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Re New York teletype dated 6/2/65, captioned as above.

The following information is being furnished in order to bring the Bureau up to date on developments in the alleged plot to assassinate certain leading Cuban personalities and furnish details of recent contacts with both ESPINOSA and CIA:

CIA OFFICER

CIA OFFICER, CIA, **New York City**, telephonically contacted the NYO on 6/4/65 and advised that **CIA OFFICER** had come from Washington, D.C., to interview ESPINOSA. **CIA OFFICER** requested to meet ESPINOSA in the presence of SA FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN at the NYO, and also requested that SA O'BRIEN be present during the interview with ESPINOSA. **CIA OFFICER** interviewed ESPINOSA in the NYO on 6/4/65 from approximately 3:40 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. The details of **CIA OFFICER** interview with ESPINOSA conform to the information given by ESPINOSA to the NYO on 6/2/65.

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After ESPINOSA departed the NYO, **CIA OFFICER** advised that 98 per cent of the information furnished regarding the alleged assassination plot by ESPINOSA was accurate, and that the only reservation CIA had was that they disliked the two individuals who had contacted ESPINOSA concerning the plot and considered the contacts of ESPINOSA, