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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REACTION TO CUBAN LANDING

REF: CARACAS 5956; 6009

1. LEADERS OF ALL MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON GOVERNMENT'S REVELATIONS OF MAY 8 CUBAN LANDING. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, REACTION IS ONE OF ANGER AND SOLIDARITY IN FAVOR HOV INTENTION BRING MATTER RAPIDLY BEFORE INTERNATIONAL BODY.
2. AD LEADERS CONTINUE EXPRESS STRONG LINE REFLECTED IN MAY 13 LA REPUBLICA EDITORIAL QUOTED IN EMBASSY'S 6009. DR. PAZ GALARRAGA STATED VENEZUELA "WILL NOT SIT WITH ARMS FOLDED" IN FACE OF THIS NEW ATTEMPT BY CASTRO TO EXPORT HIS REVOLUTION. DR. GONZALO BARRIOS TOLD PRESS THE CASTRO REGIME "DESERVES TO BE OVERTHROWN BY WHATEVER MEANS ARE AVAILABLE". HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOUBTS INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WILL PERMIT ANYTHING MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION OF MORAL SANCTIONS BY INTERNATIONAL BODIES.
3. URD LEADER DR. PABLO GONZALEZ STATED THAT FONOFF MUST NOT LOSE A MINUTE IN REQUESTING THAT OAS OR UN TAKE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. HE SAID ALL VENEZUELAN SECTORS, REGARDLESS OF POLICITIAL OUTLOOK, MUST UNITE IN REPUDIATING THIS OPEN AGRESSION BY CUBA.

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4. COPEI'S DR . LUSI HERRERA CAMPINS STATED CUBAN LANDING WILL FORTIFY GOV POSITION IN CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST CASTRO, SINCE LANDING REPRESENTED ATTACK AGAINST VENEZUELAN SOVEREIGNTY AND VENEZUELAN INSTITUTIONS. HE ADDED THAT IN DEFENSE OF NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY, VENEZUELAN MUST FOREGET PARTISAN AND IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENES.

5. DR. EDECIO LA RIVA, CONSERVATIVE COPEI SENATOR, STATED HIS CONVICTION THAT OAS WILL BE UNABLE RESOLVE ISSUE OF CUBAN INTERVENTION. HE SAID THIS IS MATTER VENEZUELA MUST HANDLE BY ITSELF. ELABORATINV, HS CALLED FOR ALL-OUT EFFORT TO WIPE OUT VENEZUELA'S GUERRILLAS AND THUS ELIMINATE THE INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT OF CASTOR'S SUBVERSIVE STRATEGY.

6. FDP'S ADMIRAL LARRAZABAL CONDEMNED CUBAN ACTION AND STATED TIME HAS COME TO TELL CASTRO THAT LATIN AMERICA INTENDS TO WORK OUT ITS OWN DESTINY WITHOUT HIS HELP. DR. JORGE DAGER ECHOED THESE POINTS IN TV PANEL SHOW LAST NIGHT.

7. INDEPENDENT DEPUTY CESAR RONDON LOVERA DENOUNCED "THIS INSOLENT ACT" AND SAID IT IS TIME TO RECOGNIZE THAT VENEZUELA IS OBLIGED TO SUPPORT PEOPLE OF CUBA IN OBTAINING THEIR FREEDOM FROM CASTO'S REIGN OF OPPRESSION.

8. ONLY FND AND THE FAR-LEFT PRIN HAVE REFRAINED FROM DENOUNCING THE CUBAN LANDING. PRIN'S JOSE VICENTE RANGEL STATED THE GOVERNMENT MUST PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LANDING BEFORE HIS PARTY CAN EVOLVE ITS POSITION. FND'S ENRIQUE YESPICA USED ALMOST IDENTICAL LANGUAGE IN DESCRIBING HIS PARTY'S ATTITUDE, STATING THAT PARTY LEADERS WILL MEET TOMORROW TO CONSIDER MATTER. ANOTHER FND DEPUTY, ISAIAS MEDINA, HMQEVER, APPEARED ON TV LAST NIGHT AND WAS UNQULIFIED IN HIS CONDEMNATION OF CUBA AND HIS INSISTENCE THAT STRONG GOV ACTION IS CALLED FOR.

9. COMMENT: CUBAN LANDING HAS CLEARLY MOBILIZED PUBLIC OPINION AND HAS PROVIDED WIDESPREAD BASE OF DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR PROMPT GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE AGAINST CUBA BEFORE INTERNATIONAL BODIES.
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