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SUBJECT: GOBH HOLDING FIVE AMCITS SUSPECTED OF BEING ANTI-CASTRO GUERILLAS

I. GOBH POLICE INTERROGATING FIVE AMITS WHO ARRIVED BELIZE WEDNESDAY ABOARD 32 FOOT MEXICAN FISH BOAT ("AMIGO" NO. M351) FROM PROGRESO. AFTER ARRIVAL BELIZE, MEXICAN CAPTAIN AND MATE TOLD GOBH CUSTOMS "AMIGO" HIJACKED BY PASSENGERS WHO DIRECTED CAPTAIN PROCEED TO AREA EAST OF TURNEFFE ISLAND, BRITISH HONDURAS, FOR RENDEZVOUS WITH ANOTHER VESSEL. EN ROUTE RENDEZVOUS ARE VESSEL GROUNDED WITH OUT MAKING RENDEZVOUS. AFTER PROCEEDED TO BELIZE FOR FUEL WHERE CAPTAIN TOLD STORY TO GOBH AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING CAPTAIN, EIGHT ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS

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REPORTEDLY DISEMBARKED AT OFF SHORE BRITISH HONDURAS KEY WITH SUPPLIES PRIOR ARRIVING BELIZE. GOBH SEARCHING AREA.

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3. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES FIVE AMOITS BEING HELD TECHNICAL CHARGE ILLEGAL ENTRY:

(A) ROBERT CURTIS, BORN BUCHANAN, WEST VIRGINIA, BORN NOBEMBER 11 1937 - ADDRESS 275 SW MACONAB, POMPANO BEACH, 7/4

(B) HERBERT JOHN FENDE, BORN SEPTEMBER 13, 1942 VERO BEACH, FLORIDA. RESIDING 1311 HARBOR DRIVE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA.

(C) FRANK BENELLC, BORN NORFOLK VA DECEMBER 4, 1924. RESIDING 2148 FLAGLER TERRACE, MIAMI. 7/4

(D) MAY GOGMAN, BORN NEW YORK, DECEMBER 9, 1929. RESIDING 3015 NW 170 STREET, MIAMI. 7/4

(E) CHARLES CONNELLE, BORN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, MARCH 11, 1938. APPEARS TO BE RING LEADER: REFUSES GIVE FURTHER INFO.

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5. CONSUL INTERVIEWED AMCITS WHO ALL CLAIM WALLETS AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS LOST OVERBOARD. CLAIM SIMPLE FISHING TRIP BUT ALL VERY EVASIVE. COLLECTIVELY GIVE APPEARANCE OF "DIRTY DOZEN."

6. GOVERNOR CALLING EMERGENCY MEETING BH SECURITY COMMITTEE THRUSDAY MORNING AND MAY USE ELEMENTS BRITISH GARRISON FOR SEARCH AND CAPTURE.

- 7. USAF ATTACHE AIRCRAFT GUATEMALA NOW BELIZE WILL MAKE SEARCH AREA ENROUTE RETURN GUATEMALA THURSDAY A.M.
- 8. REQUEST ANY INFO DEPT, MIAMI, AND MERIDA HAVE ON GROUP.

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