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On October 2, 1962, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he learned through Ambassador Gonzalo Facio of Costa Rica that he, Facio, was in contact with the subject. The subject is known to the informant as the former President of Cuba. (S)

Concerning this contact, Facio related that the subject had a long talk with Afonso Arinos, Chief of the Brazilian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in New York last week and learned that Arinos is afraid that "ill will" might result from the efforts made by the Central American Nations to influence Brazil's position on Cuba at the Foreign Ministers Conference. (S)

Facio mentioned that the Central American Foreign Ministers recently met but, that nothing was resolved at this meeting. Facio is of the opinion that the most that can be hoped for is a declaration of the recognition of the right of Cubans to rebel against the oppressive regime of Castro and the obligation of the Central American nations to support this revolt. (S)

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Facio indicated that the subject expressed concern that there does not seem to be any one definite person in Costa Rica and other Central American countries concerned with handling the Cuban problem. This makes it impossible for the different Cuban exile groups to band together under one leader as each potential leader has influential friends in other countries. Facio agreed and stated that there are so many different groups it is almost impossible to select one chief without alienating all the others. (S)

Facio stated that the subject had heard about the formation of an advisory group to the Agency for International Development consisting of former presidents of Central American countries. The subject is concerned that Cuba may be left out in view of the present Cuban regime. (S)

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Facio feels that at today's (October 2, 1962) session of the Foreign Ministers Conference, Guatemala will probably ask for a meeting of consultation on the Cuban problem as provided for by the Rio Pact of 1947. This action is probably the most that can be hoped for in the present atmosphere. Facio further feels that any economic sanctions suggested would be opposed by Mexico and Chile since they have commercial ties with Cuba. (S)

The "Diplomatic List", published during August, 1962, by the United States Department of State, refers to His Excellency Gonzalo J. Facio as Ambassador, Embassy of Costa Rica, Washington, D. C. (S)

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