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1. Over lunch, Sofra Paz made the following observations:
2. Mario MENENDEZ, the Editor of *Sucesos*, has asked her to write some more articles for the magazine. She said she had seen a letter written to him by a woman journalist in Chicago teaching him the meaning of CISCLA (?) in that city on March 27. She said she understood that Menendez had been to the U.S. recently and that he therefore must have a valid visa, despite the fact (according to her allegation) that he is an agent of Fidel Castro).
3. She said that her cousin, Ruben DURAN, also came to the U.S. quite often without any difficulty, despite the fact (according to her allegation) that he entertained Lee Harvey Oswald when the latter was in Mexico.
4. Ruben's brother, Horacio CISNEROS, whose wife, Sonia, is employed by the Cuban Embassy, now works for Joaquin CISNEROS, the Private Secretary of President DIAZ ORDAZ. Through Horacio's intervention, Cisneros recently secured Gobernacion to clear a Mexican visa for the son of Eusebio MC CUE, who is the Cuban Consul in Mexico at the time of the Kennedy assassination.
5. Dr. Yolanda ORTIZ Ascencio was arrested at the same time last fall as Victor RICO Galian, but was released on payment of a 35,000 pesos bond. After her release, Dr. Ortiz then got from RICO Galian's mother all of the sensitive papers, documents, letters, etc., belonging to RICO Sofra

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Paz opined that she turned them over to the Mexican Government or perhaps the Cuban Embassy.

6. Carlos MADRANO told Señora Paz that in March there would be a student "protest" at ULLM led by Communist student leaders PAVAN and FLORES Urquidia, who are both in the pay of the Government. These student disturbances would then permit the Government to send down on its knees and perhaps even to send troops into the University.

7. A Communist friend, whom she refused to identify, told Señora Paz that a shipment of 50 machine guns had recently been sent from Mexico to Communists in Cuba.

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8. Manuel MARCUS Paredes, the publisher of Política, used to get money from the Cuban Embassy. Now, however, he is out of favor, and Señoras to the Cuban Embassy were fearful. At a dinner party late last year, Cuban Ambassador HERRANDEZ-Armas had spoken discouragingly of Marcus and said he would end up in jail with Rico Galán. Señora Paz said he always seemed very poor but that she assumed he received money to make trips to various Latin American countries as an agent of Edel Castro.

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9. Señora Paz attended a dinner party at the home of the Mexican Ambassador to the U.S., Hugo MARGAIN, when he was in Mexico following the President's meeting at the Anstad Dam. She said he lived in a sumptuous new house and had a fleet of private automobiles. The guests were mostly Communists who had formerly been members with him of a Marxist study group called Espartaco. At the dinner, Margain had earlier and emphatically denounced his criticism of the U.S. He described the shipment of relief supplies to the Tarahumara Indians as a deliberate attempt to try to humiliate Mexico. He added, however, according to Señora Paz, that there were three things wanting to bring the U.S. finally to its latest racial strife, drugs, and the final triumph of Mexico.

10. On February 10, Señora Paz told Mr. Sherman that the Cubans were willing to pay her a great deal of money if she would go to Havana and write a biography of Edel Castro. She said she had no desire to do so, and was in fact afraid to do because of the Conrad episode, but that she feared the offer tempting since Octavio Paz was no longer sending her any money.

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