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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

See memo 11/35
1) Will maintain contact with RAFAEL HUGUET, Blue Bay Motel, 79th Street Causeway, Miami, Florida, for information concerning the subject. (u)

2) Will interview MERCEDES GUTIERREZ MENOYO, 1332 Northwest Second Street, Miami, for information concerning her brother, the subject. (u)

ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is classified "Secret" in view of the fact (1) it contains information from the New York Office furnished by MIGUEL ANTONIO SANCHEZ RAMOS, PSI of the New York Office, with possible double agent potential, disclosure of such information might possibly prejudice future effectiveness of SANCHEZ. (2) The report contains information furnished by ONI and the CIA, both of which agencies classified the information submitted as "Secret." (S)(u)

It is to be noted the San Antonio Office advised in connection with its interview of the subject on February 14, 15, and 16, 1961, that the subject appeared completely co-operative during the interview and at no time refused to answer questions. It was further stated by San Antonio that it was the opinion of the interviewing Agents that subject probably told the truth with regard to the bulk of the information furnished by him and if he did distort any information, it would have been in connection with his activities in Europe during the Summer of 1960 and his alleged connections with anti-Franco and anti-SALAZAR activities.

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San Antonio cautioned, however, that it did not feel that it was possible to make a definite statement as to the authenticity of the information furnished by the subject or whether or not subject and his group are bona fide defectors from the CASTRO regime. It is noted by the San Antonio Office that subject and all members of his group positively expressed their desire to actively oppose CASTRO, not by forming political groups in the United States, but by returning to Cuba and providing actual military opposition to the present Cuban Government.

The San Antonio Office pointed out also that in view of the fact that Captain WOODROW Y. CHIN, CIC, Fort Hood, Texas, headed a special team of investigators interviewing the subject for a period of almost three weeks concerning military matters, the San Antonio Office did not dwell upon these matters and Captain CHIN advised San Antonio that results of his interrogation would be disseminated to the Bureau.

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* MM T-1 is ADRIAN NARANJO,
PSI (Under development)
(ex-employee of Cubana Airways,
Miami), contacted by SA JOHN E.
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MM T-2 is MIGUEL ANGEL
SANCHEZ RAMOS, PSI, New York
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MM T-3 is OBIDIO MORENO, Pan
American Operations Office,
Miami Airport (By request)

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MM T-4 is 492-S, contacted
by SA JAMES D. HAYES

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MM T-5 is ONI

Miami file 105-2102-146

MM T-6 is Legat, Madrid,
letter dated 2/17/61, and
letter 3/14/61.

Miami file 105-2102-138,
Serial 166

MM T-7 is CIA

Miami file 105-2102,
Serials 153, and 157

MM T-8 is Department of the
Air Force

Miami file 105-2102,
Serial 157

MM T-9 is Legat, Paris, letter
1/11/61

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Serial 157

MM T-10 is JUAN MACHADO,
PSI - Cuba, (Contacted by
SA WILLIAM G. FRIEDEMANN

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MM T-11 is G-2, Army report
dated 2/16/61

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where it was necessary to conceal their identities. (u)

Other informants and sources contacted who were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject were: (u)

The following informants who have furnished reliable information in the past were contacted on the dates indicated and could furnish no information concerning the subject: (u)

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X [SJ 440-S, contacted by SA SAMUEL H. PIERSON, JR. on March 6, 1961.
SJ 460-S, contacted by SA SAMUEL H. PIERSON, JR. on March 7, 1961.
SJ 462-S, contacted by SA SAMUEL H. PIERSON, JR. on March 6, 1961.
SJ 466-S contacted by SA EUGENE L. PAYNE, on February 24, 1961.
PSI JOSE M. TORO NAZARIO, contacted by SA SAMUEL H. PIERSON, JR. on March 3, 1961.
PSI RAFAEL ALBERTO ARVELO GONZALEZ, contacted by SA EUGENE L. PAYNE on March 6, 1961.] X (u)

San Juan indices contain no information concerning the subject not already in possession of Miami. (u)

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On January 26, 1961, MM T-4, an individual formerly an official in the Cuban Government, who has numerous acquaintances in the Latin-American element in Miami and other Latin-American countries, advised that the subject had been active in selling bonds in Cuba for the "Liberation of Spain." MM T-4 said that the subject's family, including his grandfather, are believed to be fanatic communists, and according to MM T-4, GUTIERREZ's mother is described as more communistic than her son. (X)(u)

On January 27, 1961, ALEXANDER I. RORKE, JR., who gave his address as 2080 Southwest 6th Court, Miami, Florida, sent a telegram to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, protesting the admission of the subject and his group to the United States claiming that subject and others were responsible for his imprisonment without charges for nine days in Cuba in August, 1959. RORKE claimed he was shot at, abused, and subjected to round-the-clock interrogation and "brain washing attempts" when seized while on network TV news assignment.

