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*Mr. Sturtitta*  
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*[Signature]*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Don Gregg  
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FROM : Patrick L. Carpentier  
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SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Pat Orr on the file of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. Please note that Orr would like to have these notes sanitized by Wednesday, 15 March.

2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

*Patrick L. Carpentier*  
Patrick L. Carpentier

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This is a shorter and less all-inclusive  
summary for Diaz than which I  
would like sanitized in lieu of the  
~~other~~ notes turned over previously on Diaz  
case. (It'll probably be much easier.)

I would appreciate it if these notes were  
given priority status - perhaps they could be  
sanitized by Wednesday, March 15??

Thanks very much.

Patricia Orr

PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ Chronology

1958

Fall: Pedro Diaz Lanza involved in anti-Batista activities with associates Ricardo de la Lorie and Frank Fiorini AKA Frank Sturges, "FRANCESCO"

November 22: Cuban rebels and Americans with C-46 captured at Apatzingan Airport in Michoacan. Among those captured: PDL and Frank Fiorini. Three tons of Cuban rebel arms confiscated.

1959

January 7: Information ~~from~~ <sup>(source: Frank Fiorini from Pedro Diaz Lanza, Chief, Rebel Air Force)</sup> that Cuban Air Force demobilized; to be built up from scratch. An investigation ~~into~~ of former officers to take place

June 15: Report PDL making confidential statements to a U.S. businessman regarding Castro's Communist tendencies.

June 21: PDL to depart from Cuba with help of Jim Bryer, American national, President of Aerodex Corporation, Sergio Diaz Bruelle, and Carlos Echejozen reportedly charter a boat out of Lixani to pick up Diaz Lanza and his wife. PDL taken to INS for processing.

~~END~~

Flap over handling of Diaz Lantz's entry into U.S. ~~dispute~~ Dispute between government agencies as to whether PDL's entry should be given immediate publicity. ~~Dispute~~ <sup>PDL</sup> reportedly concerned about the safety of his brother ~~names~~.

June 22: Cable to CIA HQ from Havana requesting ~~not~~ <sup>course</sup> not divulge entry in U.S. of PDL

July 2: Cables to several ~~for~~ Latin American stations from CIA HQ requesting maximum press and radio exploitation of PDL's defection and ~~making~~ <sup>PDL's</sup> making specific recommendations as to the story.

PDL sends letter to the Cuban president with his resignation ~~from~~ the Chief of the Cuban Rebel Air Force.

July 7: "Discussion paper" regarding publicity for PDL's arrival, presumably to obtain maximum exploitation of PDL arrival in U.S.

July 8: Report Frank Fiorini, Sergio <sup>Diaz</sup> Bruell and Carlos Echegoien went to see Byers (or Jim Byers?) immediately after their release from INS. They ~~were~~ said they were told by a Mr. Schroeder of INS that PDL was to appear before a Senate sub committee and would receive 100% US government support to overthrow Castro.

accompanied by Sergio Diaz Bruell Report Fiorini's attempt to get Byers to ~~sell~~ <sup>sell</sup> the B-25 ~~purchase~~ in Byers custody but in Fiorini's name that was purchased <sup>along with a C-46</sup> prior



to PDL's departure from Cuba.

July 14: PDL Testifies before the Senate sub-Committee on Internal Security regarding the symptoms, as PDL sees them, of the Castro government's Communist tendencies.

July 24: Washington Post article by Drew Pearson charging "Defecting Cuban Chief exploited."

July 27: Brother Marcos Diaz Lanz arrives in Tampa, Fla, granted ~~asylum~~ <sup>asylum</sup>.

August 4: CIA internal memorandum regarding Miami base (CIA) involvement in the arrival of PDL in U.S. reflects PDL in contact with Patrick Karnley of The CIA. Memo cites conflicting interests of CIA, which desired to take PDL from INS, <sup>let him rest,</sup> ~~interrogate him~~ <sup>let him</sup> ~~interrogate him~~ <sup>interrogate him</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> another country; the Army which desired to question him right away; and the Senate sub-committee, which desired to call him in for ~~interrogation~~ a hearing.

August 7: CIA internal memo from Karnley reflects a meeting between Karnley, ~~interrogation~~ PDL, Ricardo de la Horie and Marcos Diaz Lanz for a discussion of ~~interrogation~~ the plans of these individuals; possible aid group ~~interrogation~~ cautioned by Karnley about need for security. "However, There is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank Fiorini... with whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about Fiorini specifically, and they have always responded

(4)

By recognizing that Fiorini is a threat in that he talks too much. But... if we proceed with this group, it has to be done with the expectation that Fiorini and others are going to be frequently around this group and we will have only the word of these people that he and others are not being informed of their activities.

October 21: PDL flies over Havana accompanied by Frank Sturgis to drop anti-Castro leaflets

October 25: ~~Routing and Record Sheet~~ Routing and Record Sheet indicates Diaz Lanza file received by ~~Sturgis~~ Hunt for review.

1960

January 3: Article in "Parade", Washington Post.

January 10: Xarnley in contact with PDL. May for discussion of dispute between PDL, Ricardo de la Lorie, and Marcos Diaz Lanza which has deteriorated into a bitter feud. Also discussed ~~MDL's plan for forming a~~ Marcos DL's recent trip to Guatemala, of which PDL claim to aware<sup>of</sup> but opposed to since Sergio Diaz Bruell and Frank Fiorini went along. INS took Fiorini's passport when he reentered the U.S. and Fiorini is "in real danger of losing his citizenship." The FBI is ready to "throw the book <sup>at him.</sup>" PDL indicates MDL "has ideas of his own" and PDL "does not try to stand in his way."

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"a babe in the woods" about certain matters.  
Hornley writes that the publicity is hurting ~~PDL~~<sup>him</sup>, but PDL is "by no means a total loss."

February 21: Report that PDL conferring with Cajigas, who is planning meeting in Managua, Nicaragua with Somoza.

March 26: Report on PDL indicates he is "sforosa, bewildered, outcast". He was ex-communicated by Ricardo de la Haza for involving himself with Batistianos like Cajigas and Pedraza. ~~He was also~~ finally PDL was ~~also~~ "kicked off" by Pedraza "as a little boy playing a man's game."

Lorie ~~was~~ felt sorry for his "old friend" PDL and told him he could still be of use to them if he would be willing to take orders and avoid publicity, but Lorie thinks PDL is constitutionally incapable of the latter and that inclusion of PDL would be "somewhat of a menace".

MDL March 30: CIA writes report on CIA involvement in case of MDL, former Deputy Director of Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, and applicant for U.S. permanent resident visa. Report includes a rebuttal to General Suing's statement that the CIA said MDL intended to continue "warlike tactics if he is able to return to the U.S.", thus negating one possible objection to MDL's return to the U.S.

April 10: PDL appears in news article in Miami Herald, "Castro's Time Run Out?"

May 12: Cable <sup>sent</sup> to CIA HQ from Miami with a note that "Mr Phillips", WH Div., notified 11 May. <sup>Action by PDL</sup> ~~Observations~~ imminent.

Reports to CIA indicate ~~to~~ a meeting was held between Aliegro, Piedra, and Fajst regarding support for PDL with \$50,000 mentioned as the goal. It was not known whether ~~the~~ funds were handed over to PDL although it was reported that funds were obtained.

Other reports indicate PDL formed a force of approximately 100 men under the supervision of Frank Piorini. PDL reportedly in possession of considerable funds since ~~much~~ equipments had been issued to the men being given field training at a camp on the outskirts of Miami by Piorini. Guatemala mentioned as possible staging base for the expedition into Cuba.

