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Summary:

A military intelligence report to the Government of Cuba, describing the US use of ship ports in Key West, the naval base in Guantanamo and the night fly-overs to Panama.

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17 do Marzo de 1961 "AÑO DE LA EDUCACION".

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Dol: MN-1

Asunto: Información sobre preparativos de barcos de guerra norteamericanos y del traslado de mercenarios y esbirros por via serea hacia Panamá.

Ayer recibimos de ésa Sección una comunicación de la Sección'L' di-rigida a la Sección "M", fechada "arzo 8 del 61 que adjunta informes au e son los siguientes:

Una nota Homorandum que dice: "EL BARCO VICENTE COMAS

QUE ESTA EN LA HABANA DE SALIR DE HOY A MAÑANA CON UN GRUPO RUMBO A CAYO HUESO

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al Tto. Matos on el aero-Y une comunicación del mismo, puerto fechada Febrero 22, del 61, que dice:

"ESTIMADO COMPAÑERO:

La información que sigue es para que la hagan llegar de inmediate a la Jefatura del DIER y G-2, de manera de que la misma llegue a manos del Dr. FIDEL CASTRO enseguida.

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En la tarde de ayer fueron completades de carcar tres destreyers america-nes U.S.A. en la Base Naval de Key West. Estes barces van cargados a su maximi capacidad, liesde avienes, obuses, mu-niciones de todos los confibres, y of ralleign con los armamentes llevan el doble de los domés en mortares. Estes barces sali ren en Comadunado de hey con destino a la Base Maval de Guantánamo y lievin del de mientres rougendes de la tripulación en -cada Destreyer. De la Base Aerea (hocachica) en mertares porte tipo Boxcar con hembres con --destino a Panamá, por cada avión llevan un premedia de 80 a 100 hembres -des cuales están siedo traslados e cho lugar, ya que después de éstes avienes regresan vacios, permistrio de la tarde y el escure--cer. Este tedo es un sintema probaterio de que están preparando algún a-taque a mestra Isla, pués desde Panamá pueden ser transportados éstes --hombres en los mismos barces de la marina norteamericana.

Por favor hacermo llegar respuesta a esta".

No se dice si se comunicó ala Sención correspondiente la salida del barco que va rumbo a Cayo Hueso, silino se ha hecho debiara hacerse en-seguida a pesar del tiempo transcurrido pués a veces tienen dificultades 6 no saloh, o caminan poco trocho y vuelven.

Con respecto a la noticia que dá de los tres Destructores que se -cargan hasta los topes en Cayo dueso, aunque ellos están en maniporas hasta fines de éste mas, sería conveniente que el aparato de Oráente -sea notificado enseguida por la parte que se refiere a los monteros.

Todo lo cual ponemos en su conocimiento para los efectos pertinentes.

Atontamento, MN-1

NOTA: Adjuntamos la comunicación de la Socción "L" a la Socción "M", con the comparison success: Jor de la sus adjuntos. 2004

También adjuntamos etra comunicación de la Sección "L" asla Sección "M" de Febrero 4 de 1961 de cuyo contenido ya habiamos tomado nota. Esta ya la habiamos devuleto pera su archivo en fecha anterior, Mar-12-61

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17 March 1961 "Year of Education" To M-1, from MN-1

Re: Information about preparations of American warships and transfer of mercenaries and henchmen by air to Panama

Yesterday we received a communication from Section "L" addressed to Section "M," dated 8 March 1961 that had the following reports attached:

A memorandum note that says "The ship Vicente Comas that is in Havana leaves this morning with a group with destination Cayo Hueso."

And another communication from the same [name excised] to Lieutenant Matos in the airport dated 22 February 1961, that says:

"Dear Comrade,

The information that follows is to be immediately conveyed to the headquarters of DIER and G-2, such that it arrives in the hands of Dr. Fidel Castro at once.

Yesterday afternoon, the loading of three USA destroyers was completed at the naval base of Key West. These ships travel loaded to their maximum capacity and carry weapons of all classes including bombs to be launched from airplanes, obusos [shells, as for artillery], munitions of all calibers, and have double the number of mortars than they do of other weapons.

These vessels left today in the early morning, headed for the naval base at Guantanamo, carrying only regular crew members in each destroyer.

From the air base (Bocachica) in Key West, Boxcar type transport planes are leaving daily, as of five or six days ago, with Panama as their destination. Each plane carries an average of 80 to 100 men, who are being transferred to this place, since after these flights, the planes return empty in order to return with another contingent.

The majority of these flights have left for Panama in the night and early morning hours, and return to Key West in the afternoon or at dusk. This is clear evidence that an attack on our Island is being prepared, since these men could also be transported from Panama in the vessels of the American Marines.

Please respond to this."

It does not say whether they have communicated to the appropriate Section the departure of the ship destined for Cayo Hueso, but if they have not, it must be done immediately in spite of the time that has passed, since sometimes there are difficulties or the ships do not sail, or else they go a short distance and return.

Regarding the notice given about the three destroyers that are loaded to bursting in Cayo Hueso, even though they are on maneuvers until the end of this month, it would be advisable that the group in the East be notified immediately of the part pertaining to the mortars.

We inform you of this as appropriate.

Regards, MN-1

Note: We are enclosing the communication of Section L to Section M with its own enclosures.

We have also enclosed another communication from Section L with Section M from 4 February 1961, the contents of which we have already noted. We have returned this document to the archive prior to 12 March 1961. "Homeland or death. We will win"