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1. JOSE MANUEL BRANA DURAN CLAIMS AFFILIATION 100 MAN GR FORCE IN CAJAGUAY PROVINCE COMMANDED BY FORMER REBEL CAPT GELANDO ORZCO. IN INTERVIEW WITH KILUMP BRANA CLAIMED GROUP APOLITICAL AND HAD TRAINING AMBUSH. REQUEST ATTEMPT VERIFY BCMA FILES.
2. SAID GROUP DIVIDED FIVE SQUADS TWENTY MEN EACH AND BEARS MPAS MORTARS AP MINES FIELD BATTERIES AND AN TRANSMITTER. NO COMMITMENT MADE.
3. BRANA STATED HE SURE THAT CAPT CLAUDIO MEDINA AEROVIAS "Q" PILOT WHO FLIES HAVA KEY WEST BEEN READY FOR APTI CASTRO ASSURMENTS.
4. BRANA ADDRESS 104 S. WOODLIEG AVE TAMPA PHONE REDWOOD 73936.
5. A. NO EQS TRACES SUBJ WHO SON OF MANUEL BRANA, FORMER CUBAN AMB TO MEXICO AND CURRENTLY IN CONTACT ROBERTO DE VARGHA FOR CIA MATTERS MEXI. PAPER RPTD 1954 BY CUBENY AS PERSONAL FRIEND ERIQUE SOLER KNOWN CUBAN COMRADE. NEGOTIATED ARMS PURCHASES MEXI FOR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES 1952.
B. ONE ORZCO RPTD PSP MEMBER 1959 IN LAS VILLAS. NOT LISTED ANY OF REBEL ARMY BY COMEX.

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 VICE SECRETARY OF PROP FOR ORGANIZATION AIR CREWS ~~(OTALE)~~ IN *RAW*
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 EXILE MIAMI 1958. RETURNED CUBA 1959. INVOLVED TRANSPORTING
 MEN AND ARMS FOR INVASION PANAMA. 1958 REPORT POSSIBLY IDENTICAL
 MEDINA INDICATES INVOLVED ANTI-SCHOYZA, PRO COMMIE REVOLUTIONARY
 ACT IN SAN JOSE.

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