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... AND SEVERAL HUNDRED MERCENARIES GATHERED IN GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, AND

HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: IN EARLY MARCH 1964 [AN OFFICIAL SPANISH SERVICE] (S) (U) (P) THAT ARISMENDI ESTEBAN, WAS UNOFFICIALLY PLANNING TO RECRUIT MERCENARIES IN HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, AND GUATEMALA AND TRANSPORT THEM TO HAITI FOR AN INTERVIEW OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHEN AN AGREED SIGNAL FROM DOMINICAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS RECEIVED. A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE IN GUATEMALA REPORTED IN LATE MAY 1964 THAT ARISMENDI ESTEBAN; PEDRO V. TRUJILLO MOLINA, BROTHER OF ARISMENDI; PEDRO TRUJILLO NICOLAS, UNCLE OF PEDRO; AND FAULINO A. SIMERA MARTINEZ, A CUBAN EXILE NOW IN GUATEMALA, HAVE TALKED OF LEAVING GUATEMALA FOR NICARAGUA TO CONTACT MANUEL ARTIGAS FUENSA, LEADER OF THE CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATION MOVIMIENTO DE RESURRECCION REVOLUCIONARIA (MR - MOVIMIENTO POR REVOLUCIONARIA RECUPERACION), TO DISCUSS THE CUBAN SITUATION; THE TRUJILLOS WOULD THEN TRY TO GO TO HAITI TO ORGANIZE 2,000 MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO AID THE CUBAN EXILES IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECONQUER CUBA. SOURCE ADDED THAT ARTIGAS WAS ASKED ARISMENDI TRUJILLO SEVERAL TIMES TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM. ARISMENDI TRUJILLO HE IS SURE THAT HE CAN COUNT ON AT LEAST 2,000 MEN AND THAT PROBABLY HE CAN RECRUIT MORE.)

2. THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT WILL SOON ASK ARISMENDI TO LEAVE GUATEMALA, AS A RESULT OF A REQUEST RECEIVED FROM THE DOMINICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. ARISMENDI WILL TRY TO ENTER NICARAGUA OR HAITI, NEITHER OF WHICH WILL GRANT HIM A VISA. ARISMENDI WILL THEN RETURN TO SPAIN. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: ON 1 APRIL 1964, THE NICARAGUAN

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GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO GRANT ARISMENDI A RESIDENCE VISA. HOWEVER, [AN OFFICIAL SPANISH SOURCE] REPORTED IN TDCS-3/575,900 THAT HAITIAN PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ANY FIGHTING BY ARISMENDI IN HAITI AND THAT HE WOULD EVEN SUPPLY HAITIAN MERCENARIES IN RETURN FOR TWO MILLION DOLLARS DEPOSITED IN A BANK OF HIS, DUVALIER'S, CHOICE.)

5. SEE TDCS-3/580,175 AND TDCS-3/575,900 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUJILLOS REGARDING AN OVERTHROW OF THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT.

6. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, NAVY, AIR (SANTO DOMINGO, GUATEMALA CITY, MANAGUA, PORT-AU-PRINCE), CINCSO, CINCLANT.

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