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Source: AMRAZZ-1, in reports dated 3, 15, and 21 July 1965. The information in the Field Comments on Prince and Pelaez was taken from information on file at JMWAVE. Julio Cruz, mentioned in Para. 4, may be Julio Marco Cruz Perez, 201-725368, who is a member of the SFHE; however, this identification is not definite.

RID: Please card the following for the field

- ***PRINCE, Jose, aka Jose Antonio**
Mbr of Social Information Center, branch of Christian Social Movement. Former coordinator of MRP in Cuba. Involvement in plans to assassinate Fidel Castro.
- ***PELAEZ Leyva, Eduardo Francisco**
Prob iden w/Pelaez (fna), aka "Tito," who involved in plan to assassinate Fidel Castro. Former mbr of MRP in Camaguey, Cuba. Arr in US 1962.
- ***VECIANA Blanch, Antonio**
Leader of Alpha-66. Involvement in plan to assassinate Fidel Castro.

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Cuba

Plans to Assassinate
Fidel Castro Ruz

30 July 1965

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3 to 14 July 1965

United States, Miami
(3 to 15 July 1965)

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A Cuban exile with excellent contacts in the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP, Revolutionary Movement of the People). He has been an accurate reporter on this organization and on general exile political developments since about mid-1963.

1. On 2 July 1965 Jose Prince, aka "Jose Antonio,"¹ said that a captain in the Cuban Rebel Army (not identified) had arrived in Miami from Cuba about mid-June to get special equipment to take to Cuba for an "act of great importance." Prince said that he had known the captain in Cuba and had confidence in him. He said that he also knew several of the men in the small group in Cuba, and that he had confidence in the success of the plan. Though Prince disclosed no further details relative to this "act," he reacted visibly when asked specifically whether the "act" involved the assassination of Fidel Castro Ruz.
2. Prince met with Antonio Veciana Blanch, a leader of Alpha-66, and "Tito" Pelaez,² on 20 July. He said that besides the three of them, the only people who knew of the plan to assassinate Castro were the captain of the Rebel Army who had arrived in Miami, and one person in Cuba (not identified) who knew no details, but would be informed by the captain when he returned to Cuba.
3. According to Prince, \$5,000 (U.S.) will be needed to buy the necessary equipment for the mission. He had planned to go to Caracas, Venezuela, to solicit money, but encountered difficulties in getting permission to re-enter the United States. Therefore, he plans to finance a trip for another person to go to Caracas to solicit the funds.
4. On 14 July Veciana spoke of his own plans for assassinating Castro.³ One plan would be to infiltrate into Cuba three trained men who must be aware that they will be on a suicide mission. The only name mentioned in connection with the mission was Julio Cruz, an action member of the Segundo Frente Nacional del Escambray (SFNE, Second National Front of the Escambray). Veciana's second plan would consist of an attempt to assassinate Castro when he visited the United Nations, or some other place in the Free World.

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1. Source Comment: Prince is a member of the Centro de Informacion Social (CIS, Social Information Center), the information branch of the Movimiento Social Cristiano (MSC, Christian Social Movement). In about 1962 he was a coordinator of the MRP in Cuba. He is a serious-minded person who is not prone to promote wild schemes or missions.

Field Comment: Prince is probably identical with Jose Prince Chelala, who according to information available, was born in Camaguey, Cuba, on 23 September 1940. He was Provincial Coordinator of the MRP in Camaguey before becoming National Coordinator in Cuba in July 1962. He was granted asylum in the Brazilian Embassy in Havana in January 1963, and arrived in Puerto Rico in February of that year.

2. Source Comment: Pelaez was formerly a member of the MRP in Camaguey. He arrived in the United States in 1962, after having been in asylum in the Brazilian Embassy in Havana. He is said to be in touch with members (not identified) of the Cuban Rebel Army.

Field Comment: Pelaez may be identical with Eduardo Francisco Pelaez Leyva, who according to available information, was born in Camaguey, Cuba, on 11 January 1939. He arrived in the United States on 8 September 1962 after having been in asylum in the Uruguayan Embassy in Havana.

3. Field Comment: Veciana's plans are apparently not connected with those of Prince.