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<p>Remarks:</p> <p>104-6304</p> <p>Re: Our meeting with [redacted] of 2 August and 30 August 1955 regarding information from [redacted]</p> <p>The five attachments were forwarded to [redacted] Los Angeles Field Office by [redacted]. Copies of the attachments will also be forwarded to the Office of Security.</p> <p>Would you please advise whether or not you have any interest in receiving further information from this source. Thank you.</p> <p>FIELD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER</p> <p>FROM: NAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. [redacted] DATE [redacted]</p> <p>CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL SECRET</p>														

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(LA-23672)

C/S. P. R. Herndon

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List of Attachments:

1. Letter from [] mailed 31 Aug 60 - "Application"
2. Letter from [] mailed 1 Sep 60 - Comment on Prof. Maurice Halperin, etc.
Enclosure to letter mailed 1 Sep 60 - Letter to R. E. Carles from Jose Manuel Paula, "Head of 26 July Club of Miami"
3. Letter from [] dated 16 Sep 60 enclosing a letter to Carles from Bergin Dockery
4. Letter from [] dated 12 Sep 60 re connection between Daily People's World and 26 July Movement in Los Angeles, and mentioning speculation that NSA defector Martin a CIA plant.
5. Bulletin of the International Committee for Cooperation of Journalists, No 4, June 1960 (Sent to C-7 only)

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Attachment 1 to OO-2-318755

Letter to Paul Wendt, Chairman, for representation of case for removal of
In the light of recent developments, i.e., the appointment of the
Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Wash., D.C., Valentin Ivanov,
the mysterious disappearance of two members of the National Security Dept.
(Mathematical Code Intelligence Dept.) etc.

Is it not about time that the C.I.A. considered fitting me in to a
program of infiltration into the Iron Curtain countries?

I have established myself as a loyal pro-Communist propagandist.
Reports, letters, news clips, essays and inconsequential information
has been passed along to Prague, Moscow, Peking and other Communist
sources for the past 12 years, until my identity as a reliable friend
has been established. Now my recent contacts in Cuba, Africa and the
Middle East have "cemented" closer identity with the International Communist
cause. I am ripe for an assignment either to Latin America, Eastern Europe
or the Soviet Union, preferably Moscow, Europe.

C.I.A. could have conscribed a "more conclusive" case against Valentin
Ivanov, First Sec'y at the Soviet Embassy if I had been called in on
the case. As Ivanov directed me to report to him in Wash., D.C. after
our meeting in San Francisco in 1957. (Nov. 2) Had the Federal Bureau
of Investigation or the CIA taken the initiative, the case against
Ivanov could have been more concise (?) and complete. As earlier reports
to Radio Moscow strongly suggested "Denunciation" of my American citizenship
in favor of defection to the Communist East, your agency could very easily
"plant" me in one of the Communist Block of Nations in Eastern Europe.
Such is the case in Cuba today.

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Attachment 2 to 00-1-211745

Letter to C/S in Los Angeles from Washington, D.C.

Enclosed a letter from Jose Ramon Lopez, Director of the Cuban Consulate in Miami and Director of Castro political education in Miami, dated 10/1/51.

Prof. Maurice Halperin, formerly of the U.S. Army, was introduced to me on some special occasion at the Lincoln Hall in Boston sometime in 1951. The occasion was an International Belt and Road Festival which was attended by Prof. Dirk Struik (Struik), former professor of mathematics at M.I.T., but then under indictment for advocating the overthrow of the U.S. govt. I met Prof. Dirk Struik several months later at an Inter racial House Party in Roxbury, Mass. sponsored by a "communist front" organization. Dr. Struik was in attendance with his wife and daughter, and was considered a celebrity. Prof. Maurice Halperin was also in evidence at certain Progressive Party of America functions. His name also appeared as a speaker at various Communist front organ. meetings. I met Prof. Halperin once again in the presence of Vincent Hallinan, one time presidential candidate for President on the Progressive Party ticket.

I have been in contact with Soviet Ambassador Sergi Kravtsov (1) (Ambassador to Cuba). Your agency could arrange for me to leave the United States with some (De-classified) military information. I could take the Mexico City, Havana, Prague, Warsaw, Moscow route.

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I remember the Soviet Embassy in Washington (the spelling). It was a very nice building in Washington in Wash., D.C.

