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SOURCE: Cuban national in exile presently residing in the US.

Source was the owner of a sugar mill in Cuba and well known as an amateur sportsman in Cuba. He is anti-Communist and against the present regime in Cuba. He has been active in an anti-Communist organization in Cuba and had taken part in sabotage activities until his departure.

no, certainly not!

1. I belong to an organization known as Rescate Democratico, which is the FRD organization in Cuba. The FRD is the strongest and best supported organization inside of Cuba although there are many people that feel that they are not doing as much as could be done to bring about the downfall of Castro. Also there are many people in Cuba who feel that the FRD is not taking enough direct action and is devoting too much time to political activities. Because of the FRD's emphasis on the political interest, many different groups had been formed each downgrading the efforts of the FRD. However, it was realized that without unity nothing could be accomplished, therefore a meeting of all opposition groups was held in Havana in early December and a complete unity was agreed upon by the represented groups. These groups included the FRD, MRR, MRP and other major groups opposing the Castro regime.
2. An individual known to me only by his war name as "Rodolfo" arrived in the US on 27 December with a letter of unity signed by all leaders of the various opposition parties in Cuba which is to be presented to the FRD and other opposition groups in the US so that they may join in a similar group. We all realized that without this unity and coordinated action, Castro's downfall could not be accomplished. "Rodolfo" was to meet with members of the FRD in the US on the night of 29 December 1960 to present his document asking their cooperation and assistance in carrying out a joint operation against Castro.
3. The leader of my group, which was responsible for carrying out sabotage action in the Havana area was an individual known by a war name of "Horacio", but who is presently living in the US. The head of the Rescate Democratico (FRD) in Havana is an individual known to me only as "Hilario." He is a dedicated anti-Communist who is still in Cuba working hard and taking many chances that could very well result in his capture and assassination.

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