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TO : C/EE/CI - <sup>03</sup> [Clark Simmons]

FROM : Jean Pierson

SUBJECT: Defection Operation

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In my conversation with COEB, she revealed that she had been talking with Donald SALDINI, a young exile, who mentioned that about the 17th, he had met on the subway a "friend" who works with Ramiro VALDES. The "friend" is ostensibly a nephew of Carlos OLIVARIS, and lives in New York. He has made 6 trips to Cuba within the past few months, allegedly for the G-2. The "friend" told SALDINI that Pardo LLADO was in trouble (this was before the defection). He also said that Pedro MIRET ( Minister of Agriculture) was "going to fall into disgrace".

MIRET was one of the suggested defection targets - this info may be of interest to O'CONNELL.

COEB has been directed to attempt to determine the "friend's" name as soon as possible.

*To Jean P: Please return to me when idea known.*

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