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On November 30, 1960 a Lisbon daily reprinted an extract from the Cuban paper "AVANCE" in which all exiled Spaniards were called upon to rally round GUTIERREZ who would lead them to liberate the Iberian Penninsula. (S)

2. Subsequently on February 11, 1961, GUTIERREZ Menoyo was described in the press as follows:-

"Hero of the Cuban Army. Arrested in Liège where he met members of D.R.I.L. who were imprisoned there and offered them the assistance of Cuban commandoes for the liberation of the Iberian Penninsula. GUTIERREZ then became double agent and on his return journey to Cuba stopped in Madrid where he contacted Otto SKORZENY. After his return to Cuba he continued to act as a double agent and it was he who suggested the Santa Maria plan to GALVAO. Later on he fled to the U.S.A. and is at present in Texas." (S)

3. Our representative in Madrid recently received a report that when news of GALVAO's successful capture of the Santa Maria was received, GUTIERREZ and seventeen others left in some craft or other from Cuba intending to transfer to the Santa Maria at sea and so proceed to the Iberian Peninsula to start the "Liberation of Spain"! These plans however went awry with the result that GUTIERREZ, left short of food and fuel, had no option but to make for the coast of Florida and there "simulate defection" to the Americans. (S)

4. We should of course be most interested to know whether you have any corroboration of the above story and, if so, we would welcome any details you may be able to provide on GUTIERREZ. (S)

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