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COUNTRY **CUBA** REPORT NO. **TDCS -3/559,966**

SUBJECT **MILITIA ACTION AGAINST ANTI-CASTRO GUERRILLA FORCES** DATE DISTR. **24 SEPTEMBER 1963**

PRECEDENCE **ROUTINE**

DATE OF INFO. **AUGUST TO EARLY SEPTEMBER 1963** REFERENCES **IN 25484**

PLACE & DATE ACQ. **21 SEPTEMBER 1963** **D-ACQ-03298**

APPRAISAL FIELD REPORT NO.

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SOURCE **A HIGH-RANKING CUBAN MILITARY OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR THE PAST TEN MONTHS AND WHO HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS AMONG PROMINENT CUBAN OFFICIALS. TO DATE, SOURCE'S REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.**

1. IN AUGUST 1963 A MILITIA GROUP UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJOR ESCALONA SURROUNDED THE MATANZAS AREA AND DESTROYED ALL EFFECTIVE ANTI-CASTRO GUERRILLA RESISTANCE. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1963 MAJOR ESCALONA WAS PUT IN COMMAND OF THE MILITIA IN ESCAMBRAY TO OPERATE AGAINST THE ANTI-CASTRO FORCES IN THAT REGION.
2. THE CUBAN MILITIA ARE WELL ARMED AND TRAINED AND IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GUERRILLA FORCES TO SURVIVE THE MILITIA CAMPAIGNS. TO PREVENT LOCAL SUPPORT OF THE GUERRILLA FORCES, ESCALONA HAS EITHER ARRESTED OR RESETTLED THE ESCAMERAY FARMERS, MANY OF WHOM ONCE SUPPORTED FIDEL CASTRO.
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