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ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES

ON 1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION/24 JULY '63, SALVADOR ROMANI, REPRESENTATIVE IN VENEZUELA OF CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATION COMANDO UNIFICADO DE LA LIBERACION EN CUBA (UNITED COMMAND OF CUBAN LIBERATION - CULC), CLAIMED THAT A SMALL NUMBER CUBAN EXILES HAD ALREADY MOVED FROM MIAMI TO NICARAGUA. IN EXILE CIRCLES IT IS BELIEVED THIS ACTION REFLECTS A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENT SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA AND MANUEL ARTIME, SECRETARY GENERAL OF EXILE GROUP MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY - MRR). ROMANI DID NOT KNOW DETAILS OF AGREEMENT. IF IT ENTAILS ESTABLISHMENT OF A LARGE-SCALE EXILE MILITARY BASE IN NICARAGUA,

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OTHER EXILE GROUPS WILL AWAIT REACTION OF UNITED STATES BEFORE DECIDING THEIR OWN COURSE OF ACTION.

2. NUCLEUS<sup>OF</sup>/SUCH A BASE WOULD BE DRAWN FROM THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND EXILES WHO, ACCORDING TO ROMANI, HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED MILITARY TRAINING FROM MEMBERS<sup>OF</sup>/U.S. ARMED FORCES. ROMANI CLAIMED U.S. POLICY IS TO FERMENT INTERNAL RESISTANCE IN CUBA AND<sup>TO</sup>/STRENGTHEN THE RESISTANCE BY INFILTRATION OF TRAINED COMMANDO GROUPS OF EXILES. FOR THIS REASON THE U.S. CONTINUES<sup>TO</sup>/GIVE TACIT SUPPORT FOR TRAINING OF EXILE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

3. ROMANI MADE FOLLOWING REVIEW OF POLICIES OF PRINCIPAL EXILE PARTIES:

(A) CULC IS CONCENTRATING ON DISSEMINATION<sup>OF</sup>/ANTI-CASTRO PROPAGANDA IN CUBA TO PREPARE GROUND FOR INSURRECTION. IT FAVORS INFILTRATION<sup>OF</sup>/SMALL MILITARY GROUPS BUT REJECTS A GENERAL INVASION.

(B) ~~JURE~~ <sup>FOREIGN</sup> (JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA), LED BY MANUEL ~~RAY~~, CONSIDERS <sup>FOREIGN</sup> THE PRINCIPLE REQUIREMENT IS TO SECURE SUPPORT OF DISCONTENTED ELEMENTS IN CUBAN MILITIA AND ARMED FORCES.

~~(C)~~ ALLIANCE OF ~~MRP~~ <sup>FOREIGN</sup> (MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO POPULAR), SECOND FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY AND ~~ALPHA 66~~, SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF HIT-AND-RUN RAIDS ON CUBAN MAINLAND IN ORDER<sup>TO</sup>/MAINTAIN MORALE OF RESISTANCE FORCES IN CUBA.

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