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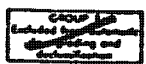
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SOURCE A former high-level Cuban official who was once active in the revolutionary movement and a confidant of Fidel Castro. He has always been anti-Communist and is now strongly anti-Castro. He continues to maintain contact with many Cuban officials at all levels of government. Source has provided a limited number of reports which appear to have been accurate.

1. Usually only a small number of members of the Venezuelan Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN) are being trained in Cuba at one time. The Cubans train cadres around whom large groups can be organized. Transportation is a serious problem when large numbers of trainees are involved, especially when it is necessary to travel via Prague.
 2. Fidel Castro Ruz is against sending Cubans as guerrillas to Venezuela or any other Latin American country. Since being condemned by the Organization of American States Castro is more cautious; nevertheless he continues to support the FALN and other revolutionary groups in Latin America.¹ It is rumored that some money and possibly arms are being channeled to the FALN through Ben Bella and Algeria.
 3. In early November German Lairet of the Venezuelan University Students' Organization was en route to Havana via Prague. Lairet planned to work in the FALN office across the street from the Fox Building in Havana.²
1. Field Comment. On the basis of conversations with different Cuban Government officials Source gained the impression that the FALN is possibly the primary recipient of Cuban support; the prize for Castro is big, but the more important reason for supporting the FALN is its fairly effective organization, which continues to operate in Venezuela.

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2. Headquarters Comment. Hoy, 21 November 1964, in an article concerning the week of solidarity with Venezuela held in Cuba, described German Lairer and Hector Perez Marciano as members of the FALN mission in Cuba. On 2 December Venezuelan Foreign Minister Ignacio Iribarren Borges said the establishment of a FALN mission in Havana constituted a "new act of aggression by Fidel Castro against Venezuela."

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