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9/12/61, he met Orestes Meneses Garcia (105-102629) at the home of Juan A. Mesa, an MDC member. (place not stated). Laureano Batista was also in attendance.

105-102629-3 p.3

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On 12/14/61, Jesus Rasco Bermudez (134-10747) furnished information concerning a two-faction split which occurred within the MDC, namely, the split of the group headed by Laureano Batista Falla and that of Jose Fernandez Badue, aka "Lucas." Rasco stated that "Lucas" continued as the MDC "representative" to the Revolutionary Council at Miami, but that "Lucas" didn't actually represent the MDC. Rasco stated that his brother, Jose Ignacio Rasco, a leader in the Batista group of the MDC, arrived back in Miami about 11/29/61, after having been on a speaking tour in Latin America. ✓ *Before*

134-10747-2 p.1,2

(18,36)

Florida
 (S) On 3/8/62, MM 724-S advised that Laureano Batista Falla conceived the idea to demonstrate peacefully during the visit of President John F. Kennedy in the Miami area, on 3/10/62. As a result of orders issued by the local law enforcement agencies in the Miami area, all demonstrations during the visit of President Kennedy were called off. On 3/9/62, a group of Cuban exiles, members of the MDC and the 30th of November Revolutionary Movement (NRM) (105-92196) agreed to commence a peaceful demonstration in the form of a hunger strike in Bay Front Park, Miami.

Carlos Rodrigue Quesada, General Coordinator of the NRM, Miami, advised that his movement participated in this hunger strike which was held during March 10 and 12, 1962. He stated that the strike was organized and staged by Batista, representing a splinter group of the MDC. He stated that Batista called on Cuban refugees in Miami to join in the strike to protect the lack of activity on the part of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, Miami, and the failure of the US Government to furnish the Cuban refugees with means of overthrowing the communist regime in Cuba.

105-92196-29 p.15A,17

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105-92196-24 encl.p.2

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✓ Miami 639-S advised that the MDC, headed by Laureano Batista Falla, planned to picket Miami International Airport, on 4/14/62, protesting the Cuban Prisoner Exchange (105-99200). (X)(u)

105-99200-117 p.3
(12,29)

On 4/22/62, Laureano Batista Falla was among a group of Cuban exiles who met at the home of Valdemar Rivas, Vice Consul of Guatemala, in Miami. At this meeting, an attempt was made to form a Cuban Government In Exile (105-127552), under the sponsorship of President Miguel Ydigoras of Guatemala. Batista participated in this meeting. (CIA) (X)(u)

✓ 105-127552-39 p.2,4
(14,32)

On 5/10/62, Mrs. Ulda Eldred, section secretary, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, advised that a registration, in accordance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act, had been filed by MDC. A check of this registration by the Bureau revealed this was Registration number 1498, filed on 12/7/61, by the MDC, whose principal office was at 1732 N.W. 7th Street, Miami. The person in charge of this office was Laureano Batista Falla, President of the organization.

WFO Source of Information, Maria Amelia Fernandez, advised that, on 6/17/62, following a series of meetings of anti-Castro Cubans in the Washington, D.C. area, a nonpolitical, unity document was signed by a number of persons as delegates of several anti-Castro organizations. Among those signing was Rafael Madan, 6506 Payne Street, Falls Church, Va., as a delegate of Democrata Cristiana. On 7/6/62, Fernandez advised that she believed Democrata Cristiana, of which Madan was a delegate, was identical with the MDC, with headquarters in Miami. Fernandez did not know whether Madan was a delegate of the faction under the leadership of Jose Fernandez Bodue, which was a member of the Consejo Revolucionario De Cuba (CRC) (105-107224) or of the faction led by Batista, which was not a member of CRC.

