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FROM : PARIS

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DESENSITIZED KEYWAY PBRUMEN AMLASH

- REF A 19-1 1609 (IN 39865)
- B DIR 27934 (Covt 62697)
- C DIR 23521 (Covt 63601)
- D DIR 29095 (Covt 64493) *

Assessment

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FROM: GROWERY

1. GROWERY HAD TWO LENGTHY SESSIONS WITH AMLASH-1 ON 16 AUG. FIRST ACCOMPANIED BY FALLUCCI AND AMWHIP, SECOND ALONE. GROWERY CONCURS BASIC POINTS FALLUCCI ASSESSMENT. LASH CONTAINED REF A.

ALTHOUGH LASH OBVIOUS UNDER CONSIDERABLE MENTAL STRAIN HE WAS FAIRLY RELAXED AT BOTH SESSIONS AND ENTERED FREELY ALL DISCUSSIONS. HE IS SUPER SENSITIVE ABOUT SECURITY AND OWN PERSONAL SAFETY.

CONCERNED ABOUT CARELESS TALK BY LUCIA ECHEVARRIA AND EXPRESSED DEFINITE WISH HIS GOOD BUT INSECURE FRIEND PONCHO VERONA REMAIN UNWITTING HIS COOPERATION. HE APPEARS SINCERE AND HONEST IN HIS EXPRESSED DESIRE RETURN PBRUMEN REMAIN IN PLACE AND COOPERATE. HE NEITHER ASKED FOR NOR WAS OFFERED ANY FINANCIAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

2. LASH PLANS RETURN PBRUMEN VIA PEAGUE ON 29 AUG. HE HAS

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ACCEED TO UNDERTAKE INTEL COLLECTION ASSIGNMENT AND WILL BE GIVEN SW TRAINING STARTING 17 AUG AND DROP ADDRESS IN SPAIN. HE CLAIMS HE CAN COLLECT INTEL IN ALL FIELDS BUT STRONG PTINTS ARE THE UNIVERSITY, ONE ANTI AIRCRAFT BATTALION IN SANTA CLARA AND THE AIR FORCE. HE SAYS HE HAS FEW TWO PERSONAL FRIENDS IN WHOM HE HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE BUT CAN CIRCULATE FREELY AND OBTAIN INFO FROM MANY SOURCES, INCLUDING TOP GOVT LEADERS. HE FURTHER PLANS, AS MENTIONED REF A, ENTER MILITARY COURSE FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS AT MATANZAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON RETURN BUT DOES NOT KNOW DATE NEXT COURSE WILL BEGIN.

3. LASH TALKED LENGTHLY RE PHYSICAL ELIMINATION OF PBRUMEN REGIME LEADERS AND SAID HE COULD AND WOULD CARRY OUT MISSION. HIS ONLY RESERVATION WAS THAT NO ONE RPT NO ONE KNOW OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE OR AFTER ACT. ALSO EXHIBITED WILLINGNESS CONDUCT SABOTAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE AGAIN REPEATED HE WOULD NEED SOME BASIC INSTRUCTION IN PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES ABOUT WHICH HE KNOWS NOTHING, PRIOR HIS RETURN PBRUMEN AND REQUESTED GROWERY ARRANGE THIS. HE WAS TOLD THIS MATTER FOR HIGHER ECHELONS BUT HE WOULD HAVE DEFINITIVE ANSWER AND IF AFFIRMATIVE, INSTRUCTION IF POSSIBLE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. (PARI CAN ARRANGE EXPLOSIVES INSTRUCTION, WITH FIELD DEMONSTRATION IN SECLUDED AREA, VIA COL ⁰⁴ BOSWELL OF SCOTEE ²⁴ WHO WOULD BRING OFFICER FROM [REDACTED] FOR PURPOSE.)

4. HE SAYS HE CAN DO NOTHING AT THIS STAGE TO BUILD UP CONSPIRACY WITHIN ARMED FORCES OR ELSEWHERE IN PBRUMEN BECAUSE OF TIGHT SECURITY CONTROLS, BUT REFERRED TO HIS FORMER GUERRILLA ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN LAS VILLAS PROVINCE ON THE SOUTH COAST AND IMPLIED THAT AT SOME LATER DATE DEPENDING ON POLITICAL CLIMATE HE COULD HEAD OR ASSIST

IN SUPPORTING ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.

PER INSTRUCTIONS PARA 3 REF C GROVEY RAISED QUESTION OF CLUTTER BUT A LASH REACTION SUCH THAT TO HAVE PURSUED MATTER FURTHER WOULD HAVE DESTROYED RAPPORT AND PROBABLY ENDED OUR OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATION. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES UNABLE CHECK BONA FIDES FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

6. BECAUSE APPARENT ³⁴ [REDACTED] SURVEILLANCE DETECTED 15 TO 16 AUG BY LASH STATION HAS INFORMED ⁰¹ [UNBOUND] KUBARK HAS INTEREST IN LASH AS POTENTIAL DEFECTOR AND IN CONTACT WITH HIM. ⁰¹ [UNBOUND] COOPERATIVE.

7. IN SUMMARY DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE INDICATE LASH PERSON WITH ACCESS HIGH LEVEL GOVT AND MILITARY LEADERS AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS COOPERATE ON KUTUBE OPS. HE INTENDS MAKE EVERY EFFORT ON RETURN PERUMEN REGAIN SOME OF LOST PRESTIGE AND FEELS MILITARY COURSE BEST FIRST STEP. HE ALSO HAS ABILITY AND COURAGE PREPARE VIOLENT ACTION TO ELIMINATE PRESENT LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS ACTS SABOTAGE. CONTROL PROBLEMS POSSIBLE DUE ISOLATION AND LACK PERSONAL DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE ONCE HE RETURNS PERUMEN. LACK OF ACTIVITY OR FRUSTRATION IN HIS SEARCH FOR ACTION COULD ALSO DIM OR DESTROY HIS ENTHUSIASM. DEBRIEFING 17 AUG ON POINTS OUTLINED REF D PRODUCED LITTLE BUT HE HAD AGREED ACCEPT THESE REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS ANY OTHERS WE CHOOSE LEVY AND FULFILL THEM ON RETURN PERUMEN.

7. NEED FOLLOWING OPIM:

A. YES OR NO TO PROPOSAL PARA 3 RE INSTRUCTION ON PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE. (HAVE NO INTENTION GIVE LASH PHYSICAL ELIMINATION MISSION AS REQUIREMENT BUT RECOGNIZE THIS SOMETHING HE COULD OR MIGHT TRY CARRY OUT ON OWN INITIATIVE. THEREFORE WISH POINT OUT HE KNOWS NERTON AF FALLUCCI BY TRUE NAME.)

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B. TAILORED KUTUBE REQUIREMENTS OF NATURE AND TYPE LASH IN POSITION COLLECT BUT MEANINGFUL AND WORTHY LASH'S CAPABILITIES.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: *FELT THAT USE OF U.S. DROP FOR COMMO FROM CUBA NOT WORTH RISK.