERVIEWS HAD BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE, <sup>DALTON</sup> [redacted] WAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM SECURITY VIEWPOINT. <sup>OUR OFFICER</sup> [redacted] PLANTED SEED THAT <sup>DALTON</sup> [redacted] MAY HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY <sup>THE NATIONAL POLICE</sup> [redacted], SINCE HE HAD "ESCAPED" WITH SUSPICIOUS EASE.

3. <sup>A SALVADORAN ASSET</sup> [redacted] HAD NOTHING NEW TO ADD ON CASE AT NOV MEETING WITH <sup>OUR OFFICER</sup> [redacted], EXCEPT TO RAIL AT <sup>THE NATIONAL POLICE</sup> [redacted] BUNGLING. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT [GOES] WOULD WEATHER THE STORM WITHOUT HAVING TO ADMIT ANYTHING.

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 \* TRANSLATION OF LETTER  
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