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PAGE TWO CAR 97-2 S E C R E T SUBSEQUENTLY REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER POST FOR HIS OWN SAFETY. CIA, CARACAS, CANNOT STATE DEFINITELY THAT THE SHOT WAS FIRED BY MORALES OR SOMEONE ACTING FOR HIM, BUT THIS IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY.

CIA. CARACAS, BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY PURPOSE THE ASSASSINATION Would have served would have been to strain relations OF BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND MOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAVE AIDED THE ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA CAUSE IN ANY WAY. HAS ADVISED THAT AT A RECENT PARTY AT THE RESIDENCE OF ORLANDO GARCIA, MORALES, WHILE QUITE INTOXICATED, W ASKED IF SEEING THE CUBAN FLAG AND HEARING THE CUBAN NATIONAL ANTHEM DID NOT EMOTIONALLY AFFECT SOURCE. SOURCE ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. AND MORALES THEN STATED TO THE EFFECT THAT HE "COULD LIVE WITH BRESHNEV," REFERRING TO THE SOVIET PREMIER. MORALES IS NOT RPT NOT CURRENTLY ON THE ROLLS OF OFFICIAL DISIP EMPLOYEES. HAS VACATED HIS A PARTMENT AT THE ANAUCO HILTON, LEAVING AN UNPAID BILL OF BS. 16.000. WHICH WAS PAID BY ORLANDO GARCIA, AND HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN AN APARTMENT. THE COST OF WHICH IS PROHIBITIVE ON ONLY THE SALARY PAID BY DISIP. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE CAR 97-2 SECRET. MORALES CONTINUES TO BE PAID BY DISIP, POSSIBLY AS A CONTRACT EM-PLOYEE, BUT HIS STANDARD OF LIVING CERTAINLY INDICATES ANOTHER SUBSTANTIAL SOURCE OF INCOME, IF HE IS, IN FACT, PAYING HIS CURRENT.

CIA, CARACAS, BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, AND THE VITUPEROUS ATTACKS MORALES HAS MADE AGAINST THE CIA AND THE FBI, THE POSSIBILITY CERTAINLY EXISTS THAT HE IS MENTALLY UNSTABLE, AND MAY VERY LIKELY BE A CASTRO DOUBLE AGENT.

LEGAT FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT ANY CONTACT WITH MORALES 'BE VERY CIRCUMSPECT, AND ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM OR ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, BE CAREFULLY ANALYZED BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED AS FACT.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ORLANDO GARCIA IS CURRENTLY CONFINED TO BED AT HIS RESIDENCE DUE TO VERY SERIOUS LIVER PROBLEMS. HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY HIS DOCTOR THAT IF HE DOES NOT STOP DRINKING IT WILL KILL HIM IN SHORT ORDER.

GARCIA IS MORALES' PROTECTOR IN DISIP, AND SHOULD HE EXPIRE OR BECOME INCAPACITATED, MORALES WOULD MOST CERTAINLY LOSE HIS INFLUENCE WITH GENERAL GIMENEZ GAINZA AND BE COMPLETELY SEPARATED

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PAGE FOUR CAR 97-2 SECRET FROM DISIP. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE MIAMI AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES. LEGAT WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY WITH SOURCES AND CIA STATION, CARACAS (5) BT cc-gen. in SEN