


(PL) = Pedro Lois DIAZ y la.
(M) = Jose MARCOS
(IC) = Fidel CASTRO

31 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Debriefing of Jose Marcos DIAZ y Lanz
28-29 July 1959, Tampa, Florida

1. Mr. Ben C. Evans and Mr. Joe L. Then arrived in Tampa at 1415 28 July 1959 and were met by Mr. Bernard Riechardt. We immediately went to the Hillsborough Hotel where we registered as Ben C. Elliot and John L. Taldy respectively, listing Department of State as place of employment.
2. Subject was in Room 215 with Mr. [redacted] Office of Security. We introduced ourselves to Subject as Ben Elliot and John Taldy.
3. Subject was using the name Mariano JIMINEZ y Gomez, which appeared on his I&NS identification slip.
4. Subject was debriefed, almost exclusively in English for five hours on 28 July and again for approximately the same amount of time on the 29th.
5. Subject was cooperative, responded to all questions, and appeared to be under no stress. He did inquire about his family in Cuba and the whereabouts of his brother Pedro Luis, but evinced no grave concern.
6. Subject's views, as related in the attached, are probably colored by his respect for Pedro Luis and a desire to demonstrate his brother's importance, stature, and role in the future of Cuba.
7. No security problems were encountered.


Ben C. Evans

Attachment:
Debriefing report

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PRESENT STATUS OF FAR

1. Juan ALMEIDA, a yes man to FC who can't fly and knows nothing about aircraft or air forces, has fired 19 officers from FAR since taking over, among them were the best pilots.
2. There are presently 13 or 14 pilots in FAR and only 6 or 7 are any good.
3. Status of aircraft.
 - Jets: Total 5. 4 will fly.
 - propellers: Total 20. 6 will fly.
 - DC-3 Total 4.
 - C-47 Total 2
 - C-46 Total 2. One in bad shape
 - DC-4 Total 2. One being re aired.
 - Bell Helicopt total 7 One burned recently
 - S-26 total (forgot to ask JM, but he did say they had no spares for them.
4. Ammo
 - 1.5 million rds .50 cal
 - 15 to 25 500 lb bombs.
 - "some" rockets.
5. have taken all 50 cal MG from F-47's and put on tripods for ground and air defense in areas where they expect attack.
6. All mechanics are former Batista personnel. Most replacement and repairs done by cannabilizing.
7. FC is trying to get jets from Venez. no details on this.
8. FAR employs 11 Chilean instructors at \$750/ea/mo. In the presence of JM, FC asked them if they were ready to fight for Cuba, and since they were hired for instructors they didn't know what to say
9. training. JM established a prep-school for persons who wanted to take the exams for flight training. Located at Saracoa, Havana. In Mar 59 had 350 students 190 of which were illiterate. F.C. told him that there was no need to take exams, that he didn't want any "fancy-boys" but wanted pilots like the Japanese KAMIKAZE that would go where they were told.
10. Other Air: CUBANA AERO POSTAL. Has 4 C-46's. Under direction of Capt Inu SEYDI who sends plane every 3 or 4 days to Miami to smuggle in arms. JM believes SEYDI is commie (See 46)

CUBANA Air Lines: FC fired all experienced pilots. Now operating at \$400,000 per month loss.
11. 26 Jul Forces Distribution: Havana: 3000 of which 1200 FAR personnel.
Cavana Fortress: 1500. Mantaza 300. Santa Clara: 300. Camaguey: 2500.
Santiago de Cuba: 3-5000. Pinar del Rio: 700.
POLICE: 3000 Havana
2000 Elsewhere.

