


(PL) = Pedro Luis DIAZ y la.  
(AM) = JOSE MARCOS  
(IC) = Fidel CASTRO

31 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Debriefing of Jose Marcos DIAZ y Lans  
28-29 July 1959, Tampa, Florida

1. Mr. Ben C. Evans and Mr. Joe L. Then arrived in Tampa at 1415 28 July 1959 and were met by Mr. Bernard Riechardt. We immediately went to the Hillsborough Hotel where we registered as Ben C. Elliot and John L. Taldy respectively, listing Department of State as place of employment.
2. Subject was in Room 215 with Mr. [Joe Brannigan] Office of Security. We introduced ourselves to Subject as Ben Elliot and John Taldy.
3. Subject was using the name Mariano JIMINEZ y Gomez, which appeared on his I&NS identification slip.
4. Subject was debriefed, almost exclusively in English for five hours on 28 July and again for approximately the same amount of time on the 29th.
5. Subject was cooperative, responded to all questions, and appeared to be under no stress. He did inquire about his family in Cuba and the whereabouts of his brother Pedro Luis, but evinced no grave concern.
6. Subject's views, as related in the attached, are probably colored by his respect for Pedro Luis and a desire to demonstrate his brother's importance, stature, and role in the future of Cuba.
7. No security problems were encountered.

  
Ben C. Evans

Attachment:  
Debriefing report

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PRESENT STATUS OF FAR

1. Juan ALMEIDA, a yes man to FC who can't fly and knows nothing about aircraft or air forces, has fired 19 officers from FAR since taking over, among them were the best pilots.
2. There are presently 15 or 14 pilots in FAR and only 6 or 7 are any good.
3. Status of aircraft.
  - Jets: Total 5. 4 will fly.
  - Propellers: Total 20. 6 will fly.
  - DC-3 Total 4.
  - C-47 total 2
  - C-46 Total 2. One in bad shape
  - DC-4 total 2. One being re aired.
  - Bell Helicopt total 7. One burned recently
  - C-26 total (forgot to ask JM, but he did say they had no spares for them.
4. Ammo
  - 1.5 million rds .50 cal
  - 15 to 25 500 lb bombs.
  - "some" rockets.
5. have taken all 50 cal MG from F-47's and put on tripods for ground and air defense in areas where they expect attack.
6. All mechanics are former Batista personnel. Most replacement and repairs done by cannibalizing.
7. FC is trying to get jets from Venez. no details on this.
8. FAR employs 11 Chilean instructors at \$750/ea/mo. In the presence of JM, FC asked them if they were ready to fight for Cuba, and since they were hired for instructors they didn't know what to say
9. Training. JM established a prep-school for persons who wanted to take the exams for flight training. Located paracooa, Havana. In Mar 59 had 350 students 190 of which were illiterate. F.C. told him that there was no need to take exams, that he didn't want any "fancy-boys" but wanted pilots like the Japanese KAMIKAZE that would go where they were told.
10. Other Air: CUBANA AERO POSTAL. Has 4 C-46's. Under direction of Capt Jm SEIDY who sends plane every 3 or 4 days to Miami to smuggle in arms. JM believes SEIDY is corrupt (See 46)
  - CUBANA Air Lines: FC fired all experienced pilots. Now operating at \$400,000 per month loss.
11. 26 Jul Forces Distribution: Havana: 3000 of which 1200 FAR personnel. Cabana fortress: 1300. Mantaza 300. Santa Clara: 300. Camagueys: 2500. Santiago de Cuba: 3-5000. Pinar del Rio: 700. POLICE: 3000 Havana 2000 Elsewhere.

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Personal Data

DOB 1928 1947  
Education: Quit Marianas, P.S. in 1953. Did not graduate.  
Flight Instructions: Private instruction at Santa Fe Airport in 1950

Family

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rel</u>
Sergio	39	US	Brother
Guillermo (Arrested when PL fled Cuba, but released and now studying architecture.)	25	Havana	Brother
Reinaldo	23	Havana	Brother
Jorge (Former pilot in 26, arrested and released)	22	"	"
Eduardo	20	"	"
Pedro Luis			
Yolanda (Married to Captain Ricardo ZENCE, ZENCE 111 USAF, stationed in NY State with SAC. Ricardo has been ordered to Alaska for 3-6 mos, so Yolanda is in Havana to have her 4th child.)	32	"	Sister
Esther	15	Havana	Sister
Esther Lanz Garcia (Now taking shock treatments for nerv brkwn foll PL departure.)	50	Havana	Mother
Pedro Luis DIAZ Rivero		Havana	Father
Vicente LANZ Garcia (See # )		"	Uncle

Position Inspector General, FAR. JM described this position as being the same as Deputy Commander or 2d in command of FAR.

