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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

FOR: LIMIT LA/CCGEO INFO CIC/LA, AF/SG, CIC/AF

SLUGS: WNINTEL VPJAUNTY

SUBJECT: VPJAUNTY/1 CONTINUED CONTACT []

REF: DIRECTOR 277135 93 3844003

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: COMMENTS ON RECENT EVENTS IN VPJAUNTY/1 ASSESSMENT/DEVELOPMENT []

2. AFTERNOON OF 17 SEP 93, C/O BECKNAP MET WITH VPJAUNTY/1 (J/1). J/1 SAID HE HAD HAD DINNER [] AND SPOUSE AT LATTER'S HOME ON 9 SEP 93. DURING THE DINNER, J/1 SAID HE FELT HE WAS BEING TESTED [] HE SAID [] RAISED THE QUESTION OF HIS PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH PNINFINITE EMPLOYEES. HE SAID HE MET AN EMBOFF IN LAGOS WHOM HE ASSUMED TO BE PNINFINITE. [] DID NOT PROVIDE J/1 WITH THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL). [] SAID THAT THIS AMCIT OFFERED TO SELL HIM A CASE OF BEER FOR ONE DOLLAR. WHEN J/1 SAID THAT THE AMERICAN WAS PROBABLY ONLY BEING FRIENDLY, [] SAID THAT HE KNEW IT WAS BUSINESS AND NOT FRIENDSHIP WHICH WAS BEHIND THE GENEROUS OFFER. [] THEN RAISED THE ISSUE OF A PUBLICATION WHICH LISTED PNINFINITE EMPLOYEES AROUND THE WORLD. [] ALSO RAISED THE BAY OF PIGS AND THE *-<ASSASSINATION>OF-<PRESIDENT KENNEDY,>STATING THAT HE KNEW THEM TO BE PNINFINITE OPERATIONS. [] COMPLAINED THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S WAS OBSESSED WITH CASTRO. [] STATED THAT CUBA COULD OVERRUN THE AMERICAN BASES IN CUBA IN 5 MINUTES IF THEY WANTED TO DO SO. HE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE TRADE EMBARGO. HE

BRAGGED ABOUT CUBA, PRAISING ITS DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. [] WAS OBVIOUSLY TOUTING THE PARTY LINE VERY CLOSELY DURING THIS SESSION. DURING THE CONVERSATION, [] SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT VISIT ANY U.S. OFFICIAL'S HOME, ALTHOUGH HE

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MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEM TALKING TO AMERICANS, AND NAMED C/O'S DERBOOKIAN AND BECKNAP WHOM HE HAD MET THROUGH J/1.

3. DURING THE CONVERSATION, J/1 SAID HE HEARD AN AUDIBLE "CLICK" WHICH HE IS SURE WAS THE SOUND OF A TAPE RECORDER SHUTTING OFF. J/1 SAID HE IGNORED THE SOUND, BUT BOTH HIS HOST AND HOSTESS WERE SHOCKED BY THE NOISE. J/1 SAID THAT [REDACTED] SEEMED TO BE ALL BUSINESS THAT EVENING, ASKING QUESTIONS AND LEADING THE CONVERSATION. WHEN J/1 PHONED HIM ON 13 SEP WITH A PHONE NUMBER HE HAD REQUESTED, [REDACTED] SEEMED TENSE. ON 15 SEP, [REDACTED] CAME BY TO SEE J/1 AT HIS OFFICE, AGAIN REFERRING TO HIM AS HIS BROTHER. [REDACTED] WAS BACK TO HIS PREVIOUSLY FRIENDLY SELF AND ASKED J/1 WHAT HE WAS DOING OVER THE WEEKEND AND J/1 SAID HE WAS VERY BUSY. J/1'S IMPRESSION IS THAT HE WAS BEING TESTED AND THAT HE PASSED THE TEST. C/O [REDACTED] WOULD CONSULT THE WASHINGTON EXPERTS AND ADVISE J/1 AT NEXT MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 1500 ON 24 SEP. WOULD APPRECIATE HQS COMMENTS PRIOR TO THAT MEETING.

