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Miami, 17 June 61

SUBJECT: My mission to travel to the U.S. to request arms for the Escambray, and why I did not carry out this mission.

TO: Chief of Staff of the Escambray Army
Major Evelio Duque Miyar

FROM: Liaison Officer with Hqs
Captain Carmelo Gattorno

Dear Sirs:

1. With reference to your letter dated 16 June ordering me to report the reason for my incompilance with your order dated 18 Nov. 60 concerning my trip to the U.S. in order to obtain arms and ammo for the Escambray, I have the honor to report the following:

a. On the very same day on which I received the order I went to Havana where I saw Mr [redacted] who was working in the underground for the Escambray, and he advised me that my trip to the U.S. was not necessary as he had already received the necessary equipment directly from outside Cuba. As I was aware that this was precisely the mission of Mr [redacted] and considering that my services might be needed for another important mission, I accepted this gentleman's statement.

b. The next day he gave me 11 M-3 sub-machine guns, 4 Garand rifles, and TWO THOUSAND PESOS, which I delivered to Captain [Edel MONTIEL] Lorenzo at a place near Trinidad in the Escambray. After this I again returned to Havana for another meeting with Mr [redacted] who was to furnish two radio-telegraphy sets to our Hqs, but which I was unable to take back as Mr [redacted] did not deliver them to me.

c. With regards to the photographs taken in the zone of operations, which would serve me as credentials outside Cuba, together with the document which you gave me appointing me as Liaison Officer of the Escambray Hqs and giving me full powers to represent you outside Cuba, as my mission had been canceled I left the photographs with

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Mr. [redacted] and I lost the document appointing me as Liaison Officer.

d. As it became impossible for me to return to the Escambray, I remained in Havana until Feb 61 at which time I arrived at Miami.

2. The above report is respectfully submitted for your information and proper proceedings.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ [redacted]
Liaison Officer, Escambray Hqs