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SUBJECT: PLAN OF HAITIAN EXILES IN THE UNITED STATES TO  
OVERTHROW HAITIAN GOVT WITHIN AN APPROACHING TWO-WEEK TIME  
FRAME

REF: STATE 447701 (PREVIOUS)

FOLLOWING INTELLIGENCE REPORT [REDACTED] REPORT  
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

SUMMARY: HAITIAN EXILE PLOTTERS IN UNITED STATES HAVE SET  
A TWO-WEEK PERIOD, UNSPECIFIED BUT SOON, FOR THEIR ATTEMPTED  
COUP D'ETAT IN HAITI. CHIEF OF 300-MAN COMMANDO UNIT IN  
HAITI HAS ADVISED EXILE LEADERS THAT ALL IS IN READINESS  
FOR PLANNED ASSASSINATION OF HAITIAN PRESIDENT AND THE  
GOVT TAKEOVER. AN EMISSARY IS TO CARRY FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

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TO COMMANDO LEADER IN MID- OR LATE APRIL. LEADING EXILE PLOTTER IS STILL SEEKING COLLABORATION FROM HEAD OF PRESI-

DENTIAL GUARD IN PERSONAL SCHEME TO BETRAY HAITIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF. END SUMMARY.

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2. WITHIN A TWO-WEEK TIME FRAME, OF UNSPECIFIED DATES BUT IN NEAR FUTURE, HAITIAN EXILE PLOTTERS PLAN TO ATTEMPT A COUP D'ETAT IN HAITI AND TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER AND AS MANY MEMBERS OF DUVALIER FAMILY AND THEIR SUPPORTERS AS POSSIBLE. IN EARLY APR 76, LEADER OF COMMANDO GROUP IN HAITI ADVISED ALPHONSE LAHENS, LEADER OF PLOTTERS, WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK CITY, THAT ALL WAS IN READINESS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND TAKE OVER GOVT. LAHENS IS SENDING A TRUSTED EMISSARY WITH FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMANDO LEADER, WHO WILL ADVISE EMISSARY OF DATES OF TWO-WEEK ACTION PERIOD. EMISSARY, MIREILLE FABUS, A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY SINCE ABOUT 1966, PLANS TO MAKE A THREE TO FOUR-DAY VISIT TO PORT AU PRINCE, TRAVELING VIA A DIRECT AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT AS SOON AS SHE RECEIVES A RE-ENTRY PERMIT FROM HAITIAN GOVT, EXPECTED ABOUT MID-APRIL. MIREILLE IS WIFE OF GERALD FABUS, A LIEUTENANT OF LAHENS IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE KNOWS COMMANDO LEADER WELL, HAVING GIVEN THE LATTER ROOM AND BOARD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR HAITI IN ABOUT JUNE, 1975.

3. LAHENS CLAIMS TO HAVE COMMANDO UNIT OF 300 MEN IN

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HAITI, MANY OF WHOM ARE ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF ARMY. COMMANDO LEADER IS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IN HIS MID-20'S WHO PARTICIPATED IN AN ATTEMPT TO LAND ARMS AT MOLE ST. NICOLAS IN FALL OF 1974. [REDACTED]

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COMMANDO LEADER'S FATHER HAS BEEN IN JAIL IN HAITI SINCE ABOUT 1972. ABOUT 40 OF COMMANDOS HAVE SERVED WITH U.S ARMY, SOME IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FRANTZ GABRIEL, JR., ROBERT DOMINIQUE, AND LEROY (FNU) ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES WHO LATER WERE INSTRUCTORS FOR BOLIVIAN ARMY. THEY ARE AFFILIATED WITH HAITIAN EXILE GROUP KNOWN AS THE 12 NOVEMBER REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MR12N) WHOSE LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE RAYMOND AND LEO JOSEPH, VINCE, T TAVERNIER, CARL ROUZIER, AND FRITZ PARET. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE MR12N, LAHENS PROMISED THE LEADERS POSITIONS IN NEW HAITIAN GOVT. HOWEVER, HE HAS NO INTENTION OF HONORING THIS PLEDGE AND WILL, IN FACT, REFUSE THEM ENTRY INTO HAITI. M412N LEADERS PLAN TO ENTER HAITI AS PART OF NEWS TEAM FROM LARGE US BROADCASTING

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COMPAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER COUP.

