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PLANS OF THE JUNTA REVOLUTIONARY CUBANA (JURE) TO LAND EXPEDITIONS IN CUBA BEFORE END OF MARCH 1964

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AN AMERICAN ENGINEER WHO LIVED IN CUBA AND LEFT THERE IN 1962, WHO HAS CONTACTS IN JURE.

1. THE JUNTA REVOLUTIONARY CUBANA (JURE, CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA) IS PREPARING TO LAND ONE OR TWO EXPEDITIONS IN CUBA BEFORE THE END OF MARCH 1964 AND JOIN THE MANY FORCES THAT ARE DISCONTENTED IN THE CUBAN MILITIA. MANUEL RAY, LEADER OF JURE, IS PLANNING TO LEAD ONE OF THE GROUPS HIMSELF.

2. RAY THINKS HIS CHANCES OF SUCCESS ARE EXCELLENT AT THIS TIME. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF SABOTAGE GOING ON IN CUBA, ESPECIALLY IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, BECAUSE CUBANS RESENT FIDEL CASTRO'S COMPLETE SELL-OUT TO THE RUSSIANS. RAY BELIEVES THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT OVER-OPTIMISTIC. RAY HAS SAID THAT THE CUBANS PUT CASTRO IN AND IT IS UP TO THEM TO GET HIM OUT. THROUGH ITS VARIOUS AGENCIES,

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JURE IS GETTING HELP FROM THE SALE OF BONDS IN THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS SAID THAT \$98 WILL BUY A RIFLE FOR A CUBAN SOLDIER. (SOURCE COMMENT: JURE SEEMS TO WANT TO GO IT ALONE, WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.)

3. RAY IS A VERY CAPABLE MAN. HE HAS EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF AGRARIAN REFORMS, WHICH WOULD NOT MAKE HIM POPULAR WITH THE MORE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS, BUT HE IS EXTREMELY ANTI-COMMUNIST IN HIS VIEWS.

4. JUAN (GUANCHI) MELENDEZ, AN ENGINEER, WHO WAS RAY'S MAN IN CUBA AND RAN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF AQUEDUCTS AND SEWERS (CONACA), IS ONE OF RAY'S PRINCIPAL LIEUTENANTS. MELENDEZ PLANS TO GO TO CUBA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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