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COUNTRY: HAITI

DCI : [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 1966

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF ROLANDO MASFERRER GROUP  
CONCERNING PROJECTED INVASION OF HAITI

ACQ : [REDACTED]

SOURCE : SEE PARAS BELOW,

1. [REDACTED]

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2. CIRCA [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 1966 A [REDACTED]

GROUP OF 200 CUBANS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ROLANDO MASFERRER'S  
PARAMILITARY FORCE ARRIVED AT AN UNSPECIFIED PLACE IN THE  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. WHEN NEWS OF THEIR ARRIVAL REACHED  
MASFERRER'S HEADQUARTERS IN MIAMI COLUMBIA BROADCASTING  
SYSTEM CBS NEWSMEN IN CONTACT WITH MASFERRER WERE ADVISED  
THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION IN PASSING THE NEWS TO CBS

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HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, WITH THE RESULT THAT CBS ISSUED A REPORT THAT MASFERRER FORCES HAD LANDED IN HAITI. WHEN THE CONFUSION WAS DISSIPATED CBS ISSUED A RETRACTION.

3. [REDACTED]

4. A MEETING OF MEMBERS OF MASFERRER'S FORCE TOOK PLACE OF THE EVENING OF [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 1966 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABOUT 20 PERSONS ATTENDED THE MEETING, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING [REDACTED] GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH MASFERRER ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PLANS FOR THE INVASION OF HAITI. [REDACTED] COMPLAINED THAT MASFERRER WAS INTERFERING IN THE MILITARY PLANS FOR THE EXPEDITION, AN AREA FOR WHICH [REDACTED] WAS RESPONSIBLE AND IN WHICH MASFERRER HAD NO EXPERIENCE OR COMPETENCE. [REDACTED] ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT ARMS AND EQUIPMENT TO CARRY

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OUT THE PLANNED INVASION. IN REPLY MASFERRER STATED THAT SUFFICIENT ARMS WERE AVAILABLE. HE ADDED THAT

HAD MADE A B-26 BOMBER AVAILABLE TO MASFERRER. AFTER HAD FINISHED, SPOKE TO MASFERRER, MAKING THE SAME POINTS.

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6. A SECOND MEETING OF MEMBERS OF MASFERRER'S FORCE TOOK PLACE LATER

ALSO ATTENDED THIS MEETING, BUT DID NOT. MASFERRER WAS EXPECTED TO ATTEND BUT DID NOT APPEAR. ABOUT 30 PEOPLE ATTENDED THIS MEETING. INCLUDED WERE FOUR PERSONS SAID TO BE U.S. NATIONALS. TWO OF THE LATTER WERE ALLEGED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR CBS-TV. MAPS OF HAITI WERE SPREAD OUT ON TABLES AND THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE TAKING PICTURES OF MASFERRER'S MEN EXAMINING THE MAPS.

7. AT THIS SECOND MEETING STATED THAT HAD RESIGNED AS MILITARY CHIEF OF THE MASFERRER INVASION FORCE BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF EQUIPMENT

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AND WEAPONS AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE PLANS OF THE GROUP.

SAID THAT HE WAS AFRAID TO EMBARK ON THE PLANNED OPERATIONS BECAUSE THE EQUIPMENT WAS INADEQUATE AND HE WAS CONSIDERING RESIGNING. STATED THAT ALTHOUGH MANY

PROMISES OF EQUIPMENT AND ARMS HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM THERE

WAS IN FACT ONLY ENOUGH EQUIPMENT FOR ABOUT EIGHTY MEN

AND THAT MATERIEL WAS OLD, RUSTY AND IN BAD CONDITION.

ONLY TWO 3.5 INCH ROCKET LAUNCHERS, TWO 60 MM MORTARS, AND

TWO 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS WERE AVAILABLE.

8. STATED THAT 230 MEN HAD AGREED TO JOIN THE MASFERRER FORCE BUT THAT A CHECK HAD REVEALED THAT ONLY 72 MEN WOULD ACTUALLY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE OPERATION.

SAID HE THOUGHT THAT ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THESE WOULD REALLY GO IF CALLED UPON TO DO SO. ADDED THAT ONE

OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN RECRUITING MEN WAS THE

SALARY QUESTION. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION

WERE BEING PROMISED \$250, TO BE PAID FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE

LANDING IN HAITI. HOWEVER THE MAJORITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE

MEMBERS WERE DEMANDING PAYMENT OF THE \$250 BEFORE LEAVING

THE MIAMI AREA.

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9. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE INVASION FORCE HAD BEEN PROMISED A NUMBER OF SHIPS, IN FACT THE FORCE HAD ONLY ONE SHIP AND IT WAS OLD AND IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN THE SHIP BUT ITS CONDITION HAD BEEN DESCRIBED TO HIM BY THE CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE SHIP BUT HAD RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS IN THE FT. LAUDERDALE-WEST PALM BEACH AREA.

10. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE TWO INVASION FORCES. ONE FORCE OF ABOUT TWENTY CUBAN ACTIVISTS, WHO WERE ALREADY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WOULD CROSS THE BORDER INTO HAITI (AT AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION) WHILE THE LARGER PART OF THE FORCE, WHICH WOULD EMBARK ON THE [REDACTED] SHIP SATURDAY NIGHT, 19 NOVEMBER 1966, WOULD MAKE A LANDING ON THE NORTH COAST OF HAITI (AT AN UNSPECIFIED POINT).

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11. [REDACTED] STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE EXPEDITION HAD BEEN PROMISED SEVERAL AIRPLANES TO SUPPORT THE INVASION, IN FACT ONLY ONE B-26 WAS AVAILABLE FOR AIR SUPPORT. THIS AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN MIAMI FROM CENTRAL AMERICA ON 17 NOVEMBER. THE PILOT WAS AN AMERICAN NAMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. ON THE NIGHT OF 17 NOVEMBER ROLANDO MASFERRER WENT TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE ASKED AN OFFICIAL [REDACTED] FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN HIS INVASION FORCE. THE [REDACTED] MEMBER FLATLY REFUSED, STATING THAT THERE HAD BEEN FAR TOO MUCH PUBLICITY ABOUT THE PLANNED INVASION AND THAT BECAUSE OF THIS IT WOULD BE SUICIDE TO LAUNCH SUCH AN

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INVASION ATTEMPT.

14.

[REDACTED]  
AN ASSOCIATE OF MASFERRER IN THE INVASION PLAN, STATED ON 17 NOVEMBER THAT WITHIN THE PAST WEEK HE HAD SENT \$30,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR USE BY MASFERRER'S FORCES. HE GAVE NO OTHER DETAILS.

15. AT ABOUT NOON 18 NOVEMBER SEVEN REPORTERS (NO FURTHER DETAILS) ARRIVED IN MIAMI BY AIR TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE HAITIAN INVASION FORCE.

16. FIELD DISSEM: CINCSO, CINCLANT, COMWESTFOR, [REDACTED] STATE, FBI, I&NS, CUSTOMS, USCG, BORDER PATROL [REDACTED]

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