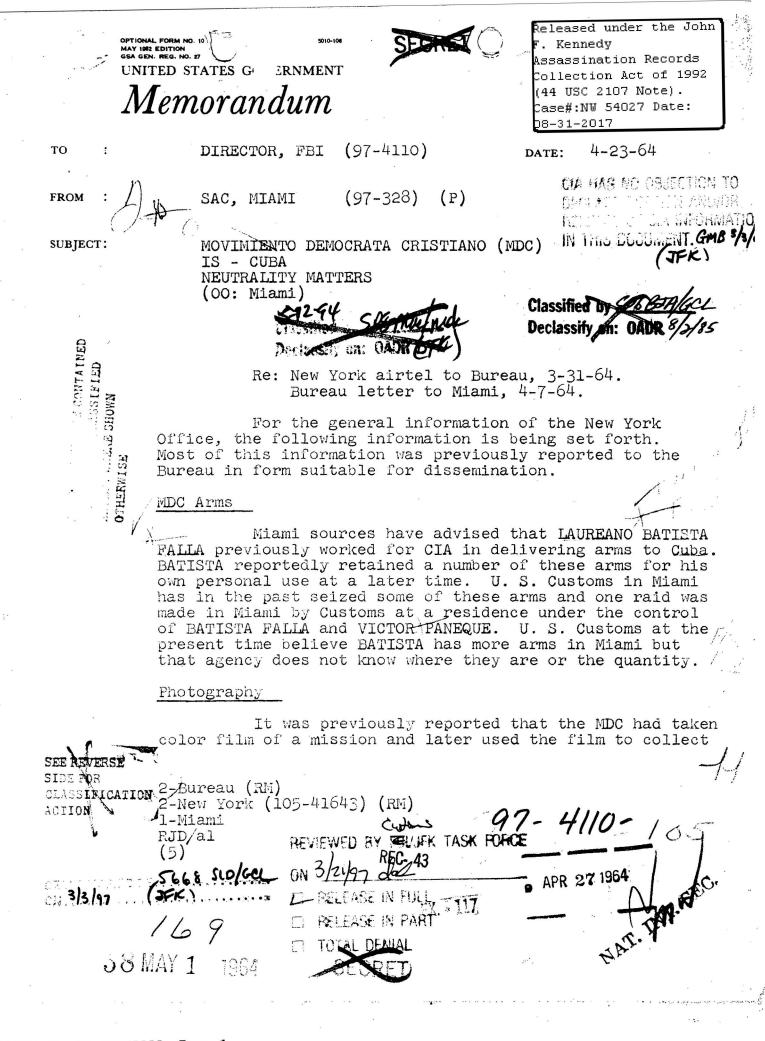
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## Finances

New York sources report that BATISTA contributes very little money to the MDC and most of the contributions come from Cubans, Americans and from Venezuela and New York. Miami sources claim that the MDC has little or no money. BATISTA is an extremely rich individual and spends his own money on military operations. Miami sources state that BATISTA is unopposed as the military leader of the organization because he buys all the military equipment needed.

On interview BATISTA has advised in the past that the equipment used when he goes on a mission is his own personal equipment and does not belong to the organization.

## Base of Operations in the Bahamas

BATISTA spend a month in the Bahamas in January 1964. His boat, "Sigma 10", is well known to the U. S. Coast Guard and British authorities. However, BATISTA eluded the U. S. Coast Guard and the British frigate "Londonderry". BATISTA even flew on a commercial airplane from an out island in the Bahamas to Nassau, bought motor parts, returned to the out island, made repairs on the "Sigma 10", and then returned to the United States. The "Sigma 10" on this trip traveled over 1000 miles in the Bahamas through waters patrolled daily by the U. S. Coast Guard air and surface craft.

It is noted that the CIA recently advised that the MDC met with the DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE) and made an oral pact concerning unity in infiltration and guerrilla activity in Cuba

On 3-18-64, MM 635-3 advised that the DRE operates from Samana Key, Bahamas. The U. S. Coast Guard was immediately notified and sent a plane over this island and noted that the island contained numerous caves and cliffs that could hide small boats. The Coast Guard said there were about a dozen

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