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 ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES

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1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION ^{ON} 24 JULY '63, SALVADOR ROMANI, REPRESENTATIVE IN VENEZUELA OF CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATION ~~COMANDO UNIFICADO DE LA LIBERACION EN CUBA~~ (UNITED COMMAND OF CUBAN LIBERATION - CULC), CLAIMED THAT A SMALL NUMBER CUBAN EXILES HAD ALREADY MOVED FROM MIAMI TO NICARAGUA. IN EXILE CIRCLES IT IS BELIEVED THIS ACTION REFLECTS A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENT SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA AND MANUEL ARTIME, ^{NIC.} SECRETARY GENERAL OF EXILE GROUP MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY - MRR). ROMANI DID NOT KNOW DETAILS OF AGREEMENT. IF IT ENTAILS ESTABLISHMENT OF A LARGE-SCALE EXILE MILITARY BASE IN NICARAGUA,

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OTHER EXILE GROUPS WILL AWAIT REACTION OF UNITED STATES BEFORE
DECIDING THEIR OWN COURSE OF ACTION.

2. NUCLEUS^{OF}/SUCH A BASE WOULD BE DRAWN FROM THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND
EXILES WHO, ACCORDING TO ROMANI, HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED MILITARY
TRAINING FROM MEMBERS^{OF}/U.S. ARMED FORCES. ROMANI CLAIMED U.S.
POLICY IS TO FERMENT INTERNAL RESISTANCE IN CUBA AND^{TO}/STRENGTHEN THE
RESISTANCE BY INFILTRATION OF TRAINED COMMANDO GROUPS OF EXILES.
FOR THIS REASON THE U.S. CONTINUES^{TO}/GIVE TACIT SUPPORT FOR TRAINING
OF EXILE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

3. ROMANI MADE FOLLOWING REVIEW OF POLICIES OF PRINCIPAL EXILE
PARTIES:

(A) CULC IS CONCENTRATING ON DISSEMINATION^{OF}/ANTI-CASTRO
PROPAGANDA IN CUBA TO PREPARE GROUND FOR INSURRECTION. IT FAVORS
INFILTRATION^{OF}/SMALL MILITARY GROUPS BUT REJECTS A GENERAL INVASION.

(B) ~~JURE~~ ^{FOREIGN} (JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA), LED BY MANUEL ~~RAY~~, ^{FOREIGN} THE
PRINCIPLE REQUIREMENT IS TO SECURE SUPPORT OF DISCONTENTED ELEMENTS
IN CUBAN MILITIA AND ARMED FORCES.

~~(C)~~ ALLIANCE OF ~~MRP~~ ^{FOREIGN} (MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO POPULAR),
SECOND FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY AND ~~ALPHA~~ ^{FOREIGN} 66, SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF HIT-
AND-RUN RAIDS ON CUBAN MAINLAND IN ORDER^{TO}/MAINTAIN MORALE OF RESISTANCE
FORCES IN CUBA.

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