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Personal Data

DJ3 1928
Education: Quit Mariana, H.C. in 1933. Did not graduate.
Flight Instructions: Private instruction at Santa Fe Airport in 1950

Family

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rel</u>
Sergio	39	US	Brother
Guillermo (Arrested when PL fled Cuba, but released and now studying architecture.)	25	Havana	Brother
Reinaldo	23	Havana	Brother
Jorge (Former pilot in 26, arrested and released)	22	"	"
Eduardo	20	"	"
Pedro Luis		"	"
Yolanda (Married to Captain Ricardo ZENOS, ZENOS ??? USAF, stationed in NY State with SAC. Ricardo has been ordered to Alaska for 3-6 mos, so Yolanda is in Havana to have her 4th child.)	32	"	Sister
Esther	15	Havana	Sister
Esther Lanz Garcia (Now taking shock treatments for nerv brkdw foll PL departure.)	50	Havana	Mother
Pedro Luis DIAZ Rivero		Havana	Father
Vicente LANZ Garcia (See)		"	Uncle

Position Inspector General, FAR. JM described this position as being the same as Deputy Commander or 2d in command of FAR.

Revolutionary Activity: Spent entire period working in 26 underground in Havana. Principal task was to arrange for shipment of arms to Santiago. In this regard he worked closely with Augustine CAPO See NOTE. Also worked with Major fru DIAGO in Havana underground.

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1. Father ~~FR~~ O'FARREL. ^{looks} Now that JM is out of Cuba, he, to O'FARREL to be his principal "contact man" between PL, himself and anti-CASTRO elements in Cuba. JM intends to have him come to Miami periodically for this purpose. He is forming a large anti-FC organization, is in touch with VASONA, MENOYA, BARRON, and dissident elements in F.R. JM has known him since 1956. He is about 50 and was described as being a damn fool for being so outspoken in anti-FC feelings. JM intends to contact him through the Catholic convent Padres Dominicos, San Juan de Lotren, located in the Vedado Section, Havana on 19th St between J&I

2. Rafael BOTELLO Located in Miami as principal ~~contact~~ for operations covering PEDRAZZA's plans and activities. Reports go directly to Capt Alfredo SIERRA ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A-2 F.R. and then to F.C. Has been in Miami for 3 mos. JM saw all these reports up until the time he left office. JM intends to contact him in Havana and see recent reports and get copies of all reports for his use. Feels BOTELLO will cooperate. According to Botello's reports PEDRAZZA has 6-8,000 men, 8 P-51's, 2 B-26 and a total of 30 planes. 5-700 men in Cuba. according to JM ~~xxxx~~, PEDRAZZA will attack Cuba within 60 days by land and sea, with landings on north coast. JM thinks NOYA permitted PEDRAZZA elements to land weapons in 2d Front Escambray with idea that F.C. and PEDRAZZA can fight it out then 2d Front can move in and capitalize on a weakened F.C. and seize control of situation. F.C. knows all the details of these preparations in Santa Domingo and therefore will attack. On the other hand TRUJILLO will encourage PEDRAZZA to attack Cuba.

3. Juan Fernandez CASTRO (26) Presently working in F.R. Inspector Generals Office. Loyal to PL & JM. Has a US resident's visa works with the "Canadian". JM intends to contact thru Father O'Farrel.

4. "The Canadian" Lt Lt in Canadian AF. F.C. met him on trip to Canada where he asked if he could come to Cuba and work with 26. Arrived in May 59. Born in Cuba of Canadian parents. Assigned to JM's office when he expressed knowledge of just how Russians work based on his experience in Occupation duties in Germany. Assigned by JM to work in the office of Chief Political Police & report on extent of commie penetration also told to cultivate Maria (see JM's secretary of F.C.

