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1. REVIEW CURRENT JASINE INDICATES INITIAL REACTION OF CUBAN
AMBASSADOR CRUZ AND HIS STAFF TO REPORT OF ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT
WAS ONE OF HAPPY DELIGHT. AFTER FURTHER INFO WAS RECEIVED
INDICATING THAT OSWALD HAD CONNECTIONS WITH FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA
COMMITTEE THERE WAS SOME APPREHENSION CONCERNING POSSIBLE U.S.
REACTION.

2. SPEECH OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO UN INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR CRUZ
THAT HE AND HIS STAFF MIGHT BE EXPECTED ADOPT MORE SOMBER ATTITUDE
IN PUBLIC. SOME TIME LATER AMBASSADOR CRUZ RECEIVED CABLE, APPARENTLY
SIGNED "ROA", WHICH ORDERED AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF TO GOVERN THEIR
ACTIONS BY OFFICIAL ATTITUDE OF GOVT TO WHICH THEY ACCREDITED.
CRUZ THEREUPON ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS STAFF AND TO CUBAN
CONSULATES AND TRADE OFFICE TORONTO AND MONTREAL TO "CEASE LOOKING
HAPPY IN PUBLIC".

3. WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN CANADA THAT AN OFFICIAL REQUIEM HIGH
MASS WOULD BE HELD, CRUZ, DECIDED THAT ON BASIS HIS INSTRUCTIONS
FROM HAVANA HE WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND ALTHOUGH HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE

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WOULD NOT DO SO IF HE HAD ANY PERSONAL CHOICE IN THE MATTER. CRUZ ORDERED OTHER MEMBERS HIS STAFF NOT TO TAKE PART IN OFFICIAL MASS OR ANY PRIVATE CEREMONIES OF MOURNING.

4. THIS INFO RCVD ORALLY FROM SMAQUIRE ON BASIS QUICK REVIEW JASMINE AND BELIEVED ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE. SMABOVES WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN REPORT IN DUE COURSE.

5. STATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT AMBASSADOR CRUZ DID ATTEND REQUIEM MASS AS OFFICIAL REP OF HIS GOVT.

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