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On May 23, 1962, Roberto Roca Rosillo, Avenida de Diego 150, Santurce, Puerto Rico, furnished the following information: (S)(u)

A small group of Cuban exiles in Puerto Rico are banding together to obtain guns, ammunition and a means of transportation for the purpose of engaging in commando-type operations against the Cuban mainland, particularly Oriente Province, which is well known to Roca and the other Cuban exiles who will be involved in this activity. This action has been decided on because of the demand of local Cuban exiles for military action against Castro and because of the success of other Cuban exile groups operating out of Florida. (S)(u)

Roca stated that Manolo Ray, former head of the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo, an anti-Castro organization, returned to Puerto Rico about May 17, 1962, claiming that he had been in Washington, D. C., conversing with United States Government officials and that he had been given permission to form a military group in Puerto Rico to attack Cuba. (S)(u)

Roca stated that other Cuban ~~NOT RECORDED~~ ^{170 MAY 29 1962} exile leaders in Puerto Rico are distrustful of Ray because of his political philosophy and have decided that they must be in a position (S)(u)

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to attack Cuba at the same time as Ray, or before, but not under his leadership. Reportedly, the exiles feel that this is of paramount importance lest Ray's group is successful and Ray subsequently claims he liberated Cuba. (S)(U)

Reportedly, only about fifteen youthful Cuban exiles from Puerto Rico will be involved in these operations, and each will be personally selected and approved by Roca. (S)(U)

Roca has been in contact with William Burn, a British citizen and arms dealer now in Puerto Rico. Burn allegedly recently sold over one hundred guns to the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil, an anti-Castro organization in Miami, Florida, for use inside Cuba. These weapons allegedly were delivered in Mexico. Burn, reportedly, represents the Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, a company which deals in Belgian rifles. (S)(U)

According to Roca, he and his group intend to order a few weapons from Burn in the immediate future, if this is not a violation of United States laws. The purpose in obtaining these weapons is to demonstrate the sincerity of the group to Cuban exiles in a forthcoming campaign to raise funds for future operations. No ammunition is being obtained at this time. Burn has indicated to Roca that he can obtain United States Government permission to purchase the above-mentioned weapons if Roca can arrange for their entry into Puerto Rico. (S)(U)

Roca desires to operate strictly within the laws of the United States and is desirous of being placed in contact with the agency which can authorize the operation of his group and which can permit his obtaining of weapons. (S)(U)

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NOTE:

Army representative, San Juan, advised Burn working under U. S. Army guidance on Cuban penetration program. San Juan requested Bureau contact appropriate U. S. agency which would handle operations as described by Roca and advise it of Roca's plans. San Juan requested Bureau advise whether some U. S. agency would contact Roca or identity of agency Roca should contact. This is being handled separately. Roca is PSI of San Juan, and, since he is interested in establishment of above group, we are instructing San Juan to discontinue him as PSI, but authorizing San Juan to maintain contact with him. (X)(U)

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