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WATER WASTING RECEIPT NO. [] SET ALONG LINES

4. FOLLOWED TO REF B:

3. 7. 7. A:

1. DAY BEFORE HURRICANE CYNTHIA HIT CUBA, BETWEEN 900 AND 1000 SOVIET TECHS LEFT BY SHIP FROM SANTIAGO DE CUBA. ON 10 NOV APPROX 200 SOVS WERE SEEN WALKING STREETS HAVANA WITH SUITCASES PRIOR DEBARKATION. (SOURCE [REDACTED] DOJ: 9 DEC).

2. ALL SOCS APPEAR TO BE TEENS, ALTHO YOUNG. MOST OBSERVED
BY [REDACTED] HAD NO MILITARY BEARING, IN SLOPPY PHYSICAL SHAPE,
NOT OF HIS ASSUMPTION THEY CIVILIANS. FRIEND [REDACTED]

LIVES ON ROAD TO PINAR DEL RIO, TOLD [b7D] "SIX MONTHS
AND THE SOVS DID NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO ENTER THEIR CAMP NEAR EL
DUE FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS CUBAN OFFICIALS ENTER IN LARGE
NUMBER AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVS HAD BEEN REDUCED BY TWO
THIRDS". (SIG). SOV CAMP IN SORCA CLOSED DOWN ABOUT SIX MONTHS
AGO BUT IT THOUGH THEY HAVE RETURNED TO SORCA NEAR LA ROCA.

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ARMY. ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT OF CO'S. 06
ARRIVING WITH FAMILIES. (SOURCE: [REDACTED])
SEEN IN UNIFORM, ALL WEAR SPORT SHIRTS OF VARIOUS
KINDS, APPARENTLY CUBAN MADE. NO TIGER STRIPES, OF COURSE, SINCE
SYMBOLIC OF PLAYBOYS. IN A CAFETERIA [92] GOT NEXT TO TABLE
CHINESE, ONE IN PALE BLUE TUNIC AND OTHER THREE IN
SUITS. [92] SAW AND HEARD NO MENTION OF NO OTHER ASIATICS,
WHITE TYPES.

[92] SAW ON 13 DEC TEN TRUCKS, DESCRIBED AS SOVIET TYPE ON
ROAD FROM MATANCAS TO VERACRUZ. EACH TRUCK THEY HAD 5 LARGE
AND ONE SMALLER WHEEL RAISED OFF GROUND. DOUBLE TURRETS,
LARGE CANNON. ON 15 DEC SAW TEN TRUCKS GOING SAME DIRECTION.
HE SAW 5 LARGE TRUCKS DRIVEN BY SOVS AND CARRYING FIVE
MEN. LATER SAME DAY SAW TEN MORE. ALL GOING FROM RANCHO
BOCA AREA TOWARDS THE INTERIOR. IN ALL SAW APPROX 250 DURING
VISIT. ALL SOVS IN 22-28 AGE GROUP.

4. SEE TWO, ABOVE.

5. FLOW OF SOVS IS CONSISTENT WITH NEEDS CASTRO GOVT. MANY
MAY MORE WILL COME AS NEED ARISES. TYPICAL ATTITUDE OF MAN
IN STREET IS "SOVS HERE TO STAY".

6. NO INFO SOVS IN CUBAN MILITIA UNIFORMS.

7. [REDACTED] NO GUARANTEE FROM
[REDACTED] ALSO CASTRO SENSITIVE TO CHARGE NO SOVIET
[REDACTED] CAN VOTE AGAINST USSR
[REDACTED] NEEDS OF CUBA.

8. THIS POLICY SHOWS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING REALITIES CUBA

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LIFE: NO GOC OFFICIAL OPPOSES FOR FEAR OF GYN LIFE. IN ANY EVENT, OPPOSITION WOULD HAVE NO VALUE OR MEANING. COMMON QUOTE: "FIDEL HACE Y FIDEL DESHACE".

3. SEE ONE, ABOVE.

4. NOT KNOWN, BUT CUBAN POSITION IN DISPUTE VERY INDEPENDANT, UNAFFECTED.

PART C

1. MOST OF THE MILITIA PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO ARMY REGULARS PAST SIX MONTHS.

2. UNKNOWN

3. ⁰² [D] IMPRESSION IS THAT CUBAN ARMY NOW WELL TRAINED AND ORGANIZED.

4. ON TEN DEC. NEAR SORCA, ALL CARS HALTED ON ROAD WHILE CONTINGENT CUBAN TROOPS SURROUNDED A CAME FIELD AND SPRAYED IT WITH GUNFIRE, SEARCHED IT, BUT FOUND NO ONE. TROOPS WELL FED AND SUPPLIED. (SOURCE: [] 9 DEC). SORCA APPROX 80 KMS FROM PARANA TOWARDS P. MAR DEL RIO.

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C/S COMMENT: GCS HIGHLY INTERESTED [] DESIGNS RETURN CUBA AS OBSERVER SINGLETON.

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