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SUBJECT : INSTALLATION OF SEISMIC INSTRUMENT CAPABLE OF  
DETECTING ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS IN US

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PLACE ACQUIRED: HAVANA

DATE ACQUIRED : FEBRUARY-APRIL 1963

SOURCE : CUBAN NATIONAL, A 13 318 275, 54 YEARS OLD.

SOURCE ARRIVED IN THE U.S. ON 18 JUN 63 BY SMALL  
BOAT. HE HAS HAD 16 YEARS OF FORMAL EDUCATION AND COMES  
FROM A VERY WEALTHY FAMILY. HE WENT TO WORK FOR THE MUSEUM  
OF NATIONAL SCIENCES ON 13 NOV 61, WHICH LATER BECAME  
THE HAVANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE  
FROM CUBA, HE WAS HEAD OF ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
THE BIOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE HAVANA ACADEMY OF  
SCIENCES. SOURCE ATTENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE MENTIONED  
IN THIS REPORT. ONE OF SEVERAL REPORTS FROM THIS SOURCE.

(THIS REPORT WAS DEVELOPED BY AN ARMY REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNED TO THE  
OFFICE OF PREPARATION.)

1. THREE SOVIET SCIENTISTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MOSCOW ACADEMY  
OF SCIENCES ARRIVED IN HAVANA FROM MOSCOW DURING EARLY FEBRUARY 1963.

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THEIR ARRIVAL WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE CUBAN PRESS. ONE OF THESE SCIENTISTS WAS A MAN WHOSE NAME SOUNDED LIKE (FNU) GIRKO, A GEO-PHYSICIST SPECIALIZING IN ATOMIC MATTERS. THE THREE LEFT CUBA IN EARLY APRIL 1963.

2. AT A FAREWELL PARTY AND PRESS CONFERENCE HELD FOR THE SCIENTISTS AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN HAVANA SEVERAL HOURS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE, I LEARNED FROM GIRKO THAT HE HAD COME TO CUBA TO INSTALL AN INSTRUMENT BETWEEN SANTIAGO DE CUBA AND GUANTANAMO, ORIENTE PROVINCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETECTING SEISMIC MOVEMENTS AND EXPLOSIONS. DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, A NEGRO REPORTER FROM HOY ASKED GIRKO IF THE INSTRUMENT WAS ALSO CAPABLE OF DETECTING ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS AND TESTS IN THE U.S. AND GIRKO REPLIED THAT IT WAS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER GIRKO'S STATEMENT, CAPT ANTONIO (NUNEZ) JIMENEZ STOOD UP AND TOLD THE REPORTERS THEY SHOULD NOT MENTION THE INSTALLATION OF THIS INSTRUMENT, ITS LOCATION, OR ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT REVEAL GIRKO'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN CUBA. END OF REPORT.

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