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On June 2, 1965, Victor Domindador Espinosa Hernandez, a Cuban refugee, was interviewed at the New York City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Espinosa advised as follows:

On May 29, 1965, he returned to New York City after spending twenty-six days in Paris, France, where he was in contact with individuals involved in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro and other Cuban Government leaders. The main figure in this plot is Rolando Cubela, a close friend of Espinosa and an intimate friend and current neighbor of Fidel Castro. Cubela is identical with former Major Rolando L. Cubela y Secades, who has resigned from the armed forces of Cuba and is now practicing medicine in Havana. Alberto Blanco, an employee of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, and Juan Almeida Toranzo are the other leading figures in this plot.

He conferred in Paris for about ten days with Alberto Blanco who was then on an inspection tour of Cuban Embassies and Consulates abroad. He learned that the plot is directed toward the assassination of Fidel Castro, his brother Raul Castro, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a Cabinet member in the present Cuban Government, and Ramiro Valdes, the Chief of the Cuban Intelligence Service. The assassination of these individuals is to take place in public, possibly on July 26, 1965, when all the Cuban leaders would be together at the annual July 26th celebration in Havana. After the assassination, those involved in the plot hope to seize the radio station and call for American help. Cubela and others associated with him in this plot desire to know whether or not the United States would help if the plot was successful and if

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the United States would be ready to give this assistance at a moment's notice as the plotters may be able to hold the Government for only a day or two.

He was in Spain for about twenty hours during his recent trip and in that country he contacted other Cuban exiles and learned that a man named [redacted] who is in charge of the Central Intelligence Agency Office [redacted] is aware of this plot to a certain degree. The Cuban exiles do not trust [redacted] and allege he has been compromised by a Cuban girl nicknamed "Tota," who was sent from Havana for the specific purpose of getting in contact with [redacted].

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He requested to be put in contact with a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, who was thoroughly familiar with the Cuban situation and knowledgeable concerning the individuals involved in the plot.

NOTE: Above information contained in New York teletype dated 6/2/65, captioned, "Victor Domindador Espinosa Hernandez, Neutrality Matters; Internal Security - Cuba."

Bureau files indicate Espinosa in 1963 was involved in a plan to bomb Cuba. Our investigation of this plot, which was not a Central Intelligence Agency operation, resulted in seizure of over a ton of dynamite and other material to be used in making bombs.

Bureau files indicate Cubela has been previously contacted in Europe by Central Intelligence Agency possibly with a view towards taking some action against Cuban leaders.

[Almeida Bosque] may be identical with person serving as First Deputy Minister of the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces. (S)(U) (4) (5)

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Intelligence Agency also by cover letter. In view of the sensitive nature of this information, it is felt dissemination should be restricted to these addressees.

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Information in memorandum orally furnished to CIA OFFICER C, Central Intelligence Agency 6/3/65, by Liaison Agent Papich. C later advised CIA OFFICER B Central Intelligence Agency, would contact our New York Office 6/4/65, in order to be placed in touch with Espinosa. Central Intelligence Agency plans telephonically furnished to supervisor Gallant, New York Office, 6/3/65, by SA F. X. O'Brien.

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