CIA cables indicate FBI and Border Patrol will contact PDL. ~~Attention to~~ Cable suggests close <sup>attention</sup> ~~study~~ to both the psychological and political implications of such expeditionary movements by PDL. The "Question" raised whether some action should be taken to "subvert" PDL's plans, on the premise that it is "well-established" that PDL has been thoroughly discredited both in Cuba and with the more responsible exile elements and has consistently provided

an "effective peg" from Castro government propaganda. "In light of possible harmful results of PDL venture, may wish considering proposing coordinated action by U.S. Government to frustrate this before it gets off the ground."

June 24: <sup>According to a</sup> CIA office memo from ~~the~~ an officer in the Contact Division, PDL was interviewed. <sup>per</sup> ~~His~~ request and reportedly inquired as to "what people think I should do," expressing his desire to overthrow Castro, but remaining unenthusiastic about the anti-Castro Prensa organization set up in Mexico City. He specifically expressed reservations about the trustworthiness of Manuel Artime.

June 28: Cable from CIA HQ to WASH stating "PDL" not connected with FRD in any way... Kalamay will brief."

July 5: Appearance of PDL on NYC TV program.

July 6: Alexander Rorke, Jr. interviewed ~~with~~ by ~~the~~ Contact office in New York and stated that he felt PDL most deserving of U.S. support. He said Somoza had agreed to give PDL a military base in Nicaragua. PDL was trying to ~~establish~~ <sup>establish</sup> an organization by name of Committee to Rescue Latin America from Communism, or something similar. Rorke claimed Spurrille Prader tentatively agreed to support The Committee.

July 7 - Report that PDL about to initiate fund raising campaign for group; suggests raising with VIDIGORAS the obvious problems arising out of premature support for the anti-Castro movement generally and PDL specifically.

July 18 - "Diario las Americas" carries an advertisement surfacing a group called Cruzada Cubana Constitucional. Signed by PDL, <sup>Abelardo</sup> Cortón, <sup>Nabel J.M.</sup> Gonzalez  
Cuban exiles.

Cable to CIA HQ from MUSE indicates concern for the need of controlled and coordinated propaganda efforts and an avoidance of premature releases.

N: PLE - FRD <sup>Control de Personal</sup> ~~Application~~ form for Pedro Diaz Lanz. (not dated)

August 17 - Cable from Havana reporting dissension in ~~current~~ group over US government support for Lorie, Nino Diaz, & PDL

September 6 - Cable from Mexico City indicate a "crisis" in the military staff ~~of senior~~ of FRD. ~~members~~ ~~the~~ ~~staff~~ ~~generally~~ ill-

The most immediate issue is PDL, who walked into the recruiting office <sup>during</sup> the last week in August and volunteered to join the PRD pilot group as an individual. The military agreed. Diaz Lanza is a fine pilot and his joining a "political plum" since he was a founding member of competing group, "Alianza." Nobregas and Villafana were lukewarm. ~~was~~ tried to order the military committee accept PDL, which succeeded in putting all senior military staff members in opposition. As of this date, issue unresolved.

September 12: Several <sup>make</sup> Cuban request to see State Department representatives, included among the Cubans: Chinea, Victor Paneque; Pedro Diaz Lanza and Luis Conte Aguero. However ~~cable~~ memo indicates State Department will give them the cold shoulder.

September 19: Report that several "Alianza" <sup>members</sup> in Washington, including Rino Diaz, Victor Paneque <sup>aka "Diego"</sup>, PDL, and Luis Conte Aguero. Information received that Paneque may be a Castro plant.

September 27: Memo indicates Cuban exile Sergio Rojas concerned that young men such as PDL were being wasted by not being put to use by PRD.

October 12: Cable indicates Aureliano Sanchez Arango left the PRD following a dis-



agreement with other leaders. He is now joining forces with groups led by PDL, Conte Aguero and others.

Also notes Antonio de Varona is appointed coordinator of the FRD in spite of opposition by Justo Carillo.

