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O ZARRAGA Martinez, Carlos Alberto

FACTUAL DATA

Born November 9, 1923, Caibarien, Cuba.

White.

Little knowledge of English.

Cattle rancher and sugar cane grower in Cuba.

Briefly attached to Ministry of Foreign Affairs at beginning of Castro regime in 1959.

In exile in U. S. since 1960.

Leader of small informal anti-Castro group in exile, "Cuba Libre".

Belonged to Cuban Revolutionary Junta (JURE), anti-Castro exile organization, in 1964.

Married to Olga Cabarrocos.

PERSONAL DATA

Zarraga is short and Jackie Gleason-esque in girth. He is an honest, trustworthy, dedicated, cooperative, intelligent, idealistic gentleman - really "gentleman" in every sense of the word. He is well-informed about exile activities.

His group, "Cuba Libre", probably consists of no more than a dozen action-oriented young men from Las Villas, Zarraga's province. He plans to infiltrate them into Las Villas for guerrilla activities. Neither he nor they have any illusions about the heavy odds against their ability to survive or to create any real difficulty for the Castro regime. They just think that as patriots they have to try to do what they can to fight the regime. This is the only thing they consider themselves capable of attempting, and they hope that their actions may strike a small spark against the regime. Meanwhile Zarraga feeds and houses them where necessary, and passes the hat to raise funds for their activities. He and his wife both work.

In 1964 Zarraga and his men joined JURE in the hope that this would help him finance the activities his group was planning. He was willing to overlook political differences between his middle-of-the-road views and what he considered JURE's more radical views. During the period that he was in JURE, he ceased contact with this office, because he felt that as a loyal and disciplined

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member of the organization he ought to remain within channels. He left JUE some months later in disgust at its lack of action, the incompetence of its leaders, and their hypocrisy in criticizing the U. S. while at the same time they believed they were being helped by the U. S. He has gone back to his free-lance planning, so far without any results.

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