✓ 105-107224-48 p.2
(12,30)

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On 10/10/64, Enrique Abascal, as a representative of the MDC, attended a meeting of the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (105-134875) held in NYC. He remained at the meeting until 10:00 p.m., when he left to meet Laureano Batista Falla. (CIA) (S) (U) ~~name changed per CIA ltr 11/10/64~~ SP-7 mac/10/64 11/14/64

105-134875-4 p.2
(14,32)

In December 1964, Henri Clermont (97-4922) a Haitian exile leader from NYC, arrived in Miami and established a training camp for Haitian exiles in the Florida Everglades. While in the Miami area, Clermont had several meetings with Laureano Batista Falla, an MDC leader. They arrived at a working agreement, but Batista said that he would not become involved in a shooting conflict with Haiti. Batista stated that he had a boat on a base in the DR which could be used to smuggle Haitians in and out of the DR, for Clermont. (S) (U)

Later this training camp was disbanded and, on 12/23/64, Clermont and his small group of exiles returned to NYC. (S) (U)

(MM 639-S) (S) (U)
97-4922-3 p.1,2
(10,28)

The following references in the file captioned "Second National Front of Escambray" (SNFE), contain information concerning the activities of Laureano Batista during the period 1963 - 1965, in connection with SNFE. Batista, leader of the MDC, was with some of his men in an SNFE camp located in the DR. This camp was used as a base for operations against Cuba. The "Sigma X," owned by the MDC, was stationed at the SNFE camp. In 1963, this launch had been used in operations against the Bahamas.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-112098-251 p.3,4
-586 p.3,4
-591 encl.p.5
-612 p.12
-628 encl.p.1

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The following references in the file captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities," contain information concerning the activities

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On 2/8/65, Henri Clermont, an MDC (105-137631) leader, arrived in Miami. He planned to stay in Miami for about a week and would try to raise money. He would probably confer with Laureano Batista Falla concerning problems of mutual interest. (MM 639-S) (X) (u)

105-137631-2 encl.p.2
(14,32)

On 2/10/65, Laureano Batista Falla, head of the MDC in Miami, furnished information concerning the Representacion Cubana Del Exilio (RCDE) (105-126039), an anti-Castro organization. Batista stated that without financial and military aid from the US, and the RCDE program could not succeed.

105-126039-24 p.5
(14)

On 2/10/65, Laureano Batista Falla, military leader of MDC, advised that he had never heard of Eulalio Estenez, or his so-called organization, Freedom Fighter Commandos (105-119902).

105-119902-7 encl.p.2
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This reference, captioned "Christian Democratic Parties, Latin America" (105-158980), contains information concerning the MDC activities of Laureano Batista Falla during the period of February 1965 to May 1966. During this period, Batista was active in Cuba, Florida and Puerto Rico in operations against Cuba. He also planned to make a trip to Venezuela to pick up an undetermined amount of money. (u) (X)

During this period he made an offer, as head of the MDC, to join forces with Haitian exiles in an attempt to overthrow Haitian dictator Francois Duvalier. (X) (u) *Amended to be classified per CIA Dec 11/1/89. 290-292*

105-158980-1 p.279,281,287,288,
290-292
(15,32)

On 9/14/66, XMM [1115] (S) advised that Victor Antonio Jose Delgado Aguiar's (105-151578) wife was the daughter of Laureano Falla, who held vast sugar holdings in Cuba prior to the advent (X) (u)

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CIA furnished the 1966 annual listings of U.S. citizens traveling between the US and Cuba. The lists, covering travel processed during the period of January 1966 through February 1967, revealed that Laureano Batista Falla, Cuban citizen, traveled from the US to Cuba during that time.

105-7-210-4065 encl.p.3
(~~11,28~~)

The following references in the file captioned "Nationality Group Coverage," contain information concerning the principal anti-Castro organizations in the Miami area, including sources providing coverage, during the period April 1965 to April 1967. Among the sources named was Laureano Batista Falla, who could furnish information concerning the DCA.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-97459-210-311 p.4
-342 p.4
-352 p.4
-382 p.4
-424 p.4

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On 5/2/67, Laureano Batista Falla advised that a Cuban Government in exile idea proposed by Dr. Enrique Huertas, head of the Cuban Medical Association in Exile, failed because it lacked support of the US Government and the governments of the Latin American countries. Batista also stated that the establishment of a liberation bank had also failed and was no longer being considered.

105-156018-8 encl.p.2
(~~15,32~~)

The following reference on Laureano Batista Falla, aka Laureano Batista, located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

REFERENCE

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