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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INSTANT DOCUMENT, THIS LETTER REFERRED TO ABOVE, WAS CLASSIFIED SECRET, AND BORE A NOTATION AS FOLLOWS: THIS MEMORANDUM CONTAINS INFORMATION OF AN OPERATIONAL NATURE, AND EXTREME CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO PROTECT THE CONTROLLED SOURCE. NO DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE MADE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF OPERATIONS BRANCH, COLLECTION DIVISION, OACSI. (S)

This letter was signed by R. D. ALBRO, Colonel, GS, Chief, Collection Division. (S)

This letter advised that a controlled source in Cuba reported information which he received June 29, 1960 from a close associate of his in frequent contact with Comandante WILLIAM A. MORGAN, Director of Restocking Rivers, Cuban Ministry of Agriculture. The source evaluation shown is that of sub-source. (S)

"About 19 June 1960, MORGAN held a meeting in his home with a group of five persons. Comandante ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO was the only one of the group identified by name; one other was identified as a Naval Warrant Officer. The group, described as members of the 'Escambray Group' and said by sub-source to be pledged against Communism, agreed that FIDEL CASTRO and his government are Communist. The group plotted an anti-CASTRO revolt at the meeting but sub-source reported no firm date for the revolt. MORGAN said that the time for revolt would be in about six to twelve weeks and for that reason he refused an offer from an unidentified Cuban Army Officer of keys to a warehouse which contains arms, ammunition, and trucks. It is not known whether the army officer (S)

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"was present at the meeting or whether the offer had been made at an earlier time. In their planning, the group discussed guerrilla warfare but in the end favored a plan to attack within the cities and to seize leaders, armed posts, and communication centers. The 'Escambray Group' believes that a financial crisis plus internal unrest will cause CASTRO's downfall within ninety days from date of information. (C-6)" (S)

(C-6 is the above-referred-to source evaluation.) (S)

"The controlled source noted at the time that MORGAN at the time is dangerous and vacillating and trying to stay in position to be with the winning side." (S)

The letter indicated that the following information was received from the controlled source in Cuba who had occasional personal contact with MORGAN. On August 31, 1960, MORGAN said that on the day that the counterrevolution begins in Cuba, he and his wife will travel to the Escambray hills, while his two infant children, accompanied by MORGAN's wife's sister, will seek asylum in the Latin American Embassy, from where they will seek permission to travel to Toledo, the city of residence of MORGAN's parents. MORGAN said that any attempt by MORGAN to seek asylum or to rebel, would invoke CASTRO's threat against his life, and he added that there were CASTRO spies within his, MORGAN's, group. (The source evaluation listed for this was D-6). (S)

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On September 21, 1960, a controlled source in Cuba reported that MORGAN talked as though anxious to take part in a counterrevolution. (This information was also given a D-6 source evaluation.) (S)

The letter continued:

"Prior to 31 August 1960, MORGAN stated that the 350 to 400 deserters in the Sierra de Santiago, Cuba, are there due to the anti-Communist sentiment which is the result of the intense Communist activities in Las Villas, Camaguey, and Oriente Provinces. The presence of these deserters in the Sierra de Santiago caused CASTRO to replace the Regimental Commander in Trinidad; to recall one thousand militiamen from the area; and to threaten drastic action if the counter-revolutionaries do not surrender soon. In the counter-revolution, the chiefs will be Comandante GUTIERREZ MENOYO, who has returned from Spain; (FNU) ASCENSIO, a lawyer; Comandante WILLIAM A. MORGAN; and (FNU) FLEITES. The planners of the counter-revolution feel that five thousand deserters will join their group thirty days after the revolt begins. The revolt will eventually cause the defection of one-half the CASTRO army before the beginning of the counter-attack or the obtaining of anti-Communist terms with CASTRO. (D-6) (S)

"On 9 September 1960, MORGAN stated that Comandante GUTIERREZ MENOYO has 'backed out' and has refused participation in any counter-revolutionary plot. He plans to return to Spain at the earliest possible moment. MORGAN stated that he himself will therefore be the immediate chief of the counter-revolutionary (S)

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"forces while (FNU) ASCENSIO will take over political command. Another troop leader will be Comandante (FNU) FLEITES. Approximately two weeks later, MORGAN stated that Comandante GUTIERREZ MENOYO 'still plans to return to Spain and to start a revolution against FRANCO. (D-6)". (S)

JFK Act 6 (3)

On October 7, 1960, Major [redacted], USAR, [redacted], visited the Miami Office and furnished the information set forth below, with the request that it not be disseminated outside the Bureau, including dissemination to Army Chief of Staff Intelligence. (C)

Major [redacted] identified himself as attached to Army Chief of Staff Intelligence (ACSI). He stated he was in Miami on a highly confidential mission and therefore desired that his information be maintained in confidence due to the sensitive nature of his mission. He said he was in Miami in an attempt to develop an individual named FRANK EMMICK as an informant to work in Cuba and that he had in mind attempting to develop WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN as an informant to operate in Cuba. (C)

[redacted] also stated that "their" man in Havana (an army officer working under cover), stated that MORGAN had told a close friend, not identified, that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO had considered some plan upon his return from Spain where he was reportedly attempting to foment a revolt against the FRANCO government, and that this plan concerned fighting in the Escambray Mountains; however, the plan had been dropped, and GUTIERREZ MENOYO was returning to Spain. The (C)

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above plan would have included action on the part of "ARMANDO FLEITES, MORGAN, GUTIERREZ MENOYO, and one other individual, not recalled, in Cuba". (C)

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✓ MM T-1 is [redacted] [redacted] former member of Cuban Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC), currently exiled in Spain, who furnished the information to the Legal Attache, Madrid, per letter 7/29/60 from Legat, Madrid to Bureau	105-2102-73
MM T-2 is Legat, Madrid letter to Bureau 9/27/60	105-2102-68
MM T-3 is ANTONY FARINAS, 3911 N. W. 12th Street, former President, July 26 Club, Miami, from February to August, 1959 (by request)	Instant report, page <u>5, 6</u>
MM T-4 is RICARDO MADAN RIVAS, 224 Lenape Drive, Miami Springs, Fla., currently under consideration for development as PSI, Miami	Instant report, page <u>6, 7</u>

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MM T-5 is MM 639-S,
contacted by
SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER

Instant report, page 6,7

MM T-6 is ADRIAN NARANJO,
Operations Section, Cubana
Airlines, Miami International
Airport
(by request)

Instant report, page 9

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		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - CUBA	

Synopsis:

Title marked changed to set forth additional alias developed by investigation - KIKO PERNAS.

REFERENCES: Report of SA WILLIAM A. WICHMANN, 6/9/60, Miami.
Legat, Madrid letter to Bureau, 7/29/60.
Miami teletype to Bureau, 9/27/60.
Bureau teletype to Miami, 9/28/60.
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