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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Activities of Cuban-Trained Peruvian Guerrillas

1. The information contained in this memorandum supplements that sent to you on 11 May 1963. It was furnished recently by the same extremely sensitive source who underwent guerrilla training in Cuba and who has access to top leaders of the Movimiento de Izquierda Revolucionario (MIR).

2. The MIR continues its organizational planning for a revolution in Peru. At a meeting of the MIR in Lima, members discussed a plan to send an ultimatum to President-elect Fernando BELAUNDE Terry demanding that he set a date for the initiation of an agrarian reform program, as well as discussing other organizational matters. A second meeting was to be scheduled to discuss winning political backing for the MIR.

3. In Chiclayo, a clandestine Committee of the Youth of Chiclayo and a clandestine Committee of Adults of Chiclayo have been organized with a full complement of officers for each committee. Members of the MIR are located in Cuba and in the following Peruvian towns: Iquitos, Huancayo, Trujillo, Ayabaca, and Ayacucho. Funds are obtained from sources in Cuba, Algeria, China, and Korea. The MIR plans to get arms from the Army, the police, and from Aristotile GRASSIS. Luis de La PUENTE Uceda, leader of the MIR who has his headquarters in Paris, expects to win support from specific Army personnel up to the rank of major. The party plans to buy cars and station wagons to move personnel and material when the revolution begins.

4. Revolutionary action by the MIR is scheduled to begin in August. Main targets include the American Embassy in Lima, the International Petroleum Company, the airfields at Talara and Chiclayo, homes of Peruvian military leaders, and gasoline storage areas. With regard to the American Embassy, applicants for employment there (MIR members) would carry bombs in briefcases or on their persons and deposit them in lavatories and waste baskets. Source believes this plan will work because it is not unusual for these applicants to get tired of waiting for appointments and leave, to return the next day.

5. The Partido Comunista Peruano (PCP) is planning to send young Party members to Cuba for guerrilla training as part of its revolutionary program. There is no cooperation now between the MIR and the PCP.

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6. The Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional (ELN) has 20 members in the Cuzco area in southern Peru. The MIR does not intend to absorb them because Gonzalo FERNANDEZ Gasco, MIR leader in Lima, considers them nothing more than cowboys. When a member of the guerrilla group led by Hugo BLANCO, Fidelista leader recently captured by the police, asked that the MIR let them join, FERNANDEZ refused on the grounds that Blanco's group was penetrated by the police and Trotskyists.

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