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FIELD REPORT NO. UFG 7724

APPRAISAL: SEE PARAS 2, 5, 8 AND 11 BELOW.

1. (FIELD COMMENT: DURING THE MORNING OF 14 NOVEMBER 1965, FIDEL CASTRO RUZ MADE A RADIO ADDRESS IN WHICH HE ACCUSED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH CARRYING OUT A RAID EARLIER THAT MORNING AGAINST SEVERAL TARGETS IN THE AREA OF MIRAMAR, HAVANA CITY. INCLUDING THE RESIDENCE OF OSVALDO DORTICOS TORRADO. ON 14 NOVEMBER THE 11:00 P.M. NEWS BROADCAST ON CHANNEL 7 IN MIAMI MENTIONED A STATEMENT BY JORGE MAS CANOSA, SPOKESMAN FOR RECE, IN WHICH MAS ADMITTED RECE PARTICIPATION IN THE RAID. THE MIAMI HERALD OF 15 NOVEMBER CONTAINED AN ITEM INDICATING THAT MAS HAD STATED THE RAID

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HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MEMBERS OF COMANDOS L AND THE FRANK PAIS MOVEMENT.)

2. SOURCE FOR PARAS 3 AND 4: A CUBAN EXILE WITH GOOD ACCESS TO ACTIVITIES OF EMIGRE ACTIVISTS GROUPS. HIS REPORTING ON RAIDER ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN GENERALLY RELIABLE SINCE 1962.

3. DURING THE EVENING OF 14 NOVEMBER 1965 ANTONIO CUEST DEL VALLE, MILITARY LEADER OF COMANDOS L, VISITED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN HIM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND STATED THAT COMANDOS L HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE RAID ON THE RESIDENCE OF OSVALDO DORTICOS TORRADA IN THE MIRAMAR SECTION OF HAVANA CITY DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 14 NOVEMBER. (FIELD COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS REPORTS FROM THIS SAME SOURCE, AS WELL AS OTHERS, THAT COMANDOS L WAS PLANNING A RAID AGAINST A TARGET IN CUBA. COMANDOS L WAS GOING TO UTILIZE THE "ANGELINA" AS A MOTHER VESSEL. ACCORDING TO CUESTA THE PURPOSE OF THIS RAID WAS TO DISRUPT THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM CUBA TO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH CAMARIOCA, MATANZAS PROVINCE, AS THIS, TO HIM, WAS AN INDICATION THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS MOVING TOWARD A POLICY OF COEXISTANCE WITH FIDEL CASTRO.)

4. AS OF 16 NOVEMBER IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE "ANGELINA" WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE 14 NOVEMBER RAID, BUT THAT POSSIBLY THREE VESSELS HAD PARTICIPATED IN THIS RAID. ONE OF THESE VESSELS WHICH WAS BACK IN THE MIAMI AREA ON 16 NOVEMBER WAS THE "BAKU" A 23 TO 25-FOOT LONG VESSEL POWERED BY TWIN CRYSLER V-8 ENGINES WITH POWER IN EXCESS OF 200 HORSEPOWER.

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5. SOURCE FOR PARAS 6 AND 7: A PROMINENT EMIGRE ACTIVIST WHO WAS FORMERLY A HAVANA YACHTSMAN. HE IS A PROMINENT FIGURE ON EMIGRE ACTIVISTS AFFAIRS. SOURCE'S REPORTING ON LOCAL CUBAN EMIGRE AFFAIRS HAS BEEN GENERALLY RELIABLE. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM A CLOSE FRIEND OF LONG STANDING WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF COMANDOS L.

6. THE "ANGELINA" WAS DEFINITELY NOT INVOLVED IN THE 14 NOVEMBER RAID ON HAVANA. THE RAID WAS CARRIED OUT BY TWO VESSELS WHICH DEPARTED FROM THE MIAMI AREA AT AN UNDETERMINED DATE, AND WHICH HAD RETURNED TO THE MIAMI AREA AS OF 16 NOVEMBER. ONE OF THE VESSELS WAS A 22 FOOTER POWERED BY TWIN 210 HORSEPOWER CRYSLER ENGINES, AND HAD ABOARD HER CUENTA AS ONE OF HER CREW. THE OTHER VESSEL BELONGED TO RECE. THE WEAPONS CARRIED BY THE STRIKE BOATS INCLUDED 20-MM CANNON AND 50 CALIBER MACHINEGUNS ALL OF FINNISH MANUFACTURE, AND SOME FAL RIFLES.

