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friend of former President Batista of Cuba

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- a. On 5 and 9 December 1958 Marcelino GARCIA Beltran, representative of the Mabay Sugar Central, and a close friend of Fulgencio BATISTA Zaldivar, former President of Cuba, cashed four checks totaling more than \$125,000 (United States dollars).
- b. The two checks presented by GARCIA Beltran on 5 December were drawn to the order of Alberto FERNANDEZ Hechevarria, and endorsed by him to GARCIA Beltran. The drafter was the Francisco Sugar Company, New York, which guaranteed the signatures. Payment, which was requested and made in US \$100 bills, totaled between \$53,000 and \$55,000 in 1958-59 currency.

On 8 December GARCIA Beltran presented two more checks, totaling \$75,000 (United States currency). These checks were drawn by International Weighers, Inc., 110 Wall Street, New York. Inasmuch as credits to this account had not cleared, GARCIA was told to return to the bank for the money on the afternoon of 9 December. The latter returned to the bank at the stated time and was paid \$75,000 in \$100 bills. Marcelino GARCIA was the payee on one of these checks.

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