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COUNTRY Cuba/Venezuela/Nicaragua REPORT NO. CSDB-312/00468-65
SUBJECT Fidel Castro's Success in Splitting the Communist Party of Venezuela and Castro's Plans for Subversion in Nicaragua DATE DISTR. 23 February 1965 NO. PAGES 2 REFERENCES

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FIELD REPORT NO.

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SOURCE: A prominent Cuban exile who is a fairly reliable reporter and who retains some contacts in Cuba; from a former high-level Cuban official who was once active in the revolutionary movement and a confidant of Fidel Castro, but who is now anti-Castro. He continues to maintain contacts with many Cuban officials at all levels of government. Source has provided a limited number of reports that appear to have been accurate.

- 1. Cuban Premier Fidel Castro Ruz has sent large amounts of money, arms, and ammunition to Venezuela, and has also trained Venezuelans in Cuba. With this money and arms, Castro has succeeded in splitting the Communist Party of Venezuela (PCV) to the extent that Castro now has more control over the PCV than the Soviet Union has. Many members of the PCV, following Fidel Castro's orders, have taken to the hills as guerrillas. Castro is strongly supporting and has extended considerable aid to the Venezuelan Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (FALN, Armed Forces of National Liberation).
2. As of early January 1965 Castro was planning to concentrate an extensive effort against Nicaragua in the near future. Castro intends to "raise the temperature" in Nicaragua through guerrilla activity and a strong propaganda campaign against General Anastasio Somoza which Castro believes will cause the United States to force Somoza out. Once this is accomplished the Communists will be free to take over the country, using the same tactics as those utilized in Vietnam.

Headquarters Comments

- 1. TDCSDB-315/00362-65 describes a meeting between Castro and a group of Venezuelans, including the chief of the FALN, which took place in Havana on 7 December 1964.

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