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PRIORITY DIR CITE SALV 5284
WH DIV CUBA CUBAN DEFECTOR

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24 [LIAISON] ARRANGEMENTS FOR ~~██████████~~ DALTON INTERROGATION INVOLVED BOTH ~~██████████~~ (INTEL SERVICE) AND ~~██████████~~ BOTH OF WHOM COMMUNICATED WITH ~~██████████~~ (COJUTAPEQUE) ~~██████████~~ (LIAISON) 24 CIA OFFICER

~~██████████~~ ARRIVED AFTER DARK 23 SEPT. INTERROGATION DELAYED BECAUSE ARRANGEMENTS NOT WELL LAID ON. DALTON KEPT SOLITARY UNDER STREET-LEVEL IN CELL WITHOUT LIGHTS, SUFFERING STOMACH AILMENT. INTERROGATION TOOK PLACE IN LARGE "BULL PEN" WHICH WAS ONLY AVAILABLE SPACE

~~██████████~~ (POLICE) 24 OFFICIAL SILENTLY WANDERED IN AND OUT OCCASIONALLY DURING INTERVIEW.

2. DALTON DENIED INTEL TRAINING AND TRIED LEGALISTIC DEFENSE WHICH HE SOON ABANDONED WHEN CONFRONTED WITH EVIDENCE. THEN COWERED, SAYING HE INTERESTED ONLY IN CULTURAL MATTERS AND WRITING WHILE CUBA; KEPT REPEATING HE SORRY HE EVER BECAME INVOLVED ALL OF THIS AND WANTS ONLY GET OUT OF SALV, NEVER RETURN, NEVER AGAIN ENGAGE IN POLITICS. SAID LAST HEARD FROM MAURICIO DE LA SELVA ^{and from sister} ABOUT MONTH AGO AND ONLY ABOUT HER STUDIES AND INCONSEQUENTIAL ACTIVITIES. HE APPEARED HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF ~~██████████~~ CUBAN DEFECTOR DEFECTION AND SEEMED STUNNED AT CONFRONTATION WITH SOME OF OWN BOSS AND ~~██████████~~ CIA OFFICER KNOWLEDGE OF TRAINING

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AND MOVEMENTS. CIA OFFICER 2 [REDACTED] ATTRIBUTED THESE TO LONG INTEREST IN SUBJECT AND TO UNSPECIFIED INSIDE SOURCES. THERE WERE PERIODS WHEN [REDACTED] DALTON

SHOOK HEAD DEJECTEDLY KEEPING SILENT OR MUTTERING "I CANNOT TELL."

CIA OFFICER

DALTON

[REDACTED] EMPHASIZED [REDACTED] SITUATION HOPELESS UNLESS HE TELLS ALL

TRUTHFULLY IN WHICH CASE THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO SALVAGE HIS CAREER, DO SOMETHING WORTHWHILE AND LIVE COMFORTABLY. [REDACTED] DALTON

RECOGNIZED HOPELESS FLIGHT, SAID ARMY WOULD CUT HIS HEAD OFF IF MADE

AWARE OF EVIDENCE. CIA OFFICER [REDACTED] DALTON TOLD [REDACTED] REFUSAL TALK WILL RESULT IN

COMPANIONS BEING GIVEN OPPORTUNITY IN WHICH CASE THEY WOULD TELL ALL,

LEAVING HIM TO FACE CONSEQUENCES WITH NOTHING TO OFFER AND NO CHANCE

TO ESCAPE. DALTON [REDACTED] CIA OFFICER [REDACTED] I BEGGED [REDACTED] NOT TO QUESTION HIM AGAIN, WAS

INNERVED AND SHAKEN. PARA 1 SITUATION DID NOT HELP HIM BUT DID NOT

HELP EFFORTS TO GAIN CONFIDENCE.

3. MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER INTERVIEW HOPEFULLY UNDER BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES. IF RESPONSE NOT FAVORABLE, CAN USE [REDACTED] CUGAN DEFECTOR TO CONFRONT.

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