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The image shows a close-up of a heavy, metallic vault door. The door is partially open, revealing a bright blue glow from within. The door has several large, circular locking mechanisms and bolts. The lighting is dramatic, with the blue glow contrasting against the dark, metallic surface.

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1. ON 17 JUNE AMANTHEM INTRODUCED EDWARD D. KNAPMAN TO CUBANA CAPT EDUARDO FERRER (NO RELATION FORMER FAR INSPECTOR GENERAL MENTIONED REF). FERRER ARRANGED FOR KNAPMAN TO MEET RAMON RUISANCHEZ, PIEDAD, TONY VARONA BORTNER-IN-LAW. RUISANCHEZ TOLD KNAPMAN HE IS ABOUT TO MAKE CONTACT IN HAVA WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP CUBAN REBEL ARMY OFFICERS FROM LAS VILLAS WHO ARE DISAFFECTED AND THAT LATTER GROUP HAS 225 OFFICERS AND MEN. RUISANCHEZ WOULD NOT OR COULD NOT GIVE NAME THIS REPRESENTATIVE. SAID HE WISHED GET WORD TO AMHAWK CONCERNING THE GROUP AND THAT HE WANTED GUIDANCE FROM KNAPMAN AND AMHAWK CONCERNING USE OF GROUP. ASKED KNAPMAN ASSIST HIM EXFILTRATE ONE OFFICER TO PEPRIME TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

2. KNAPMAN COMMENTED RUISANCHEZ CERTAINLY MUST HAVE COMMO CHANNELS TO AMHAWK GROUP PDPRIME AND THAT KNAPMAN SAW NO NEED FOR ODACID BECOME INVOLVED THIS MATTER. RUISANCHEZ COUNTERED THAT ODACID ALREADY BEING USED. KNAPMAN ASKED NAME OF MAN IN

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CONTACT WITH ODACID IN HAVA AND RUISANCHEZ REPLIED THIS A TRUST
HE COULD NOT VIOLATE WITHOUT CONSULTING MAN INVOLVED. WHILE
ARRANGEMENTS TO SEE SUBJ AGAIN ON HIS INITIATIVE WERE MADE,
KNAPMAN MADE NO COMMITMENTS ON ANYTHING.

3. OLIVIER MET RUISANCHEZ AT TIME OF DEPARTURE AMHAWK-1
AND RUISANCHEZ VERY LIKELY HAS CONTACT WITH ONE OF AMHAWK-2.
WITH AMHAWK-2. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS NOT CHANNEL ORIGINALLY SET
UP FOR CONTACT WITH AMHAWK GROUP HAVA, STATION WILL DISCOURAGE
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH RUISANCHEZ UNLESS HQS HAS VIEW TO
CONTRARY. WHILE WE HAVE NO REASON DOUBT RUISANCHEZ GOOD FAITH,
HE COULD BECOME VICTIM CASTRO PROVOCATION. HQS MAY WISH QUERY
AMHAWK RE RUISANCHEZ. REQUEST HQS VIEW RE ADVISABILITY CONTINUING
CONTACT WITH HIM.

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CS COMMENT: **CONCERNED ARREST OF CUBAN AIR FORCE OFFICER.

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