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and was trying to escape, or he might be a political opportunist trying to switch sides in time, or he may have been sent to the U. S. to conduct espionage or to infiltrate anti-CASTRO movements in Miami. (X)(U) DECLASSIFIED by DOS ON 3-19-98 SDJ/KSR

On March 7, 1961, MM T-8, another Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised that it had received information from a reliable source who stated that according to an official Portuguese service, the subject contacted a Chinese named LING, LIND-SEY, who is also known by the names of LIN LIAN-SHU and LINDSEY LING YEH, in August, 1960, in Santa Maria, Azores. MM T-8 said that LING currently resides in Madrid, Spain, where he manages a restaurant allegedly owned by another, unidentified, Chinese who reportedly supplied clothing to U. S. personnel at Lajes Base in the Azores. MM T-8 said that LING is one of several Chinese suspected of using business ventures as cover for espionage or other illegal activities. MM T-8 also said that a man named THEODOR HEINZ WIENER was a business associate of LING, and that he was arrested in the Azores in December of 1958 on suspicion of espionage. As of September, 1960, WIENER was reportedly in Bermuda. (S)

According to MM T-9, a confidential source abroad, LING was born on March 12, 1919, at Chekiang, China. He established a clothing business in Spain where he works on American bases. He represents Lang Chong and Company, custom tailors, 2nd Floor, Oikwan Building, Hong Kong. LING is in business relationship with SAMUEL ON MING CHUN. Both belong to a financial organization established by the Peoples Bank at Shanghai for the purpose of obtaining capital of Chinese living abroad, and channeling these funds back to China. (S)

LING was in contact with HEINZ THEODOR WIENER. (S)

Also, according to MM T-9, Lang Chong and Company reportedly established a bank in San Francisco during the early part of 1960 under the name of Lang Chong and Company, Bank of Canton. (S)

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MM T-9 also advised that HEINZ THEODOR WIENER, a confederate of LING, apparently is a German. (S)

On February 23, 1961, MM T-6, a confidential source abroad, advised that certain Chinese merchants in Spain are reported to be sending American dollars to Red China. (S)

By letter postmarked March 8, 1961, PAUL MORAN, 1610 - 28th Avenue, Tampa, Florida, advised that he was the President of the anti-Communist Aid Committee for the Liberation of Cuba, and also was a delegate of the Monte Cristi group in Tampa which was affiliated with the Democratic Revolutionary Front. The Democratic Revolutionary Front (FRD) was the overall anti-CASTRO directing group in South Florida. MORAN furnished the following information: (X)(u)

"I have been informed by my good friend, Mr. RENE DECHARD, ex-Consul General of Cuba in Tampa and now in exile in Miami, that Commander ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO is being held in the Immigration Detention Headquarters in McAllen, Texas, for questioning. I am sure that information I possess will aid the authorities in their duty to do true justice. (X)(u)

"Commander ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO is an indefatigable fighter for democracy and a fervent anti-Communist. The Committee which I head had the honor of aiding him when he was fighting against the BATISTA dictatorship in the mountains of Escambray. Afterwards, he didn't accept any position in the government of FIDEL CASTRO and acted only against the abortive plot of Dictator TRUJILLO and other BATISTA assassins to invade Cuba. He did this to save many Cubans from death and because he is an ardent defender of democracy. (X)(u)

"Through my good friend, Mr. RENE DECHARD, I have been informed that although Commander GUTIERREZ MENOYO attended several government functions, he (X)(u)

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On March 14, 1961, MM T-6, a confidential source abroad, stated that according to information put out by Cuban sources, the subject held lengthy conversations with Colonel RAMON BARQUIN LOPEZ, who was residing in Madrid at the time and who headed a Cuban arms purchasing commission in Europe. MM T-6 said that Colonel BARQUIN spent time in jail during the regime of former Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA for a plot against BATISTA, and was later released by CASTRO January 1, 1959. BARQUIN allegedly defected from CASTRO's Government in about August of 1960, and thereafter went from Madrid to Miami. *201.6*
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There has been criticism of the delay of BARQUIN in defecting from CASTRO, and speculation that his defection occurred only after he had been fired by CASTRO. According to MM T-6, the subject also was in contact in Madrid with one OSCAR ORAMAS, a Cuban mulatto, identified as a Cuban G-2 intelligence agent who operated out of the Cuban Embassy in Paris. *(X)(u)*
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On March 24, 1961, MM T-11, another Government agency which conducts intelligence and personnel investigations, advised that the subject furnished the following information on February 6, 1961: *(X)(u)*

