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1. TAXAYO (T) APPEARED WITH WIFE FOR 27 MARCH MEETING. CONVEYED REF A LINE BUT T GREATLY RELUCTANT APPEAR AT HOME OFFICE AND THUS POSSIBLY INVOLVE WIFE'S FAMILY FURTHER IN HIS PROBLEM. T SAID HE HAD TAKEN FROM HIS OFFICE DOCUMENT ON 1966 SUGAR PROGRAM. IN VIEW HIS DETERMINATION AVOID BRIT AUTHORITIES (SAID HE WOULD GO TO DOMINICANS IF ODYOKE COULD NOT HELP) INSTRUCTED HIM COME TO PBSWING WITH DOCUMENTS MORNING 28 MARCH. THUS I APPEARED AT 1100 HOURS AND IN PBSWING SECURITY OFFICE HE FURTHER BRIEFED BY STA OFFICER WITH

RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. T CLAIMS HAVE LIVED ON FARM NEAR BAYAMO, CUBA UNTIL 1959. MOTHER AND FATHER DIVORCED AND FARM OWNED BY MOTHER AND HER BROTHERS. MOTHER DIED SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND FATHER IS ENGINEER FOR NICARO MINES. T SAYS FARM NEAR PESEL TERRITORY AND HE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THEM. ~~ALTHO QUIKY YOUNG AT TIME HE DEVELOPED MANY CLOSE FRIENDS IN ARMY MANY OF WHOM HOLD HIGH POSITS.~~

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B. IN 1959 WENT HAVA TOOK CIVILIAN JOB WITH ARMY LEGAL

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DEPT. ^SUPERVISOR WAS CAPT CONCEPCION ALONSO. SHE LEFT CUBA EARLY 1960 AFTER ALLEGEDLY BECOMING INVOLVED IN PLOT AGAINST CASTRO.

C. IN LATE 1960 T TOOK JOB IN ACCOUNTING DEPT OF EXPORT BANK. SUPERVISOR WAS FNU CARBONELL.

D. IN 1961 HE SELECTED FOR COURSE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING SPECIALIZING ON SUGAR. COURSE RUN BY CUBAN AND CZECH INSTRUCTORS. SAYS NO SYSTEMATIC POLITICAL TRAINING RECEIVED AT ANY TIME.

E. IN MID 1961 WAS INTEGRATED INTO NEW MIN FOM TRADE WHERE DID STATISTICAL PLANNING ON SUGAR. EARLY 1962 BECAME CUBAZUCAR ASSISTANT MANAGER. ALSO BECAME CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PROFESSOR MANUEL PERDOMO WHO TAUGHT HIM MUCH ABOUT SUGAR INDUSTRY.

F. IN 1963 WAS APPOINTED CUBAZUCAR REP LOND. SAYS THIS DECISION MADE BY ALBERTO MORA AND PAUL LEON.

G. T CLAIMS NEVER MEMBER COMMUNIST PARTY OR IN MILITIA OR ARMY. TOOK ONLY ONE TRIP OUTSIDE CUBA PRIOR APPOINTMENT LOND. WENT COMECON CONFERENCE BUCHAPEST IN 1962. AT SAME TIME VISITED PRAGUE AND SOFIA.

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H. AS FOR REFERENCES T CLAIMS KNOW MANY PEOPLE IN U.S. BUT UNABLE PROVIDE ADDRESSES. GAVE FOLLOWING: **SECRET**

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A. HUMBERTO CEDENO, 315 EAST JERSEY ST., ELIZABETH
NEW JERSEY.

B. DR. FERMIN FERNANDEZ, AGE ABOUT 37-38, LEFT CUBA
JUNE OR JULY 1964. MAY BE IN NEW YORK OR MASS.

C. MIGUEL GUILARTE, LAWYER WHO WENT MADRID IN 1964
THEN TO U.S. AGE ABOUT 37 OR 38.

3. T CLAIMS PART HIS PRESENT TROUBLE COMES FROM ASSOCIATIONS
HE HAD MADRID LATE NOVEMBER 1964. THAT TIME HE MEMBER DELEGATION
NEGOTIATING TRADE AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN. PARTICIPANTS WERE RAUL ROA,
ROSELIO MONTENEGRO, PAUL VOLTA (THEN CURATOR PEP) JULIO IMPERATORE
Jose de Sualta
(MANAGER NATIONAL BANK), AND ENO SOTO AND ENO PORTELA OF CUBAN
COMMERCIAL MISSION MADR. AT SAME TIME CUBANS HELD CHIEFS OF MISSION
MEETINGS MADR. ALL THESE MEN MET SOCIALLY WITH CUBAN EXILES SUCH AS
CAPTAINS JORGE RODRIGUEZ AND ALBERTO PLANCO AS WELL AS CURELA AND MAJOR
JOSE MOLEON WHO ALSO VISITING MADR. SOCIAL MEETINGS HELD IN FLAT WHICH
OCCUPIED BY ROA, MONTENEGRO AND TAKAYO. T THINKS THAT ANYONE WHO
INVOLVED IN MADR IN LATE ^N NOVEMBER 1964 IS NOW SUSPECT. THIS CONNECTION
SAYS CRISTOBAL VICTORIANO RECENTLY TOLD HIM THAT JOSE MOLEON WAS SHOT
SHORTLY BEFORE TRIAL OF CURELA AND GWIN. T ~~THINKS~~ THINKS THAT RAUL *Vicente*
VOLTA NOW PROBABLY IN TROUBLE AS RESULT THESE ASSOCIATIONS. (NOTE:

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AMNSAKE MADE SAME SUGGESTION RE VOLTA AND NOS MAY WISH QUERY HIM FURTHER.

