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Debriefing of Cuban Refugees				MARKED FOR INDEXING	
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2. Albor, RUIZ Salazar, aka "Raul", was born in Cardenas, Matanzas Province, on 27 November 1940. He is unmarried and lives at Varadero Beach, Matanzas Province. He is a graduate of the Methodist school, La Progresiva, in Cardenas, and was also a first-year law student at the University of Habana. He is currently the provincial leader of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) for Matanzas. He was sent to the United States with a letter of introduction from "Cesar", national supply chief of the DRE in Cuba, to Juan Manuel SALVAI, the acting secretary-general of the DRE in Miami, and to two student leaders known in exile as "Bruno" and "Diego". The letter gave RUIZ authority to represent the Cuban National Committee of the DRE while he was in the United States. RUIZ gave the following "war names" of members of the National Committee of the DRE, but refused to give their true names: "Anibal", secretary-general; "Miguel Angel", secretary of organization; "Angel", secretary of action and sabotage; "Chino", secretary of propaganda. He refused to divulge his mission here until he saw SALVAI and other DRE leaders in the United States. He said he had no idea of the number of men they have organized, but he spoke convincingly of the strong and well-disciplined organization the DRE has in every province, except Pinar del Rio. He said he planned to return to Cuba soon with HERMIDA. He was very incensed at what he considered the mistreatment he had received at the hands of the U.S. Border Patrol and ODURGE in Key West.

3. Angel Jorge NOBREGAS y Heria, aka Jorge NOBREGAS, aka "Julian", aka "Coco", was born in Habana on 22 July 1924. He is unmarried. He said he was the co-ordinator of the Montecristi group for the province of Matanzas, and that, in his absence, "El Abogado" was to take over this position. He said he came to the United States with HERMIDA to find out the status of the group as far as being able to count on the United States aid for projects. He said that if aid is forthcoming, he will remain in the United States and act as coordinator-in-exile, if not, he will probably return to Cuba. He planned to stay with his brother, Leslie NOBREGAS (201-282504), at 6048 West 14th Court, Mialeah, telephone TU 8-4401.

4. Arturo MORALES y Casias was born in Alquizar, Habana Province, on 23 October 1931. He is married to Alicia SUAREZ Herques, who was born in Matanzas on 8 October 1938. They have three children who are with their mother at Playa 143, Matanzas. MORALES gave his address in the United States as Dorn Hotel, 155 SW 4th Avenue, Miami. Subject said he came to the United States in a boat with his brother and four other persons on 22 June 1961, and had returned to Cuba on 8 July on a mission for the Montecristi group and KUBARK. On this trip back he took two persons to Cuba, but after taking them safely to shore, he returned to the bay and found the boat had left. He was then forced to hide out in Habana until the present time. He too was critical of the treatment

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- "Cesar"
- "Bruno" - student ldr. in exile
- "Diego" - "
- "Anibal" - Sec. Gen. Nat. Committee
- "Miguel Angel" - Sec. of organization
- "Angel" - Sec. of action and sabotage
- "Chino" - Sec. of propaganda

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5. Jenaro T. HERMIDA y Rodriguez, aka "Tico", was born in Habana on 4 January 1919. His father, Jenaro HERMIDA, is deceased. His mother, Clara RODRIGUEZ, is living in Cuba. He is married to Lottie XIPOLLA, an American citizen who was born in Kansas City, Missouri. They have two children, a son Richard, who was born in Kansas City, and a daughter Marilyn, who was born in Habana. Wife and children are living at 20 Sidonia Street, Apartment 4, Coral Gables, Florida, telephone HI 4-4060. HERMIDA said he was head of a 26 of July Movement cell in the fight to overthrow BATISTA. When this was accomplished, HERMIDA took over the operation of the Rancho Boyeros Airport representing the 26 of July Movement. He was subsequently named president of Cubana Airlines. He said that around July 1959 he began to notice the leftist direction the Cuban Government was taking and resigned his position with Cubana Airlines and resumed his position with BOAC as district sales manager. It was at this time he broke off with the 26 of July Movement and joined the Montecristi group. He said his contact with this group was his brother-in-law, Dr. Belisario TELLECHEA, who is currently serving a nine-year prison term on the Isle of Pines. HERMIDA claims to be the leader in Cuba at this time of the Montecristi group. He said he came to the United States to meet with AMJAG. He said he had made contact with [redacted] an insurgent leader in the Escambray, and had with him a letter signed by [redacted] and his aide, Captain [redacted] in which they asked for a certain amount of military equipment. HERMIDA said he planned to see if, through AMJAG, it might be possible to carry out [redacted] plan to set up a military front in the Escambray. HERMIDA claims that his organization can count on about 4,000 well-disciplined men. He said his national committee was made up of the following persons, giving their "war names" only: "Prado", chief of sabotage; "Alejandro", chief of finance; and "Raul", chief of the professional groups. Subject said he had left orders with the group not to place a bomb or fire a shot until they have a major project to undertake. He was very upset over the treatment received at the hands of the United States officials in Key West. He planned to return to Cuba very soon.

6. AMBLINK-1 said that NOBREGAS and RUIZ claimed they saw a man at the CDURGE base who was known to them in Matanzas as a G-2 agent. His name is Jebo XALVAREZ, and he now claims to have worked in the underground with the 30 de Noviembre Movement and with the Organizacion Autentica (OA).

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