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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/2/86 (OSTRANDER, NANCY) CR-M  
TAGS: PINT PINR NS

SUBJECT: OUTSIDE INFLUENCE IN SURINAM COUP D'ETAT

REF: (A) STATE 52949, (B) CARACAS 1976, (C) GEORGETOWN  
0292 (ALL NOTAL)

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE SEE NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER, AFTER MUCH LOOKING, OF ANY  
CUBAN, SOVIET OR OTHER OUTSIDE INFLUENCE IN THE COUP.

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CIRCUMSTANCES AND IDEOLOGICAL MAKEUP OF COUP LEADERS THEMSELVES

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ARGUE AGAINST COUP HAVING BEEN FOMENTED OR EVEN ENCOURAGED BY ANYONE OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. ON OTHER HAND, WE HAVE NO DOUBT CUBANS OR OTHERS WILL BE QUICK TO TRY TO FISH IN THE MUDDY WATERS HERE, THEY HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN A MAN DOWN HERE, AND MIGHT RECEIVE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM AT LEAST ONE PERSON CLOSE TO THE COUP LEADERS.

3. SOVIET AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED HERE BUT RESIDENT IN BOGOTA WAS NOT RPT NOT HERE FEB. 18-22 AS REPORTED REPTTEL. A SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY (WE CAN OBTAIN NAME IF REQUIRED) DID VISIT HERE BRIEFLY ON A SWING THROUGH THE AREA TO ENCOURAGE MOSCOW OLYMPIC PARTICIPATION, TALKED WITH SURINAMSE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OFFICIALS AND LEFT NOTE AT FNOFF, BUT DO NOT TALK WITH ANYONE ELSE, SO FAR AS WE CAN DISCOVER. LAST VISIT BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR WAS IN NOVEMBER 1979, TO DISCUSS SURINAMSE 200-MIGE-ZONE FISHING.

4. BRIEF REPORT OUT OF CARACAS (REF B) INDICATES GRENADA PRIME MINISTER BSHOP LANDED CURACAO FEB. 27 ON A CUBAN AIRLINER RETURNING TO GRENADA, OFFERS LOCAL SPECULATION THIS MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONNECTION WITH SURINAMSE COUP. THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY TO US, IF ONLY SINCE SURINAME - GRENADA ROUTING VIA CURACAO SEEMS UNUSUALLY CIRCUITOUS. CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES HERE DENY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH FLIGHT; THESE AUTHORITIES HAVE PROVEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE, ESPECIALLY IN PAST WEEK, AND WE FEEL SURE THAT IF A CUBAN (OR FOR THAT MATTER GUYANESE) PLANE HAD ARRIVED HERE 24TH OR 25TH WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST TO HEAR.

5. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, HOWEVER, PRENSA LATINA CORRESPONDENT V. LUNA, A CUBAN, ARRIVED HERE QUICKLY FROM GEORGETOWN. HE HIT PARAMARIBO FEB. 29. WE DO NOT KNOW ALL OF THOSE WITH WHOM HE MAY HAVE SPOKEN BUT WERE TOLD BY ONE SOURCE HE  
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TRIED TO ARRANGE AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH COUP LEADERS EARLY ON AND WAS REBUFFED.

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7. COMMENT: PRENSA LATINA MAN'S PRESENCE IS NATURAL. BUT TROUBLING. (

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SOME MEMBERS OF MILITARY COUNCIL MIGHT BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO CUBAN BLANDISHMENTS, OTHERS SEEM RIGIDLY SET AGAINST LEFTIST, OR ANY NON-SURINAMESE INFLUENCE, IN THEIR REVOLUTION.

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END COMMENT.

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