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I am transcribing below, for your information and for appropriate purposes, the text of the note delivered this morning, Saturday, to the Spanish Embassy in Cuba.

"Havana, 28 May 1966

"Chargé d'Affaires:

"I have the honor of addressing you on a matter which the Government of Cuba considers of the utmost importance and gravity,

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since it deals with crimes that have been committed and activities that have been carried out against the integrity and stability of the state by Mr. JAIME CALDEVILLA Y GARCIA VILLAR, Press Counselor of the Spanish Embassy, who intolerably abused the diplomatic immunity and privileges granted him and used them for purposes, like those cited, that are very different from the functions assigned to him.

"With the purpose of documenting what has already been indicated, I take the liberty of informing you below in detail, of the charges which have been brought against Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA, proved in an authentic and irrefutable manner, and which compel us to formally and expressly request his immediate departure from the country persona non grata.

"The main activities of Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA are directed toward the search, by illicit means, for information of a

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military, economic and political nature, the fulfillment of tasks of ideological diversionism and the recruitment of agents and counterrevolutionaries for the Central Intelligence Agency, tasks in which he has availed himself of the very close collaboration of his secretary, Miss CARMEN JIMENEZ GOMEZ((A)).

"Since February 1959, Counselor CALDEVILLA has undertaken the job of recruiting members of the then Rebel Army, among them the traitor ALDO VERA((A)), MARIO MARRERO((A)), and AGUSTIN PARRADA((A)). The latter, once his activities were discovered, found it propitious to flee the country to avoid prosecution.

"Along this same line, he also used the aforementioned Miss CARMEN JIMENEZ GOMEZ, instructing her to infiltrate student organizations for the purpose of creating diversionism in the ideological order, and she established, for this purpose, intimate relations with Mr. PEDRO LUIS BOITELL((A)), ex-President of the

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University of Havana School of Engineering. When the latter was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment on the Isle of Pines, Miss JIMENEZ GOMEZ went there and carried out military and political espionage activities. The data and information that she obtained on that occasion were transmitted to Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA, and included microfilms.

"In February 1960 Counselor CALDEVILLA conceived a plan for an attempt against the life of the then First Deputy Chairman of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mr. ANASTAS MIKOYAN, a guest in Cuba, for which purpose he delivered arms to a group of counterrevolutionary elements. It was not executed, according to what Counselor CALDEVILLA himself claims, because of the cowardice of the assassins. He also sought refuge and protection in the home of his collaborator JOSE LUIS RODRIGUEZ((A)), for Mr. ISRAEL ZAMORA PEREZ((A)), a fugitive from Cuban authorities for plotting an attempt against the life of the Vice Prime Minister and Minister of the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces, Commander RAUL CASTRO RUZ,

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as well as a plan to create an incident at the United States Naval Base at Guantanamo. Later, Counselor CALDEVILLA arranged for the mentioned ISRAEL ZAMORA PEREZ to take asylum in the Colombian Embassy in Havana.

"In May 1962 he instructed his agents CARMEN JIMENEZ GARCIA and ALFREDO SERRA ECHEVARRIA((A)), an accountant at the Embassy, as well as other individuals, to infiltrate different organizations and offices of the Cuban State. The former went to work in the offices of the National College of Architects, where she established contacts with numerous professionals to induce them to desert, as well as to obtain data and information from the Congress of the International Union of Architects, where she worked as a simultaneous interpreter.

"The latter worked at the National Institute of Agrarian Reform where, if a break in diplomatic relations between Spain and Cuba occurred, he would be in charge of obtaining confidential information

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to supply to the enemy. In July and October of 1962 he distributed correspondence with instructions, received by diplomatic pouch, for the counterrevolutionary organization, the Revolutionary Student Directorate with which he maintained close relations through BLANCA MARTINEZ DEL HOYO((A)), JORGE MEDINA BRINGUIER((A)), and LUIS FERNANDEZ ROCHA((A)). The first two were national coordinators for civic resistance and strengthening of the Revolutionary Student Directorate, and the latter, a CIA agent.

"It has also been proved that Counselor CALDEVILLA's wife, at his suggestion, has maintained relations with relatives of political prisoners and counterrevolutionaries, inciting them to send letters of protest to foreign embassies and international organizations.

"On the occasion of the arrest of counterrevolutionary GENARO FERNANDEZ FOLGUEIRAS, national leader of the counterrevolutionary organization, the National Union of Revolutionary Institutions, he

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stated and offered evidence that Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA was to recruit him and give him training in arms and explosives, even within the Spanish Embassy, and instruct him in organizing an espionage network for the illicit procurement of military, economic and political information and in penetrating the Cuban-Spanish Friendship Society, whose building he was to occupy in the event the United States Government launched an armed aggression against Cuba. He was to be given arms and equipment at the opportune moment. In like manner FOLGUEIRAS was instructed by the former to distribute arms and relay guidance to counterrevolutionary groups in the event of this aggression. The espionage ring organized by the aforementioned is made up of eight persons who receive for said task the amount of 250.00 US dollars monthly and the promise of a deposit of 500.00 US dollars in an account in their names in a Miami bank.

"Miss CARMEN JIMENEZ GOMEZ, for her part, was entrusted by Counselor CALDEVILLA with the mission of directing an extensive

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espionage network in various State organizations, such as the Ministries of the Sugar Industry, Industries, Foreign Trade and Education, and the National Bank of Cuba. Miss JIMENEZ GOMEZ, on one occasion, supplied him with a directive of the nickel industry as well as a plan and a report with specifications on the type of arms, location, and personnel of the military installations of Managua and Matanzas which were delivered by LUIS ANTONIO COLLAZO DENNIS((A)), who is a deserter from the Armed Forces.

"In April 1963, when the Archives was penetrated by CIA agent RAMON GRAU ALSIN((A)) who directed an espionage ring, a note was found which confirmed that a certain message had been delivered to Counselor CALDEVILLA. In June of the same year, photostatic copies of the motions of the Student Congress on the Struggle of Peoples Against Colonialism were delivered to him by CARMEN JIMENEZ GOMEZ.

"During the celebration in Havana of the First Solidarity Conference of the Peoples of Africa, Asia, and Latin America,

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Counselor CALDEVILLA attempted to obtain the names and activities of the delegates, guests, and journalists attending, as well as reports on its development and agreements.

"In February 1966, he gave refuge in his residency to counter-revolutionary fugitive ALDO ABREU BACALLAO((A)), a convicted saboteur.

"The Cuban authorities have also learned through the statements of several arrested persons, that Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA uses the pouches and enciphered Embassy cables to receive and transmit instructions, reports, requests for information, and correspondence related to illicit activities and is personally in charge of deciphering messages in an office on the second floor of the chancery, next to the office of his Secretary, and is also in charge of reviewing and approving all of the material obtained in the country by his numerous agents and contacts before sending it abroad.

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"We were also able to prove the connection between Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA and the ex-official of the Spanish Embassy ALEJANDRO VERGARA((A)), whose departure from the [5G] it was also necessary to request, as well as the participation of both in crimes against the integrity of the State and the illegal removal of foreign currency and jewels from the country. Both kept as refugees in the Spanish headquarters two telegraph operators in charge of intercepting transmitted radio telegraph communications by means of radio sets. They also recruited a telegraph operator from the Ministry of Communications who was in charge of the espionage work of that organization. At that time Counsellor JAIME CALDEVILLA was personally concerned with verifying the reports supplied by these two individuals, with the aid of an employee of the Embassy, ADELA RODIL RODRIGUEZ((A)), and CARMEN JIMENEZ GOMEZ. He give direct orders to the latter.

"Both VERGARA and Counselor CALDEVILLA have known of the plans for sabotage and assassinations, including those against the Prime

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Minister of the Revolutionary Government, Major FIDEL CASTRO RUZ. Both were exposed by leaders of counterrevolutionary organizations, having offered, on one occasion, to supply to one group rifles with telescopic sights. The authorities have proof that one or the other maintains relations with the well-known counterrevolutionary leader MANUEL ARTIME, whom Mr. VERGARA visited in Miami sometime before the mercenary invasion was crushed at Playa Giron, in April 1961, with the knowledge of Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA.

"It has been known that Counselor JAIME CALDEVILLA has been dedicated, furthermore, for some time, to the illegal removal from the country through the diplomatic pouches of the Spanish Embassy of jewels and foreign currency delivered to him by different persons, on a basis of 20 percent of its value. In this way, the removal from the country of the possessions of ALVARO GONZALEZ GORDON((A)) and his wife MARIA TERESA VELASCO SARRA((A)) was facilitated.

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"You will agree with me on the importance of this matter, both painful and regrettable, since it is the question of an official of the diplomatic representation of a country with which Cuba maintains normal relations.. We trust that your understanding and collaboration will help conclude this affair as soon as possible. We also trust that the Spanish Government will adopt pertinent measures to prevent acts of this nature from recurring.

"I take advantage of this opportunity, Mr. Charge d'Affaires, to reiterate to you the testimony of my highest considerations."

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