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On June 16, 1959, information was received from a reliable foreign source to the effect that the course had received information from an American intelligence agency on May 21, 1953, that one Guillerno Fuentes Gonzalez was expected to arrive in Kingston, Janaica, from the Panana Canal Zone by air on that date. Fuentes Genzales, according to the information received by this source, was traveling on a Mexican passport issued at Mexico City in February 1953 and was believed to have in his possession arms and marked maps of Cuba and to be a person connected with anti-Batista activities. The above source has advised that fuentes Gonzalez had already arrived in Kingston, Janoton, at the time the measage was received but that Fuentes Gonzales was located at the Myrtle Bank Hotel in downtown gingston. A

The source stated that Fuentes Consales was arrested on the norning of May 22, 1953, on a charge of tillegal importation of arms to the British colony of Jamaica, for the postemient the Nauser and a Spanish revolver and approximately thing the paying of ammunition. After a hearing

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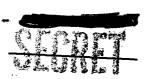


before a local magistrate, Fuentes Conzalez was remanded in custody and placed in the local jail. Thereafter, the balance of his effects was examined by the British authorities at Jamaica, at which time a large number of papers and a series of maps of the Island of Cuba and City of Havana were found. In addition, a pilot's license issued to Aurelino Sanchez Arango was discovered. This individual subsequently admitted that his true identity was Sanchez Arango and that he was the former foreign minister of Cuba in the Prio Socarras Government, which was overthrown by Batista. He indicated further that he was in charge of the underground movement dedicated to the overthrow of Batista and that he regretted very much his indiscretion in bringing the above arms into Jamaica. He advised that he had no intent to use the arms or to conspire in revolution in Jamaica but was an route to Haiti.

The above foreign source has advised that the British authorities had been unable to go into great detail regarding the intended revolutionary activities of Sanchez Arango. He, however, had admitted being en route to Haiti for the purpose of making a contact in Port-Au-Frince. Sanchez Arango had in his possession a round-trip ticket from Mexico City, Mexico, to Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. He denied, however, that he was en route to Ciudad Trujillo, stating that he had purchased this ticket merely to throw off anyone who might be interested in his destination. An examination of his Mexican passport reflected that he had been in Ciudad Trujillo in 1953 or someone using the identical passport had been there; however, Sanchez Arango denied having ever been in that city.

Sanchez Arango was found guilty in a magistrate's court in Jamaica and was fined 130 pounds or sentenced to remain an additional day in jail. He elected to spend the additional day in jail. The above source has advised that on the last day of his confinement, he called for and was given a water mail and matches for the purpose of burning his maps and papers which he did in the presence of the jail custodian. Sanchez Arango departed from Jamaica to return to Panama Canal Zone en route to Mexico City on Monday, May 25,

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