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1. REVIEW CURRENT JASIME INDICATES INITIAL REACTION OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR CRUZ AND HIS STAFF TO REPORT OF ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT WAS ONE OF HAPPY DELIGHT. AFTER FURTHER INFO WAS RECEIVED INDICATING THAT OSWALD HAD CONNECTIONS WITH FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE THERE WAS SOME APPREHENSION CONCERNING POSSIBLE U.S. REACTION.

2. SPEECH OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO UN INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR CRUZ THAT HE AND HIS STAFF MIGHT BE EXPECTED ADOPT MORE SOMBER ATTITUDE IN PUBLIC. SOME TIME LATER AMBASSADOR CRUZ RECEIVED CABLE, APPARENTLY SIGNED "ROA", WHICH ORDERED AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF TO GOVERN THEIR ACTIONS BY OFFICIAL ATTITUDE OF GOVT TO WHICH THEY ACCREDITED. CRUZ THEREUPON ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS STAFF AND TO CUBAN CONSULATES AND TRADE OFFICE TORONTO AND MONTREAL TO "CEASE LOOKING HAPPY IN PUBLIC".

3. WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN CANADA THAT AN OFFICIAL REQUIEM HIGH MASS WOULD BE HELD, CRUZ, DECIDED THAT ON BASIS HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM HAVANA HE WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND ALTHOUGH HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE

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WOULD NOT DO SO IF HE HAD ANY PERSONAL CHOICE IN THE MATTER. CRUZ ORDERED OTHER MEMBERS HIS STAFF NOT TO TAKE PART IN OFFICIAL MASS OR ANY PRIVATE CEREMONIES OF MOURNING.

4. THIS INFO RCVD ORALLY FROM SMACQUIRE² ON BASIS QUICK REVIEW JASMINE¹ AND BELIEVED ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE. SMABOVES³ WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN REPORT IN DUE COURSE.

5. STATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT AMBASSADOR CRUZ DID ATTEND REQUIEM MASS AS OFFICIAL REP OF HIS GOVT.

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C/S COMMENT: *Because of obvious significance any scrap of information which bears on President's assassination, desire stations screen carefully all [] since 22 November 1963 for comments and cable any significant information so obtained.

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