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Cuba

Alleged Plans to Assassinate
Fidel Castro Ruz

20 September 1965

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July to September 1965

United States, Miami
(8 August - 11 September 1965)

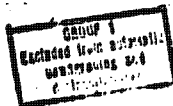
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A Cuban emigre with excellent contacts in the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP, Revolutionary Movement of the People). He has been an accurate reporter on this organization and on general emigre political developments since about mid-1962.

Field Comment: There have been a series of alleged plots to assassinate Fidel Castro Ruz, planned by various emigres and emigre groups in Miami. This report provides additional information on the plot reported in CUDB-312/01964-65 dated 10 August 1965, from the same source. The people involved are Jose Prince, "Rito" Pelaez, and Antonio Veciana Blanch, all Cuban emigres in Miami; an unnamed captain in the Cuban Rebel Army who had arrived in Miami from Cuba about mid-June; and one person in Cuba. Prince planned to solicit money in Caracas, Venezuela, to finance the operation. When he encountered difficulties in getting permission to re-enter the United States, he planned to send another person to Caracas to solicit money.

1. Jose Prince and "Rito" Pelaez, leaders of an alleged plot to assassinate Fidel Castro Ruz, said on 27 August 1965 that the plans were "coming along well," and that they had collected \$3,000 (U.S.) of the \$6,000 which is needed for the operation. However, on 8 September they said that their plans have been delayed for about a month and a half "for security reasons". They said that a communication was received from Cuba requesting the delay because "conditions were not right at the moment." It is not known when or how the message was received from Cuba. Also, the men said that the estimated cost of the mission has risen and they still need \$2,000. They appeared confident that they could raise the money, and that the mission would be a success, but were concerned with the effect that the delay might have on people who had contributed money and were expecting the assassination soon.

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2. Prince went to Caracas, Venezuela, in about the last week of July and planned to return to Miami by 7 or 8 August, after stopping in Puerto Rico for two days. However, he did not return until about 16 August.
3. Pelaez was interested in getting two poisons, potassium cyanide and curare, from Caracas. When Prince returned he brought a match box full of potassium cyanide which he had received from Arnaldo Schwerert Ferrer, leader of the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP, Revolutionary Movement of the People) in Caracas. Schwerert promised to get the curare and send it to Miami with a "responsible person" in early September. Pelaez said that the poison will not be used to kill Castro, but did not volunteer information as to their use.