November 24: ~~Gett~~ Cable to CIA HQs indicates:

a) PDL joined The FRD bringing the following pilots: - Abel Hera Lopez, Frank Fiorini; Francisco Llano; Evangelista Muroli; Ramon P. Fuentes; Nestor Alvarez; Fernando Garcia. Marcos Diaz Lanz.

b. PDL suggested to Varona that the above personnel could form a special mission group to drop leaflets on Cuban cities & maintain the aircraft.

c. To prepare themselves for standby readiness, Diaz has requested Varona (and Varona has queried Hunt) for funds to (A) Rehabilitate the personally owned B-25 aircraft of PDL at a cost of approximately \$5000.  
(B) Provide pilots with link trainer time (8 pilots at 10 hours monthly, at a cost of \$8 per hour)  
(C) Consider purchase of float equipped Cessna 180 and or 210 for infiltration/exfiltration operations.

d. PDL is proceeding with B-25 rehabilitation via loan of \$2500 from Miguel Angel Quevedo, for which, according to ANCHIRP-1, he will air drop Bohemia over Cuba.

~~Report states~~ <sup>Cable</sup> indicate desire "at minimum" to maintain the flight proficiency of this group whose current and future activities could be monitored and directed by the newly-established joint Cuban/American operations section of the military commission. "Beyond being a pilot, Diaz Lanz exudes a certain mystique which the press has been quick to recognize. Thus he is a current propaganda and political asset as well as a military asset."

\* f. Varona commented that Diaz Lanz joined the PRD primarily to solve financial problems. However, Hunt believes PDL highly motivated and recognizes the PRD as the mainstream anti-Castro organization. The temporary solution is to assign the Diaz group to the transport Commission, which now functions under the military commission, but funds are not currently budgeted for link trainer time.

~~Cable~~ g. Requests headquarters approve initial link trainer refresher for each pilot, not likely to extend beyond 3 months.

h. Cable states "the political advantages [of] keeping Diaz satisfied and cooperative [is] well worth the above relatively minor expenditure."

November 25, 1960 Cable from headquarters to JMASH answering 24 November cable above

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adverses disapproval of paragraph c  $\frac{1}{2}$ g,  
stating headquarters does not want additional  
Cuban pilots and does not ~~wish to~~ <sup>wish to</sup> ~~allow~~  
~~them~~ give Diaz Lanz and  
company a "false impression" by  
instituting even a limited training  
program.

+ The cable further states ~~AVANG-2~~ advised  
headquarters that he passed \$5000  
"obtained from private sources" to PDL to  
repair the B-25. He further states that  
the aircraft has been repaired, and  
Lanz intends to make a leaflet drop  
on or about 30 November. It is

++ possible CIA funds ~~were~~ passed to  
~~AVANG-2~~ for prop(?) use now  
being diverted for repair of the aircraft.

< The cable states that headquarters  
policy regarding no U.S. government  
sponsored overflights from the U.S.  
still stands and requests that ~~USA~~  
take immediate steps to stop PDL's flight,  
either by persuasion or with help  
of local authorities to impound aircraft.  
It is "essential [to] avoid [the]  
possibility [of] such independent air  
operations"

+ Headquarters realizes PDL may be a  
political asset, but if so, he can best  
be used for that purpose within PRD

\* Cable also has a ~~Western~~ comment from  
Western Hemisphere division - "Hunt states  
Lanz requests fund to repair personally  
owned B-25 at cost of US. \$5000, Also

wants U.S. \$2,400 to give line training to nine pilots for 3 months.

↑  
does not  
Clarify Status

November 29, 1960 Excerpt of a conversation between Varona and The State Dept indicates Varona describes PDL as "somewhat impetuous, who is now working with us."

December 6 - Cable naming PDL as possible candidate for "certain field", ~~suggesting~~ sounding out the opinion (presumably of Headquarters) of the desirability of including ~~him~~ PDL.

+ December 8 - Carlos Kehejoven threatening to expose the CIA as backing ~~MIRON~~; reveal ~~multiple~~ training sites and identify personnel involved in plans for <sup>the</sup> invasion of Cuba. He no longer trusts PDL.

