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P MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA

1. (FIELD COMMENT: IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT A COMMANDO TEAM OF 49 CUBAN EXILES AND 11 AMERICANS WAS BEING FORMED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, BY ODELIO GARCIA DERIZANZ AND GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, AN AMERICAN ADVENTURER AND SOLDIER-OF-FORTUNE. ATON CONSTANZO PALAU AND RAMON ESCARDA RUBIO WERE REPUTED TO BE LEADERS WITHIN THE GROUP. THE MEN WERE BEING RECRUITED FOR USE BY DOMINICAN GENERAL ANTONIO IMBERT BARRERAS, HEAD OF THE LOYALIST FORCES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, IN HIS EFFORTS TO TRY TO TOPPLE FRANCISCO CAAMANO DENO, LEADER OF THE REBEL FORCES. THE FINANCIAL BACKER OF THE COMMANDO TEAM HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN PREVIOUS REPORTS AS AN AMERICAN LAWYER

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AS WELL AS A RICH DOMINICAN BUSINESSMAN LIVING IN MIAMI).

2. ON 10 JUNE 1965, ATON CONSTANZO PALAU, 752 SW 4TH STREET, MIAMI, SAID THAT MORE THAN 70 CUBAN EXILES PLUS AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF NORTH AMERICANS HAD BEEN RECRUITED AND WERE STANDING BY TO DEPART FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SOMETIME BETWEEN 11 AND 21 JUNE. CONSTANZO SAID THAT THESE PERSONS HAD BEEN "CONTRACTED FOR" BY AN AMERICAN FIRM BASED IN SANTO DOMINGO, WHICH HAS AN OFFICE IN MIAMI, AND THAT THESE "WORKING CONTRACTS" HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT. (FIELD COMMENT: PRESUMABLY BY THE JUNTA FORCES.)

3. ACCORDING TO CONSTANZO, THE MEN ARE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FROM MIAMI EITHER BY AIRCRAFT OR BY SHIP AND ARE TO BE TAKEN TO THE POINT OF EMBARCATION BY BUSES THAT ARE TO BE HIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE MEN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE GROUPS AND WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING GROUP LEADERS: GERALD PATRICK HEMKING, EUGENIO MARTI PEREZ-CARMENATI, CONSTANZO, ODILIO OTEZA, AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED MAN. (FIELD COMMENT: ODILIO OTEZA MAY POSSIBLY REFER TO ODELIO GARCIA DERIZANZ.)

4. CONSTANZO CONFIRMED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS ARE TO RECEIVE A SALARY OF \$200 PER MONTH, PLUS A BONUS OF \$50 A DAY WHILE THEY ARE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. CONSTANZO STRESSED THAT NO MONEY IS BEING PAID TO THESE MEN IN ADVANCE, BUT THAT THEY ARE TO BE PAID EITHER IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OR AFTER THEY RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW ALL THE DETAILS OF THE MILITARY PLAN, CONSTANZO SAID THAT THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE OPERATION IS TO

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FIGHT THE CAAMANO FORCES. HE BELIEVES THAT SINCE THESE FORCES ARE
IN THE HILLS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, THE CUBAN EXILES WILL
PROBABLY BE DEPLOYED THERE. CONSTANZO EMPHASIZED THAT ABSOLUTELY
NO POLITICAL COMMITMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE CUBAN EXILES AND
THAT THEIR SOLE MOTIVATION IS MONETARY.

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Really!?

6. FIELD DISSEM: CINCSO, CINCLANT, COMKWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF
STATE, (FBI) CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, FAA AND USCG.
(ALSO SENT ⁶⁻⁵⁰ SANTO DOMINGO AND ⁶⁻⁰⁷ PANAMA CITY.)

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