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- MM T-9 is BENITO FERNANDEZ, Apartment 24C, Hilltop Apartments, Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey. (S)(u)

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is being classified SECRET, as it contains information from a [CIA] report which was so classified. (S)(u)

Buairtel dated 8/16/67, requested Miami to check its indices concerning two additional Cubans who were displayed at a news conference in Havana and to furnish any pertinent information in a memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Miami indices reflect that the Bureau sent a letter to the Director of CIA, dated 10/8/65, regarding DANIEL RAUL GARCIA CAZANAS, wherein the Bureau stated that no record had been located at the Bureau concerning this individual and the Bureau interposed no objection to CIA contact with GARCIA to obtain foreign positive intelligence. (S)(u)

The Miami office also received an inquiry from CIA locally concerning any derogatory information on ANIBAL GARCIA. (S)(u)

Accordingly, a check was made with CIA locally and on 8/23/67, AUSTIN HORN, CIA covert, Miami, advised that both of these individuals were of operational interest to CIA and were captured while on a CIA mission in Cuba. Accordingly, no mention of these individuals is being made in the enclosed letterhead memorandum. (S)(u)

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Based on the information developed to date, there appears to be some indication that this operation was developed and brought to a head by the efforts of PLACIDO HERNANDEZ. Considering the manner in which the Cuban Government was able to capitalize on the incident from a propaganda standpoint at a particularly opportune moment during the OLAS conference in Havana, it is reasonable to suspect that HERNANDEZ delivered these men to the Cuban Government just in time to stage a "show" for the OLAS conference. It is further noted that HERNANDEZ reportedly was wounded while resisting capture and did not participate in the interview with the other four prisoners.

It is noted that ARMANDO MONNAR, who was at the meeting in New York City on 5/15/66, to organize LA REUNION DEL PUEBLO CUBANO, is very likely identical with ARMANDO MONNAR, who arrived in the United States in November, 1961, and was identified as a Cuban G-2 agent. It is also noteworthy that MONNAR appeared to have been a member of the same Cuban intelligence agency as PLACIDO HERNANDEZ and at the same time.

With regard to ANTONIO LOPEZ OLARRIAGA, also in attendance at the May, 1966, meeting in New York City, as well as being involved with PLACIDO HERNANDEZ in his activities in Miami, it is noted that he is under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in connection with a narcotics operation. LOPEZ is also described as a Castro sympathizer and is a friend of BORIS RODRIGUEZ SORIA (Bufile 115-639). The Miami file in this matter indicates that interview of LOPEZ could jeopardize this investigation, and accordingly a lead to interview him is not being set out at this time.

LEADS

U.S.A.

JACKSONVILLEAt St. Augustine, Florida

Will locate and interview JOSE ANTONIO CUBENAS, Post Office Box 1987, St. Augustine, for all pertinent information he may be able to furnish concerning HERNANDEZ and LOPEZ.

NEWARKAt Newark, New Jersey

Will interview PSI ISIDRO ALVAREZ for any additional information he may have developed concerning this matter.

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