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CUBAN BUSINESSMAN IN EXILE WHO TRAVELS ABROAD FREQUENTLY AND HAS GOOD ACCESS TO CUBAN DIPLOMATIC INST-LLATIONS. HIS REPORTING HAS BEEN LIMITED.

1. IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1964, ANTONIO CARRILLO CARRERAS, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ABOUT THE EXTENT OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN CUBA. (FIELD COMMENT: ²²CFP-13654, CS-3/576,372, REPRODUCED CARRILLO'S STATEMENT THAT, AS CASTRO'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF RE-ESTABLISHING A GOOD CUBAN IMAGE IN WESTERN EUROPE BY REMOVING THE ONUS OF COMMUNISM.)

2. FIDEL CASTRO HAS FIRM CONTROL OVER CUBAN COMMUNISTS. HE CURRENTLY IS DIMINISHING THEIR INFLUENCE IN CUBA BY REDUCING THE JURISDICTION OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNIST OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT. SO AS TO AVOID SCANDAL CASTRO GENERALLY IS NOT DISMISSING THE OFFICIALS OF FIDELITY.

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3. A RECENT EXAMPLE IS THE CASE OF MANUEL LUZARDO GARCIA, MINISTER OF INTERNAL TRADE, WHOSE AUTHORITY OVER SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE MINISTRY WAS ENDED BY ORDER OF CASTRO. IN ADDITION, CONTROL OF FOOD SUPPLIES IN ORIENTE PROVINCE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM LUZARDO AND ASSIGNED TO JOSE LLANUSA, WHO IS PERFORMING WELL AND BECOMING INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL. (SOURCE COMMENT: LLANUSA, IN ADDITION TO BEING DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPORTS, IS NOW ALSO DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY.)

4. SIMILARLY, CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ RODRIGUEZ IS LOSING MUCH OF HIS EARLIER AUTHORITY. FOR EXAMPLE, HIS EARLIER CONTROL OVER THE CATTLE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED IN ORIENTE PROVINCE TO DERMIDIO ESCALONA, AND IN PINAR DEL RIO TO ANOTHER OFFICIAL. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: A MAJOR DERMIDIO ESCALONA ALONSO HAS BEEN A MILITARY COMMANDER IN PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE.)

5. IN ADDITION, EDITH GARCIA BUCHACA DE ORDOQUI HAS BEEN DISMISSED FROM HER POSITION AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL COUNCIL.

6. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT LUZARO PENA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL DE TRABAJADORES DE CUBA REVOLUCIONARIA (REVOLUTIONARY CUBAN WORKERS' ORGANIZATION, CTC-R), IS ON HIS WAY OUT AND MAY BE

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REPLACED BY JUAN ALMEIDA BOSQUE, WHO HEADED A CUBAN MILITARY DELEGATION TO BULGARIA, THE USSR, AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN LATE JULY 1964.

7. ENRIQUE RODRIGUEZ LOECHES, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO, ATTENDED A MEETING IN HAVANA RECENTLY AT WHICH FIDEL CASTRO REFERRED IN AN OBSCENE WAY TO THE PARTIDO UNIDO DE LA REVOLUCION SOCIALISTA (UNITED PARTY OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION, PURS) WHEN RODRIGUEZ ASKED FIDEL SOMEWHAT RHETORICALLY WHETHER HE PERSONALLY HAD NOT FORMED THE PARTY, CASTRO ANSWERED HEATEDLY THAT THE PARTY HAD BEEN THE CREATION OF ANIBAL ESCALANTE DELLUNDE AND THAT HE, FIDEL, IS NOW GOING TO "CHANGE ALL THAT". (FIELD COMMENT: RODRIGUEZ LOECHES ARRIVED IN MADRID FROM HAVANA ON 24 SEPTEMBER. HE CAME TO PARIS ABOUT 26 SEPTEMBER AND STAYED WITH CARRILLO AT THE EMBASSY.)

8. ERNESTO CHIFF CUEVARA SEFNA, INDUSTRIES MINISTER, AND CELIA SANCHEZ MANDULLY, SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY OUTSPOKEN RECENTLY IN PRIVATE CRITICISM OF OLD-LINE CUBAN COMMUNISTS.

9. FIELD DISSEM: CINCANT, CINCSO.

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