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C WAVE 5652 (USO/BA)

- * Effort should be made to get "night" exiles in touch with Wessin.
- ** Requested AMCORE-2 (1) meet Wessin in effort to establish himself as confident and advisor.
- *** Current situation regarding Wessin and efforts to solve problems of d-20 concept to him.

1. WESSIN SITUATION FIRST CAME JMWAVE ATTENTION NIGHT 9 SEPT VIA URGENT TELECOM FROM AMCORE-2 WHO PLANNED 9 SEPT BROADCAST IN SUPPORT "WESSIN GOVT" WHICH CONGEN ARVELO CLAIMED WAS TAKING OVER DOMREP AT ANY MOMENT. CASE OFFICER MANAGED RESTRAIN AMCORE-2'S FREEWHEELING AND A-2 MADE NO REFERENCE WESSIN ON BROADCAST. AFTER PRESS REPORTS WESSIN BEING ASSIGNED MIAMI REACHED JMWAVE 10 SEPT, CASE OFFICER MET A-2 AND BRIEFED HIM ON ODYOKE POLICY OBJECTIVES DOMREP FOLLOWED BY DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS PER REFS A AND B IN NIGHT MEETING 10 SEPT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL WESSIN AIRCRAFT. A-2 AGREED COOPERATE FULLY. STATION ALSO ALERTED AMCARBON-1 AND AMYRIC-1 TO TRY GET FRIENDLY PRESS COVERAGE WESSIN ARRIVAL AND PREPPT PRESS INTERVIEW IF HELD. NEWS OF ARRIVAL HAD ALREADY SPREAD VIA ARVELO AND NEWSMEN FROM AP, UPI, TIME-LIFE, DIARIO LAS AMERICAS WERE AT AIRPORT WHEN WESSIN ARRIVED. STATION ALERTED JOHN BARFIELD OF STATE DEPT

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RECEPTION CENTER GIVE AMCORE-2 PRIORITY CRACK AT VESSIN IF POSSIBLE, AND A-2 WAS ABLE TO REACH VESSIN FIRST AND WHISK HIM THROUGH PRESS CROWD. EXCEPT FOR FEW BRIEF COMMENTS TO NEWSMEN A-2 SUCCESSFULLY GOT VESSIN'S COOPERATION MAKE NO PRESS STATEMENT.

2. IN A-2'S CAR VESSIN CRIED OPENLY, BITTERLY COMPLAINING THAT HE LEFT DOMREP ONLY WITH SUIT ON HIS BACK AND HAD NOT BEEN ALLOWED CONTACT HIS FAMILY WHOM HE WAS CONCERNED MIGHT BECOME OBJECT REVENGE BY REBELS, AND THAT HE HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN HELD PRISONER SINCE HE LEFT DOMREP. A-2 POINTED OUT VESSIN HAD BROUGHT THIS ON HIMSELF BY ACTIONS THAT THREATENED DESTROY GAS AGREEMENT, BUT THAT THIS WAS ALL WATER UNDER BRIDGE NOW AND VESSIN SHOULD LOOK TO FUTURE AS STATESMAN AND SOLDIER WHOSE CHIEF INTEREST PATRIOTIC RESOLUTION HIS COUNTRY'S CRISIS. A-2 CONTINUED WITH EMOTIONAL SPEECH AND PROMISED VESSIN HE WOULD DO ALL WITHIN HIS POWER TO PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH HIS FAMILY, AND ALSO TO CLARIFY (THROUGH GAS CONTACTS) HIS APPOINTMENT AS CONSUL GENERAL WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED MIAMI.

3. ARVELO INVITED VESSIN STAY OVERNIGHT AT CONSULATE BUT VESSIN DECIDED SPEND NIGHT WITH LONGTIME FRIEND ANTONIO LLANO MONTES, CUBAN NEWSMAN WHO KNEW VESSIN FROM DOMREP. BEFORE REACHING LLANO HOME, A-2 OBTAINED AGREEMENT FROM VESSIN TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE TO

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BE WRITTEN BY A-2, COVERING POINTS SUMMARIZED BELOW.

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A. VESSIN ACCEPTS PRESENT POSITION AS PERSONAL SACRIFICE
BEHALF HIS PEOPLE AND COUNTRY.

B. REBEL FORCES NO LONGER CAN USE VESSIN PRESENCE AS
EXCUSE NOT TURN IN ARMS.

C. DOMREP ARMED FORCES WILL CONTINUE SERVE COUNTRY AS
INSTRUMENT LAW AND ORDER.

D. PRESENCE MIAMI WILL KEEP VESSIN CLOSE TO CASTRO
COMMUNIST THREAT, HE WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST
COMMUNISM AND CALLS UPON WESTERN HEMISPHERE FIGHT COMMUNIST THREAT
ON ALL FRONTS.

E. FORTHCOMING MONTHS ARE CRUCIAL TO DEVELOPMENT AND
ELIMINATION COMMUNIST THREAT TO DOMREP. VESSIN WILL DO ALL WITHIN
HIS POWER HELP ENSURE FATHERLAND EMERGES TRIUMPHANTLY FROM CRISIS.
HE IS PROUD OF ALL HE HAS DONE TO IMPEDE COMMUNIST TAKE OVER AND
REITERATES DEDICATION TO CHRIST AND COUNTRY.

4. AS OF 1300 EST VESSIN STILL CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY HIS FAMILY
AND HAD NOT GIVEN FULL AGREEMENT TO TEXT ABOVE PRESS RELEASE.
A-2 REPORTED HE HEARD BASTIANOS HAD REACHED VESSIN THROUGH LLANO AT
LATTER'S HOME MIDNIGHT HOURS 10 SEPT AND THAT WHEN TALKING WITH

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A-2 MORNING 21 SEPT HE SEEMED MORE SELF ASSURED AND LESS WILLING
ACCOMMODATE A-2'S REQUESTS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT A-2 WILL BRING
WESSIN AROUND AFTER CONTACT WITH FAMILY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR
WHICH A-2 CAN RECEIVE SOME CREDIT. ARVELO HAS NOW ADVISED A-2
THAT TELEGRAM APPOINTING WESSIN CONSUL GENERAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

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CFN 5656 6924 41951 5652 WESSIN 9 AMCORE-2 9 CONGEN ARVELO 2'S

A-2 NO REFERENCE TO A-2 A-B IN A-2 AMCARBON-1 AMLYRIC-1 AP UPI

TIME-LIFE DIARIO LAS AMERICAS JOHN BARFIELD 2 A-2 A-2 A-2'S

NOT BEEN A-2 A-2 OAS NOT YET ANTONIO LLANO MONTES A-2 A-2 NO LONGER

NOT TURN 1300 EST NOT GIVEN A-2 TO A-2 11 A-2'S A-2 A-2 A-2

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