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FOR PO JOSEPH SULLIVAN FROM MICHAEL RANNEBERGER

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THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFIED BY DIRECTOR MICHAEL RANNEBERGER
REASON 1.5 (D).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT
ARA/CCA
FEBRUARY 13, 1996

(C) KEY DEVELOPMENTS/ACTIONS:

-- BASULTO BLASTS TRACK TWO DELAY: JOSE BASULTO (OF
BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE FAME) HELD A PRESS
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CONFERENCE TODAY TO CRITICIZE THE ADMINISTRATION FOR FAILING TO ACT ON HIS OFAC APPLICATION. HE REQUESTED A LICENSE TWO WEEKS AGO TO SEND \$2,000 TO SUPPORT THE PLANNED CONCILIO CUBANO MEETING THIS MONTH. BASULTO WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE PLANNED TO SEND THE MONEY ANYWAY THROUGH SEBASTIAN ARCOS JR. (KSULLIVAN)

-- CONCILIO MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR FEB. 24 MEETING: IN A FEB. 9 MEETING REPRESENTATIVES FROM MOST OF THE CONCILIO CUBANO'S 14 COMMISSIONS ELECTED A FIVE-PERSON SECRETARIAT TO DIRECT PREPARATIONS FOR A CC CONFERENCE ON FEB. 24. THE CC IS PUSHING AHEAD WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE REGARDLESS OF HOW THE GOC RESPONDS. (THE GOC STILL HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR DISAPPROVED OF THE CC'S REQUEST TO HOLD THE MEETING, THOUGH IT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIVING IT.)

-- EU HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE: EU COMMISSIONER FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE EMMA BONINO TOLD RICK NUCCIO IN A FEB. 7 MEETING IN BRUSSELS THAT THE EU CONTRIBUTED APPROXIMATELY \$41.6 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA IN 1995. THE ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED PRIMARILY BY EUROPEAN NGO'S, WHICH HAVE THEIR OWN PERSONNEL IN CUBA. BONINO ALSO FIRMLY STATED THAT AN EU COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CUBA SHOULD BE CONDITIONED ON HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENT. (PRINZ)

(C) READOUT ON MARIN VISIT: USINT P.O. SULLIVAN OBTAINED
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A READOUT FROM [REDACTED] ON EU COMMISSIONER MARIN'S 10-HOUR MEETING WITH CASTRO. IN ESSENCE, MARIN GOT NOTHING. THE BEST HE COULD OBTAIN WAS A VAGUE CASTRO STATEMENT TOWARD THE END OF THE SESSION THAT "THERE MAY BE SOME STEPS." VP LAGE, WHO WAS THERE, TOOK A TOUGH TONE ON ECONOMIC REFORM, SAYING THE GOC HAD ALREADY GONE TOO FAR IN SOME RESPECTS. [REDACTED] HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT CASTRO IS DETERMINED TO CRUSH OPPOSITION UNITY (I.E. THE CONCILIO). CCA OBTAINED A SIMILARLY

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SOBER READOUT FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY. MARIN TOLD
EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS IN HAVANA THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE
TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH CUBA DURING THE ITALIAN
PRESIDENCY (BY MID-YEAR). (SCHLOSSER)

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