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B MASH 1725, PARA 2 (IN 44543) **

C MASH 1770 (IN 45795) ***

1. JULIO MESTRE MEMBER MDC DIRECTORATE HERE, CONTACTED STA 22 NOV AND RELATED FOLL:

A. HE AND JESUS FERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ, HAD BEEN WORKING PAST THREE NIGHTS AT HOME OF SARAH EMELINE HERNANDEZ CATA Y GALT ON "OPERATION UNITY". OBJECTIVE OF OPS IS CREATE DRAMATIC SHOW HERE WHICH WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT MANOLO RAY IS WRONG WHEN HE TELLING CONTACTS IN U.S. THAT HIS GROUP ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF ACTION AND WHICH WILL CREATE INCIDENT HERE DEMANDING COMBINED FOLLOW THROUGH BY MRR, AUTENTICOS, MDC, MAR AND OTHERS DUE THEY WILL HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE THAN FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL.

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B. OPS INVOLVES JESUS FERNANDEZ AND SIX EMPLOYEES CUBAN ELECTRIC COMPANY PROCEEDING TO MAIN CONTROL CENTER CUBAN ELECTRIC COMPANY AT TALLAPIEDRA AND BLOWING IT UP WITH PLASTIC DEMOLITIONS WHICH THEY HAVE OBTAINED FROM AMPAN-1. RESULTS WILL BE BLACK OUT OF HAVANA AND SANTA CLARA FOR THREE TO SIX MONTHS. DEMOLITION WILL BE TIMED FOR 2300 HRS 23, 24 OR 25 NOV. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW DEMOLITION AMPAN-1 WILL MEET WITH SABOTAGE REPS MRR, MDC, AND AUTENTICOS AND DISTRIBUTE 200 HUNDRED BOMBS WHICH ARE ON HAND AND WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT HAVANA WITH PRINCIPAL TARGETS HAVANA PORT AREA AND PSP OFFICES. FERNANDEZ WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH ALMENDARES RIVER WHERE 20 FT BOAT WILL BE WAITING AND WILL HEAD DUE NORTH FOR KEY WEST. BRAZ AND HAVA LEITAO D. CUNHA IS COOPERATING IN OPS AND WILL ESCORT MESTRE TO AIRPORT HERE AND ACCOMPANY HIM TO MIAMI ON EVE OF THE OPS. USING BRAZ DIP POUCH AND GOOD OFFICES MESTRE CLAIMS HAS RECD ASSURANCES FROM ROMULO BETANCOURT THAT HE WILL SUPPORT ANTI-CASTRO REVOLUTION ONCE STARTED.

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2. MESTRE REQUESTED VISA ASSIST HERNANDEZ CATA AND HER MOTHER AND SAID OPS CONTINGENT UPON HIS GUARANTEEING FERNANDEZ THAT BOAT HE FLEEING IN WOULD BE MET. ARETZ TOLD MESTRE THAT IT IMPOSSIBLE GUARANTEE BOAT WOULD BE MET AND EFFORT WOULD BE MADE LOOK INTO VISA ASSIST. MESTRE AWARE OF HERNANDEZ PAST COOPERATION WITH COMMIES BUT TRUSTS HER THOROUGHLY, SAYING THAT SHE HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO MDC FROM HER CURRENT POSITION IN MIN OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. ARETZ NOTED THAT PLAN APPEARED POORLY COORDINATED ASSURE FOLLOW UP TO EVENT IF IT DOES TAKE PLACE AND IT MAY PRECIPITATE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OPPOSITION BY A DESPERATE CASTRO. MESTRE STATED PLAN HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED FRD MIAMI AND AMPALM-5² INTENTIONALLY LEFT OUT BUT OPS FULLY COORDINATED HERE AMONG FRD SABOTAGE CHIEFS BY AMPAN-1.

3. BRAZ EMB SEC LAGOS ON 22 NOV TOLD EMB POL OFFICER WAYNE SMITH THAT MANOLO RAY GROUP PLANNING BLOW UP MAIN POWER PLANT OF CUBAN ELECTRIC AT 2300 HRS 22 NOV. SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY TALKED WITH THE 6 MEN (NOT IDENTIFIED) WHO WERE TO CARRY OUT THE SABOTAGE. ON FIRST VISIT TO SMITH LAGOS INDICATED THAT RAY GROUP HAD EXPECTED RECEIVE CARGO OF EXPLOSIVES ON NIGHT 21 NOV BUT BOAT DID NOT ARRIVE. INTIMATED THIS MIGHT CAUSE POSTPONEMENT FOR FEW DAYS. ON LATER VISIT TO SMITH LAGOS SAID POWER PLANT ALREADY MINED AND ACTION WOULD TAKE PLACE ON 22 NOV AS SCHEDULED. ALTHOUGH MESTRE DESCRIBES THIS AS AN OP TO "SHOW UP" MANOLO RAY GROUP INFO AT HAND AND REFS WOULD INDICATE THIS IS A COORDINATED EFFORT OF MANY GROUPS INCLUDING HRP.

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4. STA AWARE THAT AMRUNG-1 HAD APPOINTED AMPAN-1 AS CHIEF ACTION AND SAB FOR HAVANA AREA AND HAD PROVIDED HIM PLASTIC OBTAINED FROM LAS VILLAS AND MULATA OPS. MSG RECD FROM AMPAN-1 AFTERNOON 22 NOV CONFIRMS PLAN BLOW UP POWER PLANT, TRANSFORMERS, GAS STAS, AND TRUCKS, ETC., ON NIGHT 22 OR 23 NOV.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: Ray's request for one hundred and fifty lbs of c-3 to be used in a sabotage effort in Havana.

** MASH reported that the targets for the effort were the electric plant and one of the TV stations in Havana.

*** MASH stated that the operation was postponed 48 hours because of boat repairs.

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