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1. ALL CUBAN TROOPS ARE OUT OF ALGERIA. TO AMLASH ONE KNOWLEDGE NO CUBA TROOPS HAVE BEEN SENT TO CONGO OR NORTH VIETNAM. CMDTE EFIGENIO AMEIJERAS DELGADO IN LATE 63 COMMANDED CUBAN TROOPS ALGERIA. WHEN AMEIJERAS RETURNED CUBA, CMDTE ALDO SANTAMARIA, CHIEF CUBAN ARMOR, REMAINED IN COMMAND. IN LATE 63 CUBANS HAD ONE BRIGADE OF ARMOR AND TWO GROUPS OF ARTILLERY IN ALGERIA. WHEN TROOPS LEFT, EQUIPMENT WAS TURNED OVER TO ALGERIANS. THIS INCLUDED FORTY TANKS. BEN BELLA REPORTEDLY PERSONALLY MAINTAINS CONTROL OF THE ARMOR BRIGADE AND TWO GROUPS OF ARTILLERY TRAINED BY CUBANS BEFORE THEY LEFT.

2. CMDTE ^{Oscar} ~~CHE~~ FERNANDEZ MEL, CHIEF OF STAFF WESTERN ARMY, HEADED CUBAN DELEGATION TO 1 NOVEMBER ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. HE RETURNED CUBA. FERNANDEZ IS NOT COMMUNIST, FOUGHT WITH CHE GUEVARA'S COLUMN IN MOUNTAINS, STILL CLOSE TO CHE, LIVED IN CHE'S HOME UNTIL APPROX TWO YEARS AGO, NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING CUBA BUT LOYAL TO FIDEL. SUBJECT IS MEDICAL DOCTOR,

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GOOD DECENT TYPE OF PERSON OF VALUE TO REGIME. CLOSE FRIEND AMLASH
ONE AND VERY FRIENDLY WITH RAUL DIAZ-ARGUELLES GARCIA, CHIEF ARTILLERY
WESTERN ARMY. SEEN FREQUENTLY WITH GUILLERMO GARCIA FRIAS, CO WESTERN
ARMY, THIS RELATIONSHIP AMLASH ONE BELIEVES IS MORE OFFICIAL THAN
PERSONAL.

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