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EJERCITO CUBANO ANTICOMUNISTA
(FRENTE ESCAMBRAY)
(CUBAN ANTI-COMMUNIST ARMY)
(ESCAMBRAY FRONT)

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JOSE CARDOSO, a naturalized U. S. citizen of Cuban descent, who has been active with various anti-CASTRO groups in Chicago, the most recent of which was the Ejercito Cubano Anticomunista (Frente Escambray) (Cuban Anti-Communist Army, Escambray Front), alien registration #A8 233 529, residing at 2317 South Trumbull Avenue, advised as follows:

201-320262-152 Approximately the middle of October, 1962, MARTIN MORUA of Miami, Florida, national coordinator of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) (Students Revolutionary Directorate), a Cuban political organization of long standing, which is opposed to the CASTRO Government of Cuba, gave him a list of arms and equipment needed by the underground in Cuba. Included on the list and pointed out as most important was an item of 1,000 blasting caps. MORUA stated the whole underground movement in Cuba was at a standstill waiting for blasting caps. (It was presumed that the DRE had already obtained the explosives with which the blasting caps were to be used).

Although it could not be specifically recalled that MORUA had so stated, it was implied and understood by him that the DRE was working in cooperation with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), or, at least, had the tacit approval of CIA.

He contacted JOHN BURKMAN of Northville, Michigan, and made arrangements to obtain 1,000 electric blasting caps, at 35¢ each, and 200 fuse-type blasting caps, at 3½¢ each. The fuse-type blasting caps were delivered to his home by an associate of BURKMAN's and picked up there by MORUA and JORGE MARTI SALAZAR, of Bellwood, Illinois, a Cuban refugee who was going to be working with the DRE. On October 26, 1962, MORUA and MARTI drove to Northville, Michigan, to pick up the 1,000 blasting caps and planned to then proceed to Miami.

He did not handle any of the money paid for the blasting caps but had made arrangements for payment to be made at the time of delivery to MORUA. According to MORUA, the money used to pay for these blasting caps had been raised by the DRE in the Chicago area.

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MORUA's list also included the following:

- 5 mortars
- approximately 15 machine guns
- 6 or 7 20 mm. cannons
- 300 M14 or M2 rifles
- 5 bazookas
- 4,000 lbs. of an explosive called C4

He inquired of JOHN BURKMAN regarding these items and was told they would have to be obtained in Canada. BURKMAN was checking to determine whether these items were available but was insisting that U. S. Government clearance for the transaction be obtained and was insisting on cash payment at the time of delivery.

Approximately a year ago, ²⁶¹⁻³⁰²⁰⁰⁵ he obtained from BURKMAN, 3,000 of the fuse-type blasting caps, as well as two telegraph sending and receiving sets, for EVELIO DUQUE, commander in chief, Ejercito Cubano Anticomunista (Frente Escambray), which DUQUE picked up and took to Miami for use by his organization.

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