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STATUS OF PLANS TO ASSASSINATE PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO RUZ

PLACE & DATE ACQ. UNITED STATES, MIAMI (18 JANUARY 1966)

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

FIELD REPORT NO. UFG-7860

A CUBAN EMIGRE WITH EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP, REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE) WHO HAS BEEN AN ACCURATE REPORTER ON GENERAL EMIGRE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE ABOUT MID-1962.

1. FIELD COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING REPORT SUPPLEMENTS TDCSDB-315/00059-66 FROM THE SAME SOURCE, AND IS ONE OF A SERIES OF REPORTS ON ALLEGED PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO RUZ.

2. ON ABOUT 7 JANUARY 1966 HERMINIO DIAZ GARCIA, A MEMBER OF THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO 30 DE NOVIEMBRE (MRTH, 30 NOVEMBER REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT), SAID THAT HE AND HIS GROUP WERE READY TO LEAVE FOR CUBA TO CARRY OUT THEIR PLAN TO ASSASSINATE PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO RUZ. (SOURCE COMMENT: BY 13 JANUARY DIAZ HAD NOT BEEN SEEN AGAIN, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE LEFT MIAMI FOR AN EMBARKATION POINT IN SOUTH FLORIDA.)

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3. ON 13 JANUARY JOSE PRINCE AND "TITO" PELAEZ SAID THAT THEIR PLAN TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO WAS COMPLETE. THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WAS TO BE MADE AT AN UNIDENTIFIED BEACH WHERE CASTRO VISITS FOR SEVERAL DAYS AT A TIME. WHEN CASTRO ARRIVES AT THE BEACH, UNKNOWN PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE TO BE NOTIFIED; PRINCE AND PELAEZ HOPE THAT NOTIFICATION OF CASTRO'S ARRIVAL AT THE BEACH WILL BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY. (SOURCE COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THE ASSASSINS WILL LEAVE THE UNITED STATES FOR CUBA AT THAT TIME.)

4. ACCORDING TO PRINCE AND PELAEZ, THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VENTURE ARE COMPLETE, EXCEPT FOR SOME MINOR LAST-MINUTE EXPENSES.

5. PRINCE AND PELAEZ HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN SEVERAL MORPHINE INJECTIONS, AS WELL AS TWO TRANSISTOR RADIOS AND SPARE BATTERIES, FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PURPOSE.

6. FIELD DISSEM: CINCSO, CINCLANT, COMWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, I&NS, CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, COAST GUARD.

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