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MOVIMIENTO RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO (MRR)

On December 9, 1963, a source of information on Cuban matters whose reliability has not as yet been established, informed that he has been in contact with Abel Mesa who has been designated a delegate of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario (MRR) for the Minneapolis area. He said that he is a frequent visitor of the Mesa residence, and on many occasions has entered into a poker game with Mesa and other Cuban friends. This source related that during one of the recent poker games, he learned that the MRR is sending a five-man team into Cuba once a month for the purpose of assassination. He said the principal targets for assassination are Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, and Che Guevera. This source speculated that lesser Cuban officials are probably designated for assassination.

This source advised that sometime during the summer months of 1963, Fidel Castro was traveling in a motorcade in Havana and had stopped approximately two blocks along the scheduled route to talk to some school children. Castro's car proceeded on and approximately two blocks from where he left his vehicle, assassins laced Castro's car with bullets and killed all occupants. The source was unable to recall the date; however, on this same day, he talked to Abel Mesa who informed him the word of the aborted assassination of Fidel Castro had been received in Minneapolis, Minnesota two hours after the event occurred. The source related that in this respect, the MRR has clandestine shortwave radios spotted in Cuba, and information is received in Miami after which it is relayed by telephone to various MRR delegates throughout the United States. The source informed that for the most part, MRR uses the telephone as a means of communication,

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within the continental limits of the United States. With respect to communications, the source informed that MRR headquarters in Miami contact its field sources in the United States about twice a week, and the business is not always confined to MRR matters. He stated that frequently a Cuban who has turned pro-Castro is identified, and this identification is flashed to MRR delegates, who in turn filter this information to all Cubans in the area.

This source informed that he has been advised by Mesa the MRR leaders in Miami have been identified as, first name unknown, Artime, Director of Military Operations, and Cesar Baro, Director of Political Activity. The source informed that he has received a letter from Baro inviting him to become an American friend sympathetic to MRR. This source advised that he has not accepted this invitation as yet but has the invitation under consideration. With respect to Artime, the source advised Artime spends a great deal of time in Central and South America making preparations for military training for MRR members and recruits. He said one area in particular is in an area between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, which area is supposed to be in dispute between both of those countries.

The source stated that from the information furnished by Abel Mesa and other Cubans, he believes that clandestine landings are being made by MRR members at Campechuela which is east of Santiago de Cuba. The source pointed out that this is strictly a speculation on his part and he has no concrete information that landings are being made at this point.

A second source of information who has furnished reliable information in the past on Cuban matters advised that she is aware of the organization known as MRR headed by Abel Mesa. This source advised that she has not developed very much information relative to the MRR, but recalled in a recent conversation with Rene Mesa, brother of Abel, and other Cubans whose identities she is unable to recall, that the MRR has a secret weapon which they call Barrigudo. The second source informed that the literal translation of Barrigudo is "big belly." She informed that she does not

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know the significance of this term and could furnish no additional information relative to the MRR.

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