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4. FOLLOWED TO REF B:

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1. DAY BEFORE HURRICANE CYNTHIA HIT GUZA, BETWEEN 900 AND 1000 SOVIET TECHS LEFT BY SHIP FROM SANTIAGO DE GUZA. ON 10 NOV APPROX 200 SOVS WERE SEEN WALKING STREETS MADRID WITH SUITCASES PRIOR DEBARCATION. (SOURCE [REDACTED] DOI: 9 DEC).

2. ALL SOUS APPEAR TO BE TEENS, ALTHO YOUNG. MOST OBSERVED
BY DESIGNET HAD NO MILITARY BEARING, IN SLOPPY PHYSICAL SHAPE,
REF OF HIS ASSUMPTION THEY CIVILIANS. FRIEND [REDACTED]

LIVES ON ROAD TO Pinar del Rio, TOLD [b7D] "SIX MONTHS
AND THE SOVS DID NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO ENTER THEIR CAMP NEAR EL
DUE FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS CUBAN OFFICIALS ENTER IN LARGE
AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVS HAD BEEN REDUCED BY TWO
"3". (SIC). THE CAMP IN SONOA CLOSED DOWN ABOUT SIX MONTHS
IT THOUGH THEY HAVE RETIRED TO EL PUERTO NUEVO BOCA.

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OWNERS. ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT OF SOVS. [REDACTED] 06
ARRIVING WITH FAMILIES. (SOURCE: [REDACTED])
SEEN IN UNIFORM, ALL WEAR SPORT SHIRTS OF VARIOUS
COLORS, APPARENTLY CUBAN MADE. NO TIGUERAS, OF COURSE, SINCE
SYMBOLIC OF PLAYBOYS. IN A CAFE [REDACTED] 02 SAT NEXT TO TABLE
CHINESE, ONE IN PALE BLUE TUNIC AND OTHER THREE IN
SUITS. [REDACTED] 02 SAW AND HEARD NO MENTION OF NO OTHER ASIATICS,
WHITE TYPES.

[REDACTED] 02 SAW ON 13 DEC TEN TRUCKS, DESCRIBED AS SOVIET TYPE ON
ROAD FROM MATANCAS TO VERACRUZ. EACH TRUCK THEY HAD 5 LARGE
AND ONE SMALLER WHEEL RAISED OFF GROUND. DOUBLE TURRETS,
LARGE CANNON. ON 15 DEC SIX TRUCKS GOING SAME DIRECTION.
HE SAW 5 LARGE TRUCKS DRIVEN BY SOVS AND CARRYING FIVE
MEN. LATER SAME DAY SAW TEN MORE. ALL GOING FROM RANCHO
BOCA AREA TOWARDS THE INTERIOR. HE ALL SAW MIRA 250 DURING
VISIT. ALL SOVS IN 22-28 AGE GROUP.

4. SEE TWO, ABOVE.

5. FLOW OF SOVS IS CONSISTENT WITH NEEDS CASTRO GOVT. MANY
MAY MORE WILL COME AS NEED ARISES. TYPICAL ATTITUDE OF MAN
IN STREET IS "SOVS HERE TO STAY".

6. NO INFO SOVS IN CUBAN MILITIA UNIFORMS.

7. [REDACTED] 02 HEARD NO SPEECH REGARDING THIS: NO GUARANTEE FROM
[REDACTED] 02 AGREEMENT, ALSO CASTRO SENSITIVE TO CHARGE HE SOVIET
[REDACTED] 02 PROVE INDEPENDENT, CAN VOTE AGAINST USSR
[REDACTED] 02 NEEDS OF CUBA
[REDACTED] 02 THIS POLICY SHOWS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING REALITIES CUBA

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LIFE: NO GOC OFFICIAL OPPOSES FOR FEAR OF OWN LIFE. IN ANY EVENT, OPPOSITION WOULD HAVE NO VALUE OR MEANING. COMMON QUOTE: "FIDEL HACE Y FIDEL DESHACE".

3. SEE ONE, ABOVE.

4. NOT KNOWN, BUT CUBAN POSITION IN DISPUTE VERY INDEPENDANT, UNAFFECTED.

PART C

1. MOST OF THE MILITIA PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO ARMY REGULARS PAST SIX MONTHS.

2. UNKNOWN

3. ⁰² [D] IMPRESSION IS THAT CUBAN ARMY NOW WELL TRAINED AND ORGANIZED.

4. ON TEN DEC. NEAR SORCA, ALL CARS HALTED ON ROAD WHILE CONTINGENT CUBAN TROOPS SURROUNDED A CAME FIELD AND SPRAYED IT WITH GUNFIRE, SEARCHED IT, BUT FOUND NO ONE. TROOPS WELL FED AND SUPPLIED. (SOURCE: [REDACTED] 9 DEC). SORCA APPROX 80 KMS FROM PARANA TOWARDS PINKAR DEL RIO.

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C/S COMMENT: GCS HIGHLY INTERESTED [REDACTED] RETURN CUBA AS OBSERVER SINGLETON.

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