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SUBJECT

COMMENTS ON RECENT MANEUVERING BY FIDEL CASTRO  
AND BACKGROUND ON THE GRDOQUI AFFAIR

PLACE &  
DATE ACQ. 10 DECEMBER 1964

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APPRAISAL: A FORMER HIGH-LEVEL CUBAN OFFICIAL WHO WAS ONCE ACTIVE IN THE  
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AND A CONFIDANT OF FIDEL CASTRO. HE HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN ANTI-COMMUNIST AND IS NOW STRONGLY ANTI-CASTRO. HE  
CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MANY CUBAN OFFICIALS AT ALL  
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. SOURCE HAS PROVIDED A LIMITED NUMBER OF  
REPORTS WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACCURATE.

1. PROBABLY THE MAJOR CHANGE THAT HAS OCCURRED IN CUBA DURING  
THE PAST YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE DECLINING ECONOMIC SITUATION, HAS  
BEEN THE CENTRALIZATION OF DECISION-MAKING POWERS IN ONE MAN, PREMIER  
FIDEL CASTRO RUZ. CASTRO REFUSES TO LISTEN TO ADVICE AND IS FOREVER  
BYPASSING HIS MINISTERS. CASTRO GETS AN IDEA AND WITHOUT CONSULTING  
ANYONE WILL CALL A TRUSTED OFFICER, ASSIGN HIM THE TASK, AND ORDER  
HIM TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO CASTRO. THIS CAUSES TOTAL CONFUSION IN  
GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, AND HAS ALSO GIVEN RISE TO PUBLIC CRITICISM  
OF CASTRO. SUCH CRITICISM, ALTHOUGH MOSTLY IN A JOKING VEIN, IS A  
NEW DEVELOPMENT. CASTRO IS AWARE THAT THE PEOPLE ARE BECOMING

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CRITICAL, AND HE IS STARTING TO MANEUVER TO REGAIN GROUND.

2. CASTRO'S INVESTIGATION OF JOAQUIN ORDOQUI MESA WAS THE AFTERMATH OF AND DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MARCH 1964 TRIAL OF MARCOS ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ ALFONSO. ORDOQUI WAS VERY UNHAPPY WITH THE PROCEEDINGS AND HE REFUSED TO LET MATTERS REST. ORDOQUI CONTINUED TO EXPRESS IRRITATION ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TRIAL HAD BEEN HANDLED, AND HIS CRITICAL ATTITUDE CONTRIBUTED TO CASTRO'S BRINGING MATTERS TO A HEAD.

3. CASTRO'S PRIMARY CONCERN REGARDING THE "OLD GUARD" COMMUNISTS IS THAT THEY ARE SO DISLIKED BY THE MASSES. BY KEEPING THEM, HOWEVER, CASTRO GIVES HIMSELF MANEUVERING GROUND. CASTRO REALIZES HE MUST ACT AGAINST THE "OLD GUARD" COMMUNISTS WITH RESTRAINT IN ORDER NOT TO CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE SOVIETS. THE LAST THING CASTRO WANTS IS AN UNCONTROLLED CRISIS EITHER WITH THE SOVIETS OR WITHIN THE RÉGIME.

4. CASTRO'S MAJOR PROBLEMS ARE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, AND LABOR. LAZARO PEÑA GONZALEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL DE TRABAJADORES DE CUBA REVOLUCIONARIA (REVOLUTIONARY CUBAN WORKERS' ORGANIZATION, CTC-R) IS SLATED TO BE REMOVED, BUT ONLY CASTRO WILL SAY WHEN. CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE LA REFORMA AGRARIA (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRARIAN REFORM, INRA) HAS ALSO HAD HIS PROBLEMS WITH CASTRO. THE INRA IS A "MESS" BUT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANYONE CAN SUCCEED IN THE JOB, AND IT IS UNLIKELY

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THAT CASTRO WILL ESCALATE THE CRISIS BY A MOVE AGAINST RODRIGUEZ AT THIS TIME. (SOURCE COMMENT: CASTRO ONCE SAID THAT HE WILL NOT PERMIT HIMSELF TO BE PRESSURED BY ANYONE AND WILL REPLACE OFFICIALS ONLY WHEN HE DESIRES TO DO SO. AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 1963 CASTRO WAS PLANNING TO REMOVE AUGUSTO MARTINEZ SANCHEZ AS MINISTER OF LABOR AT A CONVENIENT TIME, THUS HIS RECENT ACTION AGAINST MARTINEZ MAY REPRESENT THE REALIZATION OF A YEAR-OLD INTENTION.) CASTRO'S PROBLEMS WITH THE MILITARY HAVE BEEN LESS SERIOUS. ACTION TAKEN AGAINST MILITARY OFFICERS HAS BEEN ON DISCIPLINARY, NOT POLITICAL GROUNDS, AS IN THE CASE OF THE DISMISSAL OF CAPTAIN JOSE AGUSTIN "TINTIN" DIAZ-ARGÜELLES.

5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO.

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