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Defection Operation

In my conversation with CCEE, she revealed that she had been talking with Donald SALDINI, a young exile, who mentioned that about the 17th, he had met on the subwayy a "friend" who works with Ramiro VALUES. The "friend" is ostensibly a nephew of Carlos OLIVARES, and lives in New York. He has made 6 trips to Cuba within the past few months, allegedly for the G-2. The "friend" told SALDINI that Pards LIADS was in trouble (this was before the defection). He also said that Pedro MIRET (Minister of Agriculture) was "going to fall into disgrace".

MIRET was one of the suggested defection targets - this info may be of interest to O'DCMNELL.

CCBB has been directed to attempt to determine the "friend's" name as soon as possible.

Jean ?: Ilve setam te me when iden known.