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- 5. Lt Afren PICHARDO(26) US citizen. Assigned by JK to work with special group which planning invasion of Nicaragua and report on details. This group, working directly under Raul Castro at a house in the Biltmore Section of Havana. On 25 or 26 June he reported that guns and people are ready for invasion at a farm in Pinar del Rio. J.M. can contact thru (3).
 - 6. Capt Alfredo FERRA (26) Chief of Intelligence FAR, resigned after PL fled but resignation not accepted by FC because he knew too much. F.C. asked him to work in his, the Prime Ministers Office, which he is doing but still retains responsibility for FAR Intelligence. See 2) JK feels that he and PL can count on him for support.
 - 7. Major Jose Mario CRUZ(26) ^{adjutant} Aide or adjutant (3d in command) to Chief, FAR. Fled to Miami after PL resigned.
 - 8. Capt Rafael EMBET (26) Paymaster of FAR. Resigned when PL resigned. In touch with MENOYA and OA. Now in Havana.
 - 9. Major Benigno DIAZ Best pilot in FAR, 19 yrs experience in AF fled to Miami shortly after PL resigned and sent JK word when he arrived HICK Miami. Fired by Juan ALMEIDA.
 - 10. Captain Hubert MANTET Excellent pilot fled to Miami
 - 11. Lt Manuel CARRO " " " " " "
 - 12. Capt Gaston BERNAL* Commander 3-26 aircraft. Remain in FAR, but Anti-FC.
 - 13. Capt Fran MIGUEL " Pursuit " " " " " "
 - 14. Capt Carrera ROLAS " Jet " " " " " "
 - 15. Capt Renaldo BLANCO Chief Supply FAR A-4 " " " " " "
 - 16. Capt Nestor ALVAREZ* Was pilot who flew FC back from Bogata in 1948. Resigned when PL left FAR and now in hiding in Havana
 - 17. Lt. Manuel CARRO* Pilot, FAR. Fired by ALMEIDA
- (*) Came to JK's house the evening PL resigned (1 Jul) and suggested they all "take to the hills" together and fight F.C. (12-16-17)
- 18. Maj Antonio TORRECILLA Fired by ALMEIDA, best pilot-navigator in FAR. Presently hiding in Havana.
 - 19. Capt Blas SALGUA (26) Fired by ALMEIDA. Pilot FAR. Probably in Hav.
 - 20. Capt Garcia INIGUE(26) " " " " " " " "

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35. Andres GONZALES Larrea. Chief of Base at San Antonio, May (Batista Field)
Member CP since 1935. Director of Political Indoctrination School.
36. 1st Lt. Arturo LINCE On 15 May sent to FAR Hq to be political/cultural officer for FAR. Very close to Raul CASTRO. PL objected and had argument with FC. JK thinks he is now in Texas doing some business with Bell Helicopter Co.
37. Doctora FRY BARRAZE Lives right across the street from convent where JK hid out. See (1) for address. Father told JK she old commie, and that on day URRUTIA ousted RAUL CASTRO met there with others for 4 hrs.
HAVA phone book lists:
LEONOR BARRAZUE at
19 No. 256 Vdo.
38. Maria (La Cabe Talle) in full name Wife of Major Delio GOMEZ OCHOA. Russian born and Secretary to FC. MARIA Wireska DZYNIEZYNSKA. Dec 8 7 Nov 21
39. Garcia VELIZ Chief Administrative Asst to Raul CASTRO.
40. Lt. Victor PINA Cardoza Lt Officer between FAR and RAUL's office.
41. Carlos Rafael GONZALES. Revolucion
42. Carlos FRANKUI Director Revolucion
43. Osmay CIENFUEGOS Brother of Camilo. Director of Political/Cultural Indoctrination for all Armed Forces.
44. Major Felice TORRES Military Commander Yaguaji, Las Villas.
45. Juan ESCALONA (Nears) 2d in Command, Santiago de Cuba. Close friend of Raul's wife.
46. Capt Ima SEMIDY Director CUBANA AERO PORTAL. 3 or 4 days before PL resigned told him he thought communism good thing for Cuba. Flies to Miami almost every day smuggling arms.

Camilo Cienfuegos

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OTHER INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED:

47. Alberto BAYO Cosgaya

Captain in FAR, pilot, suspected by JM and others of being a queer.

Alberto BAYO Giraud
Father, _____, training guerrillas at Tarara Beach in Havana. JM suggested that if we want details on what is going on at Tarara Beach that Roy Webster, owner of the beach, be contacted.

48. Camilo CIEZUEGOS

JM feels that while he is not a communist he is influenced by his brother (43) who is.

