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COUNTRY	CUBA	REPORT NO.	TDCS DB-3/656,676
SUBJECT	COMMENTS OF FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS AFTER HIS TALK WITH FORMER NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT LUIS SOMOZA	DATE DISTR.	17 SEPTEMBER 1963
DATE OF INFO.	9 SEPTEMBER 1963	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	UNITED STATES (12 SEPTEMBER 1963)	REFERENCES	IN 28951 TDCSIDB-3/656,675
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SOURCE: A CUBAN EXILE WHO WAS PROMINENT IN POLITICS AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL IN CUBA. SOURCE IS WELL KNOWN BY THE CUBAN EXILES AND HAS REPORTED OBJECTIVELY ON THEIR POLITICAL MANEUVERS. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS.

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1963 BETWEEN FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS AND FORMER NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT LUIS SOMOZA IN MIAMI, SOMOZA SUGGESTED THAT PRIO VISIT VENEZUELA TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT BETANCOURT "AND OTHER LEFTISTS SUCH AS DOMINICAN PRESIDENT JUAN BOSCH Y GAVINO AND COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT GUILLETMO LEON VALENCIA" DO NOT MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH WILL HARM THE PLANS THAT SOMOZA AND PRIO ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE. ACCORDING TO PRIO, SOMOZA WANTS TO GIVE HIS PLAN THE APPEARANCE OF A LATIN AMERICAN EFFORT INsofar AS IT IS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO SOFTEN ANY SOVIET

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CHARGES THAT THE PLAN IS A U.S. UNDERTAKING.

2. THE UNITY GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING, EUSEBIO MUJAL BARNIOL AND JOSE MORELL ROMERO, HAS AGREED THAT PRIO WILL BE THE CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PLAN. OTHER UNIDENTIFIED PERSON WILL REPRESENT THE MILITARY SIDE OF IT.

3. SOMOZA TOLD PRIO THAT YOUNG ELEMENTS ARE NOT MATURE ENOUGH TO GOVERN CUBA IN THE DISASTER THAT WILL FOLLOW.

4. ACCORDING TO PRIO THE PLAN WAS IN ITS FINAL STAGES. PRIO PLANNED TO BE IN VENEZUELA ABOUT FOUR DAYS AND EXPECTED TO SPEAK ON THE RADIO THERE. HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS CHAUFFEUR, RAFAEL IZQUIERDO, AND HIS SECRETARY, ORLANDO PUENTE PEREZ.

5. PRIO APPEARED VERY CONTENT AND SAID "JUSTICE WILL FINALLY BE DONE TO ME".

6. FIELD DISSEM: MIAMI REPS OF STATE AND FBI, CINCSO, CINCLANT.

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