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1. IN CONNECTION AMLASH/1 ARREST AND TRIAL, HQS REQUEST PROP VARIATIONS BE BUILT AROUND THEME: CASE DEMONSTRATES GROWING DISSENSION WITHIN CASTRO MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT WHICH IS NATURAL OUTGROWTH OF CASTRO TYRANNY OVER PEOPLE. ALSO MORE TROUBLE NOW BREWING IN MILITARY RANKS. TYRANNY IN EFFECT BECOMING INCREASINGLY UNACCEPTABLE EVEN HIS FORMER ADHERENTS. WAVE 9625 14 MAR 66

2. WHILE MANY VARIATIONS ABOVE THEME POSSIBLE, SUGGEST:

A. RESTIVENESS MILITARY OFFICERS AND UNWILLINGNESS ACCEPT TYRANNY PARALLEL SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. NKHRUMAH MOST RECENT ILLUSTRATION OF SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION MILITARY LEADERS AGAINST PERSONAL RULE. INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENTS ALSO INDICATE PRESTIGE AND POPULAR SUPPORT FOR "PERSONAL, DICTATORIAL RULERS" RAPIDLY FALLING.

B. CASTRO IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED HIS OWN OVERTHROW IS EVOLVING AND HIS CURRENT ACCUSATIONS APPEAR DEVISED SOLELY TO COVER MORE PURGES WITHIN CUBA AS EVIDENCED BY MILITARY UNREST:

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CITE CASE OF ARREST OF AIR FORCE OFFICER IN MUCH PUBLICIZED FIRING ON CASTRO PLANE IN MID 1965; DISMISSAL CUBAN NAVAL CHIEF ROLANDO DIAZ AZTARRAIN SEPT 1965; ARREST CMDTE RENE GARCIA COLLAZO IN ARTEMISA, IN PINAR DEL RIO IN NOV 1965; REF REPORT CUBAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FEB 1965 PLANNED OVERTHROW CASTRO (FURTHER CHECK BEING MADE PRIOR DISSEM); LARGE SCALE DEFECTIONS MAMBISA MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS.

C. CASTRO NOT ONLY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED LOYALTY MILITARY BUT ALSO YOUTH AND POLITICAL LEADERS HIS GOVT. AMLASH WAS IMPORTANT LEADER DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO. REAL TARGET THIS CASE THEREFORE MAY WELL BE OTHER EX-MEMBERS DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO, ULTIMATELY AFFECTING MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, FAURE CHOMON AND OTHER YOUTH LEADERS.

D. ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING TRIAL RESEMBLES EVENTS DESCRIBED "DARKNESS AT NOON." TRIAL HAS ALL STALINIST TRAPPINGS: ACCUSED CONFESSES HIS GUILT; PUBLICLY DENOUNCES HIS ACTIONS; AND URGES COURT TO CONDEMN HIM TO DEATH CRYING: "TO THE WALL, TO BE EXECUTED. THAT IS WHAT I WANT."

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