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1. ALTHO LETTERS FROM ^{DALTON} [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED IN OTHER LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, PUBLIC REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY LIGHT.

2. ^{A CUBAN ASSET} [REDACTED] BROUGHT UP THE CASE WITH ^{OUR OFFICER} [REDACTED] AT MEETING ^{DALTON} NOV, BUT APPEARED TO BE UNRUFFLED. SAID HE HAS NOT TALKED WITH ^{DALTON} [REDACTED] ^{OUR OFFICER} [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT ^{AN AGENCY OFFICER} [REDACTED] HAD INTERVIEWED ^{DALTON} [REDACTED] SEVERAL TIMES AT REQUEST OF ^{DALTON} [REDACTED], WHO FELT ^{DALTON} [REDACTED] WOULD TALK MORE FREELY TO ^{AN AMERICAN} [REDACTED] SINCE HIS FATHER A ^{AN AMERICAN} [REDACTED] WHILE INTERVIEWS HAD BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE, ^{DALTON} [REDACTED] WAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM SECURITY VIEWPOINT. ^{OUR OFFICER} [REDACTED] PLANTED SEED THAT ^{DALTON} [REDACTED] MAY HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY ^{THE NATIONAL POLICE} [REDACTED], SINCE HE HAD "ESCAPED" WITH SUSPICIOUS EASE.

3. ^{A SALVADORAN ASSET} [REDACTED] HAD NOTHING NEW TO ADD ON CASE AT ^{OUR OFFICER} NOV MEETING WITH ^{THE NATIONAL POLICE} [REDACTED], EXCEPT TO RAIL AT ^{OUR OFFICER} [REDACTED] BUNGLING. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT [GOES] WOULD WEATHER THE STORM WITHOUT HAVING TO ADMIT ANYTHING.

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