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ANTI-CUBAN PRESS AND RADIO COVERAGE

From 12 to 21 June 1962, officials of the Cuban [UN Mission] reported the text of the following press items and radio broadcasts unfavorable to Cuba:

1. A report appearing in El Diario de Nueva York which said that the State Department had started a series of seminars for diplomats and the United States military on the subject of techniques for combating internal subversion and external threats.
2. An editorial in the same newspaper which quoted an item in The Miami News stating that President KENNEDY had just received a report that Cuba has exported a large amount of Communist arms to Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Brazil, Paraguay, and Bolivia. The editorial remarks that the Rio Treaty and the Caracas Declaration could be invoked against CASTRO unless the Latin American leaders are afraid.
3. The statement of the counterrevolutionary, ADRES VALDES PINO, editor of the program "Bohemia Libre Puertorriquena," made during the radio broadcast over WBNX at 2300 hours on 8 June. He stated that the time had arrived for all to unite and reply to the call of Dr. JOSE MIRO CARDONA for aid. MIRO CARDONA, while in Central America, had requested aid and participation of the Latin American countries.
4. A report in The New York Times on 14 June, datelined Washington 13 June concerning United States anti-guerrilla training forces to be used in Latin America.
5. An article appearing in Diario Las Americas on 12 June stating that there was great speculation over the trip of Dr. MIRO CARDONA to Central America. While he is supposed to be "visiting various delegations of the council in Panama and Central America," reports are current that he had conversations with persons connected to the Government during his stay in Washington.

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RAMON BARQUIN was also reported as assembling equipment and forces for a scientifically organized offensive against the CASTRO forces.

Nothing further has been heard of the organization of a Cuban Government-in-exile located in Guatemala.

6. a. A report appearing in El Diario de Nueva York on 15 June entitled "Cuban Exiles Send Arms for the Escambray" which relates that the Cuban exiles have been moved by the stirring news reaching New York by secret channels telling about the heroic fight in the Escambray Mountains. The office of the United Revolutionary Front at 169 West 78th street receives equipment, medicines, and clothing every day for shipment to the forces in the Escambray Mountains. Among the executives of the United Revolutionary Front are Secretary General FERNANDO MELO, PEDRO YALOMA, GUILLERMO TARICHE, LOPEZ LACAU, and JUAN SUAREZ.

b. DIEGUITO TENDEDERA in the same newspaper reported on a meeting in Costa Rica of CARLOS PRIO, MIRO CARDONA, and AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO in which MIRO CORDONA received support from the others. He also stated that Dr. SANTIAGO REY was fighting JUSTO LUIS DEL POZO in the Battle of Miami. He believed that it would be beneficial.

7. A series of reports appearing in La Prensa on 15 June 1962:

a. An article, entitled "Enlistment of Cubans in the Army Begins", which reports that Rescate Democratico Revolucionario is enlisting Cubans for the army at 466 Eighth Avenue between 44th and 45th Streets in Manhattan.

b. An article entitled "Escambray Troops Under Heavy Fire", which reported that the rebels in the Escambray Mountains in the Banao zone had been under heavy fire for several days. The CASTRO troops were reported using napalm on the rebel troops under the command of Lt. TARTABULL. The CASTRO Militia was reported as dislodging the peasants from their huts, each of which was occupied by a group of 10 militiamen. A battle at La Esmeralda Farm was reported in which 3 militiamen and 1 anti-Communist rebel were killed. The rebel troops were reported as lacking sufficient arms for prolonged combat.

8. a. A report, appearing in the US News and World Report in the column entitled "Washington Whispers", which stated that there were rumors that something dramatic would occur in CASTRO's Cuba about election time.

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b. A report, appearing in the same magazine in the column entitled "Front Page of the Week", which stated that something is taking place in CASTRO's Cuba. The article was datelined Miami and told of the stories of the Cuban refugees telling about the battles, troop movements, and those killed. A meeting of 200 army troops was reported in Oriente Province.

9. Statements made by ROLANDO MASFERRER, Chief of the Unidad Revolucionaria on his radio program 19 June 1962:

a. The cooperation of the peasants with the patriotic commands is noteworthy.

b. Exile circles are expecting this week that the news of the unification of all forces of all origins and ideologies will be announced this week.

c. The return of the leaders from Costa Rica is expected.

d. A general mobilization of more than 10,000 Cubans is expected the first part of next month.

e. In his editorial on this program MASFERRER stated:

1) There is an atmosphere of optimism among the exiles who believe that the hour of war is approaching. They are convinced that the awkward, shortsighted, and troublesome policy which has tended to divide counterrevolutionaries into good, bad, and regular is at an end. Wisdom and good sense appear to have returned.

2) The Bohia de Cochinos marked the critical period when 1,000 Cubans landed instead of 10,000 whose enlistment was prevented because they did not belong to the right political faction.

3) Now military and political necessity has imposed a change. All Cubans can fight for their country.

10. On his radio broadcast of 18 June, MASFERRER said that the United States press related that CASTRO's Russian planes were conducting military maneuvers over Havana and other cities. He also said that it was interesting that ships bringing arms from abroad could enter Cuba at will and that, at times, even their own naval units had been destroyed.

11. An article, appearing in El Diario de Nueva York on 20 June entitled "FIDEL CASTRO is the King of Cocaine in the United States", stated that FIDEL CASTRO was responsible for the importation into the United States of large quantities

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of narcotics. One of the packages which had been confiscated was valued at \$8,000,000. This operation had been discovered upon the arrest of JUVENTINO PABLO GUERRA, a friend of FIDEL CASTRO. At his home in Woodside, Long Island, a headquarters of international Communism was found. There are doubtless other similar types of operations being carried on, such as the illegal traffic in replacement parts for aircraft, automobiles, and machinery.

12. Statements made by the counterrevolutionary commentator RAFAEL DIAZ GUTIERREZ on the radio program "Tribuna Democratica" over radio station WHOM on 20 June 1962:

a. The exile leaders have stated constantly that the hour of battle is near. Dr. JOSE MIRO CARDONA is on a trip to the Central American countries which he considers of great importance to the Cuban cause.

b. In Nicaragua Dr. MIRO CARDONA remained an additional 4 days during which time he exchanged views with the President, with the military chief, General SOMOZA, and with exile leaders. While there he stated that "we are near to the moment when every Cuban able to fight will take up his gun for liberty."

c. ROLANDO MASFERRER, head of the counterrevolutionary movement "Unidad Democratica" stated that the Unidad Revolucionaria wished to announce that it had given no money to the exile organization AAA.

d. MASFERRER, in his editorial on this program, said that if they excluded a single Cuban, it would be difficult to enlist 10,000 exile soldiers. All counterrevolutionaries must unite and there must be no discrimination.

e. Commentaries on this program were made by ARMANDO PERERA, ROLANDO MASFERRER, and CARLOS LUIS.

12. An article by DOM BONAFEDE, which appeared in a Miami newspaper, entitled "Clandestine Network Carries Rumor of a Blow against CASTRO". The message was sent to "HERMANO ATILACO" the cover-name of CARLOS RODRIGUEZ QUESADA, the Miami director of the 30th of November Movement. The plan, called Operation Aurora, will have international repercussions.

"Operation Aurora is being prepared with great speed and we believe that it can be completed before the indicated date if things continue as they have," said the message.

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The report stated that groups throughout the island are accomplishing the work of killing militiamen and informers, attacking small barracks, ambushing and destroying crops, equipment, and machinery and collecting arms.

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