Revolutionary Activity: Spent entire period working in 26 underground in Havana. Principal task was to arrange for shipment of arms to Santiago. In this regard he worked closely with Augustine CAPOD See NOTE. Also worked with Major Fran DIAZO in Havana underground.

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## NOTES

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1. Father ~~FR~~ O'FARREL. <sup>looks</sup> Not that JM is out of Cuba, he to O'FARREL to be his principal "contact man" between PL, himself and anti-CASTRO elements in Cuba. JM intends to have him come to Miami periodically for this purpose. He is forming a large anti-FC organization, is in touch with VAFONA, MENOYA, BARRON, and dissident elements in FAR. JM has known him since 1956. He is about 50 and was described as being a damn fool for being so outspoken in anti-FC feelings. JM intends to contact him through the Catholic convent Padres Dominicos, San Juan de Letren, located in the Vedado Section, Havana on 19th St between J&I

2. Rafael BOTELLO Located in Miami as principal ~~contact~~ for operations covering PEDRAZZA's plans and activities. Reports go directly to Capt Alfredo SIERRA ~~xxxxxxx~~ A-2 FAR and then to F.C. Has been in Miami for 3 mos. JM saw all these reports up until the time he left office. JM intends to contact him in Havana and see recent reports and get copies of all reports for his use. Feels BOTELLO will cooperate. According to Botello's reports PEDRAZZA has 6-8,000 men, 8 P-51's, 2 B-26 and a total of 30 planes, 5-700 men in Cuba. According to JM ~~xxxx~~, PEDRAZZA will attack Cuba within 60 days by land and sea, with landings on north coast. JM thinks MENOYA permitted PEDRAZZA elements to land weapons in 2d Front Escambray with idea that F.C. and PEDRAZZA can fight it out then 2d Front can move in and capitalize on a weakened F.C. and seize control of situation. F.C. knows all the details of these preparations in Santa Domingo and therefore will attack. On the other hand TRUJILLO will encourage PEDRAZZA to attack Cuba.

3. Juan Fernandez CASTRO (26) Presently working in FAR Inspector Generals Office. Loyal to FL & JM. Has a US resident's visa works with the "Canadian". JM intends to contact thru Father O'Farrel.

4. "The Canadian" Lt Lt in Canadian AF. F.C. met him on trip to Canada where he asked if he could come to Cuba and work with 26. Arrived in May 59. Born in Cuba of Canadian parents. Assigned to JM's office when he expressed knowledge of just how Russians work based on his experience in Occupation duties in Germany. Assigned by JM to work in the office of Chief Political Police & report on extent of commie penetration also told to cultivate Maria (See 30) secretary of F.C.

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- 5. Lt Afren PICHARDO(25) US citizen. Assigned by JK to work with special group which planning invasion of Nicaragua and report on details. This group, working directly under Raul Castro at a house in the Biltmore Section of Havana. On 25 or 26 June he reported that guns and people are ready for invasion at a farm in Pinar del Rio. J.M. can contact thru (3).
- 6. Capt Alfredo FERRA (26) Chief of Intelligence FAR, resigned after PL fled but resignation not accepted by FC because he knew too much. F.C. asked him to work in his, the Prime Ministers Office, which he is doing but still retains responsibility for FAR Intelligence. See 2) JK feels that he and PL can count on him for support.
- 7. Major Jose Mario CRUZ(25) <sup>general</sup> aide or adjutant (3d in command) to Chief, FAR. Fled to Miami after PL resigned.
- 8. Capt Rafael ENDET (26) Paymaster of FAR. Resigned when PL resigned. In touch with KENOYA and OA. Now in Havana.
- 9. Major Benigno DIAZ Best pilot in FAR, 19 yrs experience in AF fled to Miami shortly after PL resigned and sent JK word when he arrived ~~XXXX~~ Miami. Fired by Juan ALMEIDA.
- 10. Captain Hubert MANTET Excellent pilot fled to Miami
- 11. Lt Manuel CARRO " " " " " "
- 12. Capt Gaston BERNAL\* Commander B-26 aircraft. Remain in FAR, but Anti-FC.
- 13. Capt Juan MICHEL " Pursuit " " " " "
- 14. Capt Carrera ROLAS " Jet " " " " "
- 15. Capt Renaldo BLANCO Chief Supply FAR A-4 " " " " "
- 16. Capt Nestor ALVAREZ\* Was pilot who flew FC back from Bogota in 1948. Resigned when PL left FAR and now in hiding in Havana
- 17. Lt. Manuel CARRO\* Pilot, FAR. Fired by ALMEIDA  
 (\*) Came to JK's house the evening PL resigned (1 Jul) and suggested they all "take to the hills" together and fight F.C. (12-16-17)
- 18. Maj Antonio TORRECILLA Fired by ALMEIDA, best pilot-navigator in FAR. Presently hiding in Havana.
- 19. Capt Blas SALSA (26) Fired by ALMEIDA. Pilot FAR. Probably in Hav.
- 20. Capt Garcia ENIGUES(25) " " " " " "