Cuba Subject has Alien Registration Number A10 190153, and in addition to his full name, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, has used the names of LAZARO MARTINEZ MENDOZA, and has been called by the nickname GALLEGO. He has a present military rank of Comandante (Major) in the Cuban organization known as the Second Front of the Escambray (Segundo Frente de la Sierra del Escambray). He stated that the organization is presently inactive. GUTIERREZ was born in Madrid, Spain, on December 8, 1934, and is a Cuban citizen by decree by CASTRO. He is single, Catholic by religion, and has received ten years schooling. He speaks Spanish and has fought against BATISTA since 1952. *(e)*

With regard to the name LAZARO MARTINEZ MENDOZA, this was used on an illegal passport in 1957 to gain entry *(e)*

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into the United States to seek aid in the fight against BATISTA. The name GALLEGO is a nickname given subject by his friends to denote his Spanish origin, and is often applied to individuals from the Province of Galicia in Spain. (e)

GUTIERREZ claims his rank of Comandante was accorded him by unanimous vote of all of the Escambray Mountain group on November 10, 1957. (The group numbered twenty at the time.) (e)

GUTIERREZ has been on semi-inactive status since January 1, 1959, at which time the Second Front was disbanded. However, he does not feel that he can be considered a bonafide member of CASTRO's army, since the Second Front was never officially incorporated into the rebel army. Accordingly, GUTIERREZ claims that as of the time he departed Cuba (January, 1961), he had no official title, position or standing in the CASTRO Regime. GUTIERREZ said that although his name appeared on the Cuban Revolutionary Army roster, he refused to accept any pay checks and does not consider himself a member of the Cuban Armed Forces. (e)

GUTIERREZ said he arrived in Cuba from Spain in 1948 at the age of 14 in company of his mother and two older sisters. They entered Cuba legally and did not flee Spain as exiles. (e)

Subject's father, CARLOS GUTIERREZ ZABALETA, currently resides at Linea and F Streets, Vedado, Havana, Cuba. His father, born in Madrid and a doctor of medicine, is a specialist in radiology, in connection with rheumatology. His father presently is associated with the National Institute for the Tourist Industry (INIT), and is Assistant Director in Charge of Therapeutic Mineral Water Facilities. His father fought on the side of the Loyalist groups in their revolution against FRANCISCO FRANCO in Spain. (e)

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His mother is MERCEDES MENOYO BANCOS, and his brothers are JOSE ANTONIO, who died in the Spanish Civil War, and CARLOS, who also fought on the Loyalists' side in Spain, and was killed March 13, 1957, in Cuba in the assault on the Presidential Palace. (C)

Subject's sisters are MERCEDES, SARITA, and MARITERE. SARITA is married to JOSE LUIS PARADAS (C)

Subject attended school for approximately ten years at Auxeas Mar Institute in Barcelona. GUTIERREZ claimed that he belongs to no political organization of any type, and has never been active in politics. He claims his only contact with politics was subsequent to his joining revolutionary forces against BATISTA in 1952. Subject claimed that during the early conflict against BATISTA, he was a member of the underground and his mission included sabotage and transportation of weapons to be used against BATISTA. However, he stated that no incidents of any consequence occurred during the early years of 1952-53. Subject mentions that weapons were stockpiled and later placed in the hands of revolutionists, and that assaults on Moncada and Goicuria camps took place. FIDEL CASTRO directed the assault on the Moncada camp and REYNOLDO GARCIA directed the assault on the Goicuria camp. It was around this time that the Federation of University Students (FEU) organized the Directorio Revolucionario under the command of JOSE ANTONIO ECHEVARRIA. The above assaults failed. (C) CUBA

On March 13, 1957, the assault on the Presidential Palace was launched by the anti-BATISTA forces. Subject was given the task of being liaison officer between the two main assault groups. It was during this assault that subject's brother CARLOS was killed while leading an assault on the Palace. (C)

In mid-1957, subject came to the United States to contact former Cuban President CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS and FAURE SHAUMON (CHOMON), leader of Directorio Revolucionario (C) CUBA

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forces. GUTIERREZ' mission with these people was a failure, and he returned to Cuba and organized the Second Front. He asked the 26th of July Movement of FIDEL CASTRO, the main fighting group in Cuba at the time, for aid, but it was never granted. All the aid went to CASTRO, who was in another mountain group in Cuba. Subject's group grew from fifteen individuals to approximately three thousand in late 1958. (c)

