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1. INCOMING CUBAN REFUGEES MET AT AIRPORT BY

COUNCIL AND PRIO GROUP MEXI WHO OFFER THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICES, REPS REVOLUTIONARY, I.E., FOOD AND SHELTER TO NEEDY. RE DEBRIEFING THIS NOT YET FORMALIZED ALTHOUGH PRESS EXPLOITATION ARRIVALS FOR PROP PURPOSES USUALLY SUCCESSFUL. STATION HOPES MOUNT LITANIL-OP PER REF B NEAR FUTURE, WHICH WILL PRECLUDE MEXI GOVT PARTICIPATION. AT PRESENT TIME STATION RECEIVES TIMELY REPORTS CUBAN ARRIVALS INCLUDING NAMES AND IMMIGRATION DATA THROUGH LIFEISE CEN.

2. FOL INFO RE REF FROM LITANIL-1 AND LITANIL-2: ESTIMATE BETWEEN 14 AND 15 THOUSAND CUBAN "REFUGEES" MEXI. THIS INCLUDES SMALL GROUP "POLITICAL ASYLEES", AND GREAT MAJORITY WHICH COMPOSED "TOURISTS" "TOURISTS INTRANSIT", "EMIGRANTS", "VISITANTES" ETC. NO NUMERICAL BREAKDOWN AVAILABLE. FIGURES MADE AVAILABLE FOR MONTHS DEC 61 ENTERED 237 DEPARTED 228; JAN 62 ENTERED 185 DEPARTED 162; FEB 62 (UP TO 19TH) ENTERED 106 DEPARTED 112. ESTIMATE 13 PER CENT MORE CUBANS ENTER OTHER POINTS SUCH AS MERIDA, VERACRUZ,

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YUCATAN, ETC. GENERALLY SPEAKING MEXI GOVT NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GROWING CUBAN POPULATION BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

3. MEXI IMMIGRATION

AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC AND HAVE COOPERATED WITH REPS REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS. HOWEVER, IF FURTHER COOPERATION NEEDED STATION CAN CALL ON LITEMPOS. AS NOTED PARA 1 STATION PREFERS HANDLE DEBRIEFING OF AS INDEPENDENTLY AS POSSIBLE. PLAN ENVISAGES COUNCIL PRIO REPS MEETING REFUGEES AT AIRPORT PER PARA 1, SCHEDULE CALL AT ORGANIZATION OFFICE WHERE BASIC DATA OBTAINED AND REFUGEE DEBRIEFED IN GENERAL TERMS. WHEN REFUGEE ATTRACTIVE FURTHER DEBRIEFING SCHEDULED WHICH BASED KUBARK REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED BY HCS. RE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS INVOLVING OTHER AGENCIES REFUGEE CAN BE PUT IN CONTACT WITH RESPECTIVE AGENCY PERSONNEL INVOLVED THROUGH KUBARK. HCS SHOULD RECOGNIZE SUCH COOPERATION WITH ODYOKE

USUALLY INVOLVES QUESTIONS OF PREPARE VISA.

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C/S COMMENT: * DISSEMINATION APPLICABLE TO JMWIP CABLES.

** REQUESTED INFO PROCEDURE IN EFFECT HANDLING CUBAN REFUGEES.

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