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The following information was reported by MM T-1 on October 30, 1961. This source iska former Cuban investigator (5) associated with the Cuban National Police from 1934, Swho has furnished reliable information in the past? He arrived very recently from Havana, Cuba. (\*)

## THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY NAVY

MM T-1 stated this branch of the armed forces of Cuba has never enjoyed the full confidence of FIDEL CASTRO. Source pointed out that many of his officers began to defect in 1959, and in the early Spring of 1960, a series of defections began to occur amongst his Naval officers who represented Cuba as Naval Attaches or Assistant Naval Attaches in foreign countries. Notable amongst these were the Naval Attaches of Cuba assigned to Venezuela, Mexico and the United States.

MM T-l further recalled that many of the officers and men of the Revolutionary Navy had defected within Cuba and in some cases complete Naval units, including both men and officers, had defected and fled to the United States. (C.)

The principal work performed by the Revolutionary Navy at this time is that of extending a thin and ineffective patrol surveillance off of the North coast of Cuba, with the

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