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I. (FIELD COMMENT: ROBERTO ALEJOS ARZU) GUATEMALAN MILLIONAIRE

RESIDING IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, PLANNED TO OVERTHROW THE

GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA IN THE SPRING OF 65, USING A GROUP OF

CUBAN EMIGRES WHOM HE HAD RECRUITED FOR THE OPERATION. ON 4 MAY

ALEJOS AND LUIS SIERRA LOPEZ, MILITARY LEADER OF THE GROUP, WERE

APPREHENDED AND THEIR ARMS CACHES SEIZED BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS ON ALEJOS' RECENT

INVOLVEMENT IN ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT.)

2. ON 13 OCT 65 ARMANDO MEDINA MONTES DE OCA, A MEMBER OF ROBERTO

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ALEJOS ARZU'S ABORTIVE PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT

IN THE SPRING OF 65, SAID THAT THE PILOT WHO FLEW ALEJOS TO

GUATEMALA "A SHORT TIME AGO" WAS GERALD PATRICK HEMMING. THE

AIRCRAFT LANDED AT PUERTO BARRIOS, GUATEMALA, WHERE IT REMAINED FOR

ABOUT TWO WEEKS. HEMMING IS NOW IN MIAMI. (FIELD COMMENT:

HEMMING, AN AMERICAN SOLDIER OF FORTUNE AND FORMER UNITED STATES

MARINE, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES FOR

ABOUT FIVE YEARS. HEMMING, LEADER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN PENETRATION

FORCE (INTERPEN), A GUERRILLA GROUP, WAS MOST RECENTLY INVOLVED

IN THE RECRUITMENT OF CUBAN EMIGRES WITH GUERRILLA WARFARE

EXPERIENCE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO FIGHT THE COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS

IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON BEHALF OF GENERAL ANTONIO IMBERT

BARRERA. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS PLAN NEVER MATERIALIZED.)

3. MEDINA INTENDS TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE NEW GUATEMALAN CONSUL GENERAL IN MIAMI, HOPING THAT THIS WILL SHARPEN HIS INTEREST IN ALEJOS. (FIELD COMMENT: IT WAS RECENTLY REPORTED THAT MEDINA ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF \$30,000 TO DELIVER ALEJOS SAFELY TO THE GUATEMALAN AUTHORITIES.) MEDINA SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO GENERAL JOSE D. GUAREZ ARAGON, WHO IS NOW THE GUATEMALAN CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND JUAREZ INFORMED HIM THAT THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL SHOULD ARRIVE IN MIAMI BY 15 OCT AND WOULD CONTACT MEDINA. (FIELD COMMENT: COLONEL CARLOS IGNACIO GONZALEZ AUSAPPALACIOS, NEWLY APPOINTED CONSUL GENERAL TO MIAMI, ARRIVED IN MIAMI

ON 13 OCT.)

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