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- 21. Capt Juan VIVERO Worked with PL in Santiago de Cuba. Was the one who saw the Russian submarine in that area during revol. became Asst to Inspector General (JM) FAR and resigned when PL left FAR.
- 22. Capt Eduardo FERRER Replaced JM as Inspector General under ALMEIDA.
- 23. Agustine CAPO Was Treasurer for 26 during Revol. Was slated to be Mayor of Havana. But since he was competent engr assigned task of constructing large radio installation at Dos Rios, Rio Cauto, Oriente Prov. which handles all commo for revol. expeditions. Plant was completed in March 59 and he not given any psn of responsibility with 26. Now supports PL and was in touch with JM who intends to contact.
- 24. Dr. Juan Rodriguez FERRADO Has organized a group of professional men who are anti-F.C. called Recuperacion Democratica. JM was working with this group in Havana and can get in touch with ~~through~~ VILLALBA. See 25
- 25. Jorge VILLALBA Member 26 Jul. Age 34. Tel 36783 Took JM to the Convent where he hid until evac. an engr stu. Has sugar interest. active during revol. shipping ammo/guns. Works with O'Farrell (1)
- 26. Major William DALVES "Yes man" for FC. Seized American properties in Isle of Pines for F.C.
- 27. Antonio Llano KONTES Former Public Information Officer for FAR. Fired by Che Guevarra 1 Mar 59 because he wrote article in FAR publication which asked why the Indoctrination School at Cabana Fortress was necessary He was with FC during his student days at Habana U. and knows some of the shady check business he was in at the time. Now working for Carteles Magazine. JM plans to contact.
- 28. BARQUIN JM, working thru his (BARQUIN'S) wife prepared a detailed plan for the capture of the Isle of Pines and release of Barquine and Major Barbonet, but when JM and PL presented plan to FC, he turned it down because Barquine there.
- 29. Armando HERNANDEZ Official in Education Ministry. Friend of JM who alarmed at commie influence there.
- 30. Father Villa VERDE In touch with BARQUIN. Also friend of (1) and JM.
- 31. Major Armando FLIDES Went to FC a few days before PL resigned and said "we are with PL"
- 32. Major CHANON (DA) Has 2000 men in MENDOZA's org who would coop with PL also went with 31 to see F.C. Would support PL CONTACT BETWEEN (PL+JM) AND MENDOZA
- 33. Comandante Huber NAYOS Has 2500 men under his command in Camaguey Prov. Went with Father CALLE to La Plata when FC was to sign Land Reform Law in an effort to put pressure on him to liberalize measure.
- 34. Father CALLE See 33. Located at Central Adelaida. 33 would support PL.