If your agency would care to let me through the regular process, I think that I could be of invaluable assistance to you in the case of Eastern Europe.

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Atchafalaya, La. 70001, USA

Return address: [redacted] 70001, USA

Atchafalaya, La.
70001, USA

Dear [redacted]

Today I shipped via Railway Express your typewriter and the
R..... On hand many of your interested letters, you have to forgive me
for not answering sooner. I am very busy most of the time, will you under-
stand even if I delay you can be sure you have a friend here in Miami.

Things are getting worse here in Miami, the Disturbances are welcome
in Miami no matter the criminal record they have. These criminals are or-
ganize in what they call Comandos, the Comandos at nights they broke windows,
ruin automobiles, throw Red Paint in homes ect. ect. with the blessing
of the City, County and Federal authorities.

Well [redacted] I hope the typewriter be there soon.

Fraternally,

/s/ Joe

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Attachment 3 to CO-114634

Sept. 1954

Dear Phil:

Please treat all information I send you as being absolutely Confidential. And if your govt. agency is desired to "monitor" all future correspondence of mine, then I must ask you to handle it accordingly.

I expect letters from Tom May, the Govt. News Agency of Guinea; Mr. Ruttan at the Lycée School in Douga, Senegal; the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco; Radio Moscow; Radio Peking; the Castro govt.; and quite possibly correspondence from the Panama Canal Zone in the near future.

In the case of Mr. Deckery, I have written to him (as I know you would expect me to do) requesting the names and addresses of the various Communist newspapers and publications he is contributing to.

Respectfully,

/s/

Los Angeles 6, Calif.

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112 1/2 Rose Avenue
 Decatur, Georgia
 Sept. 7, 1960

Dear Friend;

I received your letter of August 27th just before moving to Decatur, and though I did not get to see Jose in person I did talk to Laria. She informed me that her husband had written you the week before; that he had already sent to you your typewriter and other articles. I hope you have received them by this time.

I am very glad to know that your article on Africa has been published. Such things as that keeps us on the front line of battle, so keep up the good work. I am also very glad to inform you that, through an address you gave me, the IOJ, I am now writing for three publications. One is in Moscow, one is in East Germany and the other is in Prague. Needless to say, I am a member, and a very proud one, of the above mentioned organization. As of this date my contributions have been very small, what with the moving and the changing of jobs and such, but I am in the process of setting up a system whereby I can produce and submit to these publications on a regular basis. I only hope my material will be acceptable.

I am not too surprised that you got something of the run-around while you were in Cuba. The government is young and inexperienced and learning, largely, by the trial and error method. Then too, you are an American, and to know what that means to a Cuban one must live with them for a long time. Perhaps I flatter myself but I think I understand them, and the next time you visit there I would like to give you a letter of introduction to some friends of mine in Havana. Through these friends I had no trouble in getting cooperation from both the offices of Juan Orta and Dr. Raul Roa. Had I known you were going to have the trouble you did I would have offered to assist you, though at the time, especially on such a very brief acquaintance, it would have seemed as if I were shoving myself forward.

I certainly hope you are successful in getting to Panama City. I would like to read some truth from there. By the way, if your duties ever bring you to Atlanta I want you to come to my house to stay, I want you to consider it yours as long as you like. We are poor working folks, but whatever we have I want you to think of it as your own. And if there is any way I can help the movement from this part of the country I would appreciate your letting me know.

The last expression in your letter has caused me considerable

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thought. You said: "let me know what you think about the whole show." After many hours of study I can arrive at only one conclusion: I would rather be dead than to be without my ideals. For even you know what they are, though neither I nor any one else knows how deeply ingrained they are, and at the risk of sounding melodramatic I say this: The sum total of a man's convictions are the measure of the man, and if he isn't willing to either stand or fall by them then his measure is rather small. Silly? Perhaps, but then, that's the way I feel.

I would be delighted to hear from you whenever you have the time and are disposed to write. I honestly think we should keep in touch with each other since those of our kind are so very few and since the opposition is constantly on guard. (You can bet your life you were investigated when you returned from Cuba, and the investigation was anything but "routine." Now the FBI, along with other government agencies, have reams of information on you.)

