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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO PRIORITY MEXICO CITY

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- REFS: A. DIRECTOR 268527
- B. [MADRID] 40791 1077733

1. 4 AUGUST EDITION OF MADRID DAILY "EL PAIS" CARRIED<sup>04</sup> A HALF COLUMN ARTICLE CONCERNING [ALBERTO CESAR AUGUSTO RODRIGUEZ GALLEGOS] CIA AFFILIATION. HEADLINE READS: "SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE BERLITZ ACADEMY IN MADRID -- A CUBAN EXILE DENIES HIS ASSOCIATION WITH CIA." THE BYLINE IS EFE. (SAME ARTICLE ALSO CARRIED BY MADRID DAILY "YA"). ARTICLE IDENTIFIES [RODRIGUEZ] IN FULL NAME, BY NATIONALITY, AND THROUGH HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AT BERLITZ. ARTICLE STATES HE CATEGORICALLY DENIES ANY ASSOCIATION WITH CIA, JOKINGLY BRUSHING OFF THE ACCUSATION AS ABSURD. ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT [RODRIGUEZ] LIVED IN MEXICO FROM 1960-1972 AS A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL, BUT IN ACTUALITY WAS BORN IN CUBA ON 6 NOVEMBER 1922. CITING THE "YOUTH ACCUSES IMPERIALISM"<sup>04</sup> DOCUMENT, THE EFE ARTICLE STATES THAT IN 1961 [RODRIGUEZ] RESIDED IN A BUILDING LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE CUBAN MISSION IN MEXICO CITY, WHERE HE CONDUCTED AN EXPIONAGE MISSION FOR THE CIA. ARTICLE ENDS WITH STRONG DENIAL BY [RODRIGUEZ].<sup>04</sup> HE DID NOT DENY HAVING LIVED IN MEXICO DURING THE PERIOD 1960-1972. [RODRIGUEZ] JOKINGLY TOLD EFE, "NOWADAYS, HALF THE WORLD WORKS FOR THE CIA."

2. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED PER PARA 2, REF A ON 4 AUGUST. IF DIRECTOR OF BERLITZ RETURNS TO MISSION, CONSULAR OFFICER

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MS. ISELA BULNES BURGET WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PER PARA 3,  
REF A INSTRUCTIONS.

3. IN VIEW OF [<sup>04</sup>RODRIGUEZ] DENIAL, DOES HQS STILL WISH  
STATION TO CONTACT [<sup>04</sup>RODRIGUEZ] PER PARA 4 REF A.

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