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GARCIA NAVARRO said when he attempted to return from Panama to the United States he was advised by the United States Embassy at Panama that the return visa had been granted in error, and he was instructed to apply for an immigrant visa in Panama.

GARCIA NAVARRO claimed this would be impossible unless he would be permitted to return to the United States on a tourist visa to gather necessary documents; that the United States Embassy in Panama was unwilling to grant him a tourist visa. He is presently stranded in Panama, and unable to return to the United States.

ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS
Miami, Florida

MASFERRER is a former Cuban Senator now exiled in Miami, and reportedly continues to hold meetings and allegedly has about 50 individuals associated with him in his movement.

MASFERRER claims he refuses to acknowledge being under orders of anyone, but maintains liaison with other anti-CASTRO leaders.

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On November 13, 1959, [] PSI, advised that on November 10, 1959, a meeting was held in Miami for the purpose of explaining and justifying expenditures of money received by MASFERRER for anti-CASTRO activities. Among those attending were MANUEL ROJAS, notorious gun smuggler, and FRANK PEREZ PEREZ, close associate of MASFERRER. (S)

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On October 31, 1959, MARCOS DIAZ, SERGIO DIAZ, half-brother of MARCOS, RAFAEL HUGET, and PEDRO DIAZ, former Head of Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, met with MENOYO at the Georgian Hotel, Atlanta. (u)

MENOYO suggested that PEDRO DIAZ align himself with forces in the Dominican Republic to overthrow FIDEL CASTRO, also to attempt to kidnap ESTEBAN VENTURA, former Lieutenant Colonel in Cuban National Police, and to return him to Cuba. PEDRO DIAZ rejected both proposals, feeling they were designed to discredit or entrap him. (u)

HUGET and MENOYO subsequently returned to Cuba. (u)

POSSIBILITY THAT BATISTA MAY PARTICIPATE
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On October 8, 1959, ALSIDES DE LOS REYES, 1674 S. W. 8th Street, Miami, (protect) advised that a letter written by BATISTA indicated that his support of the Anti-CASTRO Movement had caused some dissension in Miami, inasmuch as BATISTA indicated he did not favor EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO as Provisional President of Cuba in the event the CASTRO Government is overthrown. BATISTA indicated a preference for CARLOS MARQUES STERLING or (FNU) MARTINEZ SAENZ, the latter being described as the former President of the International Bank of Cuba, who

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