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Cuba

REPORT NO.

CSDB-3/650,528

SUBJECT

Comments Concerning Capabilities and

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Influence of Efigenio Amejeiras,

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Former Chief of Police

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Mexico, Mexico City (10 June 1962)

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Cuban (C) with many contacts among government officials. Appraisal of Content: 3.

Headquarters Comment. TDCSDB-3/650,267, of 23 May 1962, from the same source, reported that Efigenio Amejeiras, former police chief, had been appointed chief of Fidel Castro's personal guard. The following is the source's personal opinion of Amejeiras and his influence within the Cuban Government.

- 1. Efigenic Amejeiras' abilities are limited. He is capable of being a radio squad-car man, but not a police chief. He is "vulgar sootsuiter" type who reportedly formerly used marihuana. However, he showed great bravery in the Sierra Maestra and is a very old friend of Castro.
- 2. Castro probably permits Amejeiras to take an open anti-Communist stand partially because it pleases Castro to show tolerance and at the same time to ignore the disapproving attitude of the Communist leaders, and partially because Castro does not take Amejeiras' anti-Communism seriously. Amejeiras is almost illiterate and opposes Communism because it is too complicated for him to understand. His opposition is ineffective.

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