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C/S COMMENT: *RE LUIS CONTE AGUERO, RADIO-TV COMMENTATOR MAKING TOUR, THROUGH LATIN AMERICA.

REF: BELL 3012 (Out 7744)*

1. SUBJ HELD 90-MINUTE MTG WITH FRONDIZI 21 MAR AFTER PREVIOUS MTG WITH DULIT GONI. INTIMATED FRONDIZI HAD OFFERED MATERIAL SUPPORT ANTI-CASTRO REELS AND SUBJ PROMISED HE WOULD DELIVER MESSAGE IN PERSON SOONEST. REFUSED BUEN OFFER TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE SECURE CHANNEL AND STATED HE RETURNING EARLY FLIGHT 24 MAR DIRECT TO ZRMETAL.

2. PALACIOS HAS REFUSED DEBATE CHALLENGE BY PUBLISHED LETTER, AND SUBJ NOW ENGAGED NEWSPAPER POLEMIC WITH HIM. LEADING FIGURES, INCLUDING PALACIOS AND MARIQUESS HAVE TURNED DOWN NOTICIAS GRAFICAS INVITATION AND SUBJ DISMISSES IT AS NEWSPAPER SPECULATION STUNT. SUBJ HAS MET WITH LEADERS ALL MAJOR DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, HAS APPEARED ON 20 MAR, IS APPEARING DAILY ON BIEBONY RADIO PROGRAM, AND HAS RECEIVED AMPLE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.

3. SUBJ INDICATED HE WOULD RESUME TOUR, AT LEAST THROUGH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AFTER DELIVERING FRONDIZI MESSAGE. SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN VISITING HONDURAS.

WRM APPLIED FOR VISA 22 MARCH. CONSULATE TELEPHONING DEPARTMENT FOR CLEARANCE. SUGGEST BELL ASSIST EXPEDITE VISA. END OF MESSAGE

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