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SUBJECT	COMMENTS OF CUBAN EXILE ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE HAITIAN INVASION	DATE DISTR.	22 AUGUST 1963
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SOURCE EXILED FORMER TRUJILLISTA ARMY OFFICER WHO HAS NUMEROUS CONTACTS AMONG ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILES. HE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM ROLANDO MASFERRER. SOURCE'S RELIABILITY CANNOT BE JUDGED

1. ON 17 AUGUST 1963 ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS, A FORMER CUBAN SENATOR IN EXILE, SAID HE WAS IN MIAMI WITH A GROUP OF 100 MEN PREPARATORY TO INVADING HAITI IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL LEON CANTAVE. MASFERRER SAID HE HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH CANTAVE WHEREIN CANTAVE AND MASFERRER'S FORCES ARE TO OCCUPY A HAITIAN SEAPORT. ONCE THE SEAPORT IS TAKEN BY CANTAVE, MASFERRER AND HIS MEN WILL DISEMBARK AND JOIN FORCES.

2. ON 18 AUGUST MASFERRER MET WITH FORMER CUBAN ADMIRAL JOSE RODRIGUEZ CALDERON AND SANTIAGO ALVAREZ, CHIEF OF COMANDOS L, A

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CUBAN EXILE ACTION GROUP. DURING THE MEETING MASFERRER SAID HE HAD HAD AN UNDERSTANDING WITH GENERAL CANTAVE FOR MANY MONTHS, HAVING PROMISED TO JOIN CANTAVE WITH CUBAN FORCES. IN RETURN, IF CANTAVE WERE SUCCESSFUL, THE NEW HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD GRANT MASFERRER THE USE OF HAITI FROM WHICH TO LAUNCH OPERATIONS AGAINST THE COMMUNIST REGIME OF FIDEL CASTRO RUZ.

3. MASFERRER SAID THAT THE HAITIAN REVOLUTIONARIES HAD RECEIVED A PROMISE OF AID FROM THE DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF PRESIDENT JUAN BOSCH Y GAVINO. MASFERRER EXPLAINED THAT BOSCH HAD ORIGINALLY PROMISED AID TO CANTAVE BUT LATER WITHDREW HIS OFFER, TELLING CANTAVE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD EXERTED PRESSURE AND FORCED HIM TO CANCEL HIS SUPPORT. CANTAVE THEN WENT TO GENERAL VICTOR ELEY VINAS ROMAN AND GENERAL RENERDO UNGRIA, OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WHO GUARANTEED HIM POSITIVE MILITARY AID IF CANTAVE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING A REVOLUTION ON HAITIAN SOIL.

4. MASFERRER TOLD RODRIGUEZ AND ALVAREZ HE HAD TWO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS. FIRST, HE NEEDS FUSES FOR 100-POUND BOMBS. HE TRIED USING THE FUSES FROM 81-MM MORTAR SHELLS BUT THEY DID NOT FIT. SECONDLY, MASFERRER SAID HE MUST ARRANGE FOR THE

TRANSPORTATION OF 100 MEN, ARMED WITH GARAND RIFLES, FROM MIAMI TO A SHIP ON THE HIGH SEAS. HE SAID THE MEN WERE TO ARRIVE AT A FIXED LOCATION TO MEET THE SHIP ON 17 AUGUST, IF POSSIBLE.

MASFERRER HAD \$1,000 TO PAY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND ASKED THE HELP OF ALVAREZ. ALVAREZ EXPLAINED THE PROBLEMS OF GETTING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES NAVAL BLOCKADE OF MIAMI WATERS, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD. HE ASKED MASFERRER TO CALL HIM DURING THE NIGHT OF 18 AUGUST.

5. MASFERRER SAID THAT HE HAS A B-25 PLANE IN FLORIDA, BUT IT CANNOT LEAVE TO BOMB HAITIAN TARGETS UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO GET THE NEEDED BOMB FUSES.

6. MASFERRER SAID THAT AFTER HE ARRIVES IN HAITI HE WILL NEVER RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. HE INTENDS TO REMAIN IN HAITI AND DEVOTE HIMSELF TO THE ANTI-CASTRO STRUGGLE.

7. MASFERRER DISCLAIMED ANY CONNECTION WITH MANUEL ARTIME BUESA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MRR, MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY). HE CONSIDERS ARTIME NOTHING MORE THAN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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