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DYVOUR PERUMEN DEVISTA

1. DEVISTA/1, ITALIAN LEFTIST-KNOWN JOURNALIST, PREPARING DEPART ON SOUTH AMERICAN REPORTING JUNKET WITH EMPHASIS ON OUR CUBAN REQUIREMENTS. EXPECTS ENTER CUBA VIA MEXICO. DEPARTURE DATE INDEFINITE BUT MIGHT BE AS EARLY AS 26 OCTOBER ABOARD ITALIAN GALILEO FERRARIS WHICH SAILS GENOA ARRIVING LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA, ABOUT 15 DAYS LATER.

IF ROME CONCURS,
2. REQUEST MEXI CONTACT PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR ISLAND TO AFFORD AGENT FINAL BRIEFING AND LAST MINUTE REQUIREMENTS. BECAUSE COVER FOR DEVISTA/1'S TRIP INCLUDES VISITS TO OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AFTER CUBAN VISIT, WOULD PROPOSE MEXI PREPARE MEET AGENT ON HIS WAY OUT AND CONDUCT PRELIMINARY DE-BRIEFING. REQUEST ROME CABLE MEXI APPROVAL IF ABOVE OKAY, PLUS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AGENT AND BACKGROUND.

3. EXPERIENCE OF DEVISTA/1 HAS BEEN IN ECONOMIC POLITICAL SOCIAL FIELDS CONSEQUENTLY RQMTS MUST FIT HIS COMPETENCE THESE AREAS HOWEVER, AGENT SHOULD BE ALERT OUR MORE IMPORTANT RQMTS MILITARY FIELD IN HOPES HE MAY DEVELOP ACCESS ONCE ON GROUND HAS CAPABILITY AND COVER FOR GROUND PHOTOGRAPHY.

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- 4. REQUEST STA FURNISH HOME WITH CONTACT PLAN INFO
- 5. PREPARE AFFORD EMERGENCY FUNDING OF AGENT IF NECESSARY.

6. HOME: APPROVAL PAY DEVISTA/1 UP TO \$1,000 FOR EXPENSES AND UP TO \$1,000 BONUS UPON RETURN HOME PROVIDED HE

ABLE SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY OUR REQUIREMENTS. *CHARGE 4126-6300-5714*
(IN SO ON COST SYMBOL TO FOLLOW) A CONSIDER HE NOT

ABLE JUSTIFY MORE THAN MONTH INSIDE. HQS CANNOT SUPPORT HIS EXTENDED TOUR THROUGH SOUTH AMERICA AND CONSIDERS IF HE DESIRES MAKE SUCH TRIP IT BE AT CONCLUSION OF CUBAN TRIP. DEVISTA/1'S PLANS REACH MEXICO FROM LA GUAIRA BY RAIL AND CAR COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE. MUST PLAN FLY SINCE ROADS AND RAILS BETWEEN POINTS PRACTICALLY NONEXISTENT SUGGEST HE GO MEXI QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT GOOD COVER AND ACCOMPLISH CUBAN ASSIGNMENT FIRST.

UPON CONCLUSION RETURN MEXI FOR DEBRIEFING AND THEN FREE VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES ON WAY HOME

6 FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY GENERAL POINTS FOR PRESENTATION AGENT HOME:

A POLITICAL

(1) STABILITY REGION AND CHANGES CASTRO'S

STATUS AS LEADER

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(2) KEY FIGURES IN REGIME AND THEIR RELATIVE
POWER POSITION.

(3) CHANGES IN SOVIET/CUBAN RELATIONS AND ANY
INTERNAL FRICTIONS WITHIN CUBAN GOVT.

(4) CASTRO'S RELATIONS WITH OLD CUBAN COMMUNISTS.

(5) POPULAR SUPPORT FOR REGIME

(6) CUBAN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN LATIN

AMERICA

(7) CUBAN RELATIONS WITH NON-COMMUNIST
ESPECIALLY LATIN AMERICAN, COUNTRIES.

(8) CONTENTS AND TERMS OF USSR/CUBAN AGREEMENTS
MADE DURING CASTRO'S TRIP.

(9) DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW POLITICAL PARTY,
FURS, AND ITS ROLE IN COMMUNIZING CUBA

B ECONOMIC

(11) INTERNAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND EFFECT
OF LATEST NATIONALIZATION OF FARMLAND

(12) TERMS AND CONTENTS OF SOVIET ECONOMIC AID
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(3) BLOC SHIPPING TO CUBA AND MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT VIA AIR

(4) ACTIVITIES OF LATIN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN TECHNICIANS IN CUBA

(5) CUBAN PLANS TO INCREASE PURCHASES OF GOODS FROM WEST

C MILITARY

(1) STRENGTH AND LOYALTY OF ARMED FORCES.

(2) SOVIET TROOPS IN CUBA AND THEIR ACTIVITIES.

(3) RETENTION OF AND ENTRY OF ADDITIONAL SOPHISTICATED SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR SOVIET OR CUBAN UNITS.

(4) MILITARY ITEMS STORED IN CAVES AND OTHER UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

(5) TRAINING OF CUBANS TO OPERATE SOPHISTICATED SOVIET EQUIPMENT

(6) CASTRO'S METHODS OF SUPPRESSING INTERNAL RESISTANCE GROUPS

7. AGREE WITH ROSEN'S EARLIER STATEMENT THAT SUCCESS

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