4. PLOTTERS BELIEVE THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT WITHIN HAITIAN ARMY AND THERE WILL BE NO EFFECTIVE RESISTANCE AFTER THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S REMOVAL. LEOPARDS BATTALION WILL BE ISOLATED AT ITS BARRACKS AT FRERE, LOCATED ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM PORT AU PRINCE ON A VERY BAD ROAD WHICH WOULD BE EASY TO INTERDICT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER COUP AND ASSASSINATIONS, COMMANDOS WILL SEIZE A RADIO-TELEVISION STATION AND PROCLAIM OVERTHROW OF DUVALIER REGIME. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WILL SET FIRES AND CARRY OUT DIVERSIONARY ACTIONS TO CREATE CONFUSION. FOLLOWERS OF LAHENS IN PORT AU PRINCE WILL DISTRIBUTE ARMS FROM MILITARY ARMORIES TO OTHER MILITARY SUPPORTERS. IN FEB 76 EXILES INFILTRATED A SMALL QUANTITY OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS INTO HAITI BY BOAT NEAR ST. MARC, NORTH OF PORT AU PRINCE. ALSO, COMMANDO LEADER HAS LOCATED SECRET CACHE OF ARMS BURIED YEARS AGO BY PASQUAT (FNU) AND DOMINIQUE (FNU) DURING AN ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT FRANCOIS "PAPA DOC" DUVALIER. LAHENS' GROUP LEARNED ABOUT THE CACHE FROM A MEMBER OF ANOTHER EXILE GROUP. COMMANDO LEADER HAS CONFIRMED THAT WEAPONS WERE HEAVILY GREASED AND REMAIN IN WORKING ORDER. LAHENS HAS

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TERMINATED NEGOTIATIONS TO PURCHASE MORE ARMS IN EITHER US OR FRANCE.

5. ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER WILL TAKE PLACE AT ONE OF FOLLOWING LOCATIONS.

(A) PORT AU PRINCE ON RUE DEPRE AT PRIVATE HOME OF JEAN-CLAUDE WHICH HE VISITS ALMOST DAILY.

(B) CROIX DES BOUQUETS, A VILLAGE ABOUT 13 KILOMETERS FROM PORT AU PRINCE, WHERE JEAN-CLAUDE HAS FARM.

(C) CARRIEZ, A SEASIDE LOCALITY, WHERE JEAN-CLAUDE HAS CHALET.

(D) PETIONVILLE, ON ROAD APPROACHING HOME OF HIS SISTER, NICOLE DUVALIER, AT NARROW BRIDGE OR ON SHARP CURVE AT ENTRANCE TO HOUSE.

(E) PETIONVILLE, AT HOME OF GIRLFRIEND WHOM JEAN-CLAUDE VISITS OFTEN.

6. NINE MEN WILL FORM ASSASSINATION GROUP, ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND USING SEVERAL CARS. THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO KILL EVERYONE IN PRESIDENT'S PARTY. OTHER SPECIFIC NAMES ON DEATH LIST ARE FORMER GENERAL PIERRE MERCERON, ROGER MERCIER, DADOU BERROUET, HENRI SICLAIT, PIERRE ALBERT JEROME, COLONEL WILLIAM REGALA, COLONEL

GORCELL (FNU), COLONEL CARL NICOLAS, MAJOR ACEDIUS ST.

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LOUIS, GUILLAUME (FNU), CLOVIS DESINOR, LIEUTENANT COLONEL SERGE COICOU, LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEAN VALME, AND MAJOR FRITZ ADAM, PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL BODYGUARD. COMMANDO CHIEF HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTRUCTED BY LAHENS, OR WILL BE BY HIS EMISSARY TO KILL GENERAL GRACIA JACQUES, COMMANDER OF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, INSTEAD OF GENERAL JEAN-BAPTISTE HILAIRE, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, IF JACQUES DOES NOT COOPERATE.

7. SHORTLY AFTER COUP, A PROCLAMATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY-CIVILIAN GOVT WILL BE BROADCAST, AND GENERAL

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HILAIRE WILL ASSUME CHARGE OF GOVT PENDING ARRIVAL IN HAITI OF LAHENS. LAHENS WILL THEN BE PROCLAIMED PRESIDENT AND GENERAL HILAIRE, VICE-PRESIDENT. ALTHOUGH HILAIRE COMMANDS NO TROOPS BUT IS ONLY TITULAR HEAD OF ARMY, LAHENS CLAIMS TO HAVE TAKEN CARE OF TROOP SITUATION. HILAIRE HAS ACCEPTED A LEADING ROLE IN COUP PLANNING ONLY ON CONDITION THAT GENERAL JACQUES BE ASSASSINATED ALONG WITH PRESIDENT.   COMMENT: LAHENS PRESUMABLY BELIEVES HE CAN COUNT ON SUPPORT FROM TROOP COMMANDERS AT KEY DESSALINES BATTALION BARRACKS AND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. HILAIRE IS A LONG-TIME ENEMY OF JACQUES AND KNOWS THAT LATTER HAS "DE FACTO" CONTROL OF HAITIAN ARMY.)

