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FIELD REPORT NO.

Cit Cuba & Dominican Republic
infuse internal problems among crew members
of Jure's M/V Venus

1. ON 22 JAN 65 THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN THE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD THE M/V VENUS, A 110-FOOT PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED VESSEL BELONGING TO MANUEL RAY RIVERO, LEADER OF THE JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA (JURE, CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA). SIX OF THE CREW PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR MIAMI AND TWO FOR PUERTO RICO. (FIELD COMMENT: AN UNTESTED SOURCE WHO IS WITH RAY'S GROUP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REPORTED THAT AS OF 21 JAN JOSE RICARDO RABEL NUNEZ AND MANUEL VARELA CASTRO WERE PLOTTING TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE VESSEL. ANOTHER SOURCE WHO HAS BEEN A CONSISTENTLY RELIABLE REPORTER SAID THAT RABEL WAS IN MARATHON, FLORIDA, ON 25 JAN

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IN THE COMPANY OF JESUS GOMEZ CALZADILLA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF LOS JURAMENTADOS. GOMEZ HAD JUST PURCHASED A 25-FOOT BOAT WITH FLORIDA REGISTRATION FL-8316-SA.)

2. ON 25 JAN RAY SAID HE WAS LEAVING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR MIAMI TO RESOLVE CERTAIN INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITHIN JURE. HE HOPED TO RETURN TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON 28 OR 29 JAN.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE M/V VENUS, JURE HAS TWO BOSTON WHALERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ABOARD THESE CRAFT ARE TWO 50-CALIBER AND TWO 30-CALIBER MACHINE GUNS, FOUR 20-MM CANNONS, ONE 57-MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, SEVERAL M-3 SUBMACHINE GUNS AND 45-CALIBER PISTOLS.

4. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, USCG, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, FBI AND CUSTOMS. (ALSO SENT

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