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MEMO:

1. <sup>03</sup> BRILL-1 CALLED ON KNATHAN NIGHT 21 DECEMBER AND REPORTED  
 MISSING: HE IN CONTACT [MAJOR CESAR PAEZ SANCHEZ, FORMER CHIEF  
 FIDEL CASTRO'S ESCORT AND ASSISTANT CHE CUEVARA] IN LAS VILLAS DURING  
 RECENT BATTLE AGAINST BATISTA. A-1 DESCRIBES [PAEZ] AS "MUY GUAPO" (TOUGH GUY),  
 WITH LITTLE POLITICAL CONVICTION AND SOMETHING OF A THUG. [PAEZ] CLAIMS  
 CONTROL FIFTY IN MADANA WHO WILL BE JOINED BY 250 MORE IN PLACETAS,  
 LAS VILLAS. SAYS HE PLANS OPEN THREE FRONTS AGAINST CASTRO IN LAS  
 VILLAS, ONE OF WHICH WILL WORK WITH OSVALDO RAMIREZ. HIS DEPUTY IS  
 [LT RAMONIN QUESADA] IN ADDITION [PAEZ] CLAIMS SUPPORT 50 ACTIVE OFFICERS  
 IN CUBAN REBEL ARMY. BOTH [PAEZ] AND [QUESADA] ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS WITH  
 CUBA COMMAND.

2. [PAEZ] WHO CL  
 CLAIMS LARGE FOLLOWING AMONG PEOPLE IN PLACETAS AREA,  
 SAYS HE WILL PARALYZE CUBAN SUGAR HARVEST. SAYS THAT VICTOR BORDON,  
 WHO HAS BEEN FIGHTING ANTI-CASTRO FORCES IN LAS VILLAS, OFFERED TO  
 COOPERATE WITH HIM, BUT [PAEZ] DOES NOT ENTIRELY TRUST BORDON, NOR DOES  
 HE TRUST RAMON ANTONIO SANCHEZ BARRERA WHOM HE CLAIMS HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE

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... [PAEZ] ...  
 ... ESTABLISHED CONTACT  
 ... THROUGH [CARLOS PASTOR RODRIGUEZ] ...  
 ... A-1 SAYS HE HAS FUNDS TO HELP FINANCE [PAEZ] BUT RELUCTANT DELIVER  
 ... HISSIVINGS ABOUT HIM. POINTS OUT MAN APPEARS APOLITICAL  
 ... DOES NOT UNDERSTAND HIS ANTI-CASTRO POSITION, ALSO SAYS  
 ... DISREPUTABLE LOOKING TYPES. WHILE KNAPPAN POINTED  
 ... NOT FOUGHT BY CREAM SUFFS, CANNOT IGNORE [PAEZ] APPA-  
 ... REASONS FOR OPPOSING CASTRO, HIS UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS  
 ... ON SANTIAGO (WITH WHICH SCORCORY IMPRESSED), HIS APPARENT FREEDOM OF  
 ... IN A TIGHT DICTATORSHIP WHEN HE CLAIMS SUPPORT 52 OFFICERS  
 ... AT LEAST ONE OF  
 ... WHOM MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BE LOYAL TO CASTRO. REQUEST  
 ... QUERY ANDIP-1 RE [PAEZ] AND ... HIS COMMENTS BEFORE NEXT MEETING  
 ... WITH A1 ON 28 DECEMBER.  
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