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A MEDIUM LEVEL VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (F) WITH CONTACTS ANONG 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 LUMMUNITY, AND PRIO REQUESTED CORD TO PASS THE INFORMATION TO SOURCE.

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SEPTEMBER 1963 THAT ROMULO BETANCOURT, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELÀ, ÀT A

ENEAKFAST MECTINO THAT MORNING HAD INDICATED TO PRIO THAT HE (BETANCOURT) WAS IN FAVOR OF PRIO'S NEW CUBAN EXILE GROUP WHICH WAS TO BE

BASFD 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

Y LUIS SOMOZA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA. PRIO SAID THAT THE

NAMES OF TWO VENEZUELANS 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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