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1. ISADORE IRVING DAVIDSON (201-041581) BORN 19 JAN 21,

PITTSBURGH, REGISTERED DEC 63 AS AGENT FOR DUVALIER GOVT. HAS ALSO

AT VARIOUS TIMES REPRESENTED NICARAGUA, ECUADOR, ISRAEL AND INDONESIA

AND REPORTEDLY WAS CLOSE FRIEND PRESIDENT BALAGUER OF DOMREP. HE

OFTEN REPORTED HIS ACTIVITIES TO UODUAL OFFICIALS AND AS RESULT

HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE REPORTING BY NVIDEA AND LHMERG

FILE INDICATES SUBJECT IS VERY SUCCESSFUL CON MAN AND POSSIBLE

SECURITY RISK, INCLUDING SPECULATION THAT, FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT,

HE IDENTIFIED COS PORT AU PRINCE TO DUVALIER IN 1963 WITH RESULT

COS EXPELLED. FILE ALSO INDICATES DAVIDSON ROUTINELY EXAGGERATES

OR DISTORTS FACTS FOR OWN BENEFIT, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS CLAIMING

CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACTS AND INFLUENCE AT HIGHEST LEVELS LNBZZ WHEN

DEALING WITH FOREIGN CLIENTS. HE DESCRIBED AS FAST BUCK ARTIST WILLING

PARTICIPATE IN ANY BUSINESS PROPOSITION FOR A COMMISSION. DAVIDSON

ALSO CLOSE ASSOCIATE COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON, WITH WHOM SHARED OFFICE

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SPACE IN 1963, AND HAS USED THIS ASSOCIATION TO INFLUENCE POTENTIAL
FOREIGN CLIENTS.

2. IN LIGHT ABOVE INFO, BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT CONTACT ZEA
(LNERGO AUTHORIZATION FOR BKHERALD CONTACT WITH HIM HAS BEEN RECEIVED).
WE MUST ASSUME THAT DAVIDSON WOULD BECOME WITTING ANY BKHERALD
RELATIONSHIP WITH ZEA, AND GIVEN DAVIDSON TRACK RECORD, HE WOULD
NOT HESITATE USE THAT KNOWLEDGE FOR PERSONAL GAIN. HQS INCLINED SHARE
LIMA VIEW (PARA 7 REF B) THAT COUP PLOT, IF SUCH INDEED EXISTS,
UNLIKELY DEVELOP INTO SERIOUS THREAT TO VELASCO GOVT. IN SUM
THEREFORE, POTENTIAL INTEL OR EARLY WARNING TO BE OBTAINED BY
BKHERALD CONTACTING SUPPOSED PLOTTER NOT SUFFICIENT IN HQS VIEW TO
JUSTIFY FLAP POTENTIAL INHERENT IN MAKING THIS CONTACT.

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COMMENT: DAVIDSON CONTACTED LNERGO 5 OCTOBER TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY SOUTH AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN FERNANDO (LNU), SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS COLUMBIAN CIT FERNANDO ZEA, WHO CLAIMED BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING COUP TO OUST PRESIDENT VELASCO DURING LATTER PART OF OCTOBER 72. CLAIMED COUP LEADERS ANXIOUS DEMONSTRATE TO LNUBUZZ THEY NOT COMMUNISTS AND ZEA WILLING SHOW "BATTLE PLANS" TO BKHERALD.

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