I close with this reminder, which is one of Raul Castro's favorites, though I think he got it from Spain's Pasionaria and she probably got it from someone else: It is better for one to die on his feet than to live on his knees. To this I add: Viva!

Sincerely

Bergen Dockery

Mr. Bergen Dockery figured in an earlier report on Castro-agents in the Miami area. Mr. Dockery or Dokery, alias A.W. Davis, etc. was at one time in the employ of the D.I.R. or Cuban Military Intelligence. (July 26th Revolutionary Movement.) He operated out of Miami, made frequent trips to Havana, Cuba, acting in various capacities.

Mr. Dockery's "Mail Drop" was used by Mr. [] while he was in Cuba. P.O. Box 55-597 Miami, Florida.

Mr. Dockery is a "Revolutionary-type", and as this letter testifies, he is deeply sympathetic with the Communist Cause. And such a man could be extremely useful to a "Quiet American" such as myself, should I ever return to Cuba. Mr. Dockery's contacts are a matter of fact, as the name of one of his "contacts" in Havana turned-out to be a Castro official well placed in the offices of Prensa Latina.

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Attachment 4 to OLC-7167456

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Sept. 22, 1961

Dear Friend: (written to G/S in Los Angeles)

Since our last telephone conversation I met with "Angela" of the Daily Peoples World at 524 So. Spring (Suite 422) here in Los Angeles.

"Angela" runs the Peoples World in L.A. Her Al Richmond, the Editor in Chief at 81 Clementina St. in San Francisco. The P.W. as you know is the Communist newspaper of the West Coast, and I began "infiltrating it" over 3 years ago.

Al Richmond, you will remember, was the man I ran into during a visit to "Hey", the Communist newspaper in Havana, Cuba.

My reception at the Peoples World offices last Tuesday (Sept. 6th) was very cordial indeed. "Angela" remembered me as being a left wing journalist and Communist propagandist.

The Peoples World is the "unofficial Clearing House" for all kinds of Communist propaganda in the Southland, (Southern California) and many of the Communist front organizations use its printing and editorial facilities to get out their material, i.e. announcements of forthcoming meetings, etc. The Peoples World can call upon the volunteer services of at least 100 "Peoples Workers" at any time. In fact, on the day I visited the editorial offices of the P.W. they were busy getting out announcements of some forthcoming rally or meeting and there were quite a few volunteer workers busily filling envelopes and addressing them which leads me to believe the P.W. must have a list of "active pre-Communist and Communist Friends" at the office.

I was introduced to a Mr. and Mrs. Kitterick who have taken charge of some phase of the editorial duties of the L.A. office. Mrs. Kitterick writes

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the California Communist Party, which is the only Communist Party in the United States that has a local newspaper. The Peoples World is published daily and its editorial staff handles all featured news items for the Communist office. However, "Angelo" is the real head of the Peoples World in Los Angeles - and his duties consist of more than just editorial pursuits. He is a Communist Organizer and handles the planning and of all Communist activities in the L.A. area, sitting in on the Advisory Council of the Communist Hierarchy in Southern California. Make no mistake about it, "Angelo" is an important figure in the Communist Party in California.

I fully realize that most of this report does not concern your particular agency. However, I mention it in passing because it does have a bearing

on the situation in Cuba. You see, the tie-in reads something like this. The Peoples World asked me to act as a go between for them in setting up a contact with Manuel Gonzalez, the head of the July 26th Movement in Los Angeles. This I did. I talked with Manuel Gonzalez on Tuesday (Sept. 6th) at 10 P.M. over the telephone. I reached him at his home - and after explaining the purpose of the call, he agreed to get in touch with Havana and to have the July 26th supply the Peoples World here in Los Angeles with the propaganda material they had asked for - at which time Mr. Gonzalez also confided in me that there was a noticeable influx of anti-Castro people migrating from Miami to Los Angeles and that the July 26th group here had certain information which lead them to believe that the anti-Castro White Rose organization had established headquarters in Los Angeles. However, Mr. Gonzalez said that his organization did not anticipate any real trouble from the anti-Castro people now living in Los Angeles inasmuch as the police here were much more tolerant and friendly towards the July 26th Movement.

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than the Miami authorities.

