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COUNTRY	CUBA/MEXICO	REPORT NO.	TDCS - 1/47,205
SUBJECT	ACTIVITIES OF THE FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO, ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATION	DATE DISTR.	7 SEPTEMBER 1960
DATE OF INFO.	20 AUGUST 1960	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	ENGLAND, LONDON (2 SEPTEMBER 1960)	REFERENCES	IN 47435
APPRAISAL	3	FIELD REPORT NO.	27,520

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SOURCE [REDACTED] FROM A "WELL PLACED SOURCE".

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PLANS FOR ALL ANTI-CASTRO REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS TO TRANSFER TO LATIN AMERICA TO START ACTION AGAINST THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT, THE FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO (FRD, DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY FRONT) IS TRYING TO PERSUADE THE APPROPRIATE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT MINISTRY TO GRANT VISAS TO THOSE CUBANS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD WHO WISH TO GO TO MEXICO. THE FRD HAS RECENTLY STRENGTHENED ITS LEADERSHIP BY RECRUITING RAFAEL SARDINAS, WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ESTATE OWNERS AND FARMERS. SARDINAS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE SOON IN MEXICO. OTHER FRD LEADERS WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO ON 20 AUGUST. MANUEL ARTIME IS ALREADY IN MEXICO CITY.

2. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PROPAGANDA ORGANIZATION CONTROLLED BY THE FRD WILL BE IN MEXICO. IT WAS HOPED THAT AFTER ADOLFO LOPEZ MATEOS, PRESIDENT OF MEXICO,

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SPOKE ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1960 THE YRD WOULD BE ABLE TO INTENSIFY ACTION AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO AND THAT THOUGH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ATTACK CASTRO HIMSELF IT WOULD NOT SUPPORT HIM. THIS, IN EFFECT, WOULD SIGNIFY OPEN TOLERANCE OF THE ANTI-CASTRO CAUSE.

3. THERE IS A DEEP DIVISION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE CASTRO ARMY AND THE MILITIAS. THE YRD INTENDS TO EXPLOIT THIS SITUATION IN ITS FUTURE PLANS. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT. AN UNTESTED SOURCE REPORTED ON 2 AUGUST 1960 THAT THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY AND THE MILITIAS IS WELL KNOWN BY THE PUBLIC. THE ARMY MUST WORK LIKE DAY LABORERS IN THE MOST ISOLATED, UNCOMFORTABLE, AND UNHEALTHFUL PLACES IN CUBA, WHILE THE MILITIAS ARE IN CHARGE OF THE PEOPLE AND ARE FLATTERED AND CAJOLED BY THE GOVERNMENT).

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE

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