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TO: PRTY MADR INFO: WAVE ON DE: 50558
DESENSITIZED
TYPIC YOBITE AMWHIP MHAPRON

- REFS: A. DIR XXXX 49892
- B. MADR 1705 (IN 75100)

1. IT NOW ESTABLISHED THROUGH AMWHIP/1 CALL TO AMLASH/2 THAT BLANCO IS IN FACT "EL LOCO BLANCO", WHO LOYAL TO AMLASH/1 AND WHO EXPECTED SINCE SPRING 64 TO ARRIVE EUROPE WITH MESSAGE FROM AMLASH/1. AMWHIP/1 ^{WAS} CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, TO CHECK ON BLANCO FOR ANY INDICATIONS DECEPTION, AND NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS KUBARK CONNECTIONS TO BLANCO WITHOUT PRIOR CHECK WITH STATION. (OF COURSE IF IT DETERMINED WITHOUT DOUBT AMLASH/1 HAS TOLD BLANCO RE HIS AND AMWHIP/1'S KUBARK CONNECTIONS, THEN THERE NO REASON FURTHER DECEPTION.) BELIEVE IT BEST THAT AMWHIP/1 ^M ~~WILL~~ BE MET SEPARATELY FROM BLANCO. RECOMMEND BLANCO NOT BROUGHT INTO OP MORE THAN NECESSARY. AMWHIP/1 SHOULD BE ABLE GET ANY PERTINENT INFO FROM BLANCO, INCLUDING "IMPORTANT MESSAGE" BLANCO CARRYING FROM AMLASH/1. AMWHIP ETA MADRID NOW 20 OR 21 SEPT.

2. ACCORDING AMWHIP/1 (DEFECTED CUBAN INTEL OFFICER, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO), KNEW BLANCO IN MIAMI LATE FIFTIES AND IN CUBA. STATED BLANCO NOT COMMUNIST OR INTEL OFFICER BUT ADVENTURER. DESCRIBED BLANCO AS SMART BUT STRANGE, HENCE NICKNAME

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"EL LOCO". IN 1960 BLANCO WORKED FOR CUBAN GOVT AS HEAD PROCUREMENT DEPT FOR CONSTRUCTION LARGE UNIV. BLANCO IS LONG-TIME FRIEND PAURE CHOMAN, AMLASH/1, AND OTHER DR LEADERS. ALSO LONG-TIME FRIEND CUBAN INTEL OFFICER CMDTE GUILLERMO JIMANEZ, CAPT "CHINO" FIGUERDO AND CMDTE PAUL DIAZ ARGUELLES. AMNIP/1 HAD CHANCE MEETING AMLASH/2 PARIS MARCH 64 WHO SAID BLANCO DUE LEAVE CUBA NEAR FUTURE.

*See
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para 3*

3. FYI, DETAILS AMNIP/1 PLAN PER REP B ESSENTIALLY CORRECT, AS WELL AS INPO PARAS 2 AND 3.

4. RE PARA 4 REP B, AMLASH/2 CONNECTIONS AND ABILITY GATHER INFORMATION OF VALUE CORRECT. THIS ESTABLISHED THROUGH DEBRIEFING AMNIP/1 OF HIS MEETINGS WITH AMLASH/2 IN PARIS JUNE 64. THIS DUE PROBABLY ^{TO} HIS NERVE, CLEVERNESS, GREGARIOUSNESS AND SEEMINGLY HARMLESS CURIOSITY. HQS AWARE HE REGULARLY BROKE AND ACCEPTS "LOANS" FROM AMNIP/1 AND OTHER FRIENDS. HOWEVER, IN SPITE WEAKNESSES, INCLUDING HEAVY DRINKING AT TIMES, IT BELIEVED IN MATTERS RELATING TO AMLASH/1, HE (AMLASH/2) CAN BE TRUSTED TO CONSIDERABLE DEGREE. FIND IT INTERESTING THAT AMLASH/2 REPORTEDLY NOW WORKING FOR QUOTA, WOULD LIKE ANY DETAILS. DO NOT BELIEVE THIS INCLUDES ANY ACTIVITY WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE AMLASH/1.

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5. FYI, ACCORDING AMWHIP/1 FROM AMLASH/2, BLANCO PEELS AIS REPS DO NOT TRUST HIM. BELIEVE THIS GOOD FOR PRESENT AS IT SHOULD MAKE AMWHIP/1 MOST WELCOME TO BLANCO, IT ALSO NOTED THAT BLANCO'S "VAGUENESS OF MISSION" PER PARA 5 REP B IS PROBABLY ACCURATE, AS "MISSION" FROM CHAUMON PROBABLY MERELY EXCUSE TO ALLOW BLANCO TO EXIT CUBA. HOWEVER AS SAREGUARD, RECOMMEND HE STILL BE LCFLUTTERED FOR CI AND OTHER ASPECTS HIS STORY. CI RQMS COMMENTS IN SEPARATE CABLE.

6. IN ANY CASE, RECOMMEND CONTACT WITH BLANCO NOT TERMINATED IN SUCH MANNER THAT CANNOT BE REESTABLISH SHOULD CIS ATTEMPT ACTIVATE HIM.

END OF MESSAGE

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