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SOURCE A CUBAN EXILE WHO WAS PROMINENT IN POLITICS AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL IN CUBA, SOURCE IS WELL KNOWN BY THE CUBAN EXILES AND HAS REPORTED OBJECTIVELY ON THEIR POLITICAL MANEUVERS. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM FRANCISCO L. FESSER.

1. ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1963 FRANCISCO L. FESSER SAID THAT HE HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS DURING THE PAST 10 DAYS AT PRIO'S MIAMI BEACH HOME. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: FESSER IS A CUBAN EXILE WHO HAS HAD PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH PRIO.) ACCORDING TO FESSER, PRIO OFFERED HIM THE JOB OF SETTING UP A TYPE OF GENERAL STAFF WHICH WOULD BE COMPOSED OF PROFESSIONAL CUBAN ARMY OFFICERS WHO ARE NOW LIVING IN EXILE. THESE MEN ARE TO BE OFFICERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CHARGED AS WAR CRIMINALS DURING THE BATISTA REGIME AND WHO WOULD DIRECT THE MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST CUBA FROM

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<p>VARIOUS CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.</p> <p>2. FESSER SAID HE HAD SEVERAL TALKS WITH FORMER COLONEL EDUARDO ERNESTO <u>MARTIN Y ELENA</u>, FORMER COLONEL PEDRO A. <u>VALDIVIA ROMERO</u> AND LIEUTENANT SAENZ (PNU); SAENZ, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS PERSONAL VALOR, WAS CHOSEN TO COMPLEMENT MARTIN ELENA WHO IS KNOWN MORE FOR HIS CAPABILITY THAN FOR HIS VALOR. FESSER SAID THE AIM IS TO DIVIDE CUBA MILITARILY INTO THREE SECTORS: EASTERN, CENTRAL, AND WESTERN.</p> <p>3. ACCORDING TO FESSER, THE GROUP HAS ADEQUATE ARMS FOR THE OPERATIONS WHICH IT WANTS TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1963. THE GROUP ALSO HAS BOATS AND PLANES. WHEN THE ACTION STARTS THERE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE ISLAND, NOT LESS THAN FOUR A DAY. THESE ATTACKS WILL BEHAVE TO SOFTEN THE ISLAND IN PREPARATION FOR A LANDING. FESSER MENTIONED THAT JOSE ANTONIO LUCO, A FRIEND OF PRIO, HAS PURCHASED ARMS AND AIRPLANES DURING THE PAST MONTH IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND ITALY.</p> <p>4. ACCORDING TO FESSER, ORLANDO <u>PUENTE PEREZ</u>, PRIO'S SECRETARY, TRAVELED TO JAPAN DURING THE PAST MONTH IN ORDER TO BUY SPEED BOATS AND MOTHER SHIPS. FESSER SAID THAT PRIO HAS ASSURED HIM THAT HE HAS 10 MILLION DOLLARS WITH WHICH TO START OPERATIONS, AND THAT HE HAS MILITARY BASES IN HAITI, VENEZUELA,</p>		
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<p> COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS, AND GUATEMALA. FESSER ADDED THAT PRIO FEELS CERTAIN HE CAN CARRY OUT HIS PLANS AND DESTROY CASTRO. </p> <p> 5. FESSER SAID THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIO THE LATTER SPOKE DISPARAGINGLY OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. PRIO SAID THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO BEGIN THE STRUGGLE OUTSIDE THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SINCE ANY OTHER COURSE OF ACTION WOULD ALLOW CASTRO AND THE SOVIET UNION (SIC) TO FALL UNDER AMERICAN DOMINATION, WHICH WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR THE CUBANS. PRIO SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT A SITUATION OF BEING AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HE PASSIVELY ALLOW A PUPPET GOVERNMENT TO BE SET UP IN CUBA. </p> <p> 6. FESSER SAID THAT PRIO IS TRYING TO CONVINCING THE WEALTHY CUBANS IN EXILE THAT, IF THEY WANT TO RECOUP THEIR RICHES IN CUBA IN THE FUTURE, THEY MUST CONTRIBUTE SOME OF THEIR WEALTH. IF THEY DO NOT, THEY WILL ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO UTILIZE A FEW CUBANS TO TOPPLE CASTRO AND ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOOSING, AS WAS DONE IN JAPAN AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN PROCEED TO MAKE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGES WHICH WOULD COST THEM THEIR WEALTH. </p> <p> 7. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, FBI, CINCSO, CINCLANT. </p> <p style="text-align: center;">END OF MESSAGE</p>		
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