\* December 9 - Indicates contact with PDL and ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> impressed ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> PDL's sincerity and potential. "PDL is enthusiastic over referenced trip, but wanted <sup>very</sup> careful preparation in order to avoid any possible failure." The cable indicates PDL is "speeding up work on his aircraft" which is to ready on or about 15 December.

CIA "goodwill tour" planned for PDL as proposed by Hunt

+ Q's? comment on cable: "Headquarters approved planning <sup>of</sup> Diaz-Lanz propaganda 'Flight of Truth' as proposed [10] Headquarters by Hunt."

\* January cables reflect preparations for tour, i.e. attempts to obtain visas; establish flight routes; prepare FRD delegates in host countries, etc.

January 19, 1961 PDL receives \$400 as expense money for tour

January 20, 1961 Cable regarding Frank Fiorini indicates Fiorini had spoken very freely to Customs agents regarding alleged CIA activities. Fiorini told a customs agent (who, in turn, reported it to the CIA) that the ~~total seized by Customs~~ ~~for the letter drop in Havana area~~ \$2800 in charges ~~was~~ paid for the release of the B-28 seized by Customs for the leaflet drop, was actually provided by the CIA. He also said PDL was preparing for a "good will tour" of Central American countries ~~where~~ in which the B-28 would be used. The CIA was supposed to have sanctioned the plan. Fiorini also said he spoke to a CIA agent by the name of "Barker" of 4420 Nov. St.

Two customs agents also interviewed PDL, who expressed concern that Fiorini might get involved in a way that would impair the plans of the anti-Castro group.

Reports that Fiorini was talking "loosely" and might jeopardize CIA plans, was investigated by Hunt

Hunt investigated the report and determined that the alleged \$2800 payment "is presumed to be part of [the] money given to PDL by Saralegui" as a "personal loan."

Results - Hunt investigation

Barker apparently told Hunt he met Fiorini on only one occasion with a group of people, and has never seen him before or since. The address of Barker provided by Fiorini was not correct, according to Hunt.

Hunt appears to rise to PDL's defense by

further pointing out PDL's concern over Sturgis' actions. He says PDL alleges that he and his people are being hounded by federal agents, who ask leading and provocative questions. Hunt points out that several people in the FRD knew about the operational plans, and therefore, it is not strange that ~~that~~ the plans have become known, although Hunt maintains that "the essential element of plausible denial (presumably of CIA involvement in PDL's plans) still remains."

February 1, 1961 PDL met with Michael Maney requesting to be a pilot in the FRD; Maney's recommendation was that PDL "would add greatly in creating esprit de Corps and discipline." However, notes on a CIA routing sheet indicates ~~that~~ PDL "would cause increased morale problems... possibly could use unilaterally."

February 3, 1961 Cable indicates Luis Conte Agüero and PDL returning to Miami ~~due to~~ following inability to obtain visas for PDL's plane, ~~and PDL's plane~~ with tour to continue by commercial flight if PDL ~~is~~ chosen as the replacement ~~officer~~ for LITANT-1 in the FRD organization.

February 10, 1961 PDL receives \$460 advance by headquarters during trip.

February 17, 1961 ~~With~~ PDL ~~and~~ Lino Diaz ~~can~~ recall knowing Enrique Molina Rivera AKA Arturo Morales y Rodriguez.

?? February 11 - Memo re "Oscar Diaz" showing intrigue by Diaz to sabotage recruit.

Tour runs into difficulty when PDL's plane can't be used. ~~Therefore~~ PDL initiates operation since he did not want to be in Conte Agüero's shadow.

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February 23 ~~PDL recently acquired 4 boats from Hampton Roads Salvage Co. of Tallahassee.~~

- February 26 PDL reportedly at a meeting with Juan Carlos (Vicente Rodriguez) & Com. Gonzalez for discussion of PDL trip to Cuba. PDL expresses bitterness towards PRD and Artime.

