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- 1. On 9 April 1962, Jose Antonio Sadurni Dagas (che "Che"), born
 11 April 1933, Santiago de Cuba; Miani address: F/o Eliza Sadurni Casas, D/o
 [1619 Meridian Ave., Apt. C-10] Miani Beach, telephone: JE 2-2641, was
 Interviewed.
 - 2. Source said that during the revolution he was a member of the DR in the University of Habana. After the revolution he went to the University of Origine, Santiago de Cuba, and eventually became the DRE chief for the city. In regard to his former DR association he had no operational leads, claiming that all contact with TR members terminated in 1959; and he knew no one who attained any stature in the Castro Government.
 - 3. As DRI chief for Santiago, the source claimed that he had 50 members who he considered well organized and carable of any type of action. He said that there were, and are, other members, but he does not consider them in the same category with the 50 who are organized into cells. He said each cell has nine men. There are four cells in the University of Criente and two in the high school.
 - 4. He said that he left Santiago in March 1962 and turned the DRE over to his deputy. He then went to Mabana and informed the DRE leadership that the second in command had taken over and he was told that Mabana would initiate contact with the new leader. (Note: Since close relations are maintained by the JEMAVE Station and the DRE, no attempt was made to press the source for names and addresses, etc., as this information can be obtained in subsequent outside debriefings. The JEMAVE Officer responsible for the DRE operational matters was informed of the source's arrival and processing.)
 - 5. Source said that at the time he left Santiago, the remnants of the Catholic student organization was trying to make contact with the DNE and he believes that by this time this contact has been made. He said that the DNE member who was following this matter, and who would follow through, was a blind person.
 - 6. Listing the arms and supplies in the possession of the DRE in Santiago, the source said that it has about 5-5 pounds of plastic remaining out of a shipment of 20 pounds which was received from the DRE in Habana. He said the DRE in Santiago placed bombs in places where the explosion would not injure anyone. As far as arms are concerned the source said that the DRE in Santiago has ten 5 caliber pistols; five 38 caliber pistols; one M-3; and one Town sun.
 - 7. The source furnished the following NUNDE-type information:

- a. He said that his father is in jail in Puerto Boniato, and that in order to try and get him free, the source went to see Major Belarmino "Anibal" Castilla, the chief of training for the Palma Soriano Military Encampeent, whom he knew from their days in the Santiago High School. Source made his plea and "Anibal" told him that before he could act upon it, he would have to talk to the source for five hours in order to determine his political orientation. The source replied that he did not come to talk politics but to plead for his father. "Anibal" answered that he would think about it and call the source one way or another, but he never called. Source thought that this story edequately demonstrated the (Communist) political orientation of "Anibal.
- b. The brother of "Anibal" (pera 6a above) is "Dertico" Castilla, first name possibly Alberto. He resigned from the army and is now living in Santiego, but the source is not clear on "Bertico's" political orientation.
- c. Electra Fernandez, the wife of Mendez Cominche (the Santiago G-2 chief), is no longer the civil head (comissionado) of Santiago. The is now the president of the Federacion de Mujeres Cubanas.
- d. The source has given a complete military map of Oriente Province to the DRE member he left in charge of Santiago DRE (see para 4 1 above). Information is passed from Santiago to the DES in Habans and the latter, in turn, is to forward the information to the States.
 - e. Source said that his contacts who work in Bicaro report that the Nicaro-Mayari Arriba area is restricted and that unknown types of military installations are being constructed.
 - f. The foreign instructors in the University of Oriente consist of Crechs and Chileans. The Crechs have started a new medical school in the university and the Chileans have taken over the Business Administration Courses.

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