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1. TRIP PURPOSES AND DANGERS PER PARAS 1 AND 2 REF A MADE CLEAR ARTIME AND HE IN AGREEMENT AND WILLING MAKE TRIP BEGINNING MID-FEBRUARY.
2. OUR VIEW SPONSORSHIP BY ANY EXILE ANTI-CASTRO GROUP MEXI POSES PROBLEMS IN WHICH ALL ARE BATISTA TAINTED, AND EITHER HAVE NO POPULAR ROOTS OR ARE CONTROVERSIAL OTHER COUNTRIES. A DEDICATED TO UNITE ALL ANTI-BATISTA PRO-DEMOCRATIC EXILE ELEMENTS IN L A TO FORM ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT; THUS EITHER NOTIONAL OR ACTUAL ANTI-CASTRO EXILE GROUP COVER WOULD TEND HAMSTRING A PROGRAM, CAUSE CONTROVERSIES, AND NOT STAND TIME TEST.
3. BESIDES A'S RELIGIOUS CONTACTS EXISTING ALMOST EVERY LA COUNTRY, HE ALSO HAS PERSONAL EXILE CONTACTS SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND PERSONAL LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION LA GOVT DIGNITARIES SUCH AS FIGUERES AND BETANCOURT. IT FELT THESE CONTACTS BEST EXPLOITED IF A REMAINS FREE AGENT AND NOT TIED IN SPECIFIC CUBAN EXILE GROUP. LOOSE CATHOLIC COVER WILL NOT BE OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP BY CHURCH HIERARCHY BUT ONLY SERIES OF LOCAL CHURCH FIGURES EACH COUNTRY WHO ACCEPT A'S BONA FIDES AS GOOD CATHOLIC. UPON ARRIVAL OTHER COUNTRIES, A PLANS MEET PRESS OVERTLY AND ARRANGE PRESS CONFERENCES INDEPENDENTLY, AND FOR STIMULATING THIS PUBLICITY AND STATION COVERT

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SUPPORT, IT FELT BEST HAVE LOOSE RELIGIOUS COVER THAN TIE IN SPECIFIC GROUP OR PROGRAM.

4. SINCE IMPOSSIBLE CONVINCING HIS ANTI-CASTRO PROGRAM NOT TIED IN WITH RELIGIOUS CRUSADE, HQS MAY DESIRE SELECT THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE SEMI OFFICIAL RELIGIOUS SPONSORSHIP NOT COUNTER PRODUCTIVE.

5. IF HQS NOT AGREEMENT ABOVE THINKING, MEXI PREPARED INSTRUCT A DEVISE NOTIONAL EXILE SPONSORSHIP IN KEEPING HIS ANTI-CASTRO PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT HIS LA CHURCH CONTACTS AND AFFILIATIONS DURING TOUR.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: \* STATED THAT PURPOSE ARTIME TRIP SHOULD BE INFLUENCE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS AWAY FROM SUPPORT CASTRO REGIME BY EXPOSING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION CASTRO GOVERNMENT AND ALL POWERFUL INRA.

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