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1. INCOMING CUBAN REFUGEES MET AT AIRPORT BY REVOLUTIONARY
   COUNCIL AND PRIO GROUP MESI WHO OFFER THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICES,
   I.E., FOOD AND SHELTER TO NEEDY. BE PREPARED THIS NOT YET FORMALIZED
   ALTHOUGH PRESS EXPLOITATION ARRIVALS FOR PROP PURPOSES USUALLY
   SUCCESSFUL. HOPES TO PER MONT LITANIL-OP PER REF 6 . NEAR FUTURE,
   WHICH WILL PRECLUDE MESI GOVT PARTICIPATION. AT PRESENT TIME
   STATION RECEIVES TIMELY REPORTS CUBAN ARRIVALS INCLUDING NAMES
   AND IMMIGRATION DATA THROUGH LIFIRE 6.

2. FOL INFO PER REF FROM LITEWO-1 AND LITEWO-2. ESTIMATE
   BETWEEN 14 AND 15 THOUSAND CUBAN "REFUGEES" MESI. THIS INCLUDES
   SMALL GROUP "POLITICAL ASYLUMS", AND GREAT MAJORITY WHICH COMPOSED
   "TOURISTS", "TOURISTS INTRANSIT", "EMIGRANTS", "VISITANTES" ETC.
   NO NUMERICAL BREAKDOWN AVAILABLE. FOR FIGURES MADE AVAILABLE.
   FOR MONTHS DEC 61 ENTERED 237 DEPARTED 234; JAN 62 ENTERED 125 DEPARTED
   162; FEB 62 (UP TO 19TH) ENTERED 106 DEPARTED 112. ESTIMATE 16
   PER CENT MORE CUBANS ENTER OTHER POINTS SUCH AS MERIDA, VERACRUZ.

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.
YUCATAN, ETC. GENERALLY SPEAKING MEXICO IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT
GROWING CUBAN POPULATION BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

3. MEXICAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC AND HAVE
COOPERATED WITH REPS REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS. HOWEVER, IF FURTHER
COOPERATION NEEDED STATION CAN CALL ON LITEPOS. AS NOTED PARA 1
STATION PREFERS HANDLE DEBRIEFING OR AS INDEPENDENTLY AS POSSIBLE.
PLAN ENVISAGES COUNCIL PRIOR REPS MEETING REFUGEES AT AIRPORT PER
PARA 1, SCHEDULE CALL AT ORGANIZATION OFFICE WHERE BASIC DATA
OBTAINED AND REFUGEE DEBRIEVED IN GENERAL TERMS. WHEN REFUGEE
ATTIRACTIVE FURTHER DEBRIEFING SCHEDULED WHICH BASED KUBARK REQUIREMENTS
PROVIDED BY HQS. RE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS INVOLVING OTHER AGENCIES
REFUGEE CAN BE PUT IN CONTACT WITH RESPECTIVE AGENCY PERSONNEL INVOL
VED THROUGH KUBARK. HQS SHOULD RECOGNIZE SUCH COOPERATION WITH ODYOE

USUALLY INVOLVES QUESTION OF PRELIM VISAS.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: * DISSEMINATION APPLICABLE TO SMIP CABLES.
** REQUESTED INFO PROCEDURE IN EFFECT HANDLING CUBAN REFUGEES.