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<p>Transmitted herewith, FYI, is a debriefing report on Santiago SANCHEZ de la Torre. Subject arrived in the U. S., via Mexico in late August, 1963. The debriefing contains information re the MRR roll up in May, 1963. Attachment "A" contains a list of subject's friends that are currently employed in power plants in Cuba. Attachment "B" is a debriefing report on Angel BENCOMO who Sanchez believes was responsible for the MRR roll up.</p>																
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4. On 25 July 1961 Subject went to the house of an MRR leader, FNU [redacted] in Havana. When Subject approached [redacted] house he noticed a "blind move as if someone was watching" so he did not go in. He walked two blocks to a bus stop. From the bus stop he could observe the house and he noticed that a car departed at a "high rate of speed". Later that day Subject made contact with [redacted] at the house of [redacted] in Fontanar, Havana. [redacted] still lives in Havana. [redacted] told Subject of the MRR plans for the following day (26 July). [redacted] said that the movement was "going ahead with their plans" even though they were aware of [redacted] arrest. Subject resided for approximately one week at the home of [redacted] in Vedado. [redacted] continues to work for the GOC at this time. He is the Deputy Chief of "Asphalt Consolidated" for the entire country. (In April 1962 Subject's wife escaped from the Womens' Prison at Guanajay, Pinar del Rio. She also was safehoused at [redacted] house). Subject claims that [redacted] is a "good man" who also has a home located at Avenida de los OCUJES #221 in Santa Catalina (outskirts of Havana). [redacted] wife and sons reside with him. Subject spent approximately one month in the above house (Aug.-Sept. 61).

5. From October 1961 Subject resided with [redacted] Ester CRUZ, a person he had known for 10 years. While living with CRUZ he changed his appearance - lost much weight, dyed and curled his hair, obtained contact lenses. (C/O Comment: Ester CRUZ was arrested approximately 9 May 1962 during the "roll up" of the MRR. She is in jail at this time). In November 1961, Subject met [redacted] from Camaguey [redacted] was at that time military coordinator for the MRR and used the name "Angelito". FNU [redacted] Aka LUCAS, who was the MRR Coordinator of Las Villas introduced Subject to [redacted] is from Yaguajay, Las Villas. Subject met [redacted] through [redacted] Aka "Anibel" whom he had known since 1959. [redacted] encouraged Subject to begin working for the MRR again. An ID card in alias from a medical laboratory was obtained for Subject. He then obtained a briefcase and began selling medical supplies. [redacted] cousin [redacted] owned the laboratory FROMBERG LABORATORY. [redacted] worked for AMBRONC/5. After AMBRONC/5 was captured two actual MRR members met [redacted] and requested that he continue to work. [redacted] did not know the men and denied that he worked for the movement).

6. In late November, 1961 Subject moved into a "guest house" where several other MRR members resided. House is called "House of Maria de la *GALLEGA" and is located on "J" Street between 21st and 23rd Streets, Vedado. Subject met "Fernando", the Security Chief of the MRR at the guest house. Fernando continues to work in the underground. He also met [redacted] there. He met [redacted] who also continues to work in the underground. [redacted] had gone to the hills of Las Villas but returned to Havana. Another MRR man residing there was [redacted] Arturo *MUGARRA and AMSALON/1 visited the house on occasion. Subject was once picked up at the house by AMSALON/1. During this period FNU [redacted] Aka Lucas was arrested and Subject began to work with MUGARRA. In December 1961 [redacted] took asylum. There was much conflict in the MRR during this period between AMHOOK/1 and AMBRONC/5. (Subject has many letters pertaining to this conflict but they were left in Mexico. AMBIDDY/1 is having someone pick up the letters. Case Officer will attempt to obtain these letters and review them. Subject claims he did not hand carry them to the U.S., as he thought our officials would seize them).

7. In January 1962, [Arturo MUGARRA] and [redacted] were preparing to depart from Cuba. When AMJAVA/4 and AMBRONC/5 arrived in Havana they changed their minds. (C/O Comment: A woman named [redacted] was living with MUGARRA. This girl later came to the USA via the Brazilian Embassy). [redacted] group consisted of [redacted] who "is bad, likes money, women, etc", and subject. [redacted] called Subject here in Miami on 28 August and wants to talk with him).

8. [MUGARRA] informed AMBRONC/5 that he had doubts about Juan F. BUSTAMENTE, Aka "Roly", as he had asked too many questions re what AMBRONC/5 had brought to Cuba. AMBRONC/5 decided to call a "false meeting" of the chiefs of the movement to test BUSTAMENTE but "someone objected to this". In February 1962, a meeting of the leaders of the MRR took place and AMBRONC/5 reorganized the movement. Subject met AMBRONC/5 only twice - once in February 1962 at the house of [redacted] and another time in March, 1962 when the assassination of Juan MARINELLO failed. The Operation failed as the automobile to be used in the assassination attempt was stolen on the day of the proposed Operation. The driver of the car was to be Orlando CRUZ, brother of Ester CRUZ. The MRR suspected Orlando CRUZ after this incident as he is a person who "likes money" and the theft was "quite a coincidence". (Orlando CRUZ is presently in Miami. He called Subject on 28 August and wants to see him). AMBRONC/5 informed the group in March to suspend all operations until he returned from a trip he was taking to the USA with MUGARRA and [redacted]. AMBRONC/5 placed [redacted] in charge of the radio sets. [redacted] was selected to be the only person in direct contact with the RADOP in place of Juan BUSTAMENTE, Aka "Roly". MUGARRA gave subject two radio sets; one was placed in the apartment of a sister-in-law of subject located at 23rd and I Sts., Vedado, Apt. #110. The other set was located at *A Street between 3rd and 5th Sts., Vedado, the home of [redacted]. The only persons who knew the locations of the sets were the Radop, [redacted] the MRR Chief and [redacted]. During AMBRONC/5's trip to the USA in April, 1962, Juan BUSTAMENTE, Aka "Roly" discovered where the radios were hidden. Subject had contact with [redacted] and [redacted] during April.

