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1. STATION MIAMI HAS BEEN TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR MANY WEEKS TO IDENTIFY WHAT MAY BE TWO CUBAN ILLEGALS RESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES (NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AREA AND/OR MIAMI). THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FNU Q U E S A D A ROMAN AND FNU C E P E D A. ~~MESSAGE~~-1 ALLEGEDLY HAS HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH QUESADA ROMAN BUT SEEMS KNOW LITTLE ABOUT DEPEDA. WE ARE 90 PERCENT SURE THAT THE NAME QUESADA ROMAN IS AN ALIAS, AND CEPEDA BEING AS COMMON AS IT IS LEAVES US NOWHERE. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ~~MESSAGE~~-1 KNOWS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF QUESADA, BUT SHE HAS REFUSED TO TELL US AND ADDITIONALLY HAS PROVIDED CONFUSING AS WELL AS CONFLICTING INFORMATION ON HIM. SORTING OUT ~~MESSAGE~~-1'S STATEMENTS ON QUESADA, WE BELIEVE SOME OF THE FOLLOWING MAY BE TRUE. TO WIT:

A. HE IS 35-40 YEARS OF AGE, DARK HAIR, WHITE SKIN, SLIM BUT STRONG BUILD, HEIGHT APPARENTLY 5 FEET 8 TO 10 INCHES (APPROX). MAY HAVE A BIRTHMARK OR SCAR ON UPPER LEFT SIDE FOREHEAD. ON RIGHT SIDE

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OF NECK AND SMALL BLUE DISCOLORATIONS OR SCARS RESULTING FROM EXPLOSION OF A DEMOLITION DEVICE IN VENEZUELA. QUESADA ALLEGEDLY A SABOTAGE DEMOLITION EXPERT AMONG OTHER THINGS. WAS ACTIVE SOMETIME DURING 60 IN SABOTAGE VENEZUELAN OIL FIELDS. DURING ONE OPERATION THERE WAS PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF DEMOLITION DEVICE WHICH PLANTED SHRAPNEL FRAGMENTS IN HIS NECK WHICH STILL WORK TO THE SURFACE FROM TIME TO TIME AND ARE EXTRACTED.

B. HE ALLEGEDLY SERVED IN MEXICO SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD 63-66 AND MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE EMBASSY. HE WAS DESCRIBED BY MESSAGE-1 AS A SPECIALIST PROBABLY IN SABOTAGE, EXECUTIVE ACTION, ETC., BUT ALSO COULD BE A SPECIALIST VIS A VIS THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO ALLEGEDLY TRAVELLED TO PANAMA EITHER LATE 63 OR EARLY 64 AROUND THE TIME OF THE PANAMA RIOTS. THIS COULD MEAN THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH RICO G A L A N NOW SERVING A PRISON SENTENCE IN MEXICO. MESSAGE-1 ALSO TOSSED THE WAR NAMES OSCAR AND GABRIEL

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AROUND AS RELATING TO THIS PERSON, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE SNOW. THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THE PERSON SHE DISCUSSED MAY BE ROGELIO R O D R I - G U E Z LOPEZ WHO SERVED IN MEXICO CITY DURING THAT PERIOD AND SPECIALIZED ON CENTRAL AMERICA.

ADDRESSEES WILL PROBABLY REMBER THAT ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ, WHO LNERGO DESCRIBES AS A HIGHLY COMPETENT AND DANGEROUS CASE OFFICER, WAS PNGED OUT OF NEW YORK SOMETIME AGO IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GIRL WHO WAS REPORTING ON THE DIPLOMATIC COLONY IN WASHINGTON. STATION MIAMI ALSO NOTES THAT ABELARDO C U R B E L O PARDON SERVED IN MEXIC^P ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

C. RE VENEZUELA: ~~HY~~SAGE-1 DESCRIBES HIM ONLY AS HAVING LIVED AS AN ILLEGAL IN VENEZUELA FOR SOME TIME AND SERVING SUCCESSFULLY AS A SABOTAGE TRAINER AND/OR IMPLEMENTOR OF SABOTAGE OPERATIONS. SHE HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE WAS THERE DURING THE MOST ACTIVE PERIOD OF SABOTAGE, WHICH SHE RECALLS WASH DURING THE EARLY 60S. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE

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TRUE. THE PERSON IN QUESTION COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE BRAVO GROUP IN LATE 60S. MIAMI'S RECORDS OF SABOTAGE OPERATIONS IN VENEZUELA PRIOR TO 1968 ARE INCOMPLETE. CARACAS, THEREFORE, MAY BE ABLE TO ISOLATE TWO OR THREE PERSONS WHO FIT THIS GENERAL CRITERIA FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

D. HYSAGE-1 ALLEGES THAT QUESADA WAS IN NEW YORK CITY AREA AND MET WITH HER DURING THE WEEK OF 13 SEPTEMBER. IF THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED, IT MIGHT ELIMINATE ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ (DEPENDING UPON HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS) AS A PRIME CANDIDATE.

FOR HEADQUARTERS: STATION MIAMI WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING PICTURES OF THE CUBAN COUNTER-SURVEILLANCE PERSON WHO APPARENTLY COVERED HYSAGE-1 DURING THE PERIOD SHE DELIVERED A LETTER TO PONCHAYS HOTEL. BELIEVE BOTH HEADQUARTERS AND MIAMI SHOULD STUDY HIM AGAINST THE MUG BOOK.

3. REALIZE THE FOREGOING IS MOST TENUOUS AND INCOMPLETE. WILL APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN GIVE US IN THIS IDENTIFICATION.

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