

**DISCUSSIONS OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WITH CUBAN EXILES REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF CUBAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE**

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PARAS 1-4: A CUBAN EXILE WHO WAS PROMINENT IN POLITICS AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL IN CUBA, SOURCE IS WELL KNOWN IN EXILE CIRCLES AND HAS REPORTED OBJECTIVELY ON EXILE POLITICS. SOURCE OCCASIONALLY RECEIVES INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM CUBA. HIS REPORTING HAS LACKED DEPTH.  
PARA 5: A CUBAN EXILE WHO HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP - REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE). HE HAS BEEN AN ACCURATE REPORTER ON THIS ORGANIZATION AND ON GENERAL EXILE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE ABOUT MID-1962.

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1. ON 23 DECEMBER 1964 BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VASCO LEITAO CUNHA SAID SEVERAL CUBAN EXILE LEADERS TALKED WITH HIM RECENTLY IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUBAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. AMONG THOSE HE TALKED WITH WERE CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING, CUBAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1958, CARLOS FRIU SCARRAS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF CUBA, MANOLO RIVERO, LEADER OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA (JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA, JURE); AND ANDRES MARZARTE SARGENT, AN OFFICIAL OF THE SECOND

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FRONT OF THE ESCAMBRAY (SEGUNDO FRENTE DEL ESCAMBRAY, SFNE).

THESE LEADERS WERE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THEIR PERSONAL AMBITIONS TO HEAD AN EXILE GOVERNMENT AND WERE NOT PREPARED TO SUBMERGE THEIR INTERESTS IN A SUFFICIENTLY BROAD REPRESENTATION.

IN LEITAO'S VIEW, AN EXILE GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE THE SUPPORT OF A BROAD MAJORITY OF THE EXILES AND ITS LEADERS SHOULD BE MEN WHOSE NAMES WOULD COMMAND RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE ON THE PART OF ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PRESENT CASTRO REGIME WHO MIGHT BE INDUCED TO OVERTHROW CASTRO. THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF SUCH AN EXILE GOVERNMENT WAS TO CREATE A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE A REBELLION INSIDE CUBA. LEITAO SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO FOSTER DIFFERENCES AMONG THE GROUPS IN THE CASTRO REGIME UNTIL THESE DIFFERENCES ERUPTED IN VIOLENCE.

2. LEITAO SAID THAT CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING WAS TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLITICAL INTERESTS OF BATISTA. FOR EXAMPLE MARQUEZ MENTIONED EUSEBIO MUJAL BARNIOL, LABOR LEADER UNDER BATISTA, GUILLERMO BELT, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON UNDER BATISTA, AND JOSE ELEUTERIO PEDRAZA, FORMER BATISTA ARMY OFFICER, AS PRINCIPAL FIGURES OF HIS PROPOSED GOVERNMENT. LEITAO REMARKED IN A SARCASTIC VEIN THAT SUCH NAMES WOULD HARDLY INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE ELEMENTS INSIDE CUBA UPON WHOM THE EXILES WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND FOR THE OVERTHROW OF CASTRO.

3. LEITAO SAID CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS WAS THE BEST QUALIFIED AMONG THE LEADERS WHO HAD TALKED TO HIM BUT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL

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TO OBTAIN A BROAD REPRESENTATION FOR AN EXILE GOVERNMENT AND HE WAS NOT CERTAIN PRIO COULD OBTAIN WIDE ENOUGH SUPPORT.

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4. LEITAO MENTIONED BRIEFLY THAT HE HAD TALKED TO MANOLO RAY, WHO HAD APPEARED WELL ADJUSTED BUT STILL BELIEVED HE COULD CARRY OUT RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES WITHIN CUBA, WHICH LEITAO BELIEVED IMPOSSIBLE IN VIEW OF THE TERROR AND TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES EMPLOYED BY THE CASTRO REGIME. ANDRES NAZARIO SARGENT ALSO TALKED TO LEITAO. NAZARIO'S THINKING WAS QUITE SIMILAR TO RAY'S.

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5. ON 21 DECEMBER 1964 ANDRES NAZARIO SARGENT SAID HE TALKED TO VASCO LEITAO DA CUNHA IN WASHINGTON ON 20 DECEMBER. NAZARIO SAID HE VISITED LEITAO AT THE REQUEST OF LEITAO'S WIFE WHO SAID HER HUSBAND WANTED TO TALK TO HIM. LEITAO ASKED NAZARIO WHAT ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, MILITARY LEADER OF THE SFNE, AND OTHER SFNE OFFICIALS THOUGHT OF THE EXILE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BY CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. NAZARIO REPLIED THAT THE SFNE OFFICIALS WERE AGAINST THE IDEA. LEITAO REMARKED THAT HE EXPECTED SUCH A REPLY AND THAT HE HIMSELF WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF IT.

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