4. T SAYS ORLANDO BLANCO, CUBAN COUNSELLOR SWITZERLAND MAY ALSO BE IN TROUBLE, BECAUSE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE CUBELA TRIAL, BLANCO GAVE T BOTTLE OF WHISKY FOR CUBELA. T LATER GAVE BOTTLE TO NATALIA BOLIVAR, HEAD OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WHO VISITING PARI. SHE IN TURN TO CARRY IT TO CUBELA. BLANCO WIDELY KNOWN AS CLOSE FRIEND OF CUBELA.

5. T WISHES GO U.S. PRIMARILY BECAUSE JOB PROSPECTS LOOK BEST THERE AND IF REMAINS IN U.K. WILL BE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO IN-LAWS.

ALSO DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE POSSIBLE FIND SUITABLE JOB IN SUGAR FIELD WITH U.K. FIRMS BECAUSE ALL DO BUSINESS WITH CUBA. CLAIMS TO HAVE BECOM^{ME}

DISENCHANTED WITH CASTRO REGIME SOME TIME AGO BUT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT REMAIN IN HIS JOB TO GAIN BUSINESS EXPERIENCE. AT THIS POINTS FEELS HE WELL QUALIFIED IN SUGAR MARKETING AND WELL AS NUMBER RELATED FIELDS. CLAIMS HAVE BROAD KNOWLEDGE CUBAN SUGAR MARKETING, PRODUCTION, AND POLICY AS WELL AS OTHER ASPECTS CUBAN FOREIGN TRADE.

6. UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH INTERVIEW CONDUCTED HESITATED PROBE TOO DEEPLY IN ORDER NOT BE LATER ACCUSED OF BLEEDING HIM OF INFO AND THEN TURNING DOWN APPLICATION GO PPRIME, IF THAT OCCURS. HOWEVER, DURING INTERVIEW T GAVE EVERY IMPRESSION PROVIDING STRAIGHTFORWARD, FRANK ANSWERS

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AND INTIMATED THAT HE HAD MUCH MORE INFO WHICH WOULD BE OF VALUE TO ODYCKE. HAD WITH HIM BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY CUBAZUCAR ENTITLED "STATISTIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPRESSA CUBAZUCAR" DATED JANUARY 1 TO 31, 1966. CLAIMS THIS MONTHLY PUBLICATION BUT CONTAINS STATISTICS FOR ENTIRE YEAR 1966. DID NOT ASK KEEP THIS BOOKLET BUT DID COPY INDEX WHICH WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY. T ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS CONTAINED DLS 88049. WILL SEND ANSWERS SEPARATELY BUT IN GENERAL THEY JIBE WITH AMSNAKE INFO. T ALSO SAID HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE SOVIET-CUBAN TRADE AGREEMENTS. AS EXAMPLE SAID CUBAN RECEIVE \$20,000,000 EACH YEAR FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM SOVIETS AS PART SUGAR AGREEMENT.

7. AT THIS JUNCTURE T HAS COMPLETED VISA APPLICATION FORMS AND

HAS RETURNED TO IN-LAWS HOME TO AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM US. T TOLD HE SHOULD EITHER TRY STALL FOR MORE TIME BY CONTACTING HIS OFFICE AND SAYING ONLY REASON HE DELAYING RETURN TO HAVA IS BECAUSE OF ILLNESS WIFE, OR CONTACTING HOME OFFICE AND TRY REGULARIZE HIS STATUS. HAVE LEARNED VIA BAIERN THAT LOCAL CUBANS KNOW HE IN LOND BUT DO NOT YET SUSPECT HE DEFECTED. AT ABOUT 1200 HOURS 28 MARCH RAUL VOLTA TELEPHONED OSMANI

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MARTINEZ IN HAVA AND THEY DISCUSSED T. MARTINEZ SAID T SHOULD COME HAVA SOONEST AND VOLTA SAID HE IN LOND BECAUSE OF SICK WIFE. VOLTA ALSO SAID THEY WATCHING SITUATION CAREFULLY AND WOULD KEEP HAVA ADVISED. NO SUGGESTION THAT T HAD DEFECTED MADE BUT ALSO LOND HAS NO IDEA WHAT VOLTA MEANT WHEN SAID "THEY WATCHING SITUATION CAREFULLY". ANY CASE STILL ^{THINK} ~~BT~~

T IS NOT PROVOCATION.

8. AT THIS POINT BELIEVE T DOES HAVE INFO OF VALUE AND WOULD PROBABLY BE WORTH GRANTING HIM PAROLE STATUS. FEEL HE WOULD COOPERATE IN FULL DEBRIEFING AND PROVIDE USEFUL INFO. SUGGEST COMBINATION OF AMRAIN, AMSNAKE AND T WOULD PROVIDE ALMOST ONE HUNDRED PERCENT ^{CO} COVERAGE OF CUBAN SUGAR INDUSTRY AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY. DECISION ON T DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE IMMEDIATELY BUT SHOULD BE DONE SOON. IN MEANTIME WILL KEEP ABREAST DEVELOPMENTS VIA BAIRN.

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88049 AMSNAKE T SOVIET CUBAN \$20,000,000 SOVIETS T T BAIRN NOT YET
1200 28 RAUL VOLTA OSMANI MARTINEZ T T VOLTA NO SUGGESTION T NO IDEA
T AMRAIN AMSNAKE T T NOT HAVE BAIRN

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X WILL ASSIST WITH VISA.

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