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TO SCHNEIDER INFO BURKS SMITH
FROM WALTER INFO KAUFMANN
434 PM.

1) Dept. of State Cuban Desk
2) State

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
RE TODAY'S ENDRST DIPCORR ON RAPACKI VISIT TO
CUBA AND CUBAN ECONOMIC SITUATION.

THIS MATERIAL CAME FROM ~~JASON IGHOR THETA KIMI WALTZ~~
~~ALTO CAOL TIDIA HARP BRAD MALAY ELIDE DUDE GALLEON~~, AS RESULT
OF DIRECT CONTACT BY ENDRST AND IS NOT TAKEN FROM ANY KIND
~~WOKER CAMP BRASS BARK SAVER YUGCA~~ BACKGROUND BRIEFING
JOURNALISTS.

I HAVE FAIRLY SERIOUS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING RFE USE OF
THAT MATERIAL DISCUSSING THE RAPACKI VISIT ALTHOUGH CONSIDER
THE VEST OF THE ITEM TO BE GOOD. THE MATERIAL ON RAPACKI SEEMS
MORE DESIGNED TO WHITEWASH HIS VISIT FOR THE BENEFIT OF U.S.
(MORE)

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OPINION THAN IT DOES TO SERVE AS A REAL ANALYSIS. (THIS WOULD,
OF COURSE, BE UNDERSTANDABLE IN VIEW OF WHAT WAS CONTAINED
IN NYC 44 OF 7 JUNE.) BELIEVE RFE CAN BEST TREAT RAPACKI'S
VISIT WITHOUT MUCH FANFARE OR SPECULATION AND DOUBT THAT ANY
SPECIAL PROGRAM SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO THIS SUBJECT. (WAGNER
CONCURS IN THIS.) IF RFE IS MOVED TO MENTION THE TRIP IN PASSING,
IT MIGHT BEST BE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN MUN 66 OF 7 JUNE.

I HASTEN TO ADD THAT THESE OPINIONS ARE MY OWN AS WE
HAVE NOTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE THEM OR ENDRST'S MATERIAL FROM
ANY OTHER AREAS. INFORMALLY, HOWEVER, WE FIND AGREEMENT
ELSEWHERE ON THE QUESTIONABLE MERIT OF TRYING TO USE WHAT ENDRST
HAS SENT US ON RAPACKI'S TRIP.

INCIDENTALLY, NONE OF THIS IS IN ANY WAY A CRITICISM
OF ENDRST WHO HAS DONE A GOOD JOB IN PURSUING A TOPICAL SUBJECT.

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