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COUNTRY CUBA

REPORT NO. TDCS DB-3/658,079

SUBJECT TANKS WITH TWIN CANNON IN THE AREA OF HABANA

DATE DISTR. 27 NOVEMBER 1963

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. 23 NOVEMBER 1963

REFERENCES IN 68504

PLACE & DATE ACQ. UNITED STATES, MIAMI (26 NOVEMBER 1963)

APPRAISAL

FIELD REPORT NO.

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

SOURCE AN EDUCATED CUBAN OF WESTERN EUROPEAN EXTRACTION WHO LIVES IN HAVANA, SOURCE HAS REPORTED MILITARY INFORMATION ACQUIRED BY PERSONAL OBSERVATION. SOURCE'S RELIABILITY HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS INFORMATION IS FROM A MANAGER OF AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE IN HABANA.

1. ON 23 NOVEMBER 1963, ABOUT 200 TANKS WERE OBSERVED, APPARENTLY PARTICIPATING IN MANEUVERS, IN AN AREA AT THE INTERSECTION OF VIA MONUMENTAL AND CARRETERA CENTRAL. MANY OF THE TANKS HAD TWIN CANNON MOUNTED AND WERE A TYPE PREVIOUSLY NOT OBSERVED BY THE EYEWITNESS.

(FIELD COMMENT) A CUBAN WHO HAS PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH RELATIVES OF OFFICIALS IN CUBAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AND A VARIETY OF CONTACTS IN WESTERN CUBA, REPORTED THAT ON 23 OCTOBER THE GREENBURG BROUGHT A NUMBER OF ARMORED VEHICLES WHICH WERE CALLED LANZA LLAMAS (FLAME THROWERS) AND WERE A TYPE NOT PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN CUBA. THESE TANKS CARRIED TWO CANNON WHICH APPEARED SIMILAR TO THE 152 MM

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ARTILLERY PIECE.)

2. AS OF THAT SAME DATE THERE WAS A LARGE MILITARY CAMP TO THE WEST OF VIA MONUMENTAL JUST BEFORE REACHING THE CARRETERA CENTRAL. (FIELD COMMENT: THIS IS PROBABLY THE LOMA DE TIERRA MILITARY AREA WHICH HAS RECENTLY SEEN A LARGE INFLUX OF VEHICLES AND MATERIEL).

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