7. THE PRIMARY PLAN FOR THIS RAID ORIGINATED SOMETIME IN AUGUST 1965 AND PROVIDED THAT ONE VESSEL WOULD ATTACK THE 18TH PRECINCT POLICE STATION AND THE HOTEL NACIONAL IN HAVANA AND THE SECOND BOAT WOULD ATTACK THE RESIDENCE OF OSVALDO DORTICOS TORRADO. (SOURCE COMMENT: THERE WERE APPARENTLY SOME CHANGES IN THIS PRIMARY PLAN, HOWEVER THE REASONS FOR THIS CHANGE ARE NOT KNOWN.)

8. SOURCE OF PARAS 9 AND 10: A CUBAN REFUGEE WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVISTS IN THE MIAMI AREA. SOURCE IS REGARDED AS RELIABLE AND PREVIOUS REPORTING FROM HIM HAS PROVED TO BE ACCURATE.

9. DURING THE MORNING OF 15 NOVEMBER A MEMBER OF COMANDOS L

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STATED THAT COMANDOS L HAD ATTACKED THE COAST OF CUBA USING A PLAN WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PREPARED IN MAY 1965. (FIELD COMMENT: CF. TDCSDB 315/01665-65, 15 MAY 1965) UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORIGINAL ATTACK PLAN COMANDOS L WAS TO USE ONE SEABIRD MODEL VESSEL WHICH WAS TO BE THE STRIKE BOAT ARMED WITH A 30 CALIBER LIGHT MACHINE GUN AND ONE EIGHT-SHOT 20-MM CANNON. THE STRIKE BOAT WAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MOTHER VESSEL WHICH WAS BERTHED AT POMFANO BEACH, FLORIDA.

10. ACCORDING TO THE MEMBER OF COMANDOS L THE STRIKE BOAT ON 14 NOVEMBER APPROACHED TO WITHIN 600 YARDS OF THE SHORE AND FIRED BOTH A 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AND 20 MM RECOILESS RIFLE. THE MEMBER EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO REMAIN AT THIS DISTANCE FROM SHORE BECAUSE OF A CUBAN 50 CALIBER MACHING GUN EMPLACEMENT ON SHORE OF WHICH THE RAIDING PARTY HAD PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE. BECAUSE OF THE LONG RANGE INVOLVED THE FIRE FROM THE RAIDING VESSEL WAS NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. ONE OF THE MEN WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN ON THE STRIKE VESSEL WAS POSSIBLY ORLANDO ^FARRAZOLA RODRIGUEZ, A COMANDOS L MEMBER WHO WAS STILL NOT AT HOME DURING THE MORNING OF 15 NOVEMBER.

11. SOURCE FOR PARA 12: A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF CUBAN EMIGRES TRAINED IN THE TECHNIQUES OF INFORMATION COLLECTION. THIS GROUP HAS PROVIDED USEFUL REPORTS SINCE 1961.

12. ON 14 NOVEMBER JORGE MAS CANOSA, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE REPRESENTACION CUSANO EN EL EXILIO (RECE, CUBAN REPRESENTATION IN EXILE) STATED AT THE RECE OFFICES, 1784 WEST FLAGLER STREET, MIAMI,

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THAT THIS ATTACK WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BY RECE AND MEMBERS OF OTHER EMIGRE GROUPS WAS TIMED SO AS TO HAVE ITS FULLEST EFFECT ON THOSE ATTENDING THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES MEETING IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, BY SHOWING THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING AS WELL AS ALL THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, THAT RECE INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A MILITANT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CASTRO REGIME, AND IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE APPARENT MOVE TO COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CASTRO REGIME AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS GIVEN RISE TO THE REFUGEE EXODUS THROUGH CAMARICOA.

13. FIELD COMMENT: OTHER THAN THE STATEMENT BY MAS THERE IS NO INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES PARTICIPATION BY THE FRANK PAIS MOVEMENT IN THE 14 NOVEMBER RAID ON HAVANA. HOWEVER ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHICH HAS LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE VESSELS INVOLVED IN THE RAID MAY HAVE BEEN THE "XICKE" FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL 8509 F, WHICH AS OF 29 JUNE 1965 WAS REGISTERED TO ALBERTO SANCHEZ, 185 NW 18 COURT, MIAMI. THIS VESSEL IS A 23-FOOT INBOARD-OUTBOARD SEABIRD VESSEL WHICH WAS PURCHASED IN JUNE. ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE RECORDS IN 1963 ALBERTO SANCHEZ WAS IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE 30 NOVEMBER GROUP, A GROUP ORGANIZED IN HONOR OF FRANK PAIS. DURING THE COURSE OF VARIOUS SCHEMS ONE OF THE SPLINTER GROUPS OF THE 30 NOVEMBER MOVEMENT DEVELOPED INTO THE FRANK PAIS MOVEMENT. THE PRESENT SPECIFIC STATUS OF THE FRANK PAIS MOVEMENT VIS A VIS THE 30 NOVEMBER GROUP HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

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