4. DURING THE MEETING, [REDACTED] TOLD J/1 THAT HE WANTED THE BIBLE FOR HIMSELF SINCE HE WAS CATHOLIC. HE SAID THAT PREVIOUSLY, PARTY MEMBERS COULD NOT BE RELIGIOUS AND REMAIN PARTY MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THINGS HAD LIBERALIZED TO THE POINT WHERE HE COULD NOW HAVE A BIBLE. (J/1 DID ADMIT THAT HE FORGOT TO ASK WHY, IF THINGS WERE MORE LIBERAL NOW, [REDACTED] COULD NOT GET HIS OWN BIBLE FROM CUBA.)

5. J/1 SAID THAT BASED ON HIS ASSESSMENT [REDACTED] WOULD NOT GET FAR WITH HIM USING OFFICIAL AMERICANS. HE SAID HOWEVER, THAT A SOUTH AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN INTERESTED IN TRADE IN CUBA (SPECIFICALLY IMPORT/EXPORT) WOULD BE OF INTEREST [REDACTED] AS HE HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN LEAVING THE GOVERNMENT AND INVOLVING HIMSELF IN BUSINESS DEALINGS. J/1 ASSESSES [REDACTED] AS BEING INTERESTED IN MONEY (HENCE THE INTEREST IN BUSINESS), BUT STILL RETAINING AN INTEREST IN

POLITICS. C/O TOLD J/1 THAT STATION AND HQS STILL HAD AN INCOMPLETE PICTURE OF [REDACTED] PERSONALITY AND THAT HE SHOULD CONTINUE WITH HIS ASSESSMENT. C/O AGAIN TRIED THE PLOY OF HAVING J/1 WRITE A LETTER TO C/O DESCRIBING [REDACTED] AS IF C/O HAD NEVER MET HIM. J/1 SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DO THAT.

6. STATION ASSESSMENT OF THESE RECENT EVENTS IS TWOFOLD. IT IS LIKELY THAT [REDACTED] HAS REPORTED HIS CONTACT WITH C/O'S DERBOOKIAN AND BECKNAP. IT IS POSSIBLE THEN THAT A SECURITY OFFICIAL INSISTED THAT [REDACTED] CONFIRM HIS VERSION OF THE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] J/1. THE EVENTS OF 9 SEP WOULD SUPPORT THIS THEORY, ESPECIALLY THE OBVIOUS AGENDA AND THE SHOCK AT THE MIX-UP WITH THE TAPE RECORDER (THIS IS NOT A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL CONDUCTING A TEST.) ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT THIS WAS A TEST FOR J/1, A SORT OF VETTING EXERCISE. SINCE [REDACTED] CAME BACK TO J/1 AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT J/1 PASSED THE TEST. THE QUESTION REMAINS AS TO WHO WAS ABLE TO REVIEW THE TAPE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF

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TIME (9-15 SEP). IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE [REDACTED] WAS
ABLE TO EVALUATE THE TAPE. OTHERWISE, THE MOST LIKELY PLACE
FOR SUCH AN EVALUATION TO TAKE PLACE WOULD BE IN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] VPKINGPIN [REDACTED] FILE DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION
ON TRAVEL [REDACTED] DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, MOST RECENT
INFORMATION IS FROM LATE AUG 93. WILL ADVISE ANY INFORMATION
ON SUCH TRAVEL WHEN KNOWN.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE HQS READOUT OF ABOVE AS WE BELIEVE
THIS HAS POTENTIAL CI IMPLICATIONS FOR THIS CASE. PLEASE
PROVIDE COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS PRIOR TO HQS COB 23 SEP. REGARDS.

8. FILE: VPJAUNTY/1. INDEX: [REDACTED] DECL OADR DRV
HUM 4-82.
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