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On March 1, 1966, WF T-1 advised that he had learned that about two weeks previously, three Cuban exiles in Washington, D.C., had requested an interview with Brigadier General Carlos Pedrosa Toro, Military Attache, Embassy of Colombia.

The informant continued that having granted the requested interview, General Pedrosa learned that the spokesman for the three Cuban exiles was one Enrique Lindner, a salesman for Mid-City Sales Corporation, 1401 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. Lindner told of the formation of a new group among the Cuban exiles, the aim of which is to infiltrate into Cuba and once in Cuba to conduct various forms of sabotage against the regime of Fidel Castro. Lindner explained that it was hoped that the people of Cuba, upon witnessing such activity, would be prompted to arise against Castro in a true revolution.

According to WF T-1, the purpose of Lindner and the others in approaching General Pedrosa was to determine what help could be expected from the Colombian Government in the event the above described plan worked as anticipated. According to the informant, the Cubans received no promise of Colombian assistance and were told merely that their plan was a good one.

On March 7, 1966, WF T-2 advised that he had learned the following from Enrique Lindner:

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The position of [Brigadier General Carlos Pedrosa Toro] was verified through the ["Diplomatic List"] dated [February, 1966], published by [the United States Department of State.] (S) (S) (S)

On March 30, 1966, Raul E. Gramatges, 3082 Abingdon Street, Apartment C-2, Arlington, Virginia, advised that the organization known as "Comandos De Liberacion" described to WF T-2 by Enrique Lindner is definitely identical with the original organization known as Comandos L which is composed of both military and civilian branches. Gramatges noted that this organization wanted to avoid all international complications for the United States and wanted to operate within the law. In order to facilitate such legal operations the organization had retained legal council but Gramatges was unable to identify the council. (S) (u)

Gramatges also presented a copy of a speech made by Antonio Cuesta Del Valle, Central Command, Comandos L, on March 3, 1966, before the International Association of Businessmen in Miami, Florida. The following is the text of Cuesta's speech as furnished by Gramatges. (S) (u)

"Dear Countrymen:

"Our organization, which has been fighting without respite since 1962, wishes to make the following facts known to all of you.

"We have never lost a man, nor any equipment, in the open fight against our enemy.

"Almost the same outcome has resulted from armed actions by other organizations against the communist regime now in Cuba. We must clarify the fact that objectives have never been limited, as we have been successful in attacking the locations known to be best protected.

"Against this balance, which reveals clearly the efficiency of the means employed against our enemy, comes to light the losses suffered by independent organizations that have had confiscations by the authorities of this country. More than 90% of their cash has landed in the hands of their "allies": which demonstrates that the most difficult task is to be able to keep the equipment once it has been used in an

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