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FROM Office of Naval Intelligence	COURSE Cuban Refugees	EVALUATION C-3
SUBJECT <i>Interview of Cuban Refugees in Key West</i>		REQUEST NO.

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Brief: The information contained in this report was received in reference (a) and is restated herein to facilitate wide dissemination. This report contains results of preliminary interviews of a number of Cuban Army and Cuban civilian personnel verifying information already known in some instances and contains some interesting comments on dissatisfaction with conditions in Cuba.

- The following Cuban refugees were interviewed on the evening of 26 Jan 61:
 - France SAGIN* *CUBA FLORIDA*
Francis SAGIN, Chief Comandante, Rebel Army. Founder of the "Second Front" movement against BATISTA. Has served in Habana since Jan 59. Intelligent, experienced, seemed reliable. Further interviews are highly recommended. (Contrary to the usual Cuban custom, this man uses the name MENOYO, and will be so referred to in this report).
 - Isario ESCENIO* *Cuba FLORIDA*
Isario ESCENIO Suarez, Comandante, Rebel Army. Intelligent, experienced, seemed reliable. Further interviews would probably be worthwhile.
 - Armando FLEITES* *Cuba FLORIDA*
Armando FLEITES Diaz, Comandante, Rebel Army. Claimed to be a medical doctor and a co-founder of the "Second Front" movement which operated in the Escambray Mountains against BATISTA. Intelligent, experienced, seemed reliable. Further interviews are recommended.

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P.O. Comment: Restatement of report received from U. S. Naval officials in Key West, Florida. Several of these refugees, **COMINT-12-MK-0000** in particular, appear to be worthy of further exploitation.

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