Gonzales led me to believe that his organization was performing a "good service" for the July 20th Revolutionary Movement in Los Angeles and he (Gonzales) felt that his group would continue to organize civil, church and public meetings in the future (pro-factory work, meetings, etc.)

One addity - The name of "Martin" the National Security Agency's defector popped up in a conversation I had with Mr. and Mrs. Rittenberg at the Peoples World last week. They were of the opinion that "Martin" was nothing more than a cleverly devised "plant" of the C.I.A. Why they should think that really puzzles me. But they assured me that if such were the case, the K.G.B. or Soviet Secret Police would make short work of him (Martin). Why they did not think the other defector was suspect remains a mystery to me.

One thing for certain - The Communist apparatus in Los Angeles is more affluent than suspected.

All for now.

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In re. GINA

Dear Sir:

To keep you abreast of developments in the working of GINA, I am writing you this letter. I have been thinking of writing you for some time but have been too busy to do so. I am involved in many other projects.

Since our last meeting, I have not heard from anyone other than John, Miami, or the Los Angeles office. I have reported to you earlier. I have not heard from either Mr. James Michael Smith or Mr. John Smith since I returned to the United States. Mr. Michael Smith, head of the Los Angeles office, has not contacted me further, since our first telephone call.

There was something I omitted when we last met. It concerns a man by the name of Joseph Louis. I met Mr. Louis at a social gathering in Chicago while enroute to Los Angeles after my trip to Cuba. Joseph Louis was introduced to me by a friend at the party, and we engaged in a very lengthy discussion regarding the Cuban situation and international politics in general. Mr. Louis took the opinion that Dr. Fidel Castro was the best person to lead the Cuban Revolution. He also mentioned the Communist Party in the United States. What astounded me was that Joe Louis was well known in all phases of the Soviet Embassy staff work here in ending the names of such Russian attaches and staff members as Khrushchov, Izakov and Ivanov. He also conversed briefly about Kachareff or Zocharov who is head of the Soviet Secret Police. As far as I was able to learn Mr. Louis lives in Chicago and is a post-graduate at Chicago University.

Also, since my return to Los Angeles, I have been informed that a former acquaintance of mine, one William L. Williams alias James M. Williams, lives in Hollywood. He is a former foreign journalist from New York. My informants tell me that he went directly to New York City from here and was last reported in Haiti. The proprietor of Terry's Bar in Hollywood received a postcard from Haiti. This was Mr. Williams confided in me many times that he had valuable contacts in Red China, and professed a strong desire to go to Communist China and work for the Red Chinese News Agency. Terry's Bar is located on Cahuenga Blvd. between Selma and Hollywood Blvd.

Until our next meeting.

Very

Yours,
G. I. Staff
James M. Williams

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sort of anti-American
 paper in Cuba. It is
 known with a few exceptions
 is the official newspaper
 of the Cuban Communist Party.
 It is known as the
 "Prensa Rebelde" or "Rebel
 American".

Sr. Carlos Prangui was at one time
 the Cuban Communist Party's
 secretary-treasurer. It is a well-known fact
 enough in the matter of the party's
 in this capacity. In fact, it is
 the official Communist paper in Cuba.
 (in Mr. Paula's presence) that Carlos Prangui
 entangle "party funds" while in office, and this against
 Sr. Prangui such disgrace that he was
 the Cuban Communist Party. However, this same man now di-
 rectly the Castro gov't's official newspaper, "De Revolution"
 which is more Red than the less influential Communist news-
 paper "Key".

Whether or not Sr. Carlos Prangui has been re-instated
 in the Cuban Communist Party is anyone's guess. The fact
 remains that Prangui is the director of Red-tainted anti-
 American "De Revolution".

"De Revolution" or "Revolution" as it is more popularly
 referred to, delts on printing anti-American speeches by
 Fidel Castro and other July 26th leaders. It prints copy
 favorable to the Soviet Union and Red China. It always ap-
 plauds the Trade Pacts between the Castro gov't and the
 United States. It publishes stories with pictures of student groups from
 other latin american countries which visit Cuba and pass
 favorable comment on the July 26th Revolutionary gov't.
 "De Revolution" encourages other gov't. bureaus to campaign
 for "Cultural Exchanges" between other latin american coun-
 tries and Cuba. It puts out the Royal Red Carpet to visit-
 ing students from latin american universities and politi-
 cal groups. The staff of journalists and photographers at
 "Revolution" pamper the visiting students with special in-
 terviews, picture-taking and VIP treatment. In conjunction
 with this, the July 26th Organization or I.N.I.T put the
 "latin students" up at gov't. operated hotels near Havana
 University where they are exposed to disciplined teams of
 Communist students who endeavor to give them a refresher
 course in Communist indoctrination. Special side-trips to
 Cooperatives and housing projects are also included in
 their itinerary.

