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COUNTRY: CUBA

SUBJECT: Cuban Exile Plans

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SOURCE: A source in touch with Cuban exiles whose information, whilst containing a certain element of emigre speculation, has been generally accurate in the past.

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Cuba: Exile Plans.

Although plans for a second invasion of Cuba have been drawn up by the Revolutionary Council, no action is contemplated for the time being in order to allow the repercussions of the last attempt to die down.

2. The main exile forces were not committed on 17th April, 1961 and there is no lack of trained men and equipment.
3. The Revolutionary Council is now concentrating on the following tasks:
 - a) the unification of the various anti-CASTRO exile groups
 - b) contacting anti-CASTRO groups inside Cuba.
4. The main lesson learnt by the Revolutionary Council, as a result of the recent failure is that no invasion can succeed until sufficient support is assured from members of CASTRO's Militia. No action will be taken until this support has been organized.
5. The Revolutionary Council will accept the services of a foreigner in the struggle against CASTRO, provided he comes from a democracy. The services of Americans in the anti Communist Legion now being raised in Florida and Texas will be welcomed.
6. Guerrilla activity inside Cuba has ceased under pressure of CASTRO's Militia. One of the guerrilla leaders in the Escambray named HERRIBE was flown out a week before the invasion and is now in HAWAII. Another named DUQUE is in hiding in HAWAII.
7. There is at present no Cuban exile activity in Guatemala or Nicaragua, and the camps in these countries have been closed down. New camps will again be established once interest has flagged and the Guatemalans overcome their fear of a United Nations investigation.
8. One group of 12 Cuban exiles who arrived in Guatemala from Venezuela on 19th April, 1961, found the camp there empty. They are now in HAWAII.
9. The Governments of Mexico and Brazil are manoeuvring to delay any solution to the Cuban problem because the present situation helps the sugar industries in both countries.

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