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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

MM T-1 is GAUDENCIO CASTRO SOLOZABAL, Coral Gables, Florida, Financial Secretary of "Agrupacion Montecristi", PSI under development, who voluntarily furnished information to SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

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MM T-2 is ERNESTO DESPAIGNE, PSI under development, Military Adviser to the Cuban Revolutionary Council, who voluntarily furnished information to SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

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MM T-3 is CIA, Miami

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MM T-4 is MM 726-S, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD

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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Investigation discloses AGRUPACION MONTECRISTI's headquarters located Miami, Florida. JUSTO CARRILLO HERNANDEZ, General Coordinator of organization. Identities of Executive Committee and leaders of delegations in other cities throughout United States and other countries set forth. AGRUPACION MONTECRISTI first organized to bring about downfall of BATISTA regime in Cuba; however, is now dedicated to overthrow of CASTRO Government. Aims and objectives of organization set forth. Estimates set forth concerning strength and membership of organization. One source describes AGRUPACION MONTECRISTI as "paper" organization, basically very weak and describes it as not representative of an organization of any great strength in the anti-CASTRO field. Organization receives financial support from Cuban Revolutionary Council. JUSTO CARRILLO resigned from Cuban Revolutionary Council; however, continues to head AGRUPACION MONTECRISTI, which is a member of Council. [Group is represented on Cuban Revolutionary Council by JUSTO CARRILLO's nephew, FRANCISCO CARRILLO. Group had clandestine radio station set up at Miami, Florida. However, station inactive. Organization was engaged in transporting by boat ammunition, arms and other materials to Cuba, until November, 1961. Principal activities organization now in propaganda effort. Awaiting assistance from U.S. Government. Group not registered in accordance with FARA of 1938, as amended, as of February 9, 1962.]

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On April 12, 1962, MM T-1 advised that the activities of the AM are carried out through the financial support of the Cuban Revolutionary Council. He said that FRANCISCO CARRILLO, the nephew of JUSTO CARRILLO, receives three hundred fifty dollars monthly personally, for expenses, from the Cuban Revolutionary Council, inasmuch as he is a representative to that group. FRANCISCO CARRILLO has been turning this money over to the AM, in order that it might carry out its various activities. MM T-1 said the AM receives from fifteen hundred to twenty-five hundred dollars monthly from the Cuban Revolutionary Council, in order to carry out certain underground activities in Cuba. He indicated that the AM has received monthly financial support from the Cuban Revolutionary Council since about September, 1961. (S)(u)

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Cuba
According to MM T-1, the AM maintains an account at the Coral Gables First National Bank, in the names of FRANCISCO CARRILLO and Dr. G. CASTRO, the latter individual being identified by MM T-1 as GAUDENCIO CASTRO SOLOZABAL, Financial Secretary of the AM. The checking account of the AM is maintained under No. 41-784-640-4. MM T-1 advised that the expenses of the organization are itemized on a monthly basis, and submitted to the Cuban Revolutionary Council for approval. (S)(u)

VII. Factionalism

The "Diario Las Americas," issue of October 13, 1961, published an article which stated, along with other things, the following; translated from the Spanish:

The Executive Committee of the Montecristi Group wishes to publish the bases for its conduct in

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According to source, this set now installed in IRIGOYEN's home, will be used to transmit messages to Cuba and to communicate with a boat, possibly the "Barcarolle," owned by the Montecristo Group and docked at 8th Avenue N.W. near the bridge. ~~(S)~~(U)

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Cuba
On October 9, 1961, MM T-4, who is personally acquainted with CELSO LUIS PIMIENTA, advised he had learned that the latter individual had said an anti-CASTRO group called the 30th of November had purchased an HT-4 radio transmitter and a BC-348 receiver from Aircraft Radio Marine Company, located at Northwest 36th Street, Miami, Florida, for the sum of thirteen hundred dollars. PIMIENTA said this equipment was set up for clandestine operation in the home of a woman named LEONOR TALAVERA, located at 1500 Northwest 25th Avenue, Miami, Florida. PIMIENTA said a woman was going to operate the equipment; however, it was subsequently learned that the woman was not qualified to operate the equipment, and the idea was dropped.

PIMIENTA related that the 30th of November group thereafter contacted PIMIENTA and asked him if he would operate the equipment from the above described residence. PIMIENTA said he told the group he did not want to have anything to do with that equipment, but if anything, he would use his own personal transmitter.

PIMIENTA said he thereafter took his transmitter to the above described residence, but he never made a contact with anyone in Cuba, or any other country for that matter, and indicated he subsequently took his radio equipment out of that residence.

PIMIENTA said he believed the 30th of November group was bluffing, and contrary to their statements,

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Inasmuch as the organization is relatively inactive, no additional investigation is being conducted. Group will be followed through sources and informants; any pertinent information will be furnished to Bureau and Miami.

INFORMANTS:

<u>IDENTITY</u>	<u>LOCATION OF INFORMATION</u>
TP T-1 is SSOI ENRIQUE MUNOZ	TP 134-37A -6
TP T-2 is 52-S	TP 134-35A-55
TP T-3 is PSI JOSE ENRIQUE RAMIREZ	TP 134-92A-3

Other sources mentioned as having no information regarding this group when contacted in January, 1962 are as follows:

<u>DATE OF CONTACT</u>	<u>PERSON CONTACTED</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>
1/2/62	TP 48-S	SA JOHN W. ROUSE
1/3/62	PSI CANDIDO LANZA	SA JOHN W. ROUSE
1/5/62	PSI FRANCISCO MARTINEZ	SA RICHARD E. HEON
1/5/62	PSI EMILIO GONZALEZ	SA RICHARD E. HEON
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1/8/62	PSI ANTONIO DE DIEGO	SA RICHARD E. HEON
[1/8/62	PSI ROBERTO RODEIRO	SA RICHARD E. HEON] (u)
1/8/62	PSI FELIX MENENDEZ	SA FREDERICK A. SLIGHT
1/10/62	TP 45-S	SA HOWARD K. RUTHERFORD
1/12/62	PSI JOE FERNANDEZ	SA HOWARD K. RUTHERFORD
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