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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY REF BOOK CABLE WHICH MAY BE USEFUL ACCRA STATION IN CURRENT SITUATION:
2. REUTERS DISPATCH 16 MARCH 1966 FROM HAVANA REPORTS WIDESPREAD PURGE HIGH OFFICIALS, MILITARY LEADERS AND COMMUNIST LEADERS CUBA. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY MOST AFFECTED, AND OFFICIALS WORKING ABROAD UNDER INVESTIGATION. IN 13 MARCH SPEECH, CASTRO ATTACKED MEMBERS OF CUBAN MISSIONS ABROAD WHO SPENT TIME PARTYING, DRINKING BRANDY AND IN COMPANY PRETTY GIRLS. HE ADDED THAT PLAYBOYS WOULD BE DRAFTED INTO ARMY OR SENT TO THE FARMS.
3. SOME OF CASTRO'S EARLIEST AND MOST ACTIVE FOLLOWERS HAVE ALREADY *never a follower of Castro* FALLEN VICTIM; MAJOR ROLAND CUBELA WHO WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED FOR ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING AGAINST CASTRO WITH SUPPORT U.S. BASED EXILE LEADERS, AND MAJOR AMEIJERAS WHO DISMISSED FROM GOVT IN DISGRACE FOR BEING "PLAYBOY". CUBELA WAS POPULAR FIGURE AND HIS TRIAL RESULTED ANTI-CASTRO STUDENT AGITATION.
4. UNDERLYING CAUSES THE UNREST WHICH IMPELLING CASTRO RESORT TO SHOW TRIALS AND PURGE ARE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FAILURES CUBAN REGIME, STRIKINGLY SIMILAR TO NERUMAH'S FAILURES. BASIC FOOD PRODUCTS ARE SCARCE

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SUGAR CROP IS SMALL AND EXPORT EARNINGS WILL NOT PAY FOR BASIC IMPORTS.
GOVT BUREAUCRACY VIRTUALLY COLLAPSED DUE DISMISSAL SOME 60,000 EMPLOYEES
IN INTEREST ECONOMY.

5. SUGGESTED PSYCH LINES REF ARE:

A. PORTRAY PURGES AND TRIALS AS DESPERATE EFFORT CASTRO DIVERT
PUBLIC ATTENTION INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES AND ATTEMPT LAY BLAME ON OTHERS.

B. COMPARE CASTRO TO NKRUMAH, SUKARNO OTHER TYRANNICAL NATIONAL
LEADERS WHO HAVE BANKRUPTED THEIR ECONOMIES, SOLD OUT THEIR NATIONS TO
COMMUNISM.

C. RAISE QUESTION WHO AMONGST CASTRO FOLLOWERS CAN FEEL SAFE WHEN
CASTRO TURNING AGAINST MOST LOYAL AND DEDICATED FRIENDS.

6. SITUATION ALSO OFFERS POSSIBILITY ESTABLISH CONTACT SELECTED
CUBAN OFFICIALS ABROAD WHO MAY BE UNCERTAIN THEIR FUTURE WITH OBJECTIVE
RECRUITMENT.

7. GHANA SITUATION OBVIOUSLY OFFERS SOME POSSIBILITIES EFFECTIVE
OPS AGAINST CUBANS, BUT APPRECIATE THAT STATION HAS MANY EXISTING
COMMITMENTS AND MOUNTING GOOD OP AGAINST CUBANS DEPENDENT ON TIMING.
^{AND IF}
WHEN STATION BELIEVES TIMING APPROPRIATE EXPLOIT POSSIBILITIES AGAINST
CUBANS, PLEASE ADVISE AND HQS WILL ATTEMPT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO TO
SUPPORT. IN MEANTIME, STATION MAY WISH CONSIDER SOME PSYCH PLAY TO

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CREATE UNCERTAINTY AMONGST CUBANS. GNA GETS REUTERS SERVICE AND STATION MAY BE ABLE ELABORATE ON BASIC STORY BY GETTING PRESS COMMENT ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CUBAN EMBASSY ACCRA.

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