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- REFERENCES)
- A. HKHA-3597, 8 August 1960
 - B. [redacted] 15 July 1960 (not received)
 - C. HKHA-6447, 8 June 1960
 - D. HAB/2587, 3 May 1960

1. On 15 December 1960 AMPREP-1 through investigators AMPAIN-4 and 5, furnished the following information on España Errante: *IMP, MLE*

This organization is part of the Movement for Spanish Liberation (Movimiento de Liberacion Espanol), which also includes the Spanish Republican Movement (Movimiento Republicano Espanol). The national co-ordinator of the movement in Cuba is Rodrigo DIAZ Altuna. The head of the "military" part of the movement or group is Rebel Army (Ejército) Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo. The co-ordinator for the Province of Habana is Mamel BARRENAS, a Jai-Alai player who at the present time is not in Cuba. During his absence he is being replaced by his brother Jose BARRENAS, also a Jai-Alai player. The BARRENAS brothers are both Spaniards. There are also provincial co-ordinators in the different provinces, and some of the municipalities also have co-ordinators.

The offices of the movement are located on Calle Paseo, between Calle 15 and Calle 17, in Vedado, Habana. The exact number of the location has not yet been determined, since there are no signs to indicate in which building it is. This matter is being investigated further.

It has been learned that within a few days there will arrive in Habana a person coming from Belgium who was obliged to leave that country because the authorities were persecuting him. According to the person who furnished this information, this person is well versed in all matters relative to the organization and functioning of this type of movement.

During conversations between the investigators and Spanish residents in Cuba it has been learned that the movement has had very little success in its propaganda work in Cuba. The Spanish residents all say that the leadership of the movement has fallen into the hands of the Communists who are active, one way or another, in Spain. It is the general opinion that a group of Spanish exiles in Cuba are using this movement as a means of earning a living.

One of AMPAIN investigators has been asked to be the co-ordinator of the movement at the Municipality of Marianao, Habana. He will accept this position unless he receives orders to the contrary.

2. On 24 October the same source furnished the following information:

The Army of Spanish Liberation (Ejercito de Liberacion Espanol) is a conglomeration of all the Spanish revolutionary organizations, of which España Errante is one. This movement reportedly does not accept the Spanish Republican Army (Ejercito Republicano Espanol) because the latter collected a certain amount of money and either stole or spent it badly so that none of it helped the cause. The movement accepts the leadership of General Alberto BAYO because of his connections with the Cuban government. The magazine put out by the movement appears monthly, and we hope to obtain a copy soon. The movement also issues "bonos" of different denominations and plans to use the money to buy

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arms and equipment. They are also counting on aid from other countries, such as Mexico and Venezuela.

3. AMREFF-1 furnished the following information on 21 December:

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On Fridays, over Channel-4 of TV-Revolution, between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m., there is a program called "España al Dia." Eugenio ~~RODRIGUEZ Casas~~ is in charge of the program, which is related to events in connection with the Cuban Government's campaign against the Franco regime. On 16 December, Dr. Alfredo ~~GUEVARA~~ Valdes, the director of Cine Cubano, was mentioned on the program as having called a meeting of all Spanish organizations to ask for the release of the political prisoners in Spain.

4. Attached for WE is a copy of a flysheet put out by the Ejercito de Liberacion Español. Source is attempting to obtain a copy of the magazine and one of the "bonos."

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Attachment:
Flysheet

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