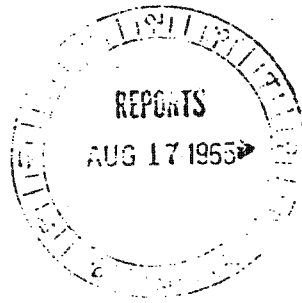


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SUBJECT Additional Background on the Abortive Raid of the Movimiento Democrata Cristiano (MDC) on the Distillery at Santa Cruz del Norte, Havana Province

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SOURCE: A member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961.

1. Field Comment: TDCSDB-315/02530-65, dated 27 July 1965, reported the plans of the Movimiento Democrata Cristiano (MDC, Christian Democratic Movement) to attack the distillery at Santa Cruz del Norte - Operation Cacahual - on the night of either 27 or 28 July. This plan involved the use of two craft, the BERNARDO II, a mother ship, and the VICKY I, an operational boat that was to carry the raiding party to Cuban shores. TDCSDB-315/02538-65, dated 28 July 1965, reported that the planned raid did not succeed because one of the craft in the raiding flotilla had apparently been intercepted by a vessel believed to have been a United States Navy vessel.
2. The following persons were aboard the VICKY I on 26 July 1965 when she was intercepted by a United States naval vessel bearing number W-42:1 Angel M. Hernandez Rojo, Placido A. Barbeite Freyre, Aurelio Pena, aka "Yeyo," and two other persons named Jorge (Inu) and Edgardo (Inu). Personnel aboard the BERNARDO II included Angel Vega Guillen, Adela de la Campa de la Torre, and Ricardo Garcia.
3. Operation Cacahual failed because the naval vessel began pursuing the VICKY I even before she reached international waters.2 Once she had reached international waters the naval vessel began signaling the craft in Morse code /using a blinker light/. The naval vessel then turned on several of her searchlights until one of them spotted the MDC boat. The vessel proceeded toward

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the boat, went alongside her, but the authorities did not board her. Since the deck of the vessel was considerably higher than that of the MDC boat, it was easy for the authorities to observe aboard her a 57-mm recoilless cannon, a 20-mm Finnish-made cannon, an AR-15 rifle, and two German machine guns. In order to avoid arrest and having their boat confiscated, the crew of the VICKY I decided to throw all their weapons overboard. Once they accomplished this, the naval vessel left.

4. The Santa Cruz distillery was selected as a target because it is the second most important distillery in Cuba and because the MDC had received information that a special gasoline to be used for military purposes was being distilled there.
5. As a result of the designation of Hernandez Rojo as chief of the MDC's military sector,<sup>3</sup> three raid operations were prepared between late June and late July. In addition to Operation Cacahual, the MDC has prepared Operation Maceo, which involves a naval attack against the radar installations at Cabo de San Antonio on the Peninsula of Guanahacabibes, Pinar del Rio Province, and Operation Machete, which is to be directed against the destruction of the refrigeration equipment at the fishing cooperative in Dimas, Pinar del Rio Province.<sup>4</sup> These two operations are expected to be launched as soon as circumstances permit.
6. The MDC has always had the policy of conducting military operations against Cuba, but it had not been able to do anything because of the lack of strength of Laureano Batista Falla, former military leader of the MDC. Batista Falla had knowledge of Operation Cacahual, but he did not participate in it.
7. The military budget of the MDC is \$750. per month, which amount is received from Batista Falla's private funds. However, the MDC expects to receive financial assistance from its delegations in Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Mexico, New York and West Germany.

Field Comments:

1. The W-42 has been identified as a United States Coast Guard vessel out of New Orleans, Louisiana. The Coast Guard has denied the involvement of the W-42 in this incident.
2. Another source, who has been trained in information collection and whose previous reporting has been accurate but lacking in depth, has reported that, according to Angel M. Hernandez Rojo, the crew of the VICKY I first became aware that they were being pursued when they were about 23 miles from Key West on the night of 26 July.
3. CSDB-312/01498-65, dated 24 June 1965, reported that Hernandez Rojo had been appointed chief of the military sector and was to assume his responsibilities immediately.
4. The same source recently reported in detail on Operations Maceo and Machete in UFG-7445.