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<p>1. On 22 May, 1962, JMWAVE debriefed: <u>Lazaro L. FARINAS Ruiz,</u> <u>born 9 October 1942 in Baez, Las Villas Province, Cuba.</u> <u>Subject resided at Calle 30 No. 214, Vedado, La Habana</u> <u>prior to departure for the U.S.</u> <u>Currently residing at 521 SW 6th Street, Apt. No. 14, Miami.</u> <u>Although subject arrived 21 March on a PAA flight from Mexico City,</u> <u>he passed through Miami and went on to New York, thus delaying WAVE</u> <u>operational debriefing.</u></p> <p>2. FARINAS was National Chief of Action and Sabotage in the clandestine apparatus of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) until early March 1962 when he was replaced by Laureano PEQUENO (aka "Lino"). Subject had become exposed and sought asylum and departure by safe conduct to Mexico City. <i>re debriefing of subj.</i></p> <p>3. Subject described his tenure in general as having been fairly active with good production considering the materiel and GOC repressive measures. He traveled quite freely from Havana to Pinar del Rio, back to Camaguey on to Santiago in Oriente Province. This was possible mainly because of his general appearance since although he is 20 years</p>																	
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<p>of age, he actually seems to be about 16 years old. He is of slight stature, has clean-cut features and frank grey eyes. He could mix with any high school group and pass unnoticed in small or large cities.</p>		
<p>4. He organized Action Sabotage teams in the provinces with the aid of Hans HENGLER, National Military Coordinator, who has since been arrested and reportedly undergoing torture in the headquarters of G-2 in Miramar. (Organization and Operations of these teams are the subject of a following dispatch.) FARINAS described their supplies as depleted and outdated. He cited one example in which their fragmentation grenades are dated 1952 and during the beach action in Pinar del Rio when "Juanin" (PEREIRA) was captured and shot, many of the grenades did not explode. Subject laid the total failure of their defensive operation to the grenade failures since they were attacked by numbers of militia who did not feel cover and precautions were necessary after they observed the first grenade failure.</p>		
<p>5. They were also having trouble with the last of their small stock of "time pencils" (Firing Device, demolition, M1). Subject, using a lead pencil, demonstrated how they tested the safety device at last minute just before inserting the pencil in the shape charge. In some pencils the firing pins were faulty and were discarded.</p>		
<p>6. Their most serious shortages at present are time pencils, blasting caps and small arms for personal defense. He described some teams as working in cities and having old Springfield rifles as their only weapon. This was pointed out as a double security hazard since it could not be concealed by the carrier on an operation and it jeopardized their safehouses by its difficult concealment.</p>		
<p>7. FARINAS described their stock of explosives upon his departure as total of about 120 lbs throughout the Island, and much of this was the inferior C-3 type. It is distributed roughly as follows: 60 lbs in Havana, 25 lbs in Matanzas, 25 lbs in Camaguey, 10 lbs in Oriente with none in Pinar del Rio and Las Villas. Subject emphasized the importance of shipping only the C-4 type which is more powerful and safer to handle because it is odorless and does not leave the yellow stain that C-3 does.</p>		
<p>8. When queried as to where subject received his training with demolitions he replied that his predecessor had passed on the basic precautions, but since then they trained the provincial teams by taking the U.S. War Department Demolitions manual and with the aid of HENGLER's English language capabilities, translated sections and reproduced copies in Spanish for distribution to the outlying provincial teams.</p>		
<p>9. Subject recalled the following operations during his period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. DRE teams destroyed the International Harvester Plant with "White Phosphorous" incendiary charges.b. On 31 December 1961, they exploded a bomb in Santiago de Cuba and during this action, the brother ("Pedro") of the Provincial Chief of Action was captured.c. In Havana Province, San Antonio de los Banos, during April, an undetermined number of beef cattle were poisoned by a DRE Action team.d. In Las Villas Province, Camajuani zone, DRE teams are burning sugar cane fields using short candles as the time delay device.e. In a GOC parking area at Calle Zapata and Paseo in Vedado, 8 to 10 vehicles were destroyed by fire - date not reported.f. In the University of Havana campus zone, three bombs were exploded destroying three vehicles.		

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10. Concerning PN activities, FARINAS explained that he seldom had an opportunity to participate, but that he was aware of the distribution of the DRE organ, "Trinchera". These issues come out sporadically, about 10 to 15,000 per issue for Havana and Havana Province. Only a few copies are carried out to the provinces and they are frequently reproduced locally. The two largest and most popular issues were those known as "Alberto MULLER" (DRE Secretary General currently imprisoned at Boniato Prison in Oriente) and the "Juanin" issue (dedicated to Juanin PEREIRA, shot by firing squad).

11. While subject cannot return for clandestine operations at this time, his experience and capabilities are such that he should be given further training and considered for future operations of guerrilla warfare or civic resistance nature. Meanwhile, subject is preparing detailed reports of provincial operations and he will probably be consulted on future clandestine operations planned by JNWAVE.

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DRE ORGANIZATION INSIDE CUBA, AS OF 5 JUNE 1962

Civil

06 08

"Miguel" (L.G. - Initials used in correspondence) --- Civil coordinator and
 (probable true name—Lester Garcia) Finance Chief

"Damaso" (Damaso Oliva) 06

--- "Miguel's deputy?

"Marcos" (F.A.) 06

--- Propaganda

"Cuca" (F.M., Blanca MARTINEZ del Royo)

--- Civil Resistance

"Mario" (V.S.) 06

--- Pre-university students

Military

06

"Hans" (H.C.)

06

arrested

"Lino" (L.P., Laureano PEQUEÑO, Laureano PEQUEÑO) --- Security action and sabotage

"Griego" (V.S., Manuel SABAS) 06

--- Supply

"Jesus" (R.C.) 06

--- Intelligence

"Carlos" (R.Q., Roberto QUINTAIRO) 06

--- General coordinator, arrested

Provincial chiefs

06

Havana — [Tony CENTURION] arrested

Matanzas — "Juan" (J.E.) 06

Las Villas — "Puchi" (J.G.) 06

Camaguey — (vacant)

06

Oriente — "Jose" (J.S., Jose Antonio SADURNI Casas?)

Pinar del Rio — (newly organized by recent operations; "Pepe" (Juarin captain)?,
 "Patricio"? , "Gordio"?)

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