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Reference is made to the SSC letter dated
April 15, 1976, requesting delivery of certain documents.

Enclosed for your approval and forwarding to
the SSC is the original of a memorandum responsive to
Item 1 of referenced SSC letter. Also enclosed for your
records is a copy of the memorandum.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (105-77667)

DATE: 6-28-62

FROM : Legal Attaché, Madrid (109-20) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ROLANDO L. CUBELA y SECADES
FPM - CUBA

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Re Madrid letter 5-10-62 and Miami letter
to the Bureau 6-7-62.

As stated in Madrid letter of 5-10-62,
pertinent information regarding subject was furnished
the local station of CIA. (S)(u)

Reference Miami letter to the Bureau reflects
that subject proceeded to Mexico prior to the time
Russian official MIKOYAN arrived in Mexico from Cuba
and was in contact with (JACK STEWART) who Miami informant
stated was reported to work for the U. S. Embassy in
Mexico City. It is the recollection of Legat, Madrid,
(S) that (JACK STEWART) was (an agent of CIA) assigned to the (X)(u)
American Embassy in Mexico and handled (Cubans). (S)(u)

It would appear (that CIA) is completely aware
of subject's activities and possible intentions to defect.

In view of the above, no further action appears
necessary by the Madrid Office, and this matter is con-
sidered RUC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (109-471) (P)

RE: ROLANDO L. CUBELA Y SECADES
FPM - CUBA.

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Re Miami letter to Bureau, 6/7/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination containing info obtained from (MM 761-S) who is MM T-1, and from CARLOS TEPEDINO 98-19-64 Ave. Rego Park, Queens, L. I., N. Y. who is MM T-2, in letterhead memo.

Source

The info was furnished on 6/11/62, to SA THOMAS H. ERRION at Miami, Fla. (MM 761-S) is a long-time acquaintance of TEPEDINO and both are friends of CUBELA.

(MM 761-S) advised that the mother of deceased JOSE ANTONIO ECHEVARRIA (former head of the Revolutionary Directory (DR), anti-BATISTA rebel organization) came from

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made a trip to "Closter", Switzerland, for AVIGNON in 8/60, to obtain info about some student conference, but TEPEDINO was delayed in leaving and due to a mixup the person he was supposed to contact upon arrival there did not show up, so the trip was not a success.

TEPEDINO stated that, as mentioned above, he will cooperate in any way he can, but he does not want STEWART to think he is doing something behind STEWART's back in the event STEWART should learn of any proposed plan. He was told that the info that he furnished would be made available to the proper Federal Government agencies and his request concerning STEWART would also be furnished at the same time and that he would be advised should additional info be needed.

He stated that any additional info coming to his attention would be immediately furnished.

TEPEDINO stated that he and MM 761-S had known each other a long time and that since MM 761-S lived in Miami and TEPEDINO was returning to New York City he would furnish any info to MM 761-S who would, in turn, notify the FBI.

MM 761-S advised that when previously discussing CUBELA, he told TEPEDINO that he had been questioned by the FBI in connection with his own previous activities on several occasions in the past and would be able to make contact with the FBI in such a manner that the info could be passed to the proper U. S. Government agency with the precaution taken to protect TEPEDINO and not risk jeopardizing CUBELA's chances for escaping Cuba).

TEPEDINO furnished a business card of Tishman and Lipp, Inc., New York City and Corletto, Inc., Milano (Italy) showing a business address of 31 West 47th St., New York 36, N. Y. phone Judson 6-4622 on which he wrote his home phone of TW 7-9843 and his home address 98-19-64 Ave., Rego Park, Queens, L. I., N. Y.

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Info copies are designated for New York, Washington Field and San Juan Offices because of their interest in current Cuban matters. Three extra copies are designated for the Bureau for transmittal to the Legats, Paris, Bern and Madrid.

For the additional info of the Bureau and Legat, Paris, TEPEDINO asked whom he should contact in the event of the receipt of emergency info while he was in Paris. He was advised that it would be best to go to the American Embassy and talk to someone in the Legal Attache's Office. TEPEDINO was not given any info indicating any connection between the Bureau and the Legal Attache.

Prior to his departure for Europe, 6/22/62 TEPEDINO can be contacted through the above home telephone TW 7-9843. Subsequent to that date, he can be reached through the address "B. ROSENBLATT, 20, Chetrevise, Paris, phone TA 1-17438."

Miami indices are negative re TEPEDINO; however, CIA, by letter classified SECRET, dated 10/27/59, furnished info under the title "Cuban Government Agents Operating in the United States" (forwarded by Bureau letter 11/10/59, captioned, Report of Cuban Intelligence Agents in the United States, IS - CUBA). This communication from CIA alleged that a "fairly reliable source" in Cuba reported that

(MM 761-S) had the reputation of being a jewelry smuggler with an outlet in Havana in the Diadema Jewelry Store. His Havana representative described as having a store in the Habana Hilton was named as CARLOS TEPEDINO. (MM 761-S) in 1/60, explained that CARLOS TEPEDINO operated the La Diadema wholesale jewelry house in Havana and they had been friends until (MM 761-S) was imprisoned by the BATISTA Government as a result of his participation in 1957 attack on Cuban Presidential Palace. TEPEDINO refused to help the wife of

MM 761-S. As a result, (MM 761-S) severed all contact with TEPEDINO and became very angry with him. Although angry, (MM 761-S) emphatically stated TEPEDINO was a legitimate whole-sale jeweler and was not engaged in illegal activities. (Miami report of SA THOMAS H. ERRION, 3/4/60; captioned RICARDO MADAN RIVAS, IS - CUBA, Bufile 97-3993)



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Date: October 26, 1962
To: Director, FBI (105-77667)
From: Legat, Paris (105-1779)(RUC)
Subject: ROLANDO L. CUBELA y SECADES
IS - CUBA

Re Paris letter 8/22/62.

