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RYBAT/TYPIC/AMWORLD--Carlos PRIO Socorras			

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WAVE 2858, 17 August (not sent MANA)

1. AMBIDDY-1 was debriefed on his relations with PRIO. As soon as our notes have been processed, the text of his remarks on the subject will be forwarded. Suffice it to say that A-1 has no understanding with and no respect for PRIO. He would, however, accept PRIO's money, with no strings attached, on the theory that it is Cuban property returned to its rightful custodian, i.e., AMBIDDY-1.

2. As HQS sees it, PRIO's main role is one of creating a nuisance and of rendering A-1's political problems in Nicaragua slightly more complicated. If WAVE can see a secure means of putting a spoke in PRIO's wheels, its efforts along those lines would be appreciated. It would probably suffice to drop some hints to the effect that responsible and competent observers view PRIO as a has-been and refuse to take his leadership aspirations seriously.

3. For Mexico Station: May we request that you air the above theme in a widely read column, making the following points:

a. Allude to reports that PRIO and ERACERB-1 and ERACORN-1 have reached an understanding whereby PRIO will be recognized as leader of the resistance against Cuba.

b. Pay ERACERB-1 and ERACORN-1 the left-handed compliment that they are unlikely to hitch their wagon to the vanishing star of PRIO.

c. Suggest that PRIO could render one vital contribution, viz. cough up some of the millions he stole from the Cuban people while president. As for the rest, he should lapse into silence and let respectable people do the job.

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d. State that some of PRIO's henchmen have been dropping hints to the effect that he has ODEARL backing. Express the view that, without being privy to ODEARL views, it would be surprising indeed were PRIO considered by anyone in leading ODYOKE position anything but a painful reminder that abuses of public trust had something to do with the success of Castro's revolution.

e. Please forward clippings to Managua, WAVE and HQS for replay.

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