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ALL KEYED TO REF 2:

2015-16

1. DAY BEFORE HURRICANE CYNTHIA HIT CUBA, BETWEEN 500 AND 600 SOVIET TECHS LEFT BY SHIP FROM SANTIAGO DE CUBA. ON 10 NOV APPROX 200 SOVS WERE SEEN WALKING STREETS HADADA WITH SUITCASES PRIOR DEPARTATION. (SOURCE [REDACTED] DOI: 9 DEC).

2. ALL SOVS APPEAR TO BE TECHS, ALTHO YOUNG. MOST OBSERVED  
BY DESIGNET HAD NO MILITARY BEARING, IN SLOPPY PHYSICAL SHAPE,  
BT OF HIS ASSUMPTION THEY CIVILIANS. FRIEND [ERIC BONSIGNER]

LIVES ON ROAD TO PINAR DEL RIO, TOLD [P] "SIX MONTHS  
AND THE SOVS DID NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO ENTER THEIR CAMP NEAR EL

FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS RUSSIAN OFFICIALS ENTER IN LARGE NUMBERS AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVS HAD BEEN REDUCED BY TWO

2. (SLO). THE CAMP IN SONGA CLOSED DOWN ABOUT SIX MONTHS

AND IT THOUGH THEY HAVE RESEMBLED AT LARGE NERITA SOCA.

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LIFE: NO GOC OFFICIAL OPPOSES FOR FEAR OF GYN LIFE. IN ANY EVENT, OPPOSITION WOULD HAVE NO VALUE OR MEANING. COMMON QUOTE: "FIDEL HACE Y FIDEL DESHACE".

3. SEE ONE, ABOVE.

4. NOT KNOWN, BUT CUBAN POSITION IN DISPUTE VERY INDEPENDANT, UNAFFECTED.

## PART C

1. MOST OF THE MILITIA PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO ARMY REGULARS PAST SIX MONTHS.

2. UNKNOWN

3. [D] IMPRESSION IS THAT CUBAN ARMY NOW WELL TRAINED AND ORGANIZED.

4. ON TEN DEC. NEAR SORCA, ALL CARS HALTED ON ROAD WHILE CONTINGENT CUBAN TROOPS SURROUNDED A CAFE FIELD AND SPRAYED IT WITH GUNFIRE, SEARCHED IT, BUT FOUND NO ONE. TROOPS WELL FED AND SUPPLIED. (SOURCE: REMIYA ROCA 9 DEC). SORCA APPROX 80 KMS FROM HABANA TOWARDS PUEBLO DEL RIO.

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C/S COMMENT: SLS HIGHLY INTERESTED <sup>02</sup> [ ] OFFICERS RETURN CUBA AS OBSERVER SIMILATION.

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