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1. DONALD HERBECK, ENS ECON SECTION, ADVISED STATION 10 NOV THAT CUBAN CUBAN FRIEND RAUL MARCELLO CANGIO, BORN HAVANA 2 JAN 1936 OF RAOUL AND VITTORIA NOCEDO, WHO ROME SINCE FEB 60 ON ITAL GOV'T SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ARCHITECTURE, IS FRIENDLY WITH MEMBERS OF THE EN ASSY HOME. LATER SAME DAY STOCKSETN OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFO FROM CANGIO, AND CUBAN FRIEND OF CANGIO, GABRIEL JOSE SORZANO FERNANDEZ-COCA, WHEN THEY VISITED CONSULATE TO CHECK STATUS THEIR U.S. VISA APPLICATIONS:

A. CANGIO PLANS GO UNITED STATES LATE NOV OR EARLY DEC AND MAY DECIDE STUDY FOR MASTER'S DEGREE AT SOME AMERICAN UNIV.

B. SORZANO WANTS GO U.S. IN EARLY DEC 1960 ON NON-IMMIGRANT VISA PAINT PORTRAITS FAMILY FRIEND DONALD WHITE, LAWYER, 40 BEATRICE COURT, HENSTAD, NEW YORK. WANTS REMAIN 3-4 MONTHS. PLANS IMMEDIATELY UNCERTAIN SO CONSULATE SUSPECTS HE MAY BE INTENDING PERMANENT RESIDENCE, NOT DONA FIDE NON-IMMIGRANT.

C. [Redacted] ADMINISTRATOR/3 CHECK INDICATES NO DEROC INFO EITHER.

D. CANGIO AND SORZANO, WHO VISIT CUBAN EMBASSY OFTEN, SUPPLIED FOLLOWING INFO MEMBERS EMBASSY:

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1. MARIA DE LAS MERCEDES GARCIA MERMANN. ABOUT 25-30
 YEARS, FIRST SECRETARY AND CHARGES DE AFFAIRES, IS ANTI-CASTRO,
 BUT HAS DIFFICULTY BECAUSE SHE PREVENTED CULTURAL ATTACHE
 FROM GOING TO BARRIO LOS HUERTOS FROM DISTRIBUTING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA,
 FOR WHICH HE HAS REPORTED HER. SHE EXPECTS HER RECALL OR DISMISSAL.
 HER LATEST REPORT JUST RECEIVED STATES GARCIA HAS ASSUMED DIRECTION
 OF OFFICE.

2. CRISTEL VAREZ INFANTE IN DE OTO, CONSUL, MARRIED TO AN
 ITALIAN, IS ALSO ANTI-CASTRO. SHE DOES NOT INTEND RETURN TO CUBA.

3. FOLLOWING EMBASSY STAFF ARE PRO-CASTRO AND MEMBERS CUBAN
 I.C.C.: GARCIA, ABOVE, AGE 50-55, ORIGIN - SPANISH, VETERAN SPANISH
 CIVIL WAR, FORMER PROF IN ORIENTE PROVINCE. JUNIOR CULTURAL
 ATTACHE, JOSE ANTONIO RAZAZA VAZQUEZ. PER EARLIER STATEMENT TO
 BE BUREAU, MILITARY ATTACHE LT. FERNANDO BERNAL GARCIA (NOW,
 ACCORDING TO []⁰² JALIER/36, ASSIGNED PARIS).

4. BELIEVE WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY SUPPLEMENT OR SUPERSEDE REF OP
 IF WE CAN RECRUIT EITHER DISSIDENT WOMEN THRU CANCIO. AS HERDECK
 HAS HIGH OPINION CANCIO AND THINKS HE DEFINITELY ANTI-CASTRO,
 PRO-AMERICAN, AS CANCIO FROM GOOD UPPER-MIDDLE CLASS CATHOLIC FAMILY
 WHOSE PROPERTY TAKEN OVER BY CASTRO AND DOES NOT WISH RETURN CUBA,
 BUT AS COUNCILMENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT HE NOT PROVOCATION AND APPEARS
 WILLING TO WORK FOR U.S.; REQUEST FOR FOR CANCIO USE. INTEND DEBRIEF
 CANCIO FULLY AND ASSESS HIS SUITABILITY TO RECRUIT ONE OF TWO
 WOMEN OR OTHER POSSIBLE DISSIDENTS.

5. []⁰² 972 IS GARCIA AND []⁰² JALIER/36 REPORT STATES HE HAS
 NO NEW CONTACTS SINCE JUST AFTER ARRIVAL HOME, AND HAS RECEIVED

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... AT EMBASSY. POUCHING [22] [23] ...
2. REQUESTING NAVA TRACES SEPARATE CALL.

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