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DATE : 21 NOV 50

ROUTING	
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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : MASH

ACTION : WH 9 (COL. MALLARD) WH DIV NOTIFIED 2245, 20 NOV.

INFO : DCI, D/DCI, DD/P, COP, ADOP/A, S/C 2

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PRIORITY

TN 45370 ACTION *PM ops*

PRITY DIR INFO PRITY HAVA CITE MASH 1763

JMNET

REF A MASH 1703 (IN 44175)

B MASH 1725 (IN 44543)*

C MASH 1701 (IN 44034)*

- INFORMATION
- ARM OPS _____
 - P&S OPS _____
 - INTELL _____
 - PM OPS
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1. 04 [] MET ANCHIRP-1 AND [] MORNING 19 NOV. ANCHIRP-1

DID NOT RAISE ISLE OF PINES DEFECTION, PROBABLY BECAUSE PRESENCE

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2. MEETING CORDIAL BUT DULL. ANCHIRP-1 ASKED BENDER GROUP TRAIN 21 MRP MEN NOW MASH IN GENERAL GW TECHNIQUES. SPECIFICALLY WANTED THEM TRAINED FOR SHORT PERIOD (2-3 WEEKS) IN MASH AREA THEN INFILTRATED.

04 [] STATED HAD NO CAPABILITY HANDLE LOCAL TRAINING THIS TYPE, BUT MIGHT ARRANGE SAB TRAINING FOR SELECTED FEW AND REQUESTED FULL BIO DATA PROSPECTIVE TRAINEES. NO MENTION ESCAMBRAY GROUP REF A.

3. AT SECOND CONTACT WITH ANCHIRP-1 ONLY MORNING 20 NOV. A-1 BROUGHT UP ISLE OF PINES DEFECTION. FOLLOWS ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO REFS B AND C.

04 A. [] IN CHARGE REINFORCED CAPITANIA IMMEDIATELY SSV MODEL PRISON. TOTAL STRENGTH 750 MEN. BELIEVES CAN INFLUENCE APPROX 350 MEN OF ADJACENT COMMAND OF ONE "CHINO" (TRUE NAME UNKNOWN). CHINO

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IS SELF PARTICULARLY LOYAL TO CASTRO.

04. [] LOOSELY IN CONTACT WITH MIL COMMANDER MODEL PRISON WHO IS PRESENTLY VAGUELY SYMPATHETIC BUT UNWILLING MAKE ANY EARLY COMMITMENTS.

C. BASICALLY PLAN IS TO FREE HUBER MATOS FROM MODEL PRISON, RALLY ISLAND GARRISON UNDER HIS AEGIS, HOLD OUT ON ISLAND LONG ENOUGH TO (1) GET SUBSTANTIAL OUTSIDE SUPPORT FROM ANY AND ALL SOURCES (2) PROVIDE INSPIRATION OTHER REBEL ARMY GARRISONS DO SAME FOR SNOW BALL EFFECT.

D. TACTICAL PLANNING INVOLVES SUDDEN OCCUPATION ALL COMMO INSTALLATIONS, AIR FIELD INSTALLATIONS, CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, MODEL PRISON, MILITARY HQS RESPONSIBLE DEFENSE MODEL PRISON, HQS OF ALL GARRISON COMMANDS NORTH OF LAVIER SWAMP AND NAVAL STATION AT NUEVA SERENA.

04. [] DEPENDING ON WORD MIL COMMANDER MODEL PRISON TO GIVE AID NOT OPPOSE ANY SERIOUS ATTEMPT FREE HUBER MATOS. THIS PROMISE SUPPOSEDLY MADE BOTH TO HUBER AND HUBER WIFE. [] HAS CUT IN 12 OFFICERS HIS COMMAND, EXPECTS APPROX 5% MORE TO SIDE WITH HIM. [] FEELS WILL BE ABLE CARRY APPROX 3,200 OF ESTIMATED 5,000 ISLAND GARRISON WITH HIM IN FIRST 24 HRS.

F. AMCHIRP-1 STATED COUP IS PLANNED BEGIN LATE AFTERNOON 27 NOV.

4. AMCHIRP-1 AGAIN REQUESTED AID NEUTRALIZE REBEL AIR FORCE AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDE SUPPLIES. [] COMMENTED THAT TO HIS CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THE REQUEST HAD ALREADY BEEN PUT IN CHANNELS. [] ADDED THAT HIS "PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATE" WAS THAT IF GROUP ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT 27 NOV DATE, THEY HAD BETTER BE PREPARED HOLD OUT INITIALLY

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PRETTY MUCH ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES BECAUSE OF LOGISTIC PROBLEMS
FACED BY ANY SOURCE OF AID. NO COMMITMENTS MADE, NOR ANYTHING SAID
THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A COMMITMENT.

5. AMCHIRP-1 SAID COURIERS RETURNING TO CUBA 21 NOV WITH
(A) MRP PROMISES DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO HELP. (B) AMCHIRP-1'S
PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS (ROAD BLOCKS, TIMING, TARGETS, ETC.)
ON HOW TO EFFECT SEIZURE OF THE ISLAND.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: * MASH reported that AMCHIRP -1 (1) stated that the group in
Escambray was ready and waiting for arms.

** MASH stated that a contact with Manolo Ray on the evening of
17 November revealed that the Isle of Pines was the target mentioned in MASH 1701
(IN 44034)***

*** A courier was advised by Ray that about 2,000 well armed rebel
forces were ready to turn against Castro.

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