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- 35. Andres GONZALES Laraza. Chief of Base at San Antonio, May (Batista Field)  
Member CP since 1935. Director of Political Indoctrination School.
- 36. 1st Lt. Arturo LINCE On 15 May sent to FAR Hq to be political/cultural officer for FAR. Very close to Raul CASTRO. PL objected and had argument with FC. JK thinks he is now in Texas doing some business with Bell Helicopter Co.
- 37. Doctora EMY BARRAZA Lives right across the street from convent where JM hid out  
See (1) for address. Father told JK she old commie, and that on day VERONICA ousted RAUL CASTRO met there with others for 4 hrs.  
*HAVA phone book lists:  
LEONOR BARRAZA at  
19 No. 256 Vdo.*
- 38. Maria *(La Cabe Tratte  
in full name)* Wife of Major Delio GOMEZ OCHOA. Russian born and Secretary to FC. MARIA Wireska DZYNIEZYNSKA. DOB 7 Nov 24
- 39. Garcia VELIZ Chief Administrative Asst to Raul CASTRO.
- 40. Lt. Victor PINA Cardoza In Officer between FAR and Raul's office.
- 41. Carlos Rafael GONZALEZ. Revolucion
- 42. Carlos FRANQUI Director Revolucion
- 43. Osmay CIENFUEGOS Brother of Camilo. Director of Political/Cultural Indoctrination for all Armed Forces.
- 44. Major Felic TORRES Military Commander Yaguaji, Las Villas.
- 45. Juan ESCALONA *(Kear)* 2d in Command, Santiago de Cuba. Close friend of Raul's wife.
- 46. Capt Emu SEMIDI Director CUBANA AERO FC. ML. 3 or 4 days before PL resigned told him he thought communism good thing for Cuba. Flies to Miami almost every day smuggling arms.

*El Camilo Cienfuegos*

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OTHER INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED:

47. Alberto BAYO Cosgaya

Captain in FAR, pilot, suspected by JM and others of being a queer.

Alberto BAYO Giraud  
Father, training guerrillas at Tarara beach in Havana. JM suggested that if we want details on what is going on at Tarara Beach that Roy Webster, owner of the beach, be contacted.

48. Camilo CIENFUEBOS

JM feels that while he is not a communist he is influenced by his brother (43) who is.

49. Capt fmu CARMENO (26)

In charge of arms and ammo for operations against Nicaragua. Pro PL. Wanted to resign when PL left FAR, but did not.

50. Capt fmu NAPOLEON

Described as working in same special group on Nicaraguan operations. (See 5)

51. Paul HUGHES

Also working with Nic ops group. JM said that contrary to press reports he (HUGHES) was never arrested.

52. Maj. Dr. <sup>Gill</sup> Martinez PAIZ

26 Jul officer whom JM feels will support PL in any future undertaking and whom JM intends to contact thru (1)

53. Maj Soli MARIN

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54. Maj Ricardo LORIE

■ ■ ■ ■ and has good contacts with cattlemen and sugar owners.

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55. Savas ~~X~~ MANASAS Member of a group called Captains of 26 Jul  
JM was intouch with MANASAS through his father.
56. Arturo ~~X~~ HERNANDEZ PL and JM's contact with the ~~XXX~~ Sanchez ABRANGO  
(AAI) organization
57. Commandante ~~X~~ GONZALEZ Contact man between the CI/IR and the National  
Association of Ex-Officers ~~whoback~~ in which  
PL and JM's father is active.
58. Vincente ~~X~~ LAZ Garcia Uncle of PL & JM who according to JM saved  
the life of Osmy CIENFUEGOS. JM stated that  
Osmy was sentenced to death due to his participation  
in a University student plot against BATISTA

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INSTALLATIONS SUPPORTING FOREIGN EXPEDITIONS

Los Canos, Oriente

Air strip from which operations against Nicaragua were supported and will be in the future. Field has been prepared for night operations, is lighted and has radio control facilities.

Dos Picos, Rio Cauto  
Oriented Prov

Large Radio Installation, equipment purchased from Switzerland. Completed ~~by~~ in March 59 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~. Construction supervised by Augustine CAPC, former Treas 26 Jul who now disenchanted with FC. See 23. This installation handles all traffic for expeditionary undertakings.

REVOLUTIONARY PLANNING GROUP

1. Physically located in a house in the Biltmore Section of Havana.
2. Works under direct supervision of Raul CASTRO who ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ does nothing more than pass orders to the group from Fidel CASTRO.
3. Members of this group mentioned:
  - a. Lt. Afren PICHARDO (5)
  - b. Capt fmu CARPONG (19)
  - c. Capt fmu Napoleon (50)
  - d. Paul EUGHS (51)

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ORGANIZATION OF 25 OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ARMY. CHIEF MARTEL GONZALEZ (100) OFFICERS

FRATERNAL (CUBANS) OF THE 26 OF JULY ORGANIZED IN THE 6 PROVINCES  
FATHER GUINARD, CHIEF VILLARDE ET.

