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2. BATISTA IS SOCIAL CONTACT OF FREDERICK C. BRADSPYIES AND MAY BE EXPLOITABLE AVENUE OF ACCESS COPEI LEADERSHIP.

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IDENTITY CRYPT NEVER BELONGED AMPALM-2, NOR WAS AMPALM-2 EVER  
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IDEN CRYPT SERIES).

2. SUBJECT DPOB 1 MAY 35, HAVANA, SON OF WEALTHY BANKING FAMILY.  
HE WAS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN CUBA WHO BELIEVED REVOLUTION  
WAS BENEFICIAL UNTIL RUINED IN THE HANDS OF C A S T R O. IN EARLY 62,  
HE WAS HEAD OF A FACTION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MDC)  
IN THE U.S., AND IN EARLY 63, HIS FACTION WAS COORDINATING  
CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED ON IN CUBA WITH OTHER ANTI-CASTRO  
EXILE GROUPS IN MIAMI. HE PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL  
CLANDESTINE RUNS TO CUBA, ESPECIALLY IN COORDINATION WITH 30 OF  
NOVEMBER GROUP. HIS OWN BOAT, "SIGMA 10" WAS USED IN THESE ACTIVITIES.  
IN 1963, HE WAS MILITARY AFFAIRS SECRETARY AND COUNSELLOR OF THE MDC,  
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3. RE OPS INVOLVEMENT, STATION CARD REFLECTS THAT POA WAS REQUESTED ON SUBJECT IN MARCH 61. NO FURTHER INFO. PER UFGA-4322, 3 JULY 62. SUBJECT WAS <sup>0</sup> OF INTEREST TO ACSI, BUT WE HAVE NO INFO INDICATING WHETHER HE BECAME ACSI SOURCE.

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