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SUBJECT

HAITIAN REBEL ACTIVITIES

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SOURCE  
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APPRAISAL:

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FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

1.

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[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY MEMBERS OF THE  
FORCE ARMEE REVOLUTIONNAIRE HAITI (FARH), A HAITIAN EXILE  
ORGANIZATION, [REDACTED] ON 1 SEPTEMBER  
1964. DURING THE INTERVIEW, MEMBERS OF THE FARH "PERSUADED"  
[REDACTED] TO CONTRIBUTE \$100 TO THEIR ORGANIZATION, THEREBY  
BECOMING THE NEWEST MEMBER IN THE REBEL GROUP.

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2.

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SAID THAT THE MILITIA IN MIRAGOANE DOES  
NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE ARMS; MANY OF THEM HAVE NEVER HELD  
OR FIRED A RIFLE. MANY OF THEM ARE DISLOYAL TO DUVALIER

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AND WOULD NOT PUT UP A FIGHT AGAINST THE REBELS. [REDACTED] WHO RETURNED TO HAITI ON 2 SEPTEMBER, TOOK BACK INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FARH TO RECRUIT IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF CIVIL AND MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS IN MIRAGOANE FOR SUPPORT OF FUTURE REBEL OPERATIONS.

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3. THE REBELS NOW IN HAITI HAVE RADIOS TUNED IN ON HAITIAN ARMY COMMUNICATIONS WHICH THEY DECODE. THIS GIVES THEM AN ADVANTAGE OVER GOVERNMENT FORCES.

4. NUMEROUS STUDENTS FROM PORT-AU-PRINCE, AS WELL AS LOCAL PEASANTS, HAVE JOINED THE REBELS IN THE LA SELLE AREA. NEW RECRUITS ARE UNDERGOING TRAINING, BUT HAVE NO ARMS OTHER THAN MACHETES AND, OCCASIONALLY, EQUIPMENT CAPTURED FROM THE HAITIAN ARMY.

5. COMMUNIQUES AND PROPAGANDA FROM THE FARH ARE BEING TAKEN INTO PORT-AU-PRINCE BY THE PEASANTS. THE REBELS, WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SAFE AND UNDETECTED MEANS OF ENTERING THE CITY, PLAN TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE ITSELF. THESE OPERATIONS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN DURING THE PERIOD FROM 5 TO 9 SEPTEMBER.

6. THE CUBANS WORKING AS INSTRUCTORS AT THE SAN LUIS CAMP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARE ASSOCIATES OF GEN. ELIAS WESSIN Y WESSIN'S CUBAN COTERIE. (SOURCE COMMENT: LUIS EUGENE ATHIS, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE SAN LUIS CAMP,

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IS PROBABLY BEING SUPPORTED BY WESSIN.)

7. (SOURCE COMMENT: LIMITATION OF REBEL ACTIVITY TO THE MOUNTAINS COULD PRODUCE DANGEROUS SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES AFTER DUVALIER IS OVERTHROWN. PEASANTS IN THESE AREAS ARE PROVING RESPONSIVE TO REBELS AS THE MOST IMMEDIATE RECOURSE FOR STRIKING BACK AT DUVALIER FOR HIS WELL-KNOWN AND CONTINUING SLAUGHTER AND TERROR TACTICS. THE PEASANTS ARE ALSO BECOMING SOCIALLY AWARE OF POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVING THEIR LOT BUT ARE AWAKENING TO THESE POSSIBILITIES THROUGH BROADCASTS FROM RADIO HABANA, WHICH ARE MAINLY ANTI-U.S. COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA. THESE BROADCASTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN TARGETTED AT HAITI OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, ARE THE ONLY "OUTSIDE VOICE" BEING RECEIVED BY A LARGE SECTOR OF THE RURAL PEASANT POPULATION. THE BROADCASTS, COMBINED WITH A CONTINUING CLIMATE OF INSURRECTION AND REPRISALS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, COULD CREATE FERTILE GROUND FOR HAITIAN COMMUNISTS WHO COULD DEVELOP BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REBELS IN A POST-DUVALIER REGIME. FOR THIS REASON, THE BEST INTERESTS OF A DEMOCRATIC HAITI WOULD BE SERVED BY A SHORT-TERM FIGHT BEFORE THE PEASANTS ARE OVERLY AROUSED. THE REBELS NOW ENGAGED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DUVALIER OFFER THE BEST CHANCE THUS FAR FOR A DEMOCRATIC HAITI).

8. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCSO CINCLANT. [REDACTED]

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