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On the morning of 12/15/59, Vincent was contacted by a man who identified himself as "John" and who stated that he was a contact of the Cuban Embassy in New York City. Vincent advised that he would meet "John" at the address given to him, which was 100 West 100th Street, New York City. Vincent stated that he was not sure of the exact location of the address, but he would try to find it. Vincent stated that he was not sure of the exact location of the address, but he would try to find it. Vincent stated that he was not sure of the exact location of the address, but he would try to find it.

8. Chibas was all business and gave first a long exposition of his views on how Castro could be overthrown. The gist of his remarks is as follows:

(a) It would be a mistake to attempt the overthrow of Castro from the outside without being certain that enough support exists inside Cuba for such action.

(b) All outside activities outside Cuba are, therefore, secondary to Chibas said.

(c) If there is an organization inside the country which will pull over to the outside and become the rallying point of proper elements of Cuban emigration, which then will assist in supplying the necessary finances and equipment for the activities inside Cuba.

(d) Obviously, if there are groups or individuals inside Cuba who would contribute something to the overthrow of Castro, they should be utilized. As to Chibas, he is a man who has an excellent reputation in Oriente Province; he would be a good man to go to in order to organize this type of resistance work.

(c) By and large, any effort to oust Castro can only be successful in the support by the popular opinion within Cuba. Members of the FRO FICOM do not have the support necessary in this regard. Undoubtedly, the FICOM members are fine people. Like Varona, Sanchez Arango, and Carrillo, they are relatively old people. They are used and the future of Cuba lies with the younger generation. Thus, one should look for people who are both young and either have or are able to inspire popular sentiment.

3. Speaking more specifically about resistance activities inside Cuba, Chibas talked about the activities of Manuel Ray, whose representative he, Chibas, is. Manuel Ray is currently engaged in reestablishing the Resistencia Civica -- an organization Ray headed in the anti-Batista days. Ray also tries to organize and bring into the Resistencia Civica members and elements of the 26th of July movement and of the Rebel army. (In this connection, Chibas continued his talks with Major Victor Pasque, aka Comandante Diego, who is a member of the Alianza.)

4. Concerning activities outside Cuba, Chibas talked very laudatory about and recommended the greatest part the utilizing of the Bobenia group, with whom he seems to be in touch.

5. Chibas is also in touch with Larrea and Miró Cardeña, as well as Felipe Tasso.

6. Upon Sender's probing, Chibas said that he had talked to Carrillo and received a somewhat chilly reception; that he himself did not care whether or not he was an FRO member as one label is as good as another and that he was only interested in one thing -- organized resistance inside Cuba. He conceded that such organization needs outside help, and he further conceded that it might be a good idea to utilize one single label, even an FRO, for all anti-Castro activities, inside or outside the country. He stated that he himself is by character and inclination unsuited for public appearances, lobbying activities, and similar propaganda operations. His forte, he said, is in the clandestine organization of a revolutionary activity.

7. Chibas said that he is completely under the command of Manuel Ray and that if Sender's desires are such, he will do so, but before he can do so, he would have to see Ray.

8. When Sender asked about his own financial situation, Chibas was evasive. Sender offered aid in this regard if it is needed.

9. It was agreed that Chibas would get in touch with Ray; would ascertain the current status of Ray's internal organization and Ray's desire regarding affiliation and/or integration with the FBI. Bender and Chibas would get together sometime during the week of 12 September to discuss actual cooperation further.

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