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Pastoral Letters have been read in Santiago de Cuba and Havana. The Catholic church's "Silent Protest" demonstration have Dr. Fidel Castro carried more than the other clashes between anti-communists and Catholics and with both factions. Violent Demonstrations Dr. Castro can understand and try to cope with, but Silent Protests organized by the church in another matter. Dr. [redacted] observed hundreds of automobiles in Havana bearing the all too familiar sticker on the rear-view windshield of some Roman Catholic Saint. This is an example of the Roman Catholic Church's "Silent Protest" measures. This view carefully read corners at various parish throughout Havana and Cuba itself is beginning to fear Dr. Fidel Castro more than the alleged forces of aggression by the United States.

Should the anti-Castro "Cuban Aristocracy" and the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba ever join forces; then Dr. Fidel Castro would be in for serious trouble. For the so-called Cuban Aristocracy does not make any bones about their feelings regarding the insane economical policies of the Castro govt. The same policies which have made many an influential Cuban businessman complain bitterly of losses in ~~the~~ ^{his} investments and profits. The Cuban Aristocracy has been pushed to the wall, as it were. They have been living just as high and catfished as when President Batista was in power, but, the "tight money" problem, plus poor commerce and trade under the shaky economy of the Castro regime has forced them to dig deeper into their banking accounts. Just how long the High Living Cuban Aristocracy will go along with Dr. Castro and his plans to "socialize" his country and his people along skill-less family Communist International lines is open to speculation. However, should the Cuban moneyed class ever decide to throw their full support behind an all-out attempt to overthrow the Communism-dedicated Castro July 26th govt., then Fidel Castro would face a showdown with not only the disaffected Roman Catholic population but also the influential Cuban Aristocracy.

In the event of such a co-alition between the Cuban Aristocracy and the Roman Catholic church violent demonstrations and internal disorder would arise the complacency of the Castro Govt. forcing it to take retaliatory measures. And once a state of civil war existed throwing the country into chaos; then the Organization of American States could step-in and with or without United Nations sanction send a latin american police force to the republic of Cuba. Such an International Police Action set-forth to protect the best interests of the Western Hemisphere could not be labeled "Foreign Intervention by the United States. And in all likelihood Cuba will be beset by internal strife in the very near future.

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Mr. Rafaelo Arryba, Cuban foreign correspondent for the National Guardian, a leftwing pro-Communist newspaper, at 197 West 4th St., N.Y.C., was identified by Mr. [redacted] as an editor of Hoy, the Cuban Communist newspaper, and a member of the Communist Party in good standing. Mr. [redacted] Arryba, acting as the permanent press representative for the National Guardian in Cuba, often used the editorial facilities of Hoy to turn-out his weekly reports.

Mr. Arryba, as well as Mr. Al Richmond were both identified by Sr. Mario Blanco as being Communists in good standing while in the presence of Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Jose Manuel Paula. And Mr. Al Richmond, it will be remembered, is the editor-in-chief of the Peoples World, a Communist weekly published at 87 Clementina St., San Francisco.

When the Paula party left the Plaza Hotel on May 2nd at approx. 10:20 p.m. to taxi out to Radio CoCo, one of the Castro govt.'s controlled radio stations; numbered among the Paula group was a pro-Communist priest from Caracas, Venezuela, S.A. The official Castro govt. press, especially the July 26th Revolutionary Movement's mouthpiece, the Revolucion played-up this Red Priest (with pix) in their edition of May 2nd. Mr. [redacted] had an opportunity to talk with this Communist priest through an interpreter. Mr. [redacted] learned that the priest's bishop in Caracas had transferred him to a poorer parish because of the priest's Communist sympathies. However, the Venezuelan priest informed Mr. [redacted] that his transfer was highly desirable in as much as he would be able to work with "the poor and destitute" spreading the seeds of Communism. This was later born out in the pro-Castro Communist-tainted talk which the priest from Caracas gave over Radio CoCo.