Instant matter was discussed with [Mr. EDWARD RYAN] Assistant Chief, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Paris, on October 23, 1962. He advised that no information of interest to the Bureau has been obtained [by CIA, Paris] in captioned matter. He stated that they are aware of the Bureau's interest and in the event they receive any information of interest it will be furnished to this office.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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- 1 - Mr. Cotter
- 1 - Mr. Nasca
- 1 - Mr. O'Brien

PLANS TO ASSASSINATE CUBAN LEADERS

On June 2, 1965, Victor Domindador Espinosa Hernandez, a Cuban refugee, was interviewed at the New York City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Espinosa advised as follows:

On May 29, 1965, he returned to New York City after spending twenty-six days in Paris, France, where he was in contact with individuals involved in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro and other Cuban Government leaders. The main figure in this plot is Rolando Cubela, a close friend of Espinosa and an intimate friend and current neighbor of Fidel Castro. Cubela is identical with former Major Rolando L. Cubela y Secades, who has resigned from the armed forces of Cuba and is now practicing medicine in Havana. Alberto Blanco, an employee of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, and Major Juan Almeida Bosque are the other leading figures in this plot.

He conferred in Paris for about ten days with Alberto Blanco who was then on an inspection tour of Cuban Embassies and Consulates abroad. He learned that the plot is directed toward the assassination of Fidel Castro, his brother Raul Castro, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a Cabinet member in the present Cuban Government, and Ramiro Valdes, the Chief of the Cuban Intelligence Service. The assassination of these individuals is to take place in public, possibly on July 26, 1965, when all the Cuban leaders would be together at the annual July 26th celebration in Havana. After the assassination, those involved in the plot hope to seize the radio station and call for American help. Cubela and others associated with him in this plot desire to know whether or not the United States would help if the plot was successful and if

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ESPINOSA APPEARED AT THE NEW YORK OFFICE ON JUNE TWO, SIXTYFIVE IN THE COMPANY OF INS INVESTIGATOR EDWARD KAVAZANJIAN AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION...

ESPINOSA RETURNED TO NEW YORK ON FIVE TWENTYNINE LAST AFTER SPENDING TWENTYSIX DAYS IN PARIS, WHERE HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FIDEL CASTRO AND LEADING CUBAN GOVERNMENT PERSONALITIES. ESPINOSA SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE TO MEET IN FRANCE WITH ROLANDO CUBELA, WHO IS A LIFE LONG FRIEND OF ESPINOSA AND IS ALLEGED TO BE THE MAIN FIGURE IN THE PLOT. CUBELA IS IDENTICAL WITH FORMER MAJOR ROLANDO L. CUBELA Y SEGADES, WHO IS AN INTIMATE FRIEND OF FIDEL CASTRO. ESPINOSA FURTHER STATED THAT HE CONFERRED IN PARIS FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS WITH ALBERTO BLANCO, WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WAS ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THE COUNTRIES AND CONSULATES ABROAD. ESPINOSA SAID THAT HE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PLOT AND WENT TO PARIS ON THE

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URGING OF CUBELA, WHO HAS BEEN A LIFE-LONG FRIEND OF HIS. HE ALSO STATED THAT INVOLVED IN THE PLOT WAS MAJOR JUAN ALMEIDA BOSQUE.

SPINOSA SAID THAT CUBELA HAD RESIGNED FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF CUBA AND IS NOW PRACTICING MEDICINE AT THE CALIXTO GARCIA HOSPITAL IN HAVANA AND HAS A HOME ADJACENT TO FIDEL CASTRO-S AT VARADERO

BEACH. ESPINOSA ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN SPAIN FOR ONLY ABOUT TWENTY HOURS, WHERE HE CONTACTED OTHER CUBAN EXILES AND LEARNED THAT WILLIAMSON ^{CIA officer}

^(S) WHO IS IN CHARGE ^(S) [OF THE CIA OFFICE IN MADRID] WAS COGNIZANT TO A

CERTAIN DEGREE OF THIS PLOT, BUT THAT THE CUBANS DID NOT TRUST WILLIAMSON

^(S) BECAUSE THEY CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN COMPROMISED ^(S) BY A CUBAN GIRL, WHOS

NICKNAME WAS "TOTA", WHO HAD BEEN SENT FROM HAVANA FOR THE SPECIFIC ^{identifies officer}

PURPOSE OF GETTING IN CONTACT WITH WILLIAMSON ^(S) THIS INDIVIDUAL IS

POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH EARL JAMES WILLIAMSON, CIA REPRESENTATIVE LAST

KNOWN TO BE IN MADRID. ^(S)

ESPINOSA ADVISED THAT THE PLOT CALLS FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF FIDEL CASTRO, RAUL CASTRO, ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA AND RAMIRO VALDES.

THE ASSASSINATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS TO TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC SO

THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE THAT THE LEADERS HAVE BEEN KILLED. THE PLOTTERS

HOPE TO SEIZE THE RADIO STATION AND CALL FOR AMERICAN HELP. ESPINOSA

SAID THAT CUBELA AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLOT DESIRE TO KNOW

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