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If not inform me who you're passing for action.

7 to 5 - suggested reply attached

8th November, 1961.

Dear Cleve,

CUBA

On November 7th our Embassy in Havana telegraphed that the Cuban press published the text of a report issued by the Ministry of the Interior about counter-revolutionary activities carried out by the "Peoples Revolutionary Movement" (M.R.P.) and that further information was given in the course of a television appearance on November 6th of one of the leaders of this organisation now under arrest.

2. The Government report, which we have not yet seen except in telegraphed summary, claims that the M.R.P. was directed and supplied by United States Central Intelligence Agency and Department of State. Acts of sabotage said to have been planned by this organisation are listed: most recent being an attempt to assassinate Fidel CASTRO and other Government leaders early in October, which was discovered the day before it was due to take place. The report also accuses foreign Diplomatic Missions of having helped the M.R.P. by giving asylum to members and permitting them to maintain contact with other counter-revolutionaries still at liberty. Embassies specifically accused are those of Venezuela, Colombia and Panama. The Italian Embassy is accused of giving asylum to fugitives and of allowing use of diplomatic bag for transmission of reports and money to and from M.R.P. and other counter-revolutionary organisations.

3. The report includes a detailed account of M.R.P. organisation and personnel, lists those now under detention and states that large quantities of arms and explosives have been seized. It concludes by stating that the M.R.P. has been destroyed. This was also stated by the former National Co-ordinator of Organization, Reynold GONZALEZ, in a television appearance. According to him, all leaders of M.R.P. "even of second and third rank" are under arrest or have fled the country.

4. We should be interested in your comments on the above report and, in particular, whether its claim to have effectively destroyed the M.R.P. is in fact true.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Cleveland C. Cran.

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U.S. CONSPIRACY AGAINST CUBA

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(CHICAGO DISPATCH)

(TEXT) HAVANA--NEW PROOF OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM'S CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST FREE CUBA WAS MADE PUBLIC HERE TODAY. THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR ANNOUNCED THE DESTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION WHICH CALLED ITSELF THE MRP--"POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT."

DIRECTED BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, IT ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS IN CUBA AND PREPARED ATTEMPTS ON THE LIFE OF FIDEL CASTRO AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THE ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1950 WITH FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS MANUEL RAY RIVERO--WHO TURNED TRAITOR TO HIS PEOPLE--AT THE HEAD. AFTER FAILURE OF THE INTERVENTION AGAINST CUBA IN APRIL, RAY WAS DISMISSED AND REPLACED BY ONE IGNACIO GONZALES DE MENDOZA, NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, AND BY THE "NATIONAL COORDINATOR" OF THE MOVEMENT, R. GONZALEZ, WHO HAS ALSO THE LEADER OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY "CATHOLIC YOUTH" ORGANIZATION. GONZALEZ HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY CUBAN SECURITY ORGANS.

EVEN BEFORE THE APRIL INVASION MRP SABOTEURS SET FIRE TO HAVANA'S LARGEST "ENCANTO" STORE AND OTHER SHOPPING CENTERS, SABOTAGED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES, EXPLODED BONDS, AND CARRIED OUT TERRORIST ACTS. THEIR AIM WAS TO CREATE CHAOS AND CONFUSION IN CUBA BEFORE THE APRIL INTERVENTION.

IN JULY, AFTER THE ROUT OF THE INTERVENTIONISTS AND THE ARREST OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY UNDERGROUND, THE CIA SENT ONE OF ITS AGENTS TO CUBA, ONE P. MEDERES, TO REORGANIZE THE MRP AND OTHER COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GROUPS AND SUPPLY THEM WITH ARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND MONEY. THIS AGENT, ARRESTED BY STATE SECURITY ORGANS, HAD BEEN BRIEFED IN THE UNITED STATES BY CIA OFFICIALS GENERALS (BOWLING) AND TAYLOR.

THE RECENT INTENSIFICATION OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY UNDERGROUND IN CUBA IS A COMPONENT PART OF THE PLAN FOR A NEW ARMED AGGRESSION, THE CUBAN ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS. THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION IS PREPARING A NEW INVASION OF OUR COUNTRY. IT IS PLANNING TO USE AS MERCENARIES CUBANS, CITIZENS OF LATIN AMERICAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CUBANS AND PUERTO RICANS WHO HAD SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN THE AMERICAN ARMY. THEY ARE BEING TRAINED IN CAMPS IN FLORIDA, CENTRAL AMERICA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISLAND OF VIEQUES. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ALSO PLANNING TO USE THE GOVERNMENTS OF GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA, AND OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AGAINST CUBA.

IT IS TO THIS END THAT MEETINGS ARE BEING CONVENED OF THE LEADERS OF THEIR ARMIES, AND OF U.S. AMBASSADORS IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHESTER BOWLES. THE CIA SUPPLIED THE MRP LEADERS WITH DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON NUMEROUS ACTS OF TERROR AND SABOTAGE WHICH WERE STARTED IN SEPTEMBER. THE CLIMAX OF THIS CIA PLAN WAS TO HAVE BEEN AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF PREMIER CASTRO.

CUBAN SECURITY AGENCIES, ASSISTED BY THE WORKING PEOPLE, FRUSTRATED THIS PERFIDIOUS PLAN. ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLOT, EXCEPT ONE WHO ESCAPED FROM CUBA, WERE ARRESTED. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR ALSO EXPOSES THE UNSAVORY ACTIVITY OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN CUBA WHO MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE MRP.

CUBAN TELEVISION AND RADIO TRANSMITTED A STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL MRP COORDINATOR, GONZALEZ, WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY SECURITY AGENCIES. GONZALEZ CONFIRMED THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION AND LEADING ROLE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE CIA IN THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY TERRORIST AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN CUBA. THE WEAPONS, HE SAID, WERE DELIVERED TO THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES BY THE CIA ON SHIPS, IN PLANES, AND FROM THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO.