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**DATE OF INFO.** June 1959

**PLACE & DATE ACQ.** Cuba, Habana (29 June 1959)

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1. About 25 June 1959, a military junta was formed in Miami by Cuban counter-revolutionary groups who hope to overthrow Fidel CASTRO and hold immediate elections. The junta is headed by Jose Eleuterio PEDRAZA Cabrera, Cuban Army general under former President BATISTA, and includes Nelson CARRASCO Artiles, former Cuban Army colonel under BATISTA, and Roberto MELERO Juvier, a Habana lawyer and secretary to Carlos MARQUEZ Sterling, founder and head of the Partido del Pueblo Libre (PPL, Free People's Party).

2. Supporting the junta are groups headed by the following:

a. Reynaldo BLANCO Navarro<sup>2</sup>, a captain of the Revolutionary Army, and REQUEIRO (fmu) his deputy, both of whom are in Cuba; Angel NAVARRO, who uses the war name Armanio NOVAL, group co-ordinator with address at 1851 19th Street North-west, Miami 41; and Francisco RODRIGUEZ Temayo, aka "El Mexicano", a recent defector from the Revolutionary Army, also in Miami. REQUEIRO was scheduled to lead an uprising in the hills in Pinar del Rio Province on 10 July 1959.<sup>3</sup>

b. Nelson CARRASCO Artiles, group military chief who has 800 men in training on a bay off the Mexican coast; and Santiago ALVAREZ, a former Cuban congressman and CARRASCO's civilian co-ordinator, both in Mexico; and Roberto MELERO Juvier, in Cuba. One ARTILES (fmu) is the group's courier between Mexico and Miami.

c. Jose Eleuterio PEDRAZA Cabrera, who is in the Dominican Republic training men; and Frederic BOSQUE Cueto aka "El Gordo", a former Habana gambling figure who is PEDRAZA's civilian co-ordinator in Miami. BOSQUE is recruiting and sending men to the Dominican Republic. PEDRAZA is said to count on 3,000 men and 115 planes.<sup>6</sup>

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- d. Salvador MASPERER Rojas, who had already sent 200 boxes of supplies to the revolution of Las Villas since the beginning of 1957.
- e. Francisco BATISTA Zaldivar aka "Pancho", brother of former President BATISTA and former governor of Habana Province, who is giving money and food to the cause.

Other Incidents.

- 1. All of these persons have previously been reported to be actively conspiring against CASTRO.
- 2. Source has since reported that Captain Reynaldo RIGUEO Navarro, (C) Manuel BLANCO Navarro, his brother, and (C) Manuel BLANCO Canales, his father, were arrested in late June for alleged counter-revolutionary activities and that the latter two have been released.
- 3. This may possibly be connected with the official Cuban Government announcement as reported in the Habana press on 20 June 1957 that a shipment of small arms was dropped on 27 June by a small plane near Constancia del Sur in the province of Pinar del Rio. This is the first reliable information tending to confirm several reports from independent sources of an armed group of counter-revolutionaries acting in that province.
- 4. Possibly identical with Santiago ALVAREZ Rodriguez, a Cuban Senator from the province of Matanzas in 1953.
- 5. The Habana press on 29 June reported an attack on a small police post in Cartagena, Las Villas.
- 6. These figures appear to be greatly exaggerated. However, there have been at least a half dozen instances of planes dropping revolutionary leaflets in Cuba. These may possibly have been connected with PEDRAZA's "air force".

*CT. aka  
 reports of military jets found  
 in Castro 1957*

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