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- CUBAN EFFORTS BEING INTENSIFIED IN BRAZIL. BEING AIDED BY COMMUNISTS AND BRAZILIAN NATIONALISTS IN ORDER DRIVE LARGE WEDGE BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL.
- 2. VISIT OF ARTIME TO BRAZIL AT THIS TIME WOULD BE VALUABLE IN GIVING BRAZ GOVT AND PUBLIC FIRST HAND INFO ON CASTRO REGIME AND METHODS. UP TO NOW ONLY CASTRO AND PRO-CASTRO PERSONS HAVE VISITED BRAZIL. CURRENT VISIT OF CUBANE EMISSARIES TO PROPAGANDIZE UNDER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE PUBLICITY BY AND LARGER EMISSARIES HAVE STATED THAT CONF WILL BE GOOD SOUNDING BOARD FOR OPA. THIS UNDOUBTEDLY WILL STRIKE HARMONIOUS NOTE WITH MANY HIGH GOVT OFFICIALS.
- IN PLANNING FOR VISIT ARTIME AND METHOD OF INVITING HIM TO BRAZIL REQUEST MEXI INFORM RIOD:
  - IS ARTIME WITTING.
  - MECHANISM THRU WHICH HE BEING EXPLOITED IN MEXI.
  - CAN SAME MECHANISM SPONSOR HIM IN BRAZIL.
  - IF NOT IS IT POSSIBLE FOR RIOD ORG. SUCH AS ALSARD

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(IDEN) TO INVITE HIM TO BRAZIL.

- E. METHOD BY WHICH RIOD SPONSORING ORG COULD LEGITIMATELY LEARN OF ARTIME STORY.
  - F. AVAILABILITY OF ARTIME NOW.
  - G. WOULD ARTIME ACCEPT INVITATION BY ORG SUCH AS ALSARD.

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C/S COMMENT: \*STATED MEXI GAVE ARTIME 3,000 PESOS TO HIRE PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN.

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