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RYBAT TYPIC AMECRU AMSIGH

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1. FOLLOWING CALL TO VACHAL 4 FEBRUARY, AMECRU-1 CALLED AMKNAR-1 IN PARIS. NO ANSWER YET FROM HABANA. AMKNAR-1 SUGGESTED AMECRU-1 TRAVEL PARIS 9 FEBRUARY TO "SEE IF THEY CAN PUSH THE MATTER ALONG". AMECRU-1 PLANS STAY ONLY ONE DAY. OFFERED FOLLOWING SUMMARY CASES HE NOW HANDLING:

A. SIX CASES WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENTED ARE: SUBJECT 201-098539 (OFFERED 30,000); SUBJECT 201-755633 AND WIFE (OFFERED 80,000 - SEE BELOW); SUBJECT 201-859862 (20,000); AMRIPE-2 (20,000); AMCALL-1 (20,000); AND AMPANIC-7 (20,000).

B. ONLY NEW DEVELOPMENT DURING DECEMBER VISIT AMECRU-1 TO PARIS WAS NEW EFFORT BY FAMILY 201-755633 AND WIFE RAISING OFFER FROM 60,000 TO 80,000 WITH STIPULATION MUST HAVE FAVORABLE SOLUTION BY 15 JANUARY 1970. AMKNAR-1 SAID THEY DID NOT ACCEPT ULTIMATUMS AND SAID WOULD IMMEDIATELY

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WITHDRAW CASES. AMECRU-1 FINALLY SMOOTHED MATTER OVER AND CASES REMAIN ON DOCKET.

C. CASES BEING HANDLED BY AMSIGH-2 AND WIFE WITH AMECRU-1 ARE AMCALL-1, AMRIP-2 AND 201-859862. NO INDICATION AMSIGHS HAVE PINPOINTED RVROCK AS BACKING THESE CASES.

D. AMPANIC-7 IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH RVROCK REP APPOINTED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RVROCK. AMECRU-1 CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN COPIES LETTERS EXCHANGED.

E. SAID AMSIGH-2 INDICATED AMSOUR CASE CLEARLY RVROCK CASE. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN BLUFF BY AMECRU-1 TO TRY GET ADMISSION FROM CASE OFFICER.

2. BELIEVE WE HAVE OBVIOUS EFFORT AMECRU-1 AMONG MIAMI CONTACTS TO UNCOVER RVROCK INTERESTS IN RANSOM CASES. BELIEVE HE ALSO HAS INSUFFICIENT INFO TO PUT ANY PRESSURE DIRECTLY AGAINST US FOR SUPPORT HIS PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD APPEAR BE HIS PRIMARY GOAL.

3. AMECRU-1 CLAIMS THERE SERIOUS IMPASSE WHICH MAY REQUIRE NEW TACTIC TO BREAK. OFFERS TWO ALTERNATIVES WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE USED CONCURRENTLY: A) INTEREST

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VATICAN IN CAMPAIGN "PRO FREEDOM CUBAN PRISONERS" WHICH HE BELIEVES HE COULD HANDLE MUCH MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN ONE "ROBLEJO" (PROBABLY IDEN WITH 201-300286) WHO NOW PUSHING SUCH PROGRAM THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS, AND B) MIGHT ARRANGE "EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS" WITH VENEZUELA, A PROPOSAL BRIEFLY THROWN OUT BY AMKNAR-1 AT ONE POINT. FOR THIS EFFORT HE WOULD LIKE CLEARCUT RVROCK APPROVAL (DOES NOT SAY BACKING AT THIS TIME).

4. BECAUSE OF NATURE OF COMMENTS ABOVE VACHAL WISHES POINT OUT HE CONVINCED AMECRU-1 VERY SERIOUS IN HIS EFFORTS GAIN RELEASE PRISONERS AND HAS NO MALICIOUS INTENT IN HIS EFFORTS GAIN DIRECT RVROCK CONTACT AND SUPPORT THESE CASES. ONLY THAT HE FEELS OUT ON END OF LINE WITH VERY PRECARIOUS SUPPORT.

5. SUGGESTED TO AMECRU-1 THAT IMPASSE COULD BE RESULT AMTHUG UNWILLINGNESS MAKE SUCH DEALS AT TIME WHEN REVOLUTION SUPPOSEDLY AT ITS HIGHEST POINT OF SUCCESS, PRODUCING 10 MILLION TONS SUGAR. PSYCHOLOGICAL TIME FOR MAJOR PUSH FREEDOM PRISONERS COULD WELL BE 26 JULY WHEN HE MIGHT BE CONVINCED "BY DISINTERESTED PARTY" DECLARE AMNESTY.

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NAMES ALREADY SUBMITTED AT THAT TIME MIGHT BE INCLUDED
IN THE AMNESTY AS LONG AS THE MONEY FORTHCOMING. HE
BELIEVED THIS POSSIBILITY BUT AGREED THAT SUCH IDEA BEST
WITHHELD PENDING RESULTS CONTINUED CURRENT EFFORTS.

6. FILE: 201S: 061063; 098539; 755633; 859802; 276080;
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