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1. GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, LOCALLY RESIDENT US CITIZEN, TOLD ME TODAY HE INFORMED BY HAITIAN FRIEND THAT PRES DUVALIER HAS RECEIVED "OFFICIAL LETTER" FROM WASHINGTON, PURPORTEDLY DENOUNCING HIM AS "POLISH COMMUNIST." DE MOHRENSCHILDT, FEARING HIS CONTRACT WITH GOH WILL BE CANCELLED AND HE WILL BE EXPELLED, WENT TO HAITIAN CABINET MINISTER (WHOM HE REFUSED NAME) WHO "CONFIRMED" DUVALIER HAS SUCH A LETTER AND ADVISED HIM GET "CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH" FROM USG.
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2. I TOLD DE MOHRENSCHILDT IT MOST UNLIKELY ANY USG COMMUNICATION WOULD BE SENT TO ANY GOH OFFICIAL WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH EMBASSY BUT THAT I WOULD REPORT WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME TO WASHINGTON.

3. DE MOHRENSCHILDT SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY HIS FORMER WIFE (IN PHILADELPHIA) MIGHT HAVE WRITTEN LETTER FOR PERSONAL REASONS, PERHAPS CLAIMING SHE HAD ACCESS TO OFFICIAL INFO. TWO OTHER POSSIBILITIES OCCURRING TO HIM (AND EMBASSY) ARE:
(1) SOME BUSINESS RIVAL IS TRYING TO HAVE HIM EXPELLED; OR
(2) GOH SUSPICIONS AROUSED BY FACT FBI AGENT INTERVIEWED DE MOHRENSCHILDT HERE MARCH 7 (RE HIS CONNECTION WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD) AND DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND WIFE GOING TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK TO TESTIFY BEFORE WARREN COMMISSION.

4. ASSUME DEPT WILL CHECK WITH APPROPRIATE INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER USG AGENCIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION RE DE MOHRENSCHILDT SENT TO GOH AND ADVISE ME FOR MY OWN INFORMATION WHAT SITUATION IS.

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5. AFTER HIS RETURN FROM TESTIMONY BEFORE WARREN COMMISSION, DE MOHRENSCHILDT WILL DOUBTLESS PRESS FOR SOME USG DECLARATION TO BE COMMUNICATED TO GOH. I FEEL IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR NUMBER OF REASONS FOR EMBASSY TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO COMMUNICATE CFN 2. 3. (1) (2) 4. 5.

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WITH GOH IN MATTER. ASSUMING THAT NO USG COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO GOH RE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, I BELIEVE I SHOULD MERELY TELL HIM SO AND LEAVE MATTER THERE.

6. DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S MAY HAVE THEMSELVES TO THANK FOR ANY ACTION GOH MAY TAKE AGAINST THEM. THEY HAVE APPARENTLY TALKED FREELY OF BEING INTERVIEWED BY FBI AND OF BEING CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE WARREN COMMISSION, AND GOH MAY HAVE DECIDED UNDESIRABLE HAVE THEM IN HAITI. THEY MAY WELL HAVE MADE ENEMIES AMONG HAITIANS AS THEY PUSHY, ARROGANT AND HEAVILY ADDICTED TO NAME-DROPPING. ALSO WE UNDERSTAND DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S CONTRACT WITH GOH MAY BE TURNING OUT MORE PROFITABLE FOR HIM THAN ORIGINALLY EXPECTED (DUE SISAL PRICE RISE) AND IT THEREFORE CONCEIVABLE HIS HAITIAN ASSOCIATES TRYING SQUEEZE HIM OUT.

7. DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S STATE THEY WISH CALL AT DEPT TO DISCUSS FOREGOING WHILE IN WASHINGTON. THEY HAVE NAMES CROCKETT AND VON THURN IN ARA/CAR.NB

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