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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO PRIORITY MEXICO CITY

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- REFS: A. DIRECTOR 268527
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1. 4 AUGUST EDITION OF MADRID DAILY "EL PAIS" CARRIED ⁰⁴ A HALF COLUMN ARTICLE CONCERNING [ALBERTO CESAR AUGUSTO RODRIGUEZ GALLEGOS] CIA AFFILIATION. HEADLINE READS: "SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE BERLITZ ACADEMY IN MADRID -- A CUBAN EXILE DENIES HIS ASSOCIATION WITH CIA." THE BYLINE IS EFE. ⁰⁴ (SAME ARTICLE ALSO CARRIED BY MADRID DAILY "YA"). ARTICLE IDENTIFIES [RODRIGUEZ] IN FULL NAME, BY NATIONALITY, AND THROUGH HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AT BERLITZ. ARTICLE STATES HE CATEGORICALLY DENIES ANY ASSOCIATION WITH CIA, JOKINGLY BRUSHING OFF THE ⁰⁴ ACCUSATION AS ABSURD. ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT [RODRIGUEZ] LIVED IN MEXICO FROM 1960-1972 AS A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL, BUT IN ACTUALITY WAS BORN IN CUBA ON 6 NOVEMBER 1922. CITING THE "YOUTH ACCUSES IMPERIALISM" ⁰⁴ DOCUMENT, THE EFE ARTICLE STATES THAT IN 1961 [RODRIGUEZ] RESIDED IN A BUILDING LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE CUBAN MISSION IN MEXICO CITY, WHERE HE CONDUCTED AN EXPIONAGE MISSION FOR THE CIA. ARTICLE ENDS WITH STRONG DENIAL BY [RODRIGUEZ] ⁰⁴ HE DID NOT DENY HAVING LIVED IN MEXICO DURING THE PERIOD 1960-1972. [RODRIGUEZ] JOKINGLY TOLD EFE, "NOWADAYS, HALF THE WORLD WORKS FOR THE CIA."

2. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED PER PARA 2, REF A ON 4 AUGUST. IF DIRECTOR OF BERLITZ RETURNS TO MISSION, CONSULAR OFFICER

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MS. ISELA BULNES BURGET WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PER PARA 3,
REF A INSTRUCTIONS.

3. IN VIEW OF [RODRIGUEZ]⁰⁴ DENIAL, DOES HQS STILL WISH
STATION TO CONTACT [RODRIGUEZ]⁰⁴ PER PARA 4 REF A.

4. FILE: 201-0288248. E2 IMPDET

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