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COUNTRY : GUATEMALA/EL SALVADOR

DOI : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : RETURN TO GUATEMALA FROM EL SALVADOR OF CUBAN ADVISOR TO THE REBEL ARMED FORCES WHERE HE HAD BEEN ORGANIZING SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS.

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1. [REDACTED] "MARIO VEGA LARA" AND "RUBEN ZOLANO" RETURNED TO GUATEMALA FROM EL SALVADOR WHERE THEY HAD BEEN ORGANIZING SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: "MARIO VEGA LARA" IS A CUBAN ADVISOR TO THE REBEL ARMED FORCES (FAR). HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN EL SALVADOR ABOUT A MONTH. THE NATIONALITY OF "RUBEN ZOLANO" IS NOT KNOWN, ALTHOUGH HE MAY BE A CUBAN. THESE

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ARE PROBABLY NOT THEIR TRUE NAMES.) [Redacted] COMMENT: [Redacted] (b)(1)

[Redacted] "RUBEN ZOLANO" ENTERED GUATEMALA ILLEGALLY IN FEBRUARY 1970 TO ADVISE THE FAR. HE TOOK PART IN THE KIDNAPPING/ ASSASSINATION OF WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON SPRETI IN APRIL 1970, AND FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THIS UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION WAS TO BE DISCIPLINED AND ORDERED TO RETURN TO HIS PLACE OF ORIGIN. THERE HAS BEEN NO INFORMATION ON "RUBEN ZOLANO" SINCE THIS TIME UNTIL THE PRESENT REPORT.) (b)(3)

2. THE TWO SAID THAT WHILE IN EL SALVADOR THEY HAD FORMED TWO INSURGENT CELLS. ONE IS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND THE OTHER IS NEAR THE GUATEMALAN BORDER. THEY SAID THEY HAD DECIDED TO RETURN TO GUATEMALA BECAUSE THEY FEARED THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED. SINCE THE EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS WAR, SALVADORAN SECURITY FORCES HAVE ENGAGED IN AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OUTSIDERS AND REPORT THEM TO THE SECURITY FORCES. THEY SAID THEY FOUND THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE TO BE UNFRIENDLY, AND THEY FEARED THEY WOULD BE TURNED IN. THEY BELIEVE THAT FUTURE CONTACT WITH THE SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS SHOULD BE ACROSS THE BORDER IN GUATEMALA WHERE THE SECURITY FORCES ARE LESS VIGILANT. [Redacted] COMMENT: (b)(1)

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CUBAN ADVISORS TO THE FAR, AS WELL AS FAR LEADERS, HAVE MADE
VARIOUS TRIPS IN RECENT MONTHS TO ADVISE SALVADORAN GUERRIL (b)(1)
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4. [Redacted] DISSEM: STATE, DEFFAT, CINCSO, CINCLANT (ALSO (b)(1)
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