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SUBJECT

1. PRESSURE BY VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS FOR ACTION AGAINST CUBA 2. PLANS OF MANUEL ARTIME BUESA FOR ATTACK ON CUBAN MAINLAND 3. WORKERS' CONGRESS OF JURE 21-22 MARCH 1964

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1. IN MID-MARCH 1964 A CUBAN EXILE WHO SUPPORTS THE CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATION MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MRR, MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY), WHICH IS LED BY MANUEL ARTIME BUESA, CLAIMED THAT FORMER PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT OF VENEZUELA AND ENRIQUE TEJERA PARIS, THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ARE PRESSING HARD FOR ACTION AGAINST CUBA. WITH THE FORCE OF ELECTORAL PRESSURE MOUNTING IN THE UNITED STATES, ARTIME, WITH THE BACKING OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), IS "WAITING IN THE WINGS."

2. ARTIME MAY DELAY HIS PLANS FOR AN ATTACK ON THE CUBAN MAINLAND IN ORDER TO AVAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE PROJECTED MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) TO

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CUBAN
 DISCUSS/SUBVERSION IN LATIN AMERICA. HOWEVER, THE MRR DOUBTS THAT THE OAS WILL AGREE TO EFFECTIVE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA.

3. ON 13 MARCH 1964 A LEADING MEMBER OF THE JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA (JURE, CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA) CLAIMED THAT SO FAR AS JURE CAN ASCERTAIN THE MRR POSSESSES SMALL TRAINING CAMPS IN NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA ONLY.

4. ON 17 MARCH 1964 A JURE LABOR LEADER WHO REVEALED THAT A JURE WORKERS' CONGRESS WOULD BE HELD IN PUERTO RICO FROM 26 TO 28 MARCH 1964, SAID THAT SANTIAGO POLANCA ABRET, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PUERTO RICAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WAS TO ADDRESS THE CONGRESS. ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CONGRESS WERE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. TRADE BETWEEN CUBA AND THE WESTERN NATIONS.
- B. LATIN AMERICAN TRADE-UNION SUPPORT FOR JURE.
- C. FUTURE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE CUBAN EXILE WORKERS' MOVEMENT.
- D. FIELD DISSEM: NONE.

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