49. Capt fmw CARMENO (26)

In charge of arms and ammo for operations against Nicaragua. Pro PL. Wanted to resign when PL left FAR, but did not.

50. Capt fmw NAPOLEON

Described as working in same special group on Nicaraguan operations. (See 5)

51. Paul HUGHES

Also working with Nic ops group. JM said that contrary to press reports he (HUGHES) was never arrested.

52. Maj. Dr. Martinez PAIZ

26 Jul officer whom JM feels will support PL in any future undertaking and whom JM intends to contact thru (1)

53. Maj Sold MARIN

54. Maj Ricardo LORIE

" " " " and has good contacts with cattlemen and sugar owners.

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55. Savas ~~MANASIS~~ Member of a group called Captains of 26 Jul
JM was intouch with MANASIS through his father.
56. Arturo ~~HERNANDEZ~~ PL and JM's contact with the ~~XXX~~ Sanchez ~~ARRANGO~~
(AAI) organization
57. Comandante ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ Contact man between the CI/IR and the National
Association of Ex-Officers ~~affiliated~~ in which
PL and JM's father is active.
58. Vincente ~~LANE~~ Garcia Uncle of PL & JM who according to JM saved
the life of Ormay ~~CIENFUEGOS~~. JM stated that
Ormay was sentenced to death due to his participation
in a University student plot against BASTIDA

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INSTALLATIONS SUPPORTING FOREIGN EXPEDITIONS

Los Canos, Oriente

Air strip from which operations against Nicaragua were supported and will be in the future. Field has been prepared for night operations, is lighted and has radio control facilities.

Dos Rios, Rio Cauto
Orientes Prov

Large Radio Installation, equipment purchased from Switzerland. Completed ~~in~~ in March 59 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Construction supervised by Augustine CAPC, former Treas 26 Jul who now disenchanted with FC. See 23. This installation handles all traffic for expeditionary undertakings.

REVOLUTIONARY PLANNING GROUP

1. Physically located in a house in the Biltmore Section of Havana.
2. Works under direct supervision of Raul CASTRO who ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ does nothing more than pass orders to the group from Fidel CASTRO
3. Members of this group mentioned:
 - a. Lt. Afren PICHARDO (5)
 - b. Capt frn CARVENS (49)
 - c. Capt frn Napoleon (50)
 - d. Paul EUGHS (51)

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ORGANIZATION OF 25 OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ARMY. CHIEF: MAJ. GENERAL (150) OFFICERS.

FEATURES (CHARACTERS) OF THE 26 OF JULY ORGANIZED IN THE 6 PROVINCES
- AT - 300 GUARDIA, CHANG VALVERDE ET.

TRIPLE A ORGANIZATION
DR. AURELIANO BARRERO AZUAGA

RECONSTRUCTION DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION
CHIEF DR. ROAIGUEZ PINTADO, MADANI.
325 OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (200000000)

CAMAGUEY GARRISON
CHIEF: HUBERT MATOS
2500 MEN IN FULL CONTROL OF THE PROVINCE

CUBAN AIR FORCE
MAJ. ERICUS CARRERA S. ROJAS - CAP. MICHAEL
1000 ESCUADRON DE PERSECUCION (JET: T-33 - 52 - F RYS, P-51S)
CAP GUSTON BERNAL
1000 ESCUADRON DOMINADO (B-26)
CAP MARIO CABRERA
JEFE DE SEGURIDAD
CAP RINALDO BLANCO
COMANDO MAESTRO
CAP. CARACAS
IN CHARGE OF ARMAMENTS AND AMMUNITION DEPOT
CAP CARLOS MERLO AND ALL OF THE MECHANICS
IN CHARGE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

PRIME MINISTER OFFICE
CAP. ALFREDO SUAREZ

MILITARY 26 OF JULY RESIDENTS

FATHER RAMON O'FARRIL

JORGE VILLALTA

CAP. RAFAEL HUGUET

AN. LUCERO

PR. C(A) OR ANTONIO DE VIRGIN (O. A)

CHIEF: GUTIERREZ HENON
24th FUENTE DELESCANDRAY

DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO
CHIEF: FAUSTO GAYMONT

ORGANIZED IN THE 6 PROVINCES THROUGH THE AUTHENTIC PARTY LEADERS

1200 MEN STATIONED IN CAMP LIBERTAD.
300 STATIONED IN THE AIR FORCE.

ORGANIZED IN THE HAWAII UNIVERSITY AND IN HAWAII PROVINCE.

