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SUPDATA SOURCE CIARK-1 FROM CORO. ACCORDING TO CORO, THE NAMES OF THE TWO VENEZUELAN S WERE CIARK-1 AND HIS BROTHER. CIARK-1 SAID HE WOULD BE GOING TO MIAMI IN A FEW DAYS AND WOULD MEET WITH PRIO. FILED 19214ØZ
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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE MEETING BETWEEN ROMULO BETANCOURT, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA, AND CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF CUBA. DOI 18 SEPT-

EMER 63 PADA VENEZUELA CARACAS 18 SEPTEMBER 63 HVC-2789 APPR 3. SOURCE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (F) FROM JOSE R. CORO, A CUBAN EXILE AND ASSOCIATE OF CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF CUBA. SOURCE IS WELL-KNOWN BY THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY, AND PRIO REQUESTED CORO TO PASS THE BELOW INFORMATION TO SOURCE.

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COUNTRY	CUBA / VENEZUELA / NICARAGUA	REPORT NO.	TDCS-3/559,496
SUBJECT	STATEMENTS OF A VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CONCERNING THE MEETING BETWEEN BETANCOURT AND FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT PRIO	DATE DISTR.	20 SEPTEMBER 1963
DATE OF INFO.	18 SEPTEMBER 1963	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	VENEZUELA, CARACAS (18 SEPTEMBER 1963)	REFERENCES	IN 23501
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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE A MEDIUM LEVEL VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (F) WITH CONTACTS AMONG CUBAN EXILES, FROM JOSE R. CORO, A CUBAN EXILE AND ASSOCIATE OF CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF CUBA. SOURCE IS WELL KNOWN BY THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY, AND PRIO REQUESTED CORO TO PASS THE INFORMATION TO SOURCE.

1. CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF CUBA, SAID ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1963 THAT ROMULO BETANCOURT, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA, AT A BREAKFAST MEETING THAT MORNING HAD INDICATED TO PRIO THAT HE (BETANCOURT) WAS IN FAVOR OF PRIO'S NEW CUBAN EXILE GROUP WHICH WAS TO BE BASED IN MANAGUA, NICARAGUA. PRIO SAID THAT PRESIDENT BETANCOURT DID NOT PROMISE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE BUT DID ASSURE HIM THAT NO VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WOULD PUBLICLY CRITICIZE THE EXILE GROUP. EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD BE BASED IN NICARAGUA WITH BEHIND-THE-SCENE SPONSORSHIP BY LUIS SOMOZA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA. PRIO SAID THAT THE NAMES OF TWO VENEZUELAN WERE MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS

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BETWEEN THE MANAGUA HEADQUARTERS AND PRIO'S SUPPORTERS IN VENEZUELA.
(FIELD COMMENT: SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THE COMPLETE NAME OF PRIO'S
GROUP OTHER THAN IT INCLUDED THE WORDS "CUBAN" AND "DEMOCRATIC.")

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