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TO: SAO PAULO INFO BRASILIA, HAVANA.

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SUBJECT: RIO MEETING OF CUBAN CI OFFICERS AND ALLEGED CIA
OFFICERS

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B. SAO PAULO 61496 95 1181973

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE BELOW. PLEASE FORWARD ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SEMINAR OR ATTENDEES.

2. ADDITIONAL DETAILS PROVIDED REF A WERE MUCH
APPRECIATED. CHECKS OF AGENCY INDICES DID NOT TURN UP A JOHN
NEWMAN AS A CURRENT STAFFER. HAVING ONLY JOHN NEWMAN'S NAME, AS
PROVIDED BY THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, WAS INSUFFICIENT TO RUN A
MEANINGFUL CHECK OF OTHER INDICES AND PERSONNEL RECORDS.

3. FABIAN ((ESCALANTE)) FONT (201-969899) LAST SURFACED
PUBLICALLY AT-THE JANUARY 91 (ANTIGUA) AND JANUARY 92 (HAVANA)

CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS CONFERENCES. AN NC/WASHINGTON ASSET WHO
ATTENDED THE 91 CONFERENCE AND SPOKE WITH ESCALANTE WAS TOLD BY
HIM THAT HE (ESCALANTE) BELIEVED THAT 'SOME ELEMENTS OF THE CIA
OPERATIONAL ARM' IN COMBINATION WITH THE MAFIA WERE RESPONSIBLE
*FOR THE-ASSASSINATION-OF-PRESIDENT KENNEDY.> ESCALANTE MADE IT
CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE CIA ACTED ON ITS OWN.

ESCALANTE'S CURRENT POSITION IS UNCLEAR. HE ATTENDED THE
CONFERENCE AS A PCC-CC MEMBER. A DEFECTOR NOTED HIM AS A FORMER
CHIEF OF MININT'S POLITICAL SECTION WHO WAS BRIEFLY CHIEF OF THE
DCI FOLLOWING ABRANTES' DISMISSAL AND WHO IS NOW WRITING MININT
UNIT HISTORIES. ESCALANTE ALSO TOLD THE ASSET THAT HE WAS HEAD
OF THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SECTOR/CHIEF OF COUNTERESPIONAGE FOR
THE US AT THE TIME OF THE MISSILE CRISIS, AND THAT HE WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERROGATING ALL SUSPECT CIA AGENTS DURING THE
1960'S

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