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SOURCE See below. *This group is of interest because some of the ANLASH-1 complex and old Prio's. Search*

Source of Paras. 1-4: A member of a group of Cuban émigrés trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961.

- 1. On 10 March 1965 a meeting, which was called by Carlos Prio Socarras, was held in the home of Dr. Eduardo Suarez Rivas at 4766 Alton Road, Miami Beach, and attended by the following persons whom Prio believes to be sympathetic to a Cuban Government in Exile:¹

Carlos Prio Socarras
Rafael Guas Inclan
Humberto Quinones del Sol
Nestor Carbonell Andricain
Emilio Nuñez Portuondo
Juan M. Salvat Roque
Alfredo Gonzalez Duran
David Cabezas Coupau
Jose I. Alonso Ramirez
Ramon Martin Chavez
Ernesto B. Cancio
Valentin Sanchez Vaillant
Carlos Duquesne de Zaldo
Dr. Enrique Huertas Pozo

Eduardo Suarez Rivas
Orlando Puente Perez
Jose Cabrerias Riesgo
Santiago Alvarez Rodriguez
Isabel Becquer (widow of Leon)
Fernando Garcia Chacon
Luis N. Tornes Garcia
Mario Barrera Diaz
Jose Gonzalez Puente
Sergio Carbo Morera
Father Jorge Bez Chabebe
Orlando Manrique
Raul G. Menocal Seva

- 2. During the meeting, Prio reported that he had been in contact with high United States Government officials, and that although they did not support the idea of a Cuban Government in Exile, they promised they would not obstruct it. Prio said that Brazilian Foreign Minister Vasco Leitão da Cunha had stated that it would be necessary to prepare the Brazilian people before Brazil could support the Cuban Government in Exile. Prio said he believes this is only an excuse by da Cunha not to carry out the plan.

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3. Isabel Becquer, Eduardo Suarez, and Valentin Sanchez all spoke out in support of Prio as the President of the Exile Government. They had urged a group consisting of Orlando Manrique, Orlando Puente, David Cabezas, and Rafael Guas to support the proposal. Suarez stressed that now is the opportune moment to carry out the campaign to form a Government in Exile since he has been informed by "reliable sources" that "the Americans" are withdrawing support of all Cuban exile groups. Emilio Nunez, Sergio Carbo, and Nestor Carbonell all spoke of the need to unite all Cubans and to form a fighting front with or without "the Americans."
4. Dr. Enrique Huertas, the last speaker, opposed the idea of appointing Prio as President of the Government in Exile. Huertas said the meeting had not been called for that purpose, the persons attending the meeting had not had time to exchange thoughts on the proposal, and they did not represent all proponents of a government in exile. After various debates, it was agreed that two Commissions should be appointed as follows: the first would write a manifesto explaining to the Cuban exiles the importance of an exile government and ask for support from all Cubans. The members of this Commission are Sergio Carbo, Eduardo Suarez, and Rafael Guas. The second commission was named the "Organizing Commission" and includes Prio, Isabel Becquer, Juan M. Salvat, Huertas, Carlos Marquez, Oscar Gans,, Ramon Martin, and Alfredo Gonzalez. It was also agreed to offer Juanita Castro Ruz a position on this Commission.

Source of Paras. 5-7: A former high-level Latin American Government official who has traveled frequently throughout the Caribbean and Central America, where he maintains close friendships with a wide range of military and political leaders. Source is a rightist, a trained reporter, and his information has been fairly reliable in the past.

5. A meeting of the Organizing Commission was held on 15 March 1965 in the home of Alfredo Gonzalez at 2300 N.W. 10th Street, Miami. All members of the Commission attended except Gans and Marquez who were out of town, and Salvat who evidently does not agree with the group's proposed action. A document prepared and approved by the group probably will not be issued in the immediate future because Salvat informed Prio that he would not sign it.
6. The Commission discussed the following formulas for selecting a government in exile, but no agreement was reached on the exact formula to be used. 1) Submit to the exile community a list of 50 names from which 15 candidates receiving the highest combined vote would be chosen. The person receiving the highest number of votes would be elected president and he would form his government from the remaining 14 candidates; 2) three candidates would be selected; the person receiving the most votes among the three would form the government and the other two would be his assistants; 3) one candidate would be chosen and he would be empowered to form his own government.

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7. The Commission plans to visit all Cuban exile organizations and seek support for the proposed government in exile.
 1. Source Comment. The meeting was believed to have been called for the purpose of naming Prio the President of the Cuban Government in Exile.

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