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CHIEF CUBAN AIRFORCE PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ TODAY RESIGNED BY LETTER TO PRESIDENT. IN THIS LETTER HE DISCLOSED HIS FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNIST INFLUENCE AND TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO BE MADE SECOND IN COMMAND SO THAT THIS COMMUNIST INFLUENCE COULD SPREAD. BELIEVE HE IS

ABOARD 43 FOOT YACHT BOUNTY IS ENROUTE VARADERO TO PORT EVERGLADES FLA. ON TOP OF THIS SITUATION, RECOMMEND HIS TRAFFIC BE 5(g)(2)(D)(i); 2(a)(iii)(1)(b)(i)

DISSEMINATED. UP WILL CARRY FULL TEXT RESIGNATION LETTER TODAY. DIAZ LANZ HAD LARGE FOLLOWING WITHIN AF OF REVOLUTIONARY GROUP AND AT PRESENT TIME RAUL CASTRO PERSONALLY HAS TAKEN CARE OF SECURITY MEASURES. BELIEVE THIS RESIGNATION MIGHT HAVE RAMIFICATIONS AT LEAST TO EXTENT OF AWAKENING IN CUBAN PEOPLE THE PENETRATION THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY COMMUNISTS IN ARMED FORCES.

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RECOMMEND IF YACHT ARRIVES US THAT LANZ BE GIVEN GOOD TREATMENT AS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRO US AND ANTI COMMUNIST.

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