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VISIT OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER, 1963

On October 23, 1963 a confidential source, contact with whom has been insufficient to establish reliability but who is in contact with Cuban individuals at Tampa, Florida, telephonically furnished the Tampa, Florida Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the following information:

There is a very strong anti-CASTRO group in Tampa allegedly lead by one (FNU) LEAL, which has intentions of securing a supply of tomatoes and eggs for a proposed demonstration at the time U. S. President JOHN F. KENNEDY visits Tampa in November, 1963. The group has no name but is the one that distributed anti-CASTRO literature on or about October 10, 1963 in downtown Tampa and on Bayshore Boulevard at Tampa. LEAL is reportedly an architect or engineer but his address and description are unknown.

The above information was supposedly given to the source by JUAN DEL CUETO, an employee of the Corral-Wodiska Cigar Company, Tampa, Florida.

On October 23, 1963 JUAN DEL CUETO, 3413 Fair Oaks Avenue, Tampa, employed by Corral-Wodiska Cigar Company, was interviewed and denied knowledge concerning any demonstration in connection with the visit of U. S. President JOHN F. KENNEDY to Tampa in November, 1963.

On October 22, 1963 a second source, contact with whom has been insufficient to establish reliability but who is familiar with activities of anti-CASTRO groups in Tampa, Florida, furnished the following information:

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CUBA
Representatives of a number of anti-CASTRO groups in the Tampa, Florida area have been meeting weekly on Thursday evenings for the purpose of uniting their efforts in furthering the cause against FIDEL CASTRO. This group bears no name, has no leaders as such, and allows a different person to act as moderator each week. About twenty five to thirty persons have been attending and various residences of those present have been utilized for the meetings until some type of neutral meeting place can be acquired.

Those in attendance are striving for complete accord in their discussions on the part of all attending, and so far the sensible manner in which the sessions have been held has resulted in no dissension or discord. Their aims are to sponsor or carry on some type of activity on Cuban patriotic dates by which they can propagandize their dislike for the present Cuban government and seek the liberation of Cuba.

The last activity of this nature carried on by this group was a picket type demonstration conducted on October 10, 1963, which is considered a patriotic date of Free Cuba. Members of the group congregated in several predetermined, heavily trafficked intersections of the city at approximately 5:00 p.m., displayed anti-CASTRO placards and distributed anti-CASTRO and anti-communist propaganda leaflets.

The above group has been discussing the proposed visit of President JOHN F. KENNEDY to Tampa in November, 1963 and what could be done by the group in the form of anti-CASTRO propaganda in conjunction with the Presidential visit to the locale. Nothing definite has been proposed, however discussions have ranged from sending the President a congratulatory telegram to throwing tomatoes at him upon his arrival. Other plans discussed concerned the possibility of conducting a picket with suitable placards upon arrival of the President. Source stated it is normal to have such extremes as that noted above in regard to this matter because of the extremely opposite views on the part of the various organizations as concerns the KENNEDY administration. He said he is certain all will agree on whatever is

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decided and that there is no cause for alarm as much of the discussion, such as throwing tomatoes, is merely "talk" which is immediately overruled and termed senseless. Source surmises that if the idea of picketing is not decided upon or is not allowed by local authorities, then the group may consider acquiring newspaper space in the local press and using it for anti-CASTRO propaganda purposes in conjunction with President KENNEDY's visit.

The following is a list of names of individuals who have been attending the weekly meetings and the organizations they represent:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
<u>Dr. (FNU) TRELLES</u>	Colegio de Abogados en Exilio (College of Attorneys in Exile)
<u>Dr. HERIBERTO HERNANDEZ</u>	Colegio de Medicos en Exilio (College of Medics in Exile)
<u>OMAR CASTILLO</u>	Dentistas en Exilio (Dentists in Exile)
<u>ALDO LASTRA</u>	Arquitectos en Exilio (Architects in Exile)
<u>RAUL LASTRA</u>	Directorio Revolucionario Magisterial (DRM) (Cuban Teachers in Exile)
<u>DIONEL COTANDA</u>	Rescate Democratico Revolucionario (Democratic Revolutionary Rescue)
<u>ARNOLDO SANTERO</u>	Frente Obrero Revolucionario Democratico Cristiano (FORDC) (The Christian Workers Revolutionary Democratic Front)

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ORGANIZATION

RENE ~~ZORRILLA~~

~~Comandos L. aka - Comandos Libre
(Freedom Commandos)~~

BRUNO ~~BARREIRO~~

~~Organizacion Triple A
(Triple A Organization)~~

IZAAC ~~GONZALEZ~~ ~~BARRERO~~

~~Ejercito Libertador
(Freedom Army)~~

Dr. (FNU) ~~PEREZ~~

~~Colegio de Veterinarios en Exilio
(College of Veterinarians in Exile)~~

~~"MAYITO"~~

~~Directorio Revolucionario
Estudiantil (DRE)
(Cuban students in Exile)~~

ALBERTO ~~GONZALEZ~~ ~~BARRERO~~

~~Colegio de Contadores en Exilio
(Cuban Accountants in Exile).~~

Representatives of the following groups have been invited but have not attended as yet: ~~Alpha 66 - Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE)~~ ~~Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP)~~ ~~(Peoples Revolutionary Movement)~~ ~~Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionario (MRR)~~ ~~Revolutionary Recuperation Movement~~ ~~Junta Revolucionaria (JURE)~~ ~~(Revolutionary Council)~~ ~~Movimiento Revolucionario 30 de Noviembre~~ ~~(30th of November Revolutionary Movement)~~ ~~Brigade 2506.~~

On October 24, 1963 the second source mentioned above identified SERAFIN ~~LEAL~~ as a member of the Ejercito Libertador who has been attending the aforementioned anti-CASTRO meetings. LEAL was a student of architecture in Cuba and although he attends the meetings, he is not considered a leader of the group. According to source LEAL was among the members who favor picketing the President rather than throwing tomatoes or anything of that nature. The name JUAN DEL CUETO was not familiar to the source.

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