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- 1. ON 14 NOVEMBER 1963 FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS SAID THAT PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT RECENTLY PROMISED THAT VENEZUELA WOULD PROVIDE THE MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATA CRISTIANA (MDC,, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT MOVEMENT) WITH A BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR USE AGAINST CUBA. ACCORDING TO PRIO, BETANCOURT PROMISED TO MAKE THE BASE AVAILABLE TO THE CUBANS IN DECEMBER AND HAS APPOINTED VENEZUELAN REAR ADMIRAL LOPEZ CONDE AS THE LIAISION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ALL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MDC.
- 2. ALTHOUGH THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE BASE HAS NOT YET BEEN
 DETERMINED PRIO SAID IT WILL PROBABLY BE ESTABLISHED ON A VENEZUELAN

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THE EXILE BASE WITH VENEZUELAN PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES.

- 3. ACCORDING TO LAUREAND BATISTA FALLA, SECRETARY OF MDC
 MILITARY AFFAIRS WHO HAS BEEN MEETING WITH PRIOL IN CONNECTION
 WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BASE IN VENEZUELA. THE MDC HAS \$15,000
 AND PLANS TO PURCHASE TWO SAILING VESSELS BETWEEN 60 AND 90 FEET
 LONG AND SIX OR SEVEN SMALL OUTBOARD MOTOR BOATS WHICH WILL BE
 LAUNCHED FROM THE SAILING VESSELS IN RAIDS AGAINST CUBA.
- I. THE MDC ALSO PLANS TO ACQUIRE A B-25 AIRCRAFT AND BOMBS.

 FOR USE IN AIR STRIKE AGAINST THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT. BATISTA

 FALLA SAID THAT PRIO HAD PROMISED TO GIVE THE MDC FUNDS TO BE

 USED TO PURCHASE BOATS AND PLANES AS ARE NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY

 CARRY OUT ITS PLANS AFTER THE MDC HAS EXHAUSTED ITS OWN RESOURCES.
- 5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMNAVKEYWEST, MIAMI REPS STATE FBI USCG CUSTOMS AND TANS.

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