PDL growing bitter

March 25 Report that <sup>PDL's</sup> men ~~had~~ left ~~with~~ him and joined Prio, since PDL lacked resources.

\* April 28 Memo of conversation between Hunt and N.Y. Herald Tribune reporter answering allegations by Cuban exiles such as Ricardo de la Lora and PDL, who had made complaints about CIA assistance or lack thereof.

May 1, 1961 Memo indicates 7 individuals in Drake Lane group<sup>s</sup> being paid \$1500 by PRD, although the group is not active and some <sup>members</sup> had not picked up their April pay checks. Memo requests authority to drop the group from PRD payrolls effective 1 May.

May 6, 1961 - PDL part of group which organized meeting of Cuban exiles in Bayfront Park, Miami to attack North American involvement in the "Cuban Affair" and also to attack Manuel Artime.

expressing bitterness publicly

\* + May 23, 1961 Cable indicating group of pilots expressing desire to ~~for~~ ~~PRD~~ return to TIDE to remain proficient in flying, despite attempts by PDL to try to "take over."

struggle among pilots

May 31, 1961 - Cable reports on elections held with the Military establishment the Cuban

pilots for chief of the Air Force, causing much dissension. PDL "does not hold a steady position" because he "considers himself a 'leader' rather than a 'soldier'."

July 6, 1961 - cable from headquarters <sup>requests</sup> ~~indicates~~ a review be made of requirements for the use of PDL in boat operations. "Feeling here he [is] indiscrete and would compromise mission. POA not initiated."

Regarding POA - not initiated

1962

January 5, 1962 memo regarding overdue accounts indicates no attempt will be made to recover \$400 passed to PDL on 19 Jan 61 for <sup>social</sup> tour. Memo also notes, PDL "succeeded in making himself useful as a propaganda asset."

opinion of PD

February 23 - PDL acquired 4 boats thru Hampton Rcs Salvage Co. of Tallahassee:

[Biographical data - not dated - inserted in file - reveals PDL formed own movement - CCC - but was unsuccessful in obtaining support; considered by the PRD & other moderately liberal groups as including some ex-Bahia army officers. In April 1960 it was reported that Diaz had committed the CCC and himself to group headed by Marquez-Sterling. However, CCC merged with Alianza de Liberacion, an amalgamation of several younger groups of Cuban exiles. Considered "hothead," has considerable stature as former chief of Air Force. Recently accepted into PRD "Endorsed by Mr. Braden, Mr. Colligan of Freeport Sulphur."]



- April 30, 1962 - Trace request from Army for PDL.  
Army interest in PDL: Following discussions with <sup>repr. of</sup> this Agency and the Army, "the Army has agreed, in view of information contained in our Agency files, to drop interest in subject?"

September 29, 1962 Report That PDL spoke at meeting at Bayfront Park and critical of U.S. recruitment effort.

1963

March 25 1963 - Report PDL owns 2 PT boats in the Miami area.

April 15. - ~~the~~ Trace Request. "Subject is dropped without prejudice."  
Re: interest in PDL.

June 12 MDL, Fiorini, FDI, Carlos Garcia and Salvador Garcia Oller, a U.R. official, making plans for raid against Cuba to take place weekend of 15 June.

July 31 PDL involved in abortive attempt at air strike and unfler raid on Havana, squelched by the FBI.

November 3 Information received that PDL at meeting of the FORDC in New York City making anti-U.S. statements, "that Cubans would have to fight alone since <sup>the</sup> Kennedy administration would not help. Claimed to have been offered a position in Cuba after takeover by Frank Bender (CIA note divides PDL ever met Bender)"  
increased anti-U.S. sentiment.

1964

January 26, Report PDL working with Felipe Vidal Santoro.

January 17, 1969 - PDL reportedly interested in  
plan to sink a Russian ship off Cuba.

November 3, 1977 Report PDL involved in  
assassination of JFK - probably  
result of Menita Lorenz allegations.