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DECLASSIFIED KEYWAY PBRUMEN AMLASH

REF A 19-1 1609 (IN 39865)

B DIR 27934 COVT 62687)

C DIR 23521 COVT 63601)

D DIR 29095 COVT 64493) *

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FROM: GROWERY

1. GROWERY HAD TWO LENGTHY SESSIONS WITH AMLASH 1 ON 16 AUG. FIRST ACCOMPANIED BY FALLUCCI AND AMWHIP, SECOND ALONE. GROWERY CONCURS BASIC POINTS FALLUCCI ASSESSMENT LASH CONTAINED REF A. ALTHOUGH LASH OBVIOUS UNDER CONSIDERABLE MENTAL STRAIN HE WAS FAIRLY RELAXED AT BOTH SESSIONS AND ENTERED FREELY ALL DISCUSSIONS. HE IS SUPER SENSITIVE ABOUT SECURITY AND OWN PERSONAL SAFETY. CONCERNED ABOUT CARELESS TALK BY LUCIA ECHEVARRIA AND EXPRESSED DEFINITE WISH HIS GOOD BUT INSECURE FRIEND PONCHO VERONA REMAIN UNWITTING HIS COOPERATION. HE APPEARS SINCERE AND HONEST IN HIS EXPRESSED DESIRE RETURN PBRUMEN REMAIN IN PLACE AND COOPERATE. HE NEITHER ASKED FOR NOR WAS OFFERED ANY FINANCIAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

2. LASH PLANS RETURN PBRUMEN VIA PEAGUE ON 29 AUG. HE HAS

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ACCEED TO UNDERTAKE INTEL COLLECTION ASSIGNMENT AND WILL BE GIVEN
SM TRAINING STARTING 17 AUG AND DROP ADDRESS IN SPAIN. HE CLAIMS
HE CAN COLLECT INTEL IN ALL FIELDS BUT STRONG PTINTS ARE THE
UNIVERSITY, ONE ANTI AIRCRAFT BATTALION IN SANTA CLARA AND THE
AIR FORCE. HE SAYS HE HAS ONLY TWO PERSONAL FRIENDS IN WHOM HE
HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE BUT CAN CIRCULATE FREELY AND OBTAIN INFO
FROM MANY SOURCES, INCLUDING TOP GOVT LEADERS. HE FURTHER PLANS,
AS MENTIONED REF A, ENTER MILITARY COURSE FOR SENIOR MILITARY
OFFICERS AT MATANZAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON RETURN BUT DOES NOT
KNOW DATE NEXT COURSE WILL BEGIN.

3. LASH TALKED LENGTHLY RE PHYSICAL ELIMINATION OF PERUMEN
REGIME LEADERS AND SAID HE COULD AND WOULD CARRY OUT MISSION.
HIS ONLY RESERVATION WAS THAT NO ONE RPT NO ONE KNOW OF HIS
RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE OR AFTER ACT. ALSO EXHIBITED WILLINGNESS
CONDUCT SABOTAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE AGAIN REPEATED HE WOULD
NEED SOME BASIC INSTRUCTION IN PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES ABOUT WHICH HE
KNOWS NOTHING, PRIOR HIS RETURN PERUMEN AND REQUESTED GROWERY
ARRANGE THIS. HE WAS TOLD THIS MATTER FOR HIGHER ECHELONS BUT HE
WOULD HAVE DEFINITIVE ANSWER AND IF AFFIRMATIVE, INSTRUCTION IF
POSSIBLE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. (PARI CAN ARRANGE EXPLOSIVES
INSTRUCTION, WITH FIELD DEMONSTRATION IN SECLUDED AREA, VIA COL
04 [BOSWELL OF SCOTEE] WHO WOULD BRING OFFICER FROM 24 [] FOR PURPOSE.)

4. HE SAYS HE CAN DO NOTHING AT THIS STAGE TO BUILD UP CONSPIRACY
WITHIN ARMED FORCES OR ELSEWHERE IN PERUMEN BECAUSE OF TIGHT SECURITY
CONTROLS, BUT REFERRED TO HIS FORMER GUERRILLA ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY
IN LAS VILLAS PROVINCE ON THE SOUTH COAST AND IMPLIED THAT AT SOME
LATER DATE DEPENDING ON POLITICAL CLIMATE HE COULD HEAD OR ASSIST

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IN SUPPORTING ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.

PER INSTRUCTIONS PARA 3 REF C GROVER RAISED QUESTION
LOFLUTTER BUT AMLASH REACTION SUCH THAT TO HAVE PURSUED MATTER
FURTHER WOULD HAVE DESTROYED RAPPORT AND PROBABLY ENDED OUR
OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATION. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES UNABLE CHECK BONA
FIDES FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

6. BECAUSE APPARENT ³⁴ SURVEILLANCE DETECTED 13 TO 16 AUG
BY LASH STATION HAS INFORMED ⁰¹ UNBOUND KUBARK HAS INTEREST IN LASH
AS POTENTIAL DEFECTOR AND IN CONTACT WITH HIM. ⁰¹ UNBOUND COOPERATIVE.

7. IN SUMMARY DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE INDICATE LASH PERSON WITH
ACCESS HIGH LEVEL GOVT AND MILITARY LEADERS AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS
COOPERATE ON KUTUBE OPS. HE INTENDS MAKE EVERY EFFORT ON RETURN
PBRUMEN REGAIN SOME OF LOST PRESTIGE AND FEELS MILITARY COURSE BEST
FIRST STEP. HE ALSO HAS ABILITY AND COURAGE PREPARE VIOLENT
ACTION TO ELIMINATE PRESENT LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS ACTS SABOTAGE.
CONTROL PROBLEMS POSSIBLE DUE ISOLATION AND LACK PERSONAL DIRECTION
AND GUIDANCE ONCE HE RETURNS PBRUMEN. LACK OF ACTIVITY OR FRUSTRATION
IN HIS SEARCH FOR ACTION COULD ALSO DIM OR DESTROY HIS ENTHUSIASM.
DEBRIEFING 17 AUG ON POINTS OUTLINED REF D PRODUCED LITTLE BUT HE
HAD AGREED ACCEPT THESE REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS ANY OTHERS WE
CHOOSE LEVY AND FULFILL THEM ON RETURN PBRUMEN.

7. NEED FOLLOWING OPIM:

A. YES OR NO TO PROPOSAL PARA 3 RE INSTRUCTION ON PLASTIC
EXPLOSIVE. (HAVE NO INTENTION GIVE LASH PHYSICAL ELIMINATION
MISSION AS REQUIREMENT BUT RECOGNIZE THIS SOMETHING HE COULD OR
MIGHT TRY CARRY OUT ON OWN INITIATIVE. THEREFORE WISH POINT OUT
HE KNOWS NEROTON AF FALLUCCI BY TRUE NAME.)

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B. TAILORED KUTUBE REQUIREMENTS OF NATURE AND TYPE LASH IN
POSITION COLLECT BUT MEANINGFUL AND WORTHY LASH'S CAPABILITIES.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: *FELT THAT USE OF U.S. DROP FOR COMMO FROM CUBA NOT WORTH RISK.