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SEVEN AMERICANS DISAPPEARED FROM THE PROGRESO AREA OCTOBER ONE EIGHT LAST MAKING TOTAL NOW ONE TWO.

PAPERS LEFT WITH IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS INDICATE AMERICANS ABOARD "EL AMIGO" ARE ~~MAX GORMAN~~, ~~FRANK BONELLI~~, ~~HERBERT PENDER~~ OR ~~HERBERT J. FENDER~~, ~~CHARLES O'CONNOR~~ OR ~~O'CONNELL~~ AND ~~ROBERT S. CURTIS~~. MEXICO CITY BELIEVES NAMES PROBABLY FALSE.

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GORMAN IS KNOWN ALIAS OF CAPTAIN MAXIMILLION GONZALEZ OF IACB.

AMERICAN CONSUL, MERIDA, ADVISED OCTOBER TWO FOUR INSTANT THAT IN ADDITION TO FIRST GROUP OF FIVE MEN, A SECOND GROUP HAD CAMPED ON BEACH NEAR PROGRESO. THERE WERE FIVE OR SIX IN THIS SECOND GROUP. THEY MADE MANY PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS AT CAMP SITE OF TARGET PRACTICE WITH THIRTY CALIBER WEAPONS. GROUP DESCRIBED AS TOUGH, LOWER CLASS PERSONS. THEY WERE OBSERVED BOARDING "EL AMIGO" MORNING OCTOBER ONE NINE LAST.

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YACHT HAS RANGE SUFFICIENT TO ARRIVE IN BRITISH HONDURAS WITHOUT REFUELING. CONSUL HAS ALERTED COAST GUARD AND AUTHORITIES IN GUATEMALA AND BRITISH HONDURAS BY CABLE. HE STATES ONE AMERICAN HAD MARINE CORPS TATTOO ON FOREARM. GROUP HAD LATE MODEL CAR WHICH HAS NOW DISAPPEARED. MEXICO CITY SUGGESTS THIS MAY BE CAR OF DONALD CLAUD WHICH MIAMI REPORTS HE PLANNED TO SELL IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY OBTAINING COMPLETE IDENTIFYING DATA AVAILABLE FROM MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND SUGGESTING THAT THEY CHECK BUCHANAN RANCH AT COZUMEL ISLAND, FIVE ZERO MILES SOUTH ISLA MUJERES. CIA STATION, MEXICO CITY, IS ALERTING THEIR STATION IN [REDACTED] TO POSSIBILITY IACB MEN ARE EN ROUTE THERE.] X X

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BUREAU REQUESTED HAVE MIAMI DETERMINE IF MAXIMILLION GONZALEZ, DONALD CLAUD AND OTHERS OF IACB ARE MISSING FROM FLORIDA. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN CONSUL ONE OF GROUP RESEMBLES DESCRIPTION OF FRANK FIORINI. (u)

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