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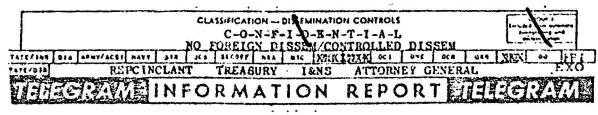
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1. ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1963 FRANCISCO L. FESSER SAID THAT HE HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS <u>PRIO</u> SOCARRAS DURING THE PAST 10 DAYS AT PRIO'S MIAMI BEACH HOME. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: FESSER IS A CUBAN EXILE WHO HAS HAD 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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2. PESSER SAID HE HAD SEVERAL TALKS WITH FORMER COLONEL EDUARDO ERNESTO MARTIN Y ELENA, FORMER COLONEL PEDRO A. VALDIVIA ROMERO AND LIEUTENANT SAENZ (FNU); 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. FEBSER SAID THE AIM IS TO DIVIDE CUDA MILITARILY INTO THREE SECTORS: EASTERN, CENTRAL, AND WESTERN.

3. ACCORDING TO FESSER, THE GEOUP HAS ADEQUATE ARMS FOR THE OPERATIONS WHICH IT WANTE 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 BERYE TO SOFTEN THE ISLAND IN PREPARATION FOR A LANDING. FESSER MENTIONED THAT JOSE ANTONIO LUCO, A FRIEND OF PRIO, HAS PUBCHASED ARMS AND AIRPLANES DURING THE PAST WONTH IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND ITALY.

4. ACCORDING TO FESSER, ORLANDO PUENTE PEREZ, PRIO'S SECRETARY, TRAVELED TO JAPAN DUZING THE PAST MONTH IN ORDER TO BUY SPEED BOATS AND WOTHER SHIPS. PESSER SAID THAT PRIO HAS ASSURED HIM THAT HE HAS 10 MILLION COLLARS WITH WHICH TO START OPERATIONS, AND THAT HE HAS MILLITARY BASES IN HAITI, VENEZUELA,

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COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS, AND GUATEMALA. FESSER ADDED THAT PRIO FEELS CERTAIN HE CAN CARRY OUT HIS PLANS AND DESTROY CASTRO.

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 3AID HE WOULD ACCEPT A SITUATION OF BEING AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES BUT UNDER NO GIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HE PASSIVELY ALLOW A PUPPET GOVERNMENT TO BE SET UP IN CUBA.

6. FESSER SAID THAT PRIO IS TRYING TO CONVINCE 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 GOVERN-MENT 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.

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