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**723** The following information/secured by Eugenie during the past 30 from his coversations with Guillermo, Dr. Ojeda, Jesus, Fernando, et an appreciation of latest happening and present situation in Escambray.

History: Please check previous reports for accuracy. Rise was the first one to take up arms in Escambray against Castro shortly after his taking over the country. As time went on, other groups took arms and started to ordrate in different zones throughout the Sanambray. Some of these groups were Sinecio, Benvive, Duque, Alba, Tamirez, etc. etc. as reported. Guillerme, who is well known and liked in that zone as the one responsible for the II Front of Encambray in the fight against Batista, went to the zone from Favana, probably in the first quarter of 1960 to organize his own group and operate a clandestine rails station. Guillerme had a radio station hidden and left from the previous fight against Batista, as well as some arms and flags hidden in the zone. Guillerme did not take up arms at the time. His group was getting or-was then trained by the Company and specific plans of action and promises were evitently agreed on. Guillerne was sent back senetime in latter part of July or begining of August 1960, with the obvious instructions to organize action in havana and then proceed to Escambray to coordinate and open up a front there. Up to that time the groups in Escambray were in contact with a front there. Up to that time the groups in Escambray were in contact with each other but there was no common objectives and cooperation. Each group wan fighting on his own and each leader, specially Sinecio because of his personal arrogancy, wanted to be the military leader of the escambray. In Septem. Guillerme left for Escambray with Jesus and Benny. In "La Meza" they joined a Capt. Mesa, a lector and others that were also to Sinecio's carp in Pico del Tuerto. The party left "La Meza" on September 17, with a 24 hours delay because Jesus and Benny did not make contact in Renfueges as planned with Guillerme and returned to Havana under Jesu's insistance and fears. On the way the party set some milicianes from a commontive near by fears. On the way the party met seme milicianes from a cooperative near by and Benny was taken prisiener. At midnight Sept. 27-28 radio contact was made as scheduled with the base but Jesus did MCT received the base in his set. In the helief that theye did not make contact at all with the base, the group proceed to the last step before Sinecie's camp, which is I hour walk from said camp in Pico del Tuerto. Sinecio was surrounded by troops and the party could not proceed and awaited there until a breach could be made made. While there the party heard of the drop in #Anabanilla. Not being able to proceed to Sinecio's cump, Guillerme, the doctor and Jesus decided to backtrack. The rest of the party remained there and later on were able to continue and reach Sinecio's camp. Guillerme with the doctor and Jesus returned to "La Meza" after builty, their equipment in the last stop before returning (Fernandez's furni), under a tree behind the house. There was no one in "La Noza" and Guillerms with the doctor took a car for hire (hoters) from "la Noza" to Gumanayagua. Josus followed two or three hours later, taking another car for hire a couple of miles down the road. Guillerno and the doctor were caight in Cumanayagua while having a drink in teum. A miliciane asked them questions and arrested them when they were not able to fully identify themselves or perhaps they were recognized. The doctor had about 7000 neses hidden in his socks and Guillerne about 3000 neses in his socks, anicture of his wife and of the children and a piece of paper to remind him how to put the maps together but with no relation to it. This paper was covering the pictures, and the picture of his daughter was stamped on the back "Prieto" or "Fotografia Trieto", which happens to be the name of the plots maphen that took the picture in Favana. Nothing else was found on them and the arrest was a simple pick up. Jesus heard of the genest when armiving to Sumaravagua and proceed to has druces and to Favana. esus was stopped in Lag Inuces by a milliniano for questioning and allowed to receel to the next town were he claimed he could identify himself and where he gave up his T.D. land supplied by the Company (not the one from the Electric in Armicultura which desus left in Javana, but the other one with a black and red stripe). These claims that he was followed by two cars from Lam muses to the next term and from there to mayana by two per that heads with him, and whom he lest - Jan A

semewhere in Havana near his house. During the testi everyone was presented as caught with Sinecie's group up in arms in the Escambray, and that Guillerme was caught when running away. Actually, some of them never arrived to
Sinecie's camp. Some reports state that finecie's group fought off the attack
until they ran out of armsmation and then surrendered. Other reports say
that there was not much fighting because apparently the camp was covered
with a gas that rendered them useless, that a deglar as then let less to
track them down and all of them were arrested without much of a resistance.
Aise, some reports state that Sinecie killed Benvives before during an arment ever the arms that were dropped and which Sinecie claimed were for
time. It seems there was mere than just one drop, since the drop on Rept. 29
which was secured by the militia in "La Campana", and that subsequent drops
have been received by Rise and Duques's groups. During the tall a communist
geon squad was organized and sent on October 11 to cry "Paredom", but the
people in general from Santa Clara was definitely with the prisioners; and
on October 12 started a mass concentration to ask for mercy are communist
of the death sentence, but the same communist goon squads connected the open
concentration into a church and did not allow them to proceed. It is not
clear whether information on the Escambray and Guillerne leaked out before
on after the trial, but evidently much of it has lated out and everybely is
afraid and under cover, waiting he see how deep infiltration has been
accomplished. There has been a tremendous defineralization among the groups
connected with the Escambray action and the people in general, but it has
consolidated the conternrevolutionary groups at least in that zone. It
seems that the groups up in arins in Escambray: Rise, best organized, Ruque,
and others are together and coordinating their effects. That there has been
more fighting in Escambra; since the trial, and amunition which they lid
not seem to lave before, assu

Observation: Guillermo never did accomplishments mission as he never did arrive to the groups up in arms in the Escambray as Military Toerdinater for the Company. However, his death has achieved the unification of that front, and a general awakening of the propio in pereral, an entity in 1977, and the propio sertenced to teath, Guillermo was the only one with a clearwision of his place in history and a common objective. The others lid not have any idealism and were simple group leaders, buillermo did not talk during the trail and did not offer any comments for or against. The printeners were not tortuned or even abused, except by word of mouth. The tribunal positioned the death sentence three times on October 12, despite the fact that there was an evident personal reason for killing Guillermo in particular who had always opposed and stood in front of Filel Castro and against communism since their university days. Evidently, the jury was implical of the political consequences such death sentences would create among the Guban people in general, especially when Guillermo and some of the other ones were actually framed to and made appear to be up interms with Sinecio. Tafore the firing squai Guillermo stated that Thave trust in God and in the people. If They were executed with automatic guns and Guillermo and so def them had an instant death at 9:00 p.m. on October 12, a little distance from "La Jampana" Hy. The belies were returned to Sanha Glara temptory, buttit is not yet known if they have been returned to the

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