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<p>Source: Paras. 1 and 2: ANCHEER-1 in AMOT DD-1260, dated 29 January 1965, from Vicente RODRIGUEZ Suarez (A 12 409 861), a newspaperman and acquaintance of ALPIZAR. RODRIGUEZ is an AMOT collaborator. Field Comment No. 1 was based on UFG-6636. Paras. 3 - 5: AMOT-173 in DD-1245 and DD-1247, dated 19 January 1965, from Eriinda PUIG Nunez and Marcelino GARCIA Jimenez. AMRAZZ-1 reported on 25 January 1965 that it had been rumored in exile circles that KUBARK "gave BOSCH the green light" for the 17 January aerial attack, but that there was no hard evidence to corroborate this.</p> <p>RID: No index.</p> <p>HQS.: Please pass CINCLANT.</p> <p>Group 1: Excluded from Automatic Downgrading and Declassification</p>				
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COUNTRY Cuba

REPORT NO. 12-00-31430531-65

SUBJECT **1. Alleged Participation of Evelio Alpizar Perez in the MIRR Air Strike over Cuba on 17 January 1965**
2. Alleged Plan to Assassinate Fidel Castro Ruz

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SOURCE:

A member of a group of Cuban émigrés trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961.

1. Evelio Alpizar Perez, 3625 NW 11th St., Miami, phone 635-8028, a former Cuban Air Force pilot during Fulgencio Batista's regime, claims to have piloted the plane which made the air strike over the Niagara sugar mill in northern Pinar del Rio Province on 17 January 1965.¹ The raid was sponsored by the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR, Insurreccional Movement for Revolutionary Recovery), a Cuban exile organization led by Orlando Bosch Avila.
2. Alpizar said that Castro spoke the truth when he said that a bomb had fallen on the house of some peasants in the area. According to Alpizar, no bomb fell on the sugar mill itself, but there was success in setting fire to some sugar cane fields in the area.
3. Erlinda Puig Nunez, wife of Marcolino Garcia Jimenez, chief of the MIRR directorate, has alleged that there were five young men in the aircraft during the raid, and that the pilot was a Cuban exile who had received training in the United States Army. She claimed that the other four crew members, all young men who had recently joined the MIRR, had also received training at various American encampments. One of the crew, who was only 19 years old, injured his hand while removing the cap from one of the chlorox bottles containing the live phosphorus used in the raid.
4. Puig also said that a group of 11 MIRR commandos had infiltrated into Cuba in preparation for the air strike but that none of them had been captured as was reported.²

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5. According to Marcelino Garcia Jimenez, as of about mid-January the MIRR was preparing a plan to assassinate Castro. The person responsible for accomplishing this plan is a Cuban who is suffering from a heart disease and whose life expectancy has thorofero been shortened.

Field Comments:

1. Another source recently reported that Jack Wright, an American, had been the pilot of the aircraft which made the raid on the Niagara sugar mill on 17 January. Wright was subsequently killed on 2 February while attempting to land his twin-engine biocraft at Freeport, Grand Bahamas Island; he was reportedly on the first leg of another air strike attempt over Cuba by the MIRR.
2. The 8 January 1965 edition of the Miami Herald reported that four anti-Castro commandos had been captured attempting to infiltrate into Cuba's north coast. Seven others escaped and were being pursued by government forces in the Varadero and Cardenas zones of Matanzas Province. It was not known if the seven had successfully infiltrated Cuba or had left the country.

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