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TO : Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Cuban Government in Exile
 Internal Security - Cuba

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 2 February 1961, your File No. 105-95357, subject as above.

2. The information set forth below relative to plans for the formation of a Cuban government in exile is for your confidential information and should receive no further dissemination outside your Bureau.

3. Negotiations are currently taking place between Manuel Antonio de VARONA of the Frente Revolucionario Democrático (FRD) and Manuel RAY of the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP) for the purpose of establishing a Revolutionary Council which would be representative of a broad stratum of Cuban political, economic and social thinking. RAY and VARONA have formed an organizing committee which is composed of the following individuals: RAY; VARONA; Justo CARILLO Hernandez; Manuel ARTIME de Buena; Felipe FAZOS Roche; and Raul CHIBAS.

4. The committee has drafted a tentative platform for the forthcoming Revolutionary Council and has additionally prepared a slate of six candidates, one of whom will be selected as Chairman of the Council. These individuals are Jose MIRO Cardona; VARONA; CARILLO; Carlos HEVIA; FAZOS; and Emilio MENENDEZ y Hernandez.

5. After the list of six candidates has been circulated in Cuba and among Cuban exiles, it is anticipated that the organizing committee will vote on the adoption of the platform, the establishment of the Revolutionary Council and on the chairmanship of the latter. In the interim, it is possible that the organizing committee may have been enlarged by the addition of Aureliano SANCHEZ Arrango and Jesus FERNANDEZ Hernandez.

6. Any additional data pertaining to the above matter which comes to the attention of this Agency will be forwarded promptly to the Bureau.

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