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On July 14, 1959, a confidential informant, who stopped has furnished reliable information in the past was present 8-15-9 during a discussion of Pedro Diaz Lanz, former Chief of the Cuban Air Force, who on that date testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. This discussion was between Dora Saavedra, wife of the Cuban Military Attache, and his assistant, Lieutenant Joaquin Bertran (5)

According to the informant, Bertran asserted that all the statements made by Diaz Lanz were false and without proof. Among these Bertran indicated that Diaz Lanz stated that Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro had told Diaz Lanz that he, Castro, is a communist and is going to install a communist system in Cuba. Both Bertran and Mrs. Saavedra lamented the fact that these statements, even though Talse, are being made public.

Bertran continued by saying that Diaz Lanz has been making one accusation after another without corroboration and no witnesses present to rebut the statements. Bertran relt that the whole proceeding was totally lacking in judicial qualities of a fair hearing and believed that no one has tried to ascertain whether the statements of Diaz Lanz are true or false.

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