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RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

On September 9, 1959, MM T-1, a confidential source
abroad, furnished the following information: (S)

On September 1, 1959, CARL S. STEWART, a naturalized
Canadian who works as a ship's captain and makes his residence
at Nassau, British West Indies, telephonically requested the
representative of the British government in Nassau to come
immediately to Miami on a most urgent matter. MM T-1 said
that STEWART was born February 23, 1932, in Budapest, Hungary,
and is now in possession of Canadian passport number 4622270
issued at Ottawa, Canada, on September 14, 1956. In about
November, 1958, STEWART made the acquaintance of a pro-FIDEL
CASTRO group in Nassau and furnished information to the British
government in Nassau concerning this group. (S)

On September 1, 1959, pursuant to the telephone
call from STEWART, a representative of the British government
arrived in Miami where STEWART told him that he had been in
touch with two anti-CASTRO Cuban exiles. He named these
individuals as HIVO GONZALEZ, who claimed to be a former
member of the military intelligence service of the BATISTA
regime and Dr. (FNU) GONZALEZ, father of HIVO GONZALEZ, who
claimed to have served in the Cuban Treasury Department
during the BATISTA regime. STEWART reported that through
these individuals he had learned that General PEDRAZA
(undoubtedly General JOSE PEDRAZA) head of the anti-CASTRO

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movement in the Dominican Republic and who is a Cuban exile, had called a meeting on August 29, 1959, at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to coordinate the activities of all anti-CASTRO forces in Florida. MM T-1 said that PEDRAZA was apparently supposed to have attended this meeting in person, along with various leaders of the anti-CASTRO movement. MM T-1 said that STEWART was not present at this alleged meeting. (S)

MM T-1 said that STEWART told the British representative that on August 31, 1959, he met a Cuban who was first known to him as "PACO," later identified to him as Dr. FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO, who claimed to have been in the CASTRO government up until June, 1959. RODRIGUEZ asked STEWART to form and lead a small group of about 200 men, to obtain arms for them and to take them to an unspecified island, probably in the British West Indies group, for the purpose of training them for military action against the CASTRO government at some designated time within the near future. RODRIGUEZ told STEWART that he wanted to obtain the tacit approval of the British government that they would not interfere with this training. STEWART agreed to get in touch with a representative of the British government on behalf of RODRIGUEZ. (S)

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When the British official representative from Nassau arrived in Miami on September 1, 1959, he was met by STEWART at Miami International Airport and driven to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he met with several Cubans at a street address unknown to the British representative. (S)

Present at this meeting were STEWART, Dr. GONZALEZ, FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ, two unidentified men believed to be Cubans and the British representative. RODRIGUEZ disclosed that he had been about to depart for New York City to lobby. (S)

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for official recognition on behalf of the anti-CASTRO movement at the United Nations but had postponed his trip in order to attend this meeting with the British representative. (S)

At this meeting the discussion included the following: (S)

(1) Talked about the anti-Communist and anti-CASTRO aims of the movement. (S)

(2) Alleged support of certain unidentified U. S. Senators and the fact that the U. S. Government had given no official recognition to the movement although the movement was hopeful of eventually obtaining such recognition. (S)

(3) Disclosure concerning an intention to train a group of Cubans for an invasion of Cuba against the CASTRO government. (S)

(4) The British representative was questioned as to whether Her Majesty's Government would be willing to turn a "blind eye" to such a group operation based upon some uninhabited and isolated island of the Bahama group. Grand Cayman Island was mentioned as a point for flight refueling. MM T-1 said that it is his personal opinion that the Cubans had in mind an island such as Turks Island or Caicos Island. (S)

Also during this meeting, RODRIGUEZ disclosed that the anti-CASTRO movement would have the support of the TRUJILLO government of the Dominican Republic and the United Fruit Company, a U. S. corporation. (S)

MM T-1 said that the British government will not, under any circumstances, give any consideration whatsoever to allowing such an operation to be based on any British island. (S)

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