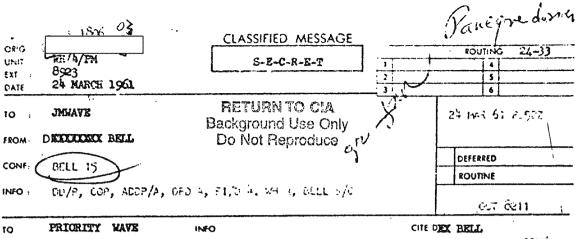
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- 1. GUERRILLA GROUPS CRIENTE BELIEVED CONSIST FOLLOWING:
- A. BETWEEN GINO AND BAYATE (2020N-7521W). 100 UNDER LEADERS LIT. EMILIO VERA AND CAPT. ARGINIDO FORSECA. GROUPS MAY BE SEPARATE. ON 24 FEB ENGAGED GOC FORCES YEAR BAYATE. SEVERAL OF YERA GROUP CAPTURED, HE ESCAPED. NO RECENT INFO RE PONSECA.
- B. BETWEEN IMIAS AND BARACOA. 100 LED BY LT. ROBERTO HERRERA Y TITO AKA "TICO" IN SIERRA DE PURIAL. AIR DROP TO CROUP PARTLY SUCCESSFUL. IN SAME GEVERAL AREA ARE GROUPS LED BY ALFONSO GUEVARA\_POLENIER\_{AMDIP-3 CLAIMED 250 MEN FOR GUEVARA, 30 MORE LIKELY) AND PANCHO CALVINO.
- C. EL COURE AREA. SMALL GROUP LED BY CAPT. OCTAVO LUJO PADRON AT LA TRINCHERA. GOC AVARE AND SEARCHING.
- D. OTHER GROUPS REPORTED IN SIEPRA DE CRISTAL AND ON NORTH COAST VICINITY FUERTO PADRE AND DELICIAS. MILITIA CHIEF KILLED PUERTO PADRE.
- 2. UNCONFIRMED RUNCES 17 MARCH LANDINGS BARACOA AREA. VICTOR PANEQUE MAY BE INVOLVED. MILITIA MOVIEG BARACOA BY TRUCK. GOC USING TWO B-26'S AND HELICOPTERS IN SEARCH.
- 3. ANTI-CASTRO FEELING STRONG HULGUIN AND BANES. RESISTANCE GROUPS SANTIAGO AND MANZAMILLO FRAGMENTED BY ARRESTS, LACK LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL COCEDINATING OFFIC. .5 RELEASING OFFICER

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IN-FIGHTING. NINO DIAZ REMAINS MAGIC NAME THROUGHOUT PROVINCE AND NO. 1
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4. ESTINATED 87,000 MILITIA CRIENTE. LARGE ARMY-MILITIA ELEMENIS P/LMA SCRIANO, MIRAS DEL FRIO, HOLGUIN, BANES, BARACOA, MAYARI, SANTIAGO, GUANTANAMO ARRA. CHIEF AIR BASE SANTIAGO. ARNOR UNIT PALMA SCRIANO.

5. AREA UNDER DIRECT COMMAND RAUL CASTRO. BAYATE ACTION AND SUCCESSFUL ROUND-UP EARLIER LANDING GROUPS INDICATE SHOULD NOT UNDERRATE GOC EFFECTIVENESS.

OTHER GOC MILITARY LEADERS: MAJOR'S CALIXTO GARCIA, DEMETRIO MONISERY VILLA,
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