TRIPLE A ORGANIZATION  
DR. AURELIANO SANCHEZ ORTIZ

REGENERACION DEMOCRATICA ORGANIZATION  
LINDOR. RODRIGUEZ PINTADO. HABANA.  
300 MILITARY MEMBERS OF 2 PROVINCE ORGANIZATIONS

CAMAGUEY GARRISON  
CHOTE HUGUET HATOS  
2500 MEN IN FULL CONTROL OF THE PROVINCE

CUBAN AIR FORCE  
CHOTE ERICCE CARRERAS ROSAS - CAP. MICHIEL  
HERE ESCUADRON DE PERSECUCION (JETST-23 - 22 F R45, P-51S)  
CAP GASTON BERNAL  
JEFE ESCUADRON DOMINADO (B-26)  
CAP MARIO CARRERA  
JEFE DE SEGURIDAD  
CAP RINALDO BLANCO  
CAPITAN MAESTRIE  
CAP CARLOS  
IN CHARGE OF ARMAMENTS AND AMUNITION DEPOT  
CAP CARLOS MERLO AND ALL OF THE MECHANICS  
IN CHARGE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

PRIME MINISTER OFFICE  
CAP ALFREDO GONZALEZ

MILIT 26 OF JULY RESIDENTS

FATHER RAMON O'FARRIL

JORGE VILLALTA

CAP RAFAEL HUGUET

ALL LOCATED

PR. C/DR ANTONIO DE VIRENA (O. A)

CHOTE GUTIERREZ MENCOS  
2ND FRENTE DE ESCAMBRAY

DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO  
CHOTE, FAUZE CHAUMONT

ORGANIZED IN THE 6 PROVINCES THROUGH THE -  
AUTENTICA PARTY LEADERS

1200 MEN STATIONED IN CAMP LIBERTAD.  
300 STATIONED IN THE AIR FORCE.

ORGANIZED IN THE HAVANA UNIVERSITY AND IN HABANA PROVINCE.

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ACTIVE GROUPS OF THE ORGANIZACION AUTENTICA (UNDERGROUND)

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FATHER OFARRELL

JORGE VILLATA

CAP. RAFAEL HUGUET

CHAMPIONS OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> JULY MOVEMENT. ORGANIZED IN 6 PROVINCES. FATHERS GUERMAN, CALLE, VILLAVENDE, ETC.

OA/PRI(A) DR ANTONIO VARDIA ORGANIZED IN 6 PROVINCES THROUGH AUTENTICO PARTY LEADERS. ACTIVE GROUPS OF OA (UNORGANIZED)

**CUBAN AIRFORCE**

CMDE. ENRIQUE CARRERA ROLAS  
JEFE ESCUADRON DE PERSECUCION (JETS T-33 - SEA FURYs - PS11)

CAP. GASTON BERNAL  
JEFE ESCUADRON BOMBARDERO (B-26)

CAP. MARIA CABRERA  
JEFE DE SEGURIDAD

CAP RINALDO BLANCO  
CUARTEL MAESTRE

CAP CARMONA  
IN CHARGE WEAPONS AND ARMAMENT

CAP CARLOS MERLO  
ALL MAINTENANCE CONTROL OF MECHANICS

CMDE SUPER DE MANIJA  
1200 MEN AT CAMP LIBERTAD  
300 AF PERSONNEL  
CMDE. W. MORGAN  
300 MEN IN HILLS OF ESCAMBRAY

- X - X - X - X -  
FACILITIES IN ESCAMBRAY TO SUPPORT GUERRILLA OPERATIONS  
- X - X - X - X -  
2 AIRSTRIPS TAKE C-46s  
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GUNS FOR 200 MEN  
AMMO FOR 6 MOS.

DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ORGANIZED IN THE HAVANA UNIVERSITY AND HAVANA PERU

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- CATHOLIC CHURCH
- POLITICAL
- MILITARY
- GOVERNMENT

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CAP. RAFAEL HUGUET

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THE HAVANA  
UNIVERSITY AND  
HAVANA POLICE

ORGANIZATION OF  
EX-OFFICERS OF  
THE NATIONAL  
ARMY (150)

CMATE MANUEL  
GONZALEZ

TRIPLE A  
ORGANIZATION  
DR. AURELIANO  
ZANCHES ARANGO

CAMAGUAY  
GARRISON  
CMATE. HUBERT  
MATOS  
2,800 MEN

OFFICE OF  
PRIME MINISTER  
CAP. ALFREDO  
GUERRA