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SUBJ: BALAGUER CONDITIONS WESSIN'S RETURN ON "OPPORTUNE MOMENT"

1. WHEN ASKED BY PRESS WEDNESDAY IF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION GIVEN PQD BY ELECTORAL BOARD MEANT THAT RESTRICTION ON WESSIN'S RETURN TO DR WOULD BE LIFTED, BALAGUER REPLIED WITH CODITIONAL AFFIRMATIVE (AT "OPPORTUNE MOMENT") AND WHEN PRESSED SAID TIMING DEPENDED ON "CIRCUMSTANCES." REPORTEDLY ADDED "I WISH I COULD CONTROL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES." MEANWHILE, DOM IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR CONFIRMED TO PRESS THAT ORDER AGAINST WESSIN'S RETURN TO DR REMAINS UNCHANGED.

2. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED AP STORY ON NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL OF JAN 23 WHICH STRONGLY DEPRECATED WESSIN'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY AS LAST THING DR NEEDS IN THESE MOMENTS

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OF AGITATED HISTORY. RIGHTIST EL TIEMPO RESPONDED WITH EDITORIAL CONDEMNING TIMES FOR ITS "PERNICIOUS" MEDDLING

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WHICH IT CONSIDERED MORE DANGEROUS TO DR'S SOVEREIGNTY THAN MILITARY OCCUPATION ITSELF. TIEMPO WARNED READERS TIMES AD CONTRIBUTED TO CASTRO'S "ENSLAVEMENT OF CUBA BEHIND IRON CURTAIN OF SOVIET IMPERIALISM". CRIMMINS

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