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MM T-1, with whom no previous contact has been had, but who has had close contact with several Castro government officials until May 9, 1961, furnished the following information on May 9, 1961, to a Special Agent of the FBI:

Description of Raul Roa

Cuban Secretary of State Raul Roa is an idealist, with deep-rooted complexes, but is not a Communist. He closes his eyes and mind to what he does not want to see, or take cognizance of. Just before departing for his January, 1961, appearance before the United Nations Security Council, he stated Russian Intelligence had informed the Cuban government that the United States intended to attack Cuba and change its government before January 20, 1961, so that outgoing President Eisenhower would not leave this problem to incoming President Kennedy for solution.

Source recalled that students used to tease Roa when he was a professor at the University, by telling him he should run for president, and Roa actually believed the students were serious, and still dreams that he may be president.

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is considered by source to be a strong possibility that he will be maintained there to "further his education" and to help assure that Roa does not get out of line.

[ \* Role of Russian, Czech, and Chinese Technicians ] (S) (u)

Source had no indication that any Russian, Chinese, or Czech technicians actually participated in firing the guns in the recent invasion, but they were very close by, directing the movement of artillery and personnel. He stated he understood the Cubans achieved good hits on the anti-Castro planes because the anti-aircraft guns automatically sight in by a radar screen mounted on the gun itself, but he stated he is no military man and knows nothing about this by first hand observance. (S) (u)

After additional reflection, source furnished the following details on May 11, 1961:

[ \* Passports and Selection of Cuban Foreign Service Intelligence Personnel ] (S) (u)

Special passports are issued to [Cuban agents] (S) generally, but this is not a conclusive test; some may carry diplomatic passports. Also, special passports are issued to purchasers, or representatives sent abroad on commercial missions, and the usual "Cuban friendship deal," wherein special passports are issued to personal friends of high government officials in order to expedite obtaining a visa from the country it is desired to visit, and give the bearer a certain degree of real or imagined importance and protection. (S) (u)

[On Friday] (S) following the end of the invasion in Cuba, which source believed was April 21, 1961, (u)

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one <sup>(S)</sup> Calcines, first name unknown, who is a Cuban Communist Party Deputy <sup>(S)</sup> working out of the Ministry of State, went to <sup>(S)</sup> Mexico City on the <sup>(S)</sup> Cubana plane which arrives there at about noon. <sup>(S)</sup> He carried a special Cuban passport, and source believes he <sup>(S)</sup> is engaged in intelligence activities. <sup>(S)</sup> Source described him as about thirty-eight years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, over 200 pounds, very fat, large, round face, and dark complexion. He stated the Cuban Embassy <sup>(S)</sup> in Mexico is the busiest of all Cuban Embassies, as propaganda is prepared there for all of Latin America. <sup>(S)</sup> *Cuba*  
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There is an acute problem in the selection of personnel for foreign posts, both from the standpoint of loyalty, and also plain lack of discretion, due to Cuban loquaciousness. The personnel for foreign posts are being carefully selected and screened by members of the Communist Party, who are themselves carefully selected through the aid of Russian technicians, to avoid defections by the Cubans. All those selected finally are interviewed by a Russian who speaks very poor Spanish, name unknown to source. <sup>(S)</sup> *(S)* <sup>(u)</sup>

MM T-1 does not feel that Cuban propaganda efforts in Latin America are financed by Russia. There have been indications that the Russians do not even approve of the Cuban methods. The Russians have advised the Cubans on several occasions that they are pushing too fast, and to be more subtle and less violent and open in their propaganda efforts. <sup>(S)</sup> *(S)* <sup>(u)</sup>

#### Youth Education Program

From 1,000 to 2,000 Cuban youths from eighteen to twenty-two years of age have been sent to Czechoslovakia and Russia. Some have returned, disgusted, and deploring

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