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COUNTRY	NICARAGUA/CUBA	REPORT NO.	TDCS-3/439,416
SUBJECT	PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES OF QUINTIN PINO MACHADO, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA	DATE DISTR.	3 JULY 1960
DATE OF INFO.	28 MAY - 2 JUNE 1960 16-22	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[] (2 JUNE 1960)	REFERENCES	IN 47355
APPRAISAL	2	FIELD REPORT NO.	[] 452

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THIS IS **UNEVALUATED** INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE A [] BUSINESSMAN (B) WITH GOOD CONTACTS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE IMPACTO STAFF. ||

1. ON 28 MAY 1960 QUINTIN PINO MACHADO, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA, WAS CALLED TO THE NICARAGUAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WARNED ABOUT HIS INTERFERING IN NICARAGUAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ESPECIALLY HIS CONTACT WITH INDALECIO PASTORA IN EL SALVADOR.

2. ON 30 MAY PINO ASKED IGNACIO BRIONES TORRES, DIRECTOR OF THE NEWSPAPER IMPACTO, TO RESERVE SPACE IN HIS NEWSPAPER FOR A STORY FROM THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF NICARAGUA THAT WOULD DENOUNCE AN INVASION PLOT AGAINST CUBA BEING PREPARED IN NICARAGUA BY CUBAN EXILES. THE STORY WAS BROUGHT TO THE OFFICES OF IMPACTO BY JOAQUIN SOLIS PIURA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNING BODY.

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3. (FIELD COMMENT: PINO LEFT NICARAGUA ON 30 MAY SOMETIME AFTER HAVING MADE HIS REQUEST OF IMPACTO. IMPACTO GAVE THE STORY HEADLINE TREATMENT ON 31 MAY. ON 2 JUNE PRESIDENT SOMOZA FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THAT NICARAGUA HAD BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA BECAUSE OF CONTINUED CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN NICARAGUAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA FROM THE CUBAN EMBASSY.

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