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RE: LINC 1691

SOURCE: SALAMANDER

1. PARA 1: STATED "LEGION CARIBE" AND CP ORIGIN OF ATTEMPT. DID NOT POINT OUT PARTICULAR SPONSORS BUT INDICATED COSTA RICA GOVT ORGANIZED WITH HELP WSBURNT AND MEXICAN CP. SAID ENTIRE GROUP KILLED HERE WERE PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE AS ORGANIZERS. EVIDENT PIVALL HE DID NOT KNOW TRUE SPONSORS OR NOT WILLING DISCLOSE.

2. RE TRAINING AND WHERE: STATED NOT SURE BUT POINTED FINGER COSTA RICA.

3. RE ARMS: DID NOT DISCLOSE FINAL SOURCE ONLY POINTED OUT MAKE OF GRENADES AND RIFLES (MEXICAN), MGS WITH OFFICIAL GOVT SEAL COSTA RICA, TWO EXPLOSIVE GAS GRENADES AMERICAN. ALL ROUNDS WITH CLIPS MEXICAN.

4. PARA 2: WHEN QUERIED IF ANY DOCUMENTS POINTED ANY ONE COUNTRY SOURCE DISPLAYED FOLLOWING 2 DOCUMENTS:

A. DUES BOOK WITH ALL INSIDE PAGES MISSING. INSCRIPTION ON INSIDE OF BACK COVER READ "LA RAZON, UNA VOZ CIVICA EN LA CAUSA DE LA CULTURA Y EL PROGRESS. TELEPHONE J 6481, APARTADO 2178". NO FOREIGN ADDRESS EVIDENT. SIGNED BY JOSE M. SALA S ADMINISTRATOR AND BOOKHOLDER EDGAR GUTIERREZ G. SOURCE STATED GUTIERREZ KILLED SEVEN APRIL.

B. BUSINESS CARD FOUND AMONG 1 OF DEAD WITH NAME JOSE ROMERO OCHOA, ENGINEER CIVIL, RESIDING CALZ MEX, TACUBA NR. 1007, MEXICO CITY.

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5. PARA 3: STATES HE NOT AUTHORIZED GIVE PHOTOGRAPHS BUT IF ITEM CARED CONTACT PRENSA PHOTOGRAPHER LIKELY COULD PROCURE SAME.

6. INSPECTED 2nd. TIME, CONCUSSION AND FRAGMENTATION GRENADES. NO MARKINGS EVIDENT. CONCUSSION GRENADES APPEARED SOMEWHAT LIKE GERMAN, BUT TRIFLE SMALLER, 2 COLORS YELLOW AND GREEN. FRAGMENTATION GRENADES APPEARED AMERICAN STYLE IN ROUGHER FORM. PIN AND HEAD SHAPED LIKE WW 1, MADE OF TIN OR ALUMINUM. 2 EXPLOSIVE GAS HAND GRENADES HAD LAKE ERIE CHEMICAL COMPANY, CLEVELAND MANUFACTURERS, NUMBER HAD BEEN BLANKED. 1 ELECTRIC DETONATOR, ALUMINUM COLOR WITH SERIAL NUMBER L15960, MANUFACTURED BY HERCULES.

7. ADDITIONAL LIST NAMES REVOLUTIONISTS PASSED AS BEING KILLED "IN ACTION" LATE 7 APRIL AND EARLY EIGHT APRIL: LOUIS ~~BA~~⁵² BONE, BROTHER ALBERTO BAEZ BONE. (NAME ALBERTO PREVIOUSLY GIVEN EIGHT APRIL AS ALFONSO .) CARLOS G. ~~GOMEZ~~, HUMBERTO ~~RUIZ~~, PABLO ~~LEAL~~, PEDRO JUAN ~~REYES~~ (POSSIBLY SAME IDEN MIGUEL ~~RAMIREZ~~ REYES PREVIOUSLY CABLED) AGUSTINE ~~ALFRE~~ AND MANRIQUE ~~UMANA~~.

10. SOURCE STRESSED OVECTACEANG ~~MO~~RAZAN AS NATIVE WSBURNT. CLAIMED NEPHEW TO ARBENZ. SUBJECT WITH MEMBERS IN ATTEMPT. KILLED. AMADO ~~SOLER~~, CUBAN.

11. NUSUB: SOURCE MENTIONED JUAN JOSE ~~MESA~~ AS MEMBER ORG IN THE ATTEMPT AND GAVE ADDRESS AS MEXICO CITY.

12. FURTHER STATED SHIP BEING INTERCEPTED NIGHT 8 APRIL LOADED WITH ARMS. ORIGINATION WSBURNT.

13. SOURCE STRESSED ABOVE INFO RELEASED TO ME AS PREVIEW OF PRESS RELEASE.

[] HAVING PRESS CONFERENCE EVENING EIGHT APRIL FOR PUBLICATION 9 APRIL.

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