1. On 14 November 1963 former Cuban President Carlos Prio Socarras said that President Romulo Betancourt recently promised that Venezuela would provide the Movimiento Democrata Cristiano (MDC, Christian Democrat Movement) with a base of operations for use against Cuba. According to Prio, Betancourt promised to make the base available to the Cubans in December and has appointed Venezuelan Rear Admiral Lopez Conde as the liaison officer in charge of all negotiations between the government and the MDC.

2. Although the exact location of the base has not yet been determined, Prio said it will probably be established on a Venezuelan

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NAVAL BASE. PRIÓ ALSO SAID THAT BETANCOURT HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE EXILE BASE WITH VENEZUELAN PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES.

3. ACCORDING TO LAUREANO BATISTA FALLA, SECRETARY OF MDC MILITARY AFFAIRS WHO HAS BEEN MEETING WITH PRIÓ IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BASE IN VENEZUELA, THE MDC HAS $15,000 AND PLANS TO PURCHASE TWO SAILING VESSELS BETWEEN 60 AND 90 FEET LONG, AND SIX OR SEVEN SMALL OUTBOARD MOTOR BOATS WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM THE SAILING VESSELS IN RAIDS AGAINST CUBA.

4. THE MDC ALSO PLANS TO ACQUIRE A B-25 AIRCRAFT AND BOMBS FOR USE IN AIR STRIKES AGAINST THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT. BATISTA FALLA SAID THAT PRIÓ HAS PROMISED TO GIVE THE MDC FUNDS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SUCH BOATS AND PLANES AS ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS PLANS EFFECTIVELY AFTER THE MDC HAS EXHAUSTED ITS OWN RESOURCES.

5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMNAVKEYWEST, MIAMI REPS STATE, FBI, USCG, CUSTOMS, AND I&NS.

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