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CABLE TO HAVANA
RE: JUAN FERNANDEZ DE CASTRO RODRIGUEZ
GEORGE L. VALDES AMABLE, AKA.
Jorge Valdez
ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS

THEY DISCUSSED PLOT TO ABDUCT MASFERRER AND AGENT WAS OFFERED TWO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IF SUCCESSFUL. VALDES INDICATED CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ANNOUNCE MASFERRER'S CAPTURE WHILE ENGAGED IN INVASION OF CUBA. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, SUBJECTS WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST BY MIAMI, COMPLAINT HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY AUSA CHARGING CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE KIDNAPPING STATUTE. COMMISSIONER'S HEARING SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF JANUARY TWO EIGHT. NO INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MM SIX THREE FIVE -S AND NOT KNOWN IF SOURCE PLANNED TO ADVISE US BUT THIS ACTION PRECLUDED BY RAPID SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING ARRESTS ISSUED TODAY AND DETAILED FACTS GIVEN TO STATE, CIA, MILITARY AGENCIES, INS AND DEPARTMENT. IMMEDIATELY FURNISH SUMMARY OF DATA TO RANKING EMBASSY OFFICIAL AND PROMPTLY ADVISE BUREAU OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED BY YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THIS SITUATION, INCLUDING REACTION OF CASTRO REGIME OR POSSIBLE REPRISALS. X(U)

NOTE: Memorandum Donahoe to Belmont 1/28/60 sets forth full facts in this matter. Fernandez is identical with MM 635-S. Identities of various persons referred to herein are already well-known to Legat, Havana. Cable being sent via State Department leased line at no cost to Bureau. U. S. Ambassador to Cuba Bonsal is presently in U. S. X(U)

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