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REPORT CLASS SECRET RE FOREIGN DESERter S. T. S. MEXICO/CUBA ANTI-CUBAN DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY DOLL NOVEMBER 65 PARA MEXICO MEXICO CITY.

1. ON NOVEMBER 65 APPROXIMATELY 35 TO 40 PERSONS PICKETED IN FRONT OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY WITH PLACARDS CRITICIZING THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND JOAQUIN HERNANDEZ ARNAS, CUBAN EMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. THE PICKETS WERE DISPERSED BY THE MEXICAN POLICE. HERNANDEZ ARNAS SENT A REQUEST TO JOSÉ COROSTITA, UNDER SECRETARY TO THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, ASKING COROSTITA TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO PREVENT ANY PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMONSTRATION. IN HIS REQUEST HERNANDEZ SAID THAT THE PLACARDS HAD BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED AND HE FEARED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS WOULD BE PRINTED IN THE MEXICAN PRESS. HERNANDEZ FURTHER SAID THAT, IN HIS OPINION, THE GROUPS OF PICKETS WHO WANTED TO DISRUPT THE WORK OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY, DID NOT REPRESENT ANY "RESPONSIBLE" GROUP OF MEXICANS. HERNANDEZ ALSO SAID THAT MEXICAN POLICE HAD AIDED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHING OF THE PLACARDS AND IF THE PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARED IN THE PRESS, IT WOULD THROWN DOUBT ON THE ROLE AUTHORIZED HAD PLAYED IN THIS EVENT.

2. COROSTITA REPLIED TO HERNANDEZ TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WOULD INFORM COORDINATING OFFICERS.