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- REF'S HQS AGREES IN PRINCIPLE THAT INFILTRATION INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDE PSYCH IMPACT AS WELL AS UNIFYING INFLUENCE SCATTERED DISSIDENT ELEMENTS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE. HOWEVER BELIEVE AMBIDDY ONE SUITABILITY THIS MISSION IS QUESTIONABLE.
- OPINION HERE IS THAT SIGNIFICANT PSYCH EFFECT BE GAINED ONLY BY REAPPEARANCE OF POLIT OR MILIT FIGURE WITH NATIONAL STATURE CAPABLE CREATING SENSATION THAT BIG EVENTS IN OFFING. SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AMBIDDY WAS MOST OBSCURE FIGURE PRIOR DEFECTION AND WHILE RESPECTED AND ADMIRER HIS CIRCLES (YOUNG CATHOLIC GROUPS), HIS TOTAL REPUTATION LARGELY OUR OWN MAKING AS MEMBER AMCIGAR. IF THIS REALISTICALLY TRANSLATED INTO TERS PROBABLE IMPACT HIS RETURN CUBA, MUST CONCLUDE IT BE SLIGHT.
- SIMILARLY FEEL AMBIDDY LACKING IN QUALITIES NEEDED EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZE GUERRILLA FORCES. HE HAS ONLY SMATTERING MILIT TRNG HIS BACKGROUND AND DOES NOT MEASURE UP AS SEASONED SOLDIER WHICH SUCH A MISSION REQUIRES.
- IN LIGHT THESE AMBIDDY LIMITATIONS AND ALSO IN CONSIDERATION SECURITY RISKS INCURRED BY REASON AMBIDDY VAST FUND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE AMRASP ORGANIZATION, INSTALLATIONS, PEPRIME CONNECTIONS, CANNOT APPROVE HIS ASSIGNMENT.

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5. HOWEVER HQS WISHES PURSUE GENERAL PURPOSES PROPOSED MISSTION AND ATTEMPT ENLIST MORE SUITABLE INDIVIDUALS. NOTWITHSTANDING DIFFICULTIES WITH AMBIDY AND FACT THAT HE TO DEGREE INCOMPATIBLE, FEEL HE WOULD CREATE DESIRED EFFECT AS POLIT FIGURE AND MIGHT HAVE SUFFICIENT ABILITY CONSOLIDATE GUERRILLA FORCES. WHILE SAME SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AS ABOVE APPLY FEEL THAT CALCULATED RISK PREFERED MORE WARRANTED THAN CASE AMBIDY. THIS FEEL CAREFUL SCHEDING MAY BE TAKEN AMBIDY. NO FIRM COMMITMENTS TO BE MADE AT MOMENT.

6. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NEXT STEP.

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WH COMMENT: \* Ref set forth tentative plan to infiltrate AMBIDY into Pinar del Rio Province at Rio San Diego.

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