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1. AMHINT-19 INFORMED BY BROTHER, FATHER FRANCISCO VILLAVERDE, O.P., THAT CUBAN MAJOR ALMEIDA WAS GOING TO MEET MRS. JOSE VENTURA IN SWITZERLAND DURING OCTOBER 64. PURPOSE OF MEETING COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. MAJOR ALMEIDA FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS COMANDANTE JUAN ALMEIDA BOSQUE, CUBAN VICE MINISTER, ARMED FORCES, WHO JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED TOUR OF BLOC NATIONS.
2. MRS. VENTURA AND HUSBAND DESCRIBED AS NATURALIZED CUBANS OF JEWISH EXTRACTION DEALING IN JEWELRY WITH OFFICES NEW YORK, MIAMI, ARGENTINA, FRANCE, ITALY. MIAMI OFFICES UNDER NAME "RENE DE PARIS," 6678 COLLINS AVE., MIAMI BEACH. NEW YORK OFFICE UNDER NAME "VENTURA AND AZAEL," SEVENTH FLOOR BUILDING ON 27 STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE.
3. MIAMI TELEPHONE BOOK LISTS RENE DE PARIS, FRENCH JEWELRY, AND VENTURA ASSAEL AND CO OF MIAMI INC., ABOVE COLLINS AVE ADDRESS. ONLY POSSIBLE TRACE VENTURA IS JUAN VENTURA, OSMA-16292, 11 AUG 61, DPOB 13 APRIL 14, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, NATURALIZED CUBAN WHO FOR LAST 24 YEARS SAN "LA FRANCESCA" JEWELRY STORE, HABANA. CLAIMS FURNISHED INFO TO MAJOR ROBERT VAN HORN, AIR ATTACHE US EMBASSY UNTIL BREAK DIPL RELATIONS. JUAN VENTURA INDICATED CONTINUED

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1. TRAVEL COLLABORATE PERFORMING AUTHORITIES, AND COULD BE CONTACTED
49 BENDOT AVE., GENEVA. ONE TRIP NOTED 5 JULY 61 BRUSSELS TO
GENEVA.

4. VILLAVERDE PROBABLY IDENTICAL FRANCISCO (VILLAVERDE)
LAFERRIS, DOMINICAN ORDER PRIEST REPORTED LOYAL AMTHUG-1 (CS 3/481,124,
JULY 19, 1961) ARRIVED MIAMI AUG 61 FOLLOWING THREE MONTHS ASYLUM
BRAZIL EMBASSY HABANA, WAS NATIONAL CHAPLAIN FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH
ORGANIZATION IN CUBA. ONE OF BROTHERS SENTENCED 30 YRS BY REVOLUT-
IONARY TRIBUNAL, ANOTHER IN 1961 AWAITING TRIAL FOR PARTICIPATION
BAY OF PIGS INVASION (OO-A 3,199,172 OCT 16, 1961). AMOT REPORT
AA 1376, JAN 24, 1963 IDENTIFIED SUBJECT DIRECTOR OF CENTRO DE
JUVENTUDES CATHOLICAS DE MIAMI WITHOUT FURTHER INFO. UFGA-17397,
SEPT 13, 1964 INDICATES HE IN MEXICO UNDER FORGED VATICAN PASSPORT
NAME FRANCISCO VILLA LAMAR; CONTROLLED SMALL STUDENT GROUP PUEBLO
UNIVERSITY.

5. PAST REPORTING WAVE INDICATES SOME ATTEMPT CUBAN GOVERNMENT
DISPOSE CONFISCATED ART TREASURES AND JEWELRY AS MEANS RAISING
FUNDS DOLLAR AREA. RECENT DECREASE WORLD SUGAR PRICES MAY
ENCOURAGE GREATER GOC ACTIVITY THIS AREA. OTHER POSSIBILITY THAT
SOME HIGH GOC FIGURES MAY BE ESTABLISHING POSSIBLE FOREIGN NESTEGG
IN EVENT ANYTHING HAPPENS GOC. WOULD APPRECIATE [GNVA] AND [BERN] 15-10
MONITOR ACTIVITIES ALMEIDA, VENTURA SHOULD THEY VISIT SWITZERLAND.

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