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PLANNED MARCH ON WASHINGTON BY CUBAN EXILES ON 21 JULY 1964 AT START OF OAS SESSIONS ON THE CUBAN PROBLEM

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2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY LEADERS OF THE PLANNED MARCH ON WASHINGTON BY CUBAN EXILES ON 21 JULY 1964, INDICATE THAT THE EXILES WILL ASSEMBLE IN FRONT OF THE PAN-AMERICAN UNION BUILDING WHEN THE OAS SESSIONS BEGIN. THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO PRESENT A PROCLAMATION OF OAS REPRESENTATIVES DEMANDING STRONG ACTION BY THE OAS, THEN THEY WILL PARADE TO THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL WHERE THEY WILL CONDUCT A PATRIOTIC RALLY; THEY WILL DISPERSE ON THE EVENING OF 21 JULY AND RETURN HOME. AN ORIGINAL DRAFT OF A PROCLAMATION TO THE OAS IS BASED ON A DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM CUBA AND FOR THE SENDING OF AN OAS COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THE WITHDRAWAL. THE FINAL TEXT OF THE

PROCLAMATION WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION ON 16 JULY; IT WILL APPARENTLY This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

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STRESS MAXIMUM APPLICATION BY THE OAS OF THE SANCTIONS UNDER THE RIO TREATY.
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3. ONE REPORT INDICATES THAT A DELEGATION PLANS TO PRESENT/TO THE OAS EMPHASIZING THE RIO TREATY SANCTIONS AND A DOCUMENT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM CUBA; EMILIO NUNÉZ PORTUONDO, FORMER CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, REPORTEDLY IS THE AUTHOR OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

4. PRESS RELEASES BY THE MIAMI ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CLAIM THAT ABOUT 30,000 CUBAN EXILES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH WHEN THE OAS BEGINS ITS DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, DAVID CABEZA, EDITOR OF "LIBERACION," THE LEADER OF THE MIAMI GROUP, HAS REMARKED PRIVATELY THAT HE EXPECTS 3,000 PERSONS FROM MIAMI AND 15,000 FROM OTHER CITIES TO ATTEND. THE CONSENSUS OF KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS IN THE MIAMI EXILE COMMUNITY IS THAT FROM 300 TO 500 PERSONS WILL ATTEND FROM MIAMI AND 3,000 TO 5,000 FROM NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE.

5. THE LEADERS OF THE MIAMI ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ARE NOT PROMINENT LEADERS IN THE EXILE COMMUNITY. THE COMMITTEE HAS CLAIMED SUPPORT OF PROMINENT REPUTABLE PERSONS AND GROUPS SUCH AS LUIS CONTE AGUERO AND THE DIRECTORIO MAGISTERIAL REVOLUCIONARIA (DMR, REVOLUTIONARY TEACHERS' DIRECTORATE), BUT IN MOST CASES THE CLAIMS WERE MADE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF SUCH PERSONS OR GROUPS.

6. MOST OF THE SUPPORT FOR THE MARCH COMES FROM SO-CALLED BATISTA CIRCLES, INCLUDING ARMANDO GARCIA SIGFREDO, EDITOR OF "PATRIA", AND RIGHT-WING

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RADIO COMMENTATORS NORMAN DIAZ AND ARTURO ARTALEJO. THE MAJORITY OF CUBAN EXILES IN MIAMI ARE INDIFFERENT TO THE MARCH BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT EFFECTIVELY PRESENTS THE CUBAN VIEW TO THE OAS. MANY WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED ARE NOT PARTICIPATING BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THERE IS A STRONG BATISTA "FLAVOR" IN THE LEADERSHIP OR BECAUSE THEY DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY CAN AFFORD TO MAKE THE TRIP. APPARENTLY MORE ENTHUSIASM EXISTS IN THE NEW YORK AREA, WHERE THE CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE CUBA EN EXILIO (CTCE, CONFEDERATION OF CUBAN WORKERS IN EXILE), HEADED BY EUSEBIO MUJAL BARNIOL, AND OTHER GROUPS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING THE MARCH.

7. OTHER LEADERS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

- A. DR. BERTHA FERRER, LAWYER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA IN MIAMI.
- B. ALFREDO GONZALEZ DURAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS OF THE BAY OF PIGS (AVBC).
- C. JOHN R. MARTINO, UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE BATISTA WHITE ROSE ORGANIZATION.
- D. TOMAS MATOS, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERACION ESTUDIANTIL UNIVERSITARIO (FEU, FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS), A SMALL INACTIVE EXILE GROUP IN MIAMI.

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- E. RAMON MARTIN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MIAMI DELEGATION OF THE CTCE.
- F. ESTEBAN ZORILLA, A CUBAN EXILE BUSINESSMAN.
- 8. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO.

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