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1. (FIELD COMMENT: ^{Cit} ROBERTO ALEJOS ARZU ^{USA} GUATEMALAN MILLIONAIRE RESIDING IN ^A MIAMI ^A BEACH, FLORIDA, ^{USA} PLANNED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA IN THE SPRING OF 65, USING A GROUP OF CUBAN EMIGRES WHOM HE HAD RECRUITED FOR THE OPERATION. ON 4 MAY ALEJOS AND LUIS SIERRA LOPEZ, MILITARY LEADER OF THE GROUP, WERE APPREHENDED AND THEIR ARMS CACHES SEIZED BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS ON ALEJOS' RECENT INVOLVEMENT IN ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT.)

2. ON 13 OCT 65 ^{Fut} ARMANDO MEDINA MONTES DE OCA, ^{Cit: Guatemala? USA?} A MEMBER OF ROBERTO

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ALEJOS ARZU'S ABORTIVE PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT

IN THE SPRING OF 65, SAID THAT THE PILOT WHO FLEW ALEJOS TO
GUATEMALA "A SHORT TIME AGO" WAS GERALD PATRICK HEMMING. *Cit: USA* *AUSA, Florida*
Miami THE
AIRCRAFT LANDED AT PUERTO BARRIOS, GUATEMALA, WHERE IT REMAINED FOR
ABOUT TWO WEEKS. HEMMING IS NOW IN MIAMI. (FIELD COMMENT:
HEMMING, AN AMERICAN SOLDIER OF FORTUNE AND FORMER UNITED STATES
MARINE, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES FOR
ABOUT FIVE YEARS. HEMMING, LEADER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN PENETRATION
FORCE (INTERPEN), A GUERRILLA GROUP, WAS MOST RECENTLY INVOLVED
IN THE RECRUITMENT OF CUBAN EMIGRES WITH GUERRILLA WARFARE
EXPERIENCE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO FIGHT THE COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS
IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON BEHALF OF GENERAL ANTONIO IMBERT
BARRERA. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS PLAN NEVER MATERIALIZED.)

3. MEDINA INTENDS TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE NEW GUATEMALAN
CONSUL GENERAL IN MIAMI, HOPING THAT THIS WILL SHARPEN HIS INTEREST
IN ALEJOS. (FIELD COMMENT: IT WAS RECENTLY REPORTED THAT MEDINA
ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF \$30,000 TO DELIVER ALEJOS SAFELY TO THE
GUATEMALAN AUTHORITIES.) MEDINA SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO (GENERAL
JOSE D. JUAREZ ARAGON, WHO IS NOW THE *Cit: Guatemala* *AUSA*
GUATEMALAN CONSUL GENERAL
IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND JUAREZ INFORMED HIM THAT THE NEW
CONSUL GENERAL SHOULD ARRIVE IN MIAMI BY 15 OCT AND WOULD CONTACT
MEDINA. (FIELD COMMENT: COLONEL CARLOS IGNACIO *Cit: Guatemala*
GONZALEZ *AUSA*
PALACIOS, NEWLY APPOINTED CONSUL GENERAL TO MIAMI, ARRIVED IN MIAMI
ON 13 OCT.)

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