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TO **PRIORITY MADRID** MEXICO CITY INFO PRIORITY WH/MIAMI
TYPIC AMCHALK

1. ON 7 MAY WODISH HQS INFORMED THEY HAD REPORT FROM LOCAL SOURCE THAT A MAJOR FELIX GUIN, HIGH OFFICER MINFAR, WAS IN MEXICO AND WISHED DEFECT. SOURCE, WHO REPORTEDLY GOT INFO FROM GUIN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW IN CHICAGO, SAID GUIN HAD ARRIVED MEXICO RECENTLY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND WISHED DEFECT BECAUSE FEARED PURGES AT HOME. SAID GUIN STAYING AT HOTEL PANUCO IN MEXICO CITY, AND ADDED BROTHER-IN-LAW HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DEPT STATE MORNING 7 MAY.

2. HQS UNABLE IDENTIFY MAJOR FELIX GUIN, AND INFORMAL CHECK WITH STATE INDICATED NO ONE THERE AWARE OF CASE. IN FURTHER ATTEMPTING IDENTIFY FELIX GUIN, HQS PULLED FILE ON COMANDANTE RAMON TOMAS GUIN DIAZ (201-142291). ONLY ITEM IN FILE SINCE MARCH 66 IS VISA ACTION REQUEST FROM AMEMB MADRID WHICH APPARENTLY FILED DIRECTLY IN RID AND NOT FORWARDED DESK. VISA ACTION REQUEST DATED 10 MAR 69 AND NOTATIONS THEREON

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INDICATE NO DEROG TRACE RETURNED TO STATE 21 MARCH.

3. WODISH SOURCE RECONTACTED 8 MAY TO DOUBLE CHECK NAME FELIX. SOURCE SAID GUIN'S FRIEND'S KNEW HIM AS FELIX BUT BELIEVED REAL FIRST NAME WAS RAMON. CHECK OF PHONE BOOKS REVEALS THERE IS A HOTEL PANUCO IN MEXICO CITY BUT NONE IN MADRID.

4. BACKGROUND ON RAMON GUIN DIAZ FOLLOWS. RECRUITED IN CUBA APR 63 ON BEHALF WOFIRM BY AMCHALK-5, DIRECTED TO REPORT ON DISSIDENT MILITARY OFFICERS VIA SW. GUIN APPARENTLY MADE LITTLE OR NO USE OF SW BECAUSE OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN SYSTEM. LATER BECAME INVOLVED WITH ROLANDO CUBELAS, ANOTHER WOFIRM AGENT. CUBELAS BECAME INVOLVED IN MANUEL ARTIME PLOT (WHICH WAS NOT WOFIRM SPONSORED) TO ASSASSINATE FIDEL CASTRO, AND WAS ARRESTED IN EARLY 66 ALONG WITH GUIN AND OTHERS.

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MOMENT DETERMINE SENTENCE, BUT TRIAL TRANSCRIPT REVEALS PROSECUTION REQUESTED 30 YEARS FOR BOTH CUBELAS AND GUIN.

5. HAVE NO TRAVEL RECORD RAMON GUIN DIAZ, BUT HAVE RECORD OF ONE RAMON GUIN ARENAL TRAVELING HAVANA-MADRID 19 JAN 69 ON CUBAN PP 012262. FROM GUIN'S VISA REQUEST MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE, ARENAL IS HIS WIFE'S PATRONYMIC.

6. REQUEST QUKETCH AND LICOMET OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATION ASSETS BE REQUESTED ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RAMON GUIN DIAZ WITHOUT SHOWING U.S. GOVT INTEREST. AS BEST WE CAN PIECE TOGETHER AT THIS POINT, SUBJ APPARENTLY ARRIVED MADRID 19 JAN, APPLIED FOR U.S. VISA, THEN TRAVELED MEXICO AND IS AT HOTEL PANUCO THERE. MOST OBVIOUS QUESTION WE WOULD LIKE ANSWERED IS HOW AND WHY GUIN GOT OUT OF JAIL, GOT PASSPORT AND WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE CUBA. ALSO INTERESTED CURRENT STATUS CUBELAS.

7. ALSO REQUEST MADRID CHECK WITH EMBASSY ON PARA 2 VISA REQUEST AND DETERMINE WHAT ACTION TAKEN ON IT.

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