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COUNTRY CUBA/LATIN AMERICA REPORT NO. TDCS DB-3/656,669

SUBJECT VISIT OF FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES DATE DIST. 16 SEPTEMBER 1963
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SOURCE EXILED FORMER TRUJILLISTA ARMY OFFICER WHO HAS NUMEROUS CONTACTS AMONG ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILES. SOURCE'S RELIABILITY CANNOT BE JUDGED.

1. BEFORE DEPARTING MIAMI, FLORIDA, BY AIR FOR CARACAS, VENEZUELA, ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1963 FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS TALKED WITH FORMER CUBAN COLONEL PEDRO VALDIVIA. PRIO SAID THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM FORMER NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT LUIS SOMOZA TO THE CHIEFS OF THE "DEMOCRATIC LEFT": PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT OF VENEZUELA, PRESIDENT JUAN BOSCH OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FORMER COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT JOSE FIGUEROA, AND GOVERNOR LUIS MUNOZ MARIN OF PUERTO RICO.

2. THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP, PRIO SAID, IS TO MEET THESE LEADERS SO THAT THEY CAN VIEW & HEAR AND ...

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THE PROPER PROSPECTIVE. PRIO WILL TRY TO CONVINCe THEM THAT SOMEBODY HAS TO ELIMINATE COMMUNISM. PRIO SAID THAT SOMOZA IS NOW BECOMING THE LEADER IN LATIN AMERICA BECAUSE OF THE ROLE HE IS PLAYING AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO.

3. AFTER THREE DAYS IN CARACAS, PRIO WILL VISIT ROSCH. UPON HIS RETURN TO MIAMI, PRIO WILL TRY TO WORK OUT A CONCILIATION BETWEEN ANTONIO DE VARONA, LEADER OF RESCATE DEMOCRATICO REVOLUCIONARIO (REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC RESCUE), AND MANUEL ARTIME, LEADER OF THE MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MR, MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY), SO THAT THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER ON THE "SOMOZA PLAN."

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