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Re Mexico City letter dated 8/12/74; Bureau airtel dated 7/30/74; Dallas teletype dated 7/26/74, and Bureau airtel dated 8/16/74.

Inquiry through U.S. Embassy sources and through [redacted] at Managua, Nicaragua on 10/3/74 failed to develop any indications that clandestine military training is being given to anti-Castro groups in Nicaragua. Ambassador TURNER B. SHELTON (protect) advised on that date that he had received no reports whatsoever in this regard and added that although the government of Nicaragua might be sympathetic to that cause he was certain that there are no overt or covert training camps in Nicaragua endorsed by the Nicaraguan government.

Ambassador SHELTON indicated that MANOLO ARTIME, who is a well-known leader in anti-Castro activities in the Miami, Florida area, is a frequent visitor to Nicaragua. He indicated that ARTIME is in the business of importing Nicaraguan beef into the United States and he believes that his visits are for business purposes and are not connected with political activities.

General ANASTASIO SOMOZA (President elect of Nicaragua) on 11/3/74 indicated that there are no training camps for any

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