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SUPDATA: ZRWAHOO. AMWEE-1 DURING 7 DEC DEBRIEFING IN WAVE AREA.

PARA 1: FROM VICENTINA ANTUNA, AUNT OF AMWEE WIFE. PARA 2 AND

1 4 BASED ON INFO OBTAINED AMWEE-1 WIFE WHEN SHE APPROACHED HUSBAND

VICENTINE ANTUNA, FRANCISCO CARONE ON FOLLOWING DAY. NO FURTHER

INFORMATION CAN BE DEVELOPED AT THIS TIME. RID: NO INDEX. FILED

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COUNTRY: CUBA

SUBJ: RUMORS THAT ERNESTO "CHE" (GUEVARA) SERNA IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST

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1. As of 30 November 1963, Ernesto "Che" (Guevara) Serna was alleged to be under house arrest because of possible involvement in an anti-Castro plot in which Omar (Fernandez) Caizares was also supposed to have been involved. Fernandez is said to have been removed from the ministership of transportation because of this involvement.

2. Fidel Castro Ruz may be attempting to eject Guevara from Cuba under some suitable pretext; once this is accomplished Castro intends to charge Guevara and Fernandez, and other members of the government of Cuba with responsibility for the Cuban economic...
FAILURES. DESPITE THIS PLANNED EXPOSURE THE REAL REASON BEHIND THIS
OFFICIAL BELIEVED TO BE GUEVARA'S PARTICIPATION IN A PLOT TO
OVERTHROW CASTRO.

3. FIELD COMMENT: BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 1 AND THE SOURCE
OF THE INFORMATION IN PARAS 2 AND 4, THIS INFORMATION CANNOT BE
CONSIDERED CONFIRMATORY. THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS SCATTERED REPORTS
FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES WHICH HAVE INDICATED DISAGreements AMONG
THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HIERARCHY. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SUPPORT FOR
A THEORY THAT FIDEL CASTRO IS ONCE AGAIN TRYING TO PURGE THE
HIERARCHY OF OLD LINE COMMUNISTS. THE EXPULSION OF JUAN (MARTINELLO)
VIDAURETTA FROM HIS POSITION AS RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HABANA
IS VIEWED IN SOME QUARTERS AS AN INDICATION OF SUCH A PURGE. IT HAS
ALSO BEEN INTIMATED THAT FIDEL CASTRO WILL TRY TO GET RID OF SUCH PARTY
STALWARTS AS BLAS ROCA AND LAZARO PENA IN ACTIONS SIMILAR TO THE
ANIBAL LSCALANTE AFFAIR. THERE WAS ONE RUMOR TO THE EFFECT
THAT FIDEL CASTRO HIMSELF HAD RECENTLY VISITED THE SOVIET UNION,
THIS RUMOR WAS STRENGTHENED BY THE FACT THAT NEITHER FIDEL NOR RAUL
ATTENDED THE SOVIET EMBASSY PARTY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT
OCTOBER REVOLUTION, AND THAT FIDEL HAS NOT BEEN MAKING APPEARANCES OR
MEETING PEOPLE, WHERE NORMALLY HE WOULD BE THE GREETER. ONE REPORTING
SOURCE FROM CUBA ALSO INDICATED THAT HAD FIDEL BEEN IN CUBA HE, RATHER
THAN RAUL, WOULD HAVE MADE THE SPEECH ANNOUNCING THE UNIVERSAL
MILITARY SERVICE REGULATION. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS FURTHER CLARIFYING
INFORMATION IS RECEIVED IT WOULD BE WELL TO TREAT THE INFORMATION
ON THE POSSIBLE HOUSE ARREST OF GUEVARA AS A MERE RUMOR.

4. THE GROUP OF PERSONAL TIES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA WHO ARE
PLANNING THE OVERTHROW OF CASTRO ARE KNOWN AS "LOS JURAMENTADOS".

5. FIELD COMMENT: LOS JURAMENTADOS IS BELIEVED TO BE AN
ORGANIZATION WHICH NUMBERS AMONG ITS MEMBERS FORMER MEMBERS OF THE
26 JULY MOVEMENT. SOME FORMER CUBAN MILITARY OFFICERS WHO ARE
NOW IN EXILE, CLAIM MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ORGANIZATION. THERE IS NO
INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE EXISTENCE OF A LOS JURAMENTADOS
ORGANIZATION WITHIN CUBA.

6. FIELD DISSEMINATION: NONE.

END OF MESSAGE