Upon CASTRO's taking power in Cuba after the successful ousting of BATISTA, subject's Second Front group was practically disbanded, which, according to subject, was due to the fact that none of the members of the Second Front were pro-Communist. Subject stated that FIDEL CASTRO kept some of the high-ranking Second Front officers close to him, but they had no command position. Subject said he attended official gatherings and had bodyguards, but had no command position. (c)

In July, 1960, FIDEL CASTRO asked subject to make a trip to the socialist countries, but subject refused. Subject stated that at this time he began planning his departure from Cuba, as he felt that FIDEL CASTRO was beginning to work against him, and that eventually a situation would occur whereby subject would be arrested and placed in jail. He said that because of his opposition to CASTRO's Communist actions, he was accused in newspapers, on the radio, and by rumor, with being with counter-revolutionary elements in bombings in Havana, and with involvement with groups of anti-CASTRO individuals who fled to the Escambray Mountains, and in GUTIERREZ' opinion, these were CASTRO tactics to build up the image of the subject in the minds of the Cuban people so that subject's incarceration could be justified. (c)

In view of this situation, subject fled Cuba in January of 1961. (c)

Subject stated that he is the owner of Eloys Club, which is a bar and dancing club located in Vedado, Havana. (c)

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Subject stated that in 1959 he received a contract from the CASTRO Government to demolish the old market place in Havana. Subject said that he fled Cuba, since it appeared to him that arrest, trial, and probable imprisonment by the CASTRO Government seemed imminent, and that in order to fight for survival and to reorganize opposition forces here in the United States, it appeared necessary to defect when he did. Subject said he feels he has been misled by CASTRO, and that since his value in Cuba had diminished, he felt he could be of more use in the United States consolidating and mobilizing resistance forces here to return to Cuba in a body. He said his immediate plan was to organize a force of sufficient strength and power to return to Cuba to overthrow CASTRO. (C)

Subject disclaimed any personal knowledge or direct contact with foreign advisers of any type in Cuba. Subject also claimed that he has only hearsay information and information from unrecalled sources concerning the military establishments and supplies in Cuba, and that he is not aware of any command relationships between foreign technicians and advisers in the Cuban Government. (C)

He did state that he believed there are about two thousand foreign advisers and technicians who had entered Cuba, and that these visitors were accorded preferential treatment. Subject claimed that the Cuban Army is presently equipped with Belgian and U. S. manufactured weapons, as well as Czech manufactured weapons, and he stated that weapons coming into Cuba from the Sino-Soviet Bloc were issued to the militia only. (C)

Source stated that the ~~Cuban~~ Revolutionary Army is composed of the same tactical forces which fought against BATISTA, and they are stationed throughout the mountainous areas and total approximately 30,000 to 40,000 men. He stated that the army is organized in the same manner as the U. S. Army, with a G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4 and G-5 (C)

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setup. The subject said that the primary function of the Revolutionary Army appears to have been changed from a fighting force to such tasks as operating labor battalions and construction battalions, and that the primary function of a fighting army has been delegated to the militia, which, according to the subject, could reach a mobilized force of approximately two hundred thousand men. Subject stated the militia is composed entirely of workers who cannot be separated from their regular tasks for an extended period without causing complete paralysis of all industry. Subject estimated that there was a permanent minimum of thirty thousand militiamen bearing arms at all times. (C)

It was subject's opinion that at the time of his departure from Cuba, the only group which could be considered loyal to the CASTRO Regime was the civilian militia, and that their loyalty stems more from CASTRO's constant reminders that they are the principal force to deter invasion from outsiders than from any deep-seated allegiance to CASTRO or his regime. Subject stated that the Chief of the Cuban G-2, which is the overall Cuban Intelligence Directorate, is RAMIRO VALDES, and that G-2 supervises all military and civilian agencies alike. He has unquestionable control over all investigations, both within Cuba and abroad. G-2 personnel in Cuba have been likened to the Gestapo, in both tactics, procedures and power. Subject said he has no personal knowledge of key G-2 personnel, outside of VALDES, but is aware that most of the key personalities have been recruited from the ranks of the Socialist Youth of Cuba, a known Communist youth organization. (C)

Subject stated that the person who answers to CASTRO direct on all intelligence matters is FALVIO BRAVIO. (C) *W.C.A.*

The subject stated that he has no conclusive information with regard to CASTRO agents operating in Latin America, although he did recall hearing from unrecalled sources that during the course of the Latin American (C)

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Youth Congress which was held in Cuba in July, 1960, some of the participants were selected and trained for sabotage and espionage missions in other countries. Those chosen were restricted to proven, loyal Communists and Communist sympathizers, but subject was unable to furnish the names of any of those picked. (e)

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