9. On 2 May 1962 AMBRONC/5 and MUGARRA returned from the USA. Enrique CEPERO and MUGARRA's common-law wife waited for them in the Blue Studebaker Lark. AMBRONC/5 and MUGARRA were late in arriving, however, and the group had departed from the area.

10. Subject later discovered that the G-2 had captured a "large radio" in the apartment of a radio technician named TROVADIUS. TROVADIUS, when captured, fired at the G-2 and was himself wounded in the shoulder. Later TROVADIUS reported that he had seen Juan FALCON in prison and that FALCON had said "people in the G-2 had told me that no one would be wounded or killed".


11. The Radop *(AMBUMP/1) informed subject on Wednesday (9 May 1962) to take the radio set out of the house. Rumors were already circulating that the Radop and [redacted] were captured. Owners of the house where the radio was cached had moved to Santa Clara for Mothers' Day. As Subject was in contact with [redacted] during this time he did not attempt to pick-up the radio until Thursday (10 May) at 0700 hrs. Subject entered the apartment building (12 stories high) by the rear. Upon arrival he discovered that the glass doors on the terrace were opened (apartment was located on the eleventh floor). These windows are seldom opened.

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14. During September 1962 Subject and his wife entered the Uruguayan Embassy to remain in asylum until 19 June 1963 when they arrived in Mexico City via Safe Conduct.

15. Attachment "B" is a report on Angel BENCOMO who subject believes was responsible for the MRR "roll-up".


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ATTACHMENT "A"

*TALLAPIEDRA - (Power Plant)

1. Ing. Manolito *FERNANDEZ - Superintendente
2. Ing. Luis F. de *LEON - Superintendente Auxiliar
(Bomb Thrower)
- 3.

REGLA - (Power Plant)

1. Delfin *RODRIGUEZ - Operator Control Room
2. Ing. *ROSS - Superintendent

DESPACHO NARANJITO - (Sub-Station)

1. Jaime *GUIU

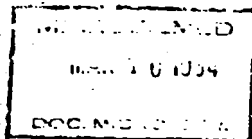
OFICINA PRINCIPAL DE DESPACHO

1. Carlos *MANUEL Pena - Auxiliar of Superintendent
(May be throw a bomb)- He can give good information.

DESPACHO SANTA CLARA (Santa Clara Dispatching Office)

1. Pedro *LUCAS Galvez (Jefe Despacho) - Dispatch Chief
2. Agustin *GARCIA Cabalet - Despachador - (Dispatcher)

Vladimir S. *KLITTING.



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ATTACHMENT "B"

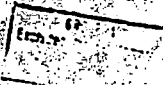
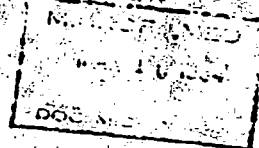
Debriefing of Santiago SANCHEZ de la Torre

SUBJECT: Angel BENCOMO (BENCOMO reportedly was responsible for the MRR roll-up per SANCHEZ - See MEXI-5507)

1. Angel BENCOMO is approximately 19 years old, has brown skin, short, stocky, approximately 150 lbs. BENCOMO was formerly a miliciano in Camaguey and a friend of Arturo MUGARRA. BENCOMO entered the MRR via [redacted] during March 1962 when he was employed by the Abras Publicas in Camaguey. BENCOMO had trouble with his superiors, quit the militia, etc. [redacted] brought BENCOMO to Havana where BENCOMO began working in resistance with [redacted] and Santiago SANCHEZ. (BENCOMO did not meet Arturo MUGARRA in Havana). SANCHEZ "tested" BENCOMO and he appeared to be OK i.e., disciplined, quiet, etc. SANCHEZ then began using BENCOMO to pick-up radios, minox cameras, etc. This activity took place between March and May 1962.

2. Arturo MUGARRA was arrested in May 1962 in a cafeteria in Havana where he went to dispose of an automobile. [redacted] was to meet MUGARRA at the cafeteria. MUGARRA and his brother arrived at the cafeteria, turned the car (Cadillac) over to the prospective buyer and sat down. A mechanic drove the car to test it and returned with two G-2 cars. Although [redacted] was present and was questioned he was not arrested.

3. From May to September 1962, SANCHEZ saw BENCOMO often. In September SANCHEZ went into an Embassy but "heard that BENCOMO was arrested and held until November". In January 1963 SANCHEZ heard from BENCOMO via SANCHEZ's sister. BENCOMO wrote a letter (which SANCHEZ still has) saying that he was working for the MRR in the streets. BENCOMO said he did not want to seek asylum but was considering going to the house of [redacted] in Oriente. [redacted] formerly was operating in the hills of Yayuajay but went to Havana to hide out in Jan.-Feb. 1962. In February 1963, SANCHEZ received another letter from his sister saying that BENCOMO was a G-2 man. BENCOMO identified himself as a G-2 man to [redacted] in December 1962, and asked [redacted] to cooperate with him. [redacted] told SANCHEZ's sister of BENCOMO's proposition in January 1963. Since that time [redacted] has disappeared.



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