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8. LAHENS, AWARE THAT JACQUES WIELDS CONSIDERABLY MORE POWER THAN HILAIRE, HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT JACQUES' REFUSAL TO TAKE PART IN PLOT. UNKNOWN TO HILAIRE, LAHENS IS ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE JACQUES TO AGREE TO TAKE CHARGE OF GOVT IF AND WHEN PRESIDENT DUVALIER IS ASSASSINATED. JACQUES WILL NOT BE ASKED TO PLAY ANY ROLE IN ACTUAL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. UPON ELIMINATION OF PRESIDENT, LAHENS WOULD INSTRUCT JACQUES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) REMAIN AT HIS POST IN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

(B) DEMOBILIZE LEOPARDS BATTALION, TRANSFER ITS OFFICERS TO OTHER UNITS, AND HAVE TRUCKS READY TO SEND OTHER TROOPS OUT OF CAPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS ACTION WOULD BE DONE IN NAME OF GENERAL HILAIRE.

(C) SEND TRUSTED OFFICER TO TAKE CONTROL OF HAITIAN NAVY.

(D) DECLARE CURFEW AND CLOSE AIRPORT.

(E) ADVISE US AMBASSADOR THAT COUP IS NOT OF COMMUNIST ORIGIN.

(F) REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO LAND AN AIRCRAFT OF HAITIAN ARMY IN MIAMI OR KINGSTON, JAMAICA, TO SEND INTO EXILE ANY SURVIVING MEMBERS OF DUVALIER FAMILY AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY.

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(G) ADVISE LAHENS WHERE AIRCRAFT IS TO LAND SO THAT HE CAN RETURN IN SAME PLANE TO PORT AU PRINCE AS NEW PRESIDENT OF HAITI.

(H) DECLARE JOINT CIVILIAN-MILITARY GOVT AFTER COMMANDO UNIT HAS ANNOUNCED OVERTHROW OF DUVALIER GOVT.

9. IN EVENT THAT LAHENS CANNOT SECURE COOPERATION OF JACQUES, HE IS WILLING TO PROCEED WITH HILAIRE AS HIS CO-CONSPIRATOR AND HAVE JACQUES ARRESTED OR KILLED. [REDACTED] COMMENT: LAHENS IS TOTALLY WITHOUT SCRUPLES AND, AS PREPOSTEROUS AS HIS SCHEME MAY APPEAR, HE IS COMPLETELY SERIOUS ABOUT IT. ALTHOUGH COMMANDOS FEEL THEY MAY WELL SUCCEED IN ASSASSINATING JEAN-CLAUDE, LAHENS CHANCES OF RETURNING TO HAITI AS PRESIDENT ARE ALMOST NIL, SINCE GENERAL JACQUES WOULD PROHIBIT THIS. IN UNLIKELY EVENT THAT GENERAL HILAIRE EMERGES AS MAN IN CHARGE AFTER DUVALIER'S DOWNFALL, HE WOULD PROBABLY BETRAY LAHENS AND PREVENT HIS RETURN TO HAITI. THUS, BOTH LAHENS AND HILAIRE ARE PROBABLY USING THE OTHER FOR THEIR OWN ENDS AND WOULD BETRAY EACH OTHER IF SITUATION WARRANTED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH LATTER REFUSES TO COMMUNICATE WITH LAHENS AND HAS NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR REFUSED LAHENS' COUP PROPOSAL, JACQUES DOES NOT INTEND TO WARN PRESIDENT DUVALIER ABOUT PLOT OR TAKE ANY STEPS TO PREVENT IT. JACQUES IS DISGUSTED WITH THE DUVALIERS, PARTICULARLY JEAN-CLAUDE, WHO HE FEELS HAS TREATED HIM BADLY. SHOULD PLOTTERS SUCCEED IN KILLING JEAN-CLAUDE, JACQUES WOULD IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND FORM INTERIM GOVT UNTIL ELECTIONS COULD BE HELD. HE WOULD REFUSE TO ALLOW LAHENS TO RE-ENTER HAITI IN ANY CAPACITY. JACQUES WOULD SEEK ADVICE AND SUPPORT OF US GOVT FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTRY. UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT DUVALIER GOVT SHOULD BE OVERTHROWN, JACQUES WILL CONTINUE IN HIS PRESENT POST AND DO NOTHING EITHER TO PRESERVE OR DESTROY PRESENT REGIME.) END QUOTE.

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