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- ON 24 JULY 62, ARNALDO SEHWERT, HEAD VENEZUELAN BRANCH CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATION MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP), STATED THE FIVE RESISTANCE GROUPS IN CUBA, MRP, MDC (MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATICO CRISTIANO), DRE (DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL), MRR (MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY) AND THE 30 DE NOVIEMBRE GROUP, ARE BUILDING UP THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONNEL WITHIN CUBA AT INCREASING RATE. AT SAME TIME THEY CONTINUE TO APPEAL TO THEIR BRANCHES OUTSIDE CUBA FOR ARMS AND MONEY.
- WITH EXCEPTION MRP, THE GROUPS' BRANCHES OUTSIDE CUBA GET

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MONTHLY SUBVENTION FIVE THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS PER MONTH FROM THE CONSEJO REVOLUCIONARIO (CR), OF WHICH THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS ARE TAKEN TO GROUPS IN CUBA BY COURIERS.

3. MEANWHILE, MANUEL RAY, FORMER MRP LEADER, IS SEEKING A COMBINED COMMAND OF ALL FIVE GROUPS AND POOLING OF FUNDS FROM THE CR TO GIVE GREATER STRENGTH TO THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. TO ILLUSTRATE GROWING BOLDNESS OF RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, SEMNERERT SAID IN EARLY JULY 62 MRP HELD MEETING LOCAL LEADERS IN HAVANA WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 32 MEN FROM DIFFERENT PARTS CUBA AS WELL AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MIAMI. SUCH CLANDESTINE VISITS BY PERSONS FROM MIAMI, SEMNERERT CLAIMED, ARE FREQUENT AND EASY.

|| [] COMMENT: SEMNERERT ADDED THAT OPERACION CACERIA - ATTACKS ON BLOC TECHNICIANS - IS BEING GIVEN INCREASING PRIORITY BY RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. HE SAID WHEN ANTI-CASTRO FIGHT BEGINS, EVERY TECHNICIAN SEIZED WILL BE SHOT OUT OF HAND.)

4. ANOTHER CUBAN EXILE GROUP, FLN (FRENTE DE LIBERACION NACIONAL), CLAIMS SUCCESS IN INFILTRATING CUBAN MILITIA FORCE. RAFAEL GONZALEZ, MEMBER FLN IN VENEZUELA, SAID ON 23 JULY 62 THAT FLN IS GETTING ARMS FROM DISILLUSTIONED MILITIAMEN BUT HAS NOT YET GOT ANY HEAVY EQUIPMENT NOR MEANS CREATING ANTI-CASTRO FORCE OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO PERSUADE MILITIAMEN TO JOIN IT.

5. || [] COMMENTS: (A) RE PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3. MRP IS RELUCTANT REJOIN THE CR UNLESS ITS CONDITIONS ARE MET, MAIN ONE

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BEING THAT OR ADOPT MORE AGGRESSIVE POLICY. MRP ACTIVITIES ARE THEREFORE MORE RESTRICTED, BUT SEMEREST SAID ORGANIZATION HAS FIGHTING GROUPS OF BETWEEN FIVE AND FIFTY MEN BUT HAS NOT MATERIAL TO SEND GROUPS MORE THAN FIVE TO TEN MEN INTO THE MOUNTAINS. (S) RE PARA 4. FLN IS BASED MIAMI, COMPOSED MAINLY FORMER CUBAN ARMY MEN. IT IS NOT A POLITICAL GROUP BUT SUPPORTS JOSE MIRO CARDENA AS POTENTIAL PRESIDENT-IN-EXILE. IT HAS BRANCHES MEXICO, COSTA RICA, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA AND CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP 18,000.

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