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COUNTRY CUBA REPORT NO. TDCS DB- 3/651,139

SUBJECT ARRIVAL OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT AT THE PORTS OF TRINIDAD AND CASILDA, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE DATE DISTR. 24 AUGUST 1962 PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

DATE OF INFO. 5-9 AUGUST 1962 REFERENCES IN 49992

PLACE & DATE ACQ. APPRAISAL [REDACTED] FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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SOURCE

1. SHORTLY BEFORE 6 AUGUST [REDACTED] SAW AN EXTREMELY LARGE VESSEL AT THE PORT. ACCESS TO THE PIER AREA WAS PROHIBITED DURING THE UNLOADING OF THE SHIP; INCLUDED IN THE CARGO WAS AN EXTREMELY LARGE TANK.
2. [REDACTED] THE DAY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE VESSEL, LARGE HEAVILY-LOADED CONVOYS OF TRUCKS BEGAN TO LEAVE THE PORT AREAS, AND HEADED TOWARD SANCTI SPIRITUS, OVER THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND SANCTI SPIRITUS. THIS TRAFFIC CONTINUED ALL AFTERNOON AND THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.
3. ONE CONVOY LEFT THE PIERS [REDACTED] AND WAS PRECEDED BY ABOUT 10 MOTORCYCLES. THE FIRST TWO MOTORCYCLES WERE

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OPERATED BY CUBAN NATIONALS, ALL OF THE OTHERS BY FOREIGNERS IN UNIFORM. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THEY WERE FOREIGNERS AS THEY SPOKE SOME FOREIGN LANGUAGE. FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MOTOR-CYCLES WAS A JEEP FILLED WITH CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVOY CONSISTED OF ARTILLERY PIECES AND TRUCKS. EACH OF THE TRUCKS WAS OPERATED BY A FOREIGN DRIVER AND HELPER. THERE WERE 15 TRUCKS, EACH CONTAINING ABOUT 50 FOREIGNERS WHO HAD AN ASIATIC "OR KOREAN" APPEARANCE, AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL 15 TRUCKS CARRYING CARGO COVERED WITH TARPAULINS. THERE WERE ALSO THREE LARGE AMBULANCE-TYPE VEHICLES SAID TO BE MOBILE FIRST-AID HOSPITALS, WHICH WERE EQUIPPED WITH SURGICAL FACILITIES.

4. THE MAJORITY OF THE FOREIGN PERSONNEL WERE SHIRTLESS, APPARENTLY SUFFERING FROM THE HEAT.

5. THE UNLOADING APPEARED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF THE THIRD DAY. AT THE END OF THE MILITARY CONVOY THERE WERE THREE BUSES, SIMILAR TO THOSE USED FOR THE SANTIAGO DE CUBA TO HABANA RUN, WHICH WERE FILLED WITH FOREIGN OFFICERS.

6. ON 5 AUGUST ABOUT 2,000 SOVIETS ARRIVED AT CASILDA. THEY HAD WITH THEM LONG-AND SHORT-RANGE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES OF TRUCKS, BULLDOZERS, JEEPS, EXPLOSIVES, AS WELL AS EXTREMELY LARGE TANKS. ALL THE VEHICLES WERE OPERATED BY SOVIETS. A TOTAL OF FIVE SHIPS HAD ARRIVED AT CASILDA BY 9 AUGUST. ON 8 AUGUST TWO TRUCKLOADS OF

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CHINESE WERE IN CASILDA.

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COMMENT:

REPORTED THAT AS OF 6 AUGUST

THERE WERE 2,000 FOREIGNERS NEAR PLAYA GIRON.

8. FIELD DISSEM: CINCARIB, CINCLANT

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