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1. ISADORE IRVING DAVIDSON (201-041581) BORN 19 JAN 21,

PITTSBURGH, REGISTERED DEC 63 AS AGENT FOR DUVALIER GOVT. HAS ALSO AT VARIOUS TIMES REPRESENTED NICARAGUA, ECUADOR, ISRAEL AND INDONESIA AND REPORTEDLY WAS CLOSE FRIEND PRESIDENT BALAGUER OF DOMREP. HE OFTEN REPORTED HIS ACTIVITIES TO USUAL OFFICIALS AND AS RESULT HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE REPORTING BY NVIDEX AND LNEBGO. FILE INDICATES SUBJECT IS VERY SUCCESSFUL CON MAN AND POSSIBLE SECURITY RISK, INCLUDING SPECULATION THAT, FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT, HE IDENTIFIED COS PORT AU PRINCE TO DUVALIER IN 1963 WITH RESULT COS EXPELLED. FILE ALSO INDICATES DAVIDSON ROUTINELY EXAGGERATES OR DISTORTS FACTS FOR OWN BENEFIT, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS CLAIMING CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACTS AND INFLUENCE AT HIGHEST LEVELS LMBUZZ WHEN DEALING WITH FOREIGN CLIENTS. HE DESCRIBED AS FAST BUCK ARTIST WILLING PARTICIPATE IN ANY BUSINESS PROPOSITION FOR A COMMISSION. DAVIDSON ALSO CLOSE ASSOCIATE COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON, WITH WHOM SHARED OFFICE

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SPACE IN 1963, AND HAS USED THIS ASSOCIATION TO INFLUENCE POTENTIAL FOREIGN CLIENTS.

2. IN LIGHT ABOVE INFO, BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT CONTACT ZEA (LNERGO AUTHORIZATION FOR BKHERALD CONTACT WITH HIM HAS BEEN RECEIVED). WE MUST ASSUME THAT DAVIDSON WOULD BECOME WITTING ANY BKHERALD RELATIONSHIP WITH ZEA, AND GIVEN DAVIDSON TRACK RECORD, HE WOULD NOT HESITATE USE THAT KNOWLEDGE FOR PERSONAL GAIN. HQS INCLINED SHARE VIEW (PARA 7 REF B) THAT COUP PLOT, IF SUCH INDEED EXISTS, UNLIKELY DEVELOP INTO SERIOUS THREAT TO VELASCO GOVT. IN SUM THEREFORE, POTENTIAL INTEL OR EARLY WARNING TO BE OBTAINED BY BKHERALD CONTACTING SUPPOSED PLOTTER NOT SUFFICIENT IN HQS VIEW TO JUSTIFY FLAP POTENTIAL INHERENT IN MAKING THIS CONTACT.

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COMMENT: DAVIDSON CONTACTED LNERGO 5 OCTOBER TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY SOUTH AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN FERNANDO (LNU), SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS COLUMBIAN CIT FERNANDO ZEA, WHO CLAIMED BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING COUP TO OUST PRESIDENT VELASCO DURING LATTER PART OF OCTOBER 72. CLAIMED COUP LEADERS ANXIOUS DEMONSTRATE TO LNUZZ THEY NOT COMMUNISTS AND ZEA WILLING SHOW "BATTLE PLANS" TO BKHERALD.

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