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1. SENSITIVE INFO INDICATES ORLANDO (PRENDES) GUTIERREZ (201-330002) WILL ATTEND PAN AMERICAN COFFEE MEETING TO BE HELD NYC.

REQUESTED MEXICAN TRANSIT VISA 26 JANUARY 1967. ARRIVED MEXICO CITY 30 JAN WITH PP D/67/46. PRENDES CAREER DGI OFFICER. NOTE RAFAEL (NUNEZ) CUESTA, DGI SUSPECT, ATTENDED PAN AM COFFEE BUREAU MEETINGS NYC OCTOBER 1966. NUNEZ DID NOT CONTACT CMUN BUT WAS VISITED AT HOTEL BY SEVERAL DGI OFFICERS FROM MISSION. ATTENDED COFFEE MEETINGS ACCOMPANIED BY DGI OFFICER JOSE RAUL (VIERA) LINARES ASSIGNED CMUN AS FIRST SECRETARY.

2. PRENDES BORN 23 DECEMBER 1940, MATANZAS. LATE 1961 ATTENDED G-2 TRAINING SCHOOL WITH AMSTOKE/1 WHO HAS STATED PRENDES GOOD FRIEND RCLANDO (CUBELA) (IMPRISONED MARCH 1966 FOR PLANNING ASSASSINATE CASTRO). MID-1962 TO DECEMBER 1962 ATTACHE CUBAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO DE CHILE WHERE ENGAGED INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, INVOLVED CLANDESTINE PRINTING PRESS OP OF CUBAN EMBASSY WITH PCCH, ALWAYS ARMED, FREQUENTLY CONTACTED LEFTIST POLITICAL LEADERS. NOVEMBER 1962 HAVANA UNEXPECTEDLY ORDERED RETURN CUBA OF ENTIRE G-2 SECTION (FIVE OFFICIALS) CUBAN

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EMBASSY, CHILE, REASON UNKNOWN. STATION SANTIAGO PLANNED PITCH PRENDES THRU STATION ASSET PRIOR DEPARTURE OR THRU FUBRIAR/3 AT AIRPORT DUE FUCOID INFO PRENDES SPOKE OF FOOD SHORTAGES AND PROBLEMS CUBA, APPEARED LIKE CHILE AND MIGHT WANT STAY. AMTOAD/1 REACHED PRENDES ONCE BY PHONE. PRENDES SAID WOULD CALL BACK BUT DID NOT. IMPOSSIBLE APPROACH AT AIRPORT WHEN DEPARTED 9 DECEMBER BECAUSE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTING CUBANS AND LARGE GROUP FROM EMBASSY. NO ATTEMPT MADE MEXICO BECAUSE OFFICIALS CUBAN EMBASSY MEXICO MET PRENDES GROUP AT AIRPORT. AVAILABLE TRAVEL RECORDS SHOW NO TRAVEL BY PRENDES SINCE RETURN CUBA DECEMBER 1962. NOVEMBER 1965 AMUG/1 IDENTIFIED PRENDES PHOTO AS EMPLOYEE SI DEPARTMENT DGI WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT KNOW.

3. FOR JMWAVE: REQUESTING LNERGO APPROVAL APPROACH PRENDES. POSSIBILITY RECRUITING PRENDES MORE FAVORABLE NOW THAN 1962 DUE FOUR YEARS CUBA AND FATE FORMER FRIEND CUBELA. DEFECTION UNLIKELY SINCE WIFE AND FIVE YEAR OLD SON CUBA. SUGGEST AMUG/1 OR OTHER STATION ASSET, PREFERABLY SOMEONE KNOWN TO PRENDES, BE PREPARED GO NYC TO MAKE RECRUITMENT ATTEMPT, OFFER SUBSTANTIAL SUM TO BE PLACED ESCROW

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IMMEDIATELY PLUS MONTHLY PAYMENT ESCROW ACCOUNT AND AID IF ABLE LATER DEFECT WITH FAMILY. FOLLOWING AUTHORIZED WHEN 1962 PITCH PLANNED: \$2000 AT OUTSET, PLUS \$500 PER MONTH IN PLACE, PLUS TERMINATION BONUS TO BE DETERMINED DEPENDING ON TIME IN PLACE AND VALUE PRODUCTION. ALL PAYMENTS TO BE PLACED ESCROW ACCOUNT. FOR STRAIGHT DEFECTION AND SUBSEQUENT COOPERATION, AUTHORIZED OFFER UP TO \$5000 FOR DEBRIEFING ETC. VIEW FACT NUNEZ ACCOMPANIED BY DGI OFFICIAL AT MEETINGS AND VISITED AT HOTEL BY DGI OFFICIALS, MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE AMMUG/1 DIRECTLY CONTACT PRENDES WITHOUT BEING RECOGNIZED. DOES STATION HAVE ASSET WHO CAN ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN AMMUG/1 AND PRENDES? HEADQUARTERS ATTEMPTING LEARN WHEREABOUTS CUBAN EXILE JOSE GUILLERMO (RUBIERA) RODRIGUEZ (201-747223), OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION, 7 WELLINGTON COURT, WELLINGTON ROAD, LONDON. RUBIERA WAS ASSOCIATED COFFEE GROWERS HAVANA, ENTERED US AS PAROLEE 21 NOVEMBER 1961, ARRIVED WASHINGTON 1962 WHERE WORKED FOR INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT UNTIL OFFICE TRANSFERRED LONDON 1964. MARCH 1964 MET AMNIP/1 ON FLIGHT LONDON TO NYC, TOLD AMNIP/1 WILLING DO ANYTHING POSSIBLE "TO HELP THE CAUSE."

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CONSEQUENTLY, INTERVIEWED AT HOME IN ARLINGTON BY TWO HQS STAFFERS. RUBIERA REITERATED WILLINGNESS ASSIST ANY WAY ABLE. RUBIERA ARRIVED NYC 9 DECEMBER 1966. VISA REQUEST STATED WOULD BE US SEVEN WEEKS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS NYC AND WASHINGTON AND WOULD VISIT DAUGHTER, MRS. TANIA R. (MONTALVO), 1608 RODANO, URBANIZACION PARAISO, RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, OVER HOLIDAYS. POSSIBLE RUBIERA STILL US AND PLANNING OR WILLING ATTEND PAN AM COFFEE MEETING NYC WHERE COULD CONTACT AND ASSESS PRENDES AND ARRANGE MEETING PRENDES WITH AMMUG/1. REQUEST COMMENTS ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS.

4. FOR LONDON: THRU LIAISON PLS ATTEMPT ASCERTAIN IF RUBIERA HAS RETURNED UK.

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