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On 4/29/60, MARIANO FAGET DIAZ, former Cuban official during BATISTA regime residing Miami in exile and who possesses considerable knowledge concerning revolutionary activities before and after CASTRO assumed leadership of the Government of Cuba, currently under consideration for development as PSI (Protect), voluntarily advised that on 4/29/60, Radio HAMBI, government controlled radio station in Cuba announced "TONY" VARONA, AURELIANO SANCHEZ and ANTONIO RASCO were traveling from Caracas, Venezuela to New York City, on 4/30/60. ~~R(U)~~

These individuals, according to the news broadcast, are not able to return to Cuba unless they wish to stand trial. Reportedly, in the "Diario de la Marina" Cuban newspaper published in Havana, VARONA, SANCHEZ and RASCO met with JOSE FIGUERES, former President of Costa Rica, and three other ex-Presidents of Latin American countries and declared that the Organization of American States should not have in their organization any representatives of a government whose head had not been elected by the people of that country. FAGET noted this excluded Cuba. ~~R(U)~~

FAGET identified "TONY" VARONA as MANUEL ANTONIO DE VARONA, former Prime Minister and President of the Cuban Senate and an active leader of the Autentico Party in Cuba.

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AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARRANCO, aka., "Chaqueon" (overcoat), according to PAGEF was a member of the Communist Party ("Liga Juvenil Comunista", Havana University, according to (DRAC) records, and former member of Autentico Party and Organization Autentica, Bureau for Repression of Communist Activities in Cuba, and in 1952 formed the "AAA" (Revolution against BATISTA). He was previously arrested by INS at New Orleans for using false passport upon entry into U. S. *XCCY*

JOSE ANTONIO RASCO is described by PAGEF as leader and head of a Catholic Organization operating underground in Cuba. *XCU*

PAGEF stated he has received rumors which indicate that PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ plans to meet with VARONA, SANCHEZ and RASCO in New York in the immediate future. *XCU*

Matter being followed and Bureau will be kept advised.

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