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On Monday, November 1, 1976, at approximately 10:00 p.m. this writer was contacted by a confidential source of previously established reliability. Source stated that he had learned from FELIX SABALAS aka TUTO that he had made contact with an alleged Cuban government intelligence officer. The following information was relayed to this writer.

That FELIX SABALAS (who presently resides in Puerto Rico) former member of ALPHA 66 and close associate of ANTONIO VECIANA, has a sister in Cuba named MAYRA SABALAS-MAS. SABALAS is a cousin of LUIS MAS-MARTIN, allegedly a member of the Cuban Communist Party. SABALAS stated that he was contacted by his sister from Cuba, who stated that she wanted FELIX to travel to Jamaica to meet a friend of hers. SABALAS relayed this to ANTONIO VECIANA, who recommended to SABALAS that he (SABALAS) travel to Jamaica and contact his sister and ascertain the identity of his sister's friend. VECIANA also told SABALAS to use as an excuse for his trip to Jamaica the promotion of a circus from Taiwan, which circus is represented in Miami by VECIANA.

SABALAS arrived in Kingston, Jamaica on Thursday, 28 October 1976. While staying at an unknown hotel, SABALAS was contacted by his sister. Later on the same date (Thursday, 28 October 1976) SABALAS was introduced by his sister to a Cuban male described as medium height, early 30's, round face, known only as CARLOS. CARLOS allegedly played for SABALAS a tape containing a message from Fidel Castro urging SABALAS to cooperate in any way possible with CARLOS. According to SABALAS, CARLOS was introduced by SABALAS' sister as the man in charge of contacting Cuban government operatives in the Caribbean and Latin America.

CARLOS allegedly asked SABALAS to maintain close contact with ANTONIO VECIANA. CARLOS also asked SABALAS to find out any information and all personal habits of ANDRES NAZARIO SARGEN, FELIPE RIVERO and MAX LESNIK. CARLOS allegedly told SABALAS that the Cuban government had not killed any Cuban exiles but that due to the bombing of a Cuban plane in which 73 persons were killed, the "Prime Minister was contemplating retaliation against Cuban exiles in Colombia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Miami".

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(CARLOS) then asked (SABALAS) to proceed to a cabin approximately (S) 40 miles from Kingston where (CARLOS) would introduce a second (S) Cuban male to (SABALAS). This Cuban male would be (SABALAS' con- (S) tact in Kingston. (SABALAS, accompanied by his sister, was driven in a Cuban Embassy car driven by a B/M to a cabin (S) located approximately 40 miles from Kingston where he met with (CARLOS) and another unidentified Cuban male. (CARLOS) advised (S) (SABALAS) that on or about the 5th of November 1976 the Cuban (S) radio would begin a defamation campaign against VECIANO, LESNIK, RIVERO and NAZARIO. (SABALAS) was also advised by (CARLOS) to (S) travel to Jamaica on 30 November 1976 where he would again (S) contact the Cuban agents. (SABALAS) disclosed the aforementioned (S) information to ANTONIO VECIANA, MAX LESNIK and the confidential source. (X)

On Sunday, (7 November) 1976, this writer was again contacted by (S) the same confidential source, who related the following infor- (S) mation. Source stated that (FELIX SABALAS) had received an urgent (S) call from his sister, MAYRA, in Cuba, who asked (SABALAS) to (S) travel to Jamaica on Monday, 8 November 1976, for an important meeting. That (SABALAS) advised ANTONIO VECIANA and VECIANA in turn advised (SABALAS) to travel to Miami on Monday, 8 November 1976 where VECIANA would furnish (SABALAS) with money for a ticket to Jamaica and to furnish (SABALAS) with some information on VECIANA so that (SABALAS) could furnish it to the Cubans. (S)

(SABALAS) arrived in Miami on board EAL flight (958) from Puerto (S) Rico at (12:20 p.m. Monday, 8 November) 1976. (SABALAS) allegedly (S) departed for Jamaica from Miami at approximately 3:00 p.m. (S) Monday, 8 November 1976, to Kingston, Jamaica. In Kingston (S) (SABALAS) stayed at the Sheraton Hotel. At approximately 8:00 (S) p.m. Monday, 8 November 1976, (SABALAS) received a call from the (S) lobby from (CARLOS) who asked (SABALAS) his room number. (CARLOS) (S) proceeded to (SABALAS' room where he introduced (SABALAS) to two (S) other alleged Cuban government agents. First male described as early 30's, known only as (FNU CARBONELL). According to (S) (SABALAS, CARLOS) advised him that (CARBONELL) had worked in the (S) Cuban Embassy in Chile. Second male was introduced as (S) Comandante JORGE PENA, in his 40's, white male, dark complected, (S) dark hair. (PENA) seemed to be in charge of the other two. (S) According to (SABALAS, PENA) may be from Las Villas Province in (S) Cuba because (PENA) asked (SABALAS) if he knew a Cuban exile named (S) EUSEBIO OJEDA. OJEDA is from a very small town in Las Villas (S) Province called Jorobadas. (X)

(SABALAS) stated that he was again advised by the Cuban agents (S) that the Cuban government had not killed any Cuban exiles and that they do not want any problems with the United States government. According to (SABALAS, this was strongly stressed (S)

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during their conversation. (SABALAS) further advised the source that the Cuban agents wanted to know the following: how VECIANA found out about Fidel Castro's trip to Chile circa 1971-72. According to the Cubans, the details of Castro's trip were highly confidential, known only to persons very high in the Cuban government and very close to Castro. According to (SABALAS) the Cuban agents believed that someone very high in (S) the Cuban government passed the information to the United States CIA and the CIA in turn passed it on to VECIANA. (SABALAS) (S) was allegedly told by the Cuban agents that Castro has a personal interest in this matter. (S)

The Cuban agents also wanted to know who ("EL GALLEGO") is. According to the Cuban agents, (EL GALLEGO) is a Cuban exile involved in terrorist activities in the United States. The Cuban agents also wanted information on the following: REYNOL RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ, "OROZOQUITO" (possibly RAMON OROZCO), and FRANK CASTRO. (SABALAS) was allegedly advised by (PENA) that if he (SABALAS) needed to contact the Cuban agents in an emergency he could contact (CARBONELL) in the Cuban Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica. That he (SABALAS) could then ask (CARBONELL) if "the visa for Juan Castillo is ready". That (CARBONELL) would then know that (SABALAS) needed to contact them and (SABALAS) would receive the necessary directions. According to (SABALAS) (PENA) further stated that if the Cubans were to contact (SABALAS) they would then send (SABALAS) a telegram advising (SABALAS) that "Juan Castillo's visa is ready" and the location where the visa would be ready, which would indicate to (SABALAS) the place where he should meet the Cubans. (S)

According to (SABALAS) the Cuban agents told him that Castro would attempt to go to Jamaica in December 1976. The Cubans allegedly also told (SABALAS) to try to get ANTONIO VECIANA to travel to Jamaica, that they (the Cubans) needed to find out from VECIANA how VECIANA learned the details about Castro's trip to Chile. (S)

According to source, (SABALAS) also stated that the interview with the Cubans lasted approximately four hours and that the whole conversation was taped by the Cubans. (SABALAS) further stated that he was reimbursed for all his expenses by the Cubans in U. S. currency and that a P. O. box would be opened for (SABALAS) in New York City where he would receive messages from the Cubans. (SABALAS) arrived in Miami on Tuesday, 9 November 1976. (S)

Note: Source stressed the fact that only four persons have access to the aforementioned information, for which reason the

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source requests that none of the persons who have access to said information be contacted, at least until SABALAS could (S) become more knowledgeable of what the Cuban intelligence agents' objectives are. Source will continue to keep close contact with SABALAS and ANTONIO VECIANA (S)

This writer will contact FBI S/A Vincent Warger and provide him with a copy of this report.

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