The Soviet freighter "Gorky" arrived in Havana Harbor on May 4th or 5th, accompanied by still another freighter from the Soviet Union. At least, two Russian freighters were in the harbor at that time. The Soviet freighter "Gorky" is of particular interest to us in as much as it was the "Gorky" which was put on a "standby" orders for several days after discharging her cargo Benaytium while a particularly impressive "personage" was "intransit" in Havana. This international figure was none other than Jacques Monard (alias), the assassin of Leon Trotsky. Monard flew into Havana's International Airport aboard a Cubana Airlines airplane in the company of an official representative of Czechoslovakia, acting as a Czech Trade Commission representative to Cuba. It was no mere coincidence that the representative from Czechoslovakia was the traveling companion of J. Monard. As it was later learned that Trotsky's assassin had applied for political asylum in Czechoslovakia. All this, plus the fact that the Russian captain of the Soviet freighter "Gorky" refused to give his crew shore-leave while his ship was on standby orders to make-ready to take on a foreign passenger. The mysterious passenger?

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Cuba, cont'd.

During one of Mr. [] trips outside Havana in the company of Sr. Luis Martinez Paula (no relation to Jose Manuel Paula mentioned earlier) they drove to Santa Maria del Rosario and down to the coast visiting Cojimar, Guanabo and Boca de Jaruco. It was during this trip that Sr. Paula stopped at the beachhome of an American friend who is emphatically pro-Castro in his sympathies. This United States citizen maintains a home at the coastal town of Boca de Jaruco. This unidentified American is of particular importance chiefly because he uses his beachhome as the meeting place of Cuban Air Cadets in that area.

On the weekend trip to Vinales in Mantanzas province, May 20th and 21st, they passed the Academia Marina or Instituto de Marina, a military school for young Cuban Marines between Cabanas and San Vicente. In fact, the Carlos party (including Sr. Paula and Sr. Miguel Carrizo) picked-up a young member of this Academia Marina hitch-hiking to San Vicente. This military school is situated on a rolling hill --- set way back on the left-hand side of the main highway. It is adjacent to a small harbor with docking facilities. It is made-to-order for potential "Pig-pens" or submarine shelters.

While visiting Mantanzas province, Mr. [] Party visited a coastal town called Puerto Esperanza near Vinales. Besides the famous "Cooperative" located in that area, the [] party visited the ideally-located harbor of Puerto Esperanza. This harbor is of major importance in that it is put "off-Bounds" to visitors from time to time. This fact would suggest that Puerto Esperanza receives "Foreign visitors" from time to time. Foreign visitors in the form of merchant ships and tenders? What else, we cannot say.

Besides Puerto Esperanza, San Vicente, Camaricco, Cardenas and Caibarien, the names Cayo Largo, Zapata Swamps, Cayo Coco and Santa Lucia were mentioned repeatedly as having port towns or cities where a great deal of construction was underway. In as much as many of these places do not have any connection with local IERA projects; it must be suggested that these "new projects" are connected in some way with the alleged construction of new docking facilities, harbor dredging, shelters and rampways being built at the afore mentioned locations.

Returning from El Salado beach, Mr. [] in the company of Sr. Paula, passed two truckloads of Cuban Air Cadets (approx. 60) heading towards Havana. Upon inquiry, Sr. L. Martinez Paula informed Mr. [] that the Air Cadets were returning from basic training at a special airfield near El Salado. Mr. Paula confided in Mr. [] that the Air Cadets were using training planes and out-dated Jet fighters left-over from the former Batista regime.

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Visit to Vinales

While stopping over-night at the Hotel la Ermita in Vinales (Pinar Del Rio Provincial on the coast of I.R.I.F. July 25 & 26) Dr. Luis Martinez Paula, Sr. Miguel Garite and myself was introduced to the newly appointed "Director" for Vinales, a Sr. Gonzalez. It seems that the Castro govt. had appointed this young man to replace an aged and otherwise untrained Cuban who had been director in the Vinales district. Sr. Gonzalez confided in me that he had been educated in the states, attending colleges in Texas and North Carolina. And this young Cuban struck me as being a "Commie" appointed by I.R.I.F. to oversee the Vinales district. As it must be remembered that Vinales is situated close by Puerto Esperante and a much publicized Castro Cooperative, which is used as a "showplace" for foreign dignitaries; i.e. Anastas Mikoyan, Sukarno, etc.

The Hotel la Ermita and an additional hotel in Vinales are built on two picturesque hilltops overlooking the town of Vinales. Both motels were recently built by I.R.I.F. as part of the National Institute for Tourist Information's much publicized Tourist Attractions. However, both motels are situated in such a way that in the event of a large counter-revolution and internal strife within the province both could be easily converted into army barracks and fortified. Both motels command a broad sweep of the valley and town of Vinales below. Both are ideally situated to control the flow of traffic in and out of the valley.

At the Hotel la Ermita, we were introduced to a Cuban woman and her fourteen year old son, who reside more or less permanently at the govt. operated motel. I mention this in passing only because I think it significant. You see, both this woman and her son are "plants". Yes, they reside in Vinales at the Hotel la Ermita for the sole purpose of speaking-out well rehearsed govt. propaganda in favor of the July 26th Revolutionary movement. The woman's husband (by her own admission) is a lieutenant in the regular July 26th army. And while she did not speak english fluently, her son interpreted for her, and recited his words of praise for the July 26th govt. of Dr. Fidel Castro as if he knew his role by heart. It was obvious to me that these two were planted there at the Hotel la Ermita to talk to visiting foreigners; in order to convince them of the so-called Humanist's Intentions of the Castro govt. And I personally observed them talking with several other Americans during my short stay in Vinales.

In closing, I might add that in Vinales, I found the worst case of human poverty and destitution than in any other part of Cuba I chanced to visit. The children ran around the streets half-naked and the villagers were not as friendly to strangers as in other towns we visited. My guess would be that the economy of the Vinales district is "critical" and the townspeople not at all happy about conditions as they exist in Vinales. The local "Coordinator" for the Castro govt. had conscripted a Road Crew from the idle workers in Vinales to help pave the roads leading to and from the newly constructed motels in the hills.

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As an appendage to what I have already told you concerning my recent trip to Cuba, I should like to add the following:

During an impromptu (non-scheduled) side trip to Playa Barlovento or as it is better known, Barlo and Barlovento, a beach resort and marina located just outside Havana along the coast, Sr. Luis Martinez Paula and myself stopped to inspect the newly constructed tourist attraction, complete with cabins, restaurant, and docking facilities for all types of boats.

It was at this same spot, Barlovento, that Sr. Paula and myself drove down to the "docking area" used by the Castro govt to tie-up Cuban naval patrol boats. We left the automobile and approached a patrol boat docked at the far end of the wharf. It was similar to the ones used by the U.S. Coast Guard, with two 50 cal. machine guns on each side of the wheel-house. No heavy caliber deck-gun was visible. But, what was more important was the weird looking craft tied-up directly behind the Cuban patrol boat. It looked for all the world at first glance like an old wooden skow long overdue for the scrapyard. However, upon closer inspection, you could not help but observe that it was a "mock-up" or cleverly designed shell of a boat. Actually, it was built like a huge "Catamaran" sailing vessel, with two pontoons riding high out of the water. It had a mock-up bow to help camouflage its true design. This did not make too much of an impression on me at the time, although I did wonder about its weird design. But now, as I reflect back upon it, I suddenly realize that the ship in question would be ideal in servicing submarines at sea. The submarines could virtually rise to the surface while this "mother ship" hovered overhead, well camouflaged as an innocent looking skow, all the while literally hiding the half-surfaced submarine between her skirts, so to speak. For like a huge Catamaran, the mother ship has no belly and rides well out of the water between her midships underside. In this way, a submarine could rise beneath her, attach herself to the mother ship, refuel, and re-provision without being detected by any other ship or airplane.

Sr. Luis Martinez Paula showed a marked uneasiness being in the area of the Cuban patrol boat and mystery ship. He repeatedly looked back over his shoulder in the direction of the patrol boat to see if anyone was watching us while we were in the immediate area. (As it so happened, there was a sailor on the bridge of the patrol craft observing us at the time.) Soon after, Sr. Paula ushered me away from the area showing a pronounced nervousness as to our interloping on govt. property.

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