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ACTIVE GROUPS OF THE ORGANIZACION AUTENTICA (UNDERGROUND)

CHIEF: WILLIAM MCGIN
300 ARMED 1st FRONT SOLDIERS IN THE HILLS OF THE ESCAMBEAY

FACILITIES IN THE ESCAMBEAY HILLS FOR OPERATIONS.

2 AIR STRIPS THAT CAN TAKE C-47 AND C-46

ENOUGH GUNS FOR 3000 MEN AND AMMUNITION FOR 5000 MILES OF OPERATIONS

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26 JULY DISSIDENTS/MILITARY

FATHER OFARRELL

JORGE VILLATA

CAP. RICHARD HUGGET

CHANGING AT
THE 26th JULY
MOVEMENT,
ORGANIZED IN 6
PROVINCES
FATHERS: SUZMAN,
CALLE, VILLAVENDE,
ETC.

OA/PRI(A)
DR ANTONIO VARONA
ORGANIZED IN 6
PROVINCES THROUGH
AUTHENTIC PARTY
LEADERS

ACTIVE GROUPS
OF OA (UNDERGROUND)

CUBAN AIRFORCE
 ENDRIC ENRIQUE CARRERAS ROLAS
 JEFE ESCUADRON DE PERSECUCION
 (JETS T-33 - SEA FURYs - PS1)
 CAP. GASTON BERNAL
 JEFE ESCUADRON BOMBARDERO
 (B-26s)
 CAP. MARIA CABRERA
 JEFE DE SEGURIDAD
 CAP. RINALDO BLANCO
 CUARTEL MAESTRE
 CAP. CARMONA
 IN CHARGE WEAPONS AND
 ARMAMENT
 CAP. CARLOS MERLO
 ALL MAINTENANCE
 CONTROL OF MECHANICS

(MORE OFFICERS & MEN)
 1200 MEN AT CAMP
 LIBERTAD
 300 AF PERSONNEL
 (MOTR. W. MORGAN)
 300 MEN IN HILLS
 OF ESCAMBRAY
 - X - Y - Z - X -
 FACILITIES IN
 ESCAMBRAY TO
 SUPPORT GUERRILLA
 OPERATIONS
 - X - X - X - X - X -
 2 AIRSTRIPS TAKE
 C-46s
 - X - X - X - X - X -
 GUNS FOR 1000 MEN
 AMMO FOR 6 MOS.

DIRECTORIO
 REVOLUCIONARIO
 ORGANIZED IN
 THE HAVANA
 UNIVERSITY AND
 HAVANA PIER

- ☐ CONGOVE/ROCHAR/ORBINS
- ☐ CATHOLIC CHURCH
- ☐ POLITICAL
- ☐ MILITARY
- ☐ GOVERNMENT

VIC/AMMUN

CAP. RAFAEL HUACHT

MANUEL
CARRILLO
SANTILLAN
ORGAN
HILLS
NY
IN
TO
MIRILLA
TAKA
MUN
ALOS

ORGANIZATION
FOUNDED IN
THE HARVARD
UNIVERSITY AND
HARVARD COLLEGE

ORGANIZATION OF
EX-OFFICERS OF
THE NATIONAL
ARMY (150)
CMDC MANUEL
GONZALEZ

TRIPLE A
ORGANIZATION
DR. AURELIANO
ZANCHES ADAMO

CAMAGUAY
GARRISON
CMDC. HUBERT
MATOS
2,500 MEN

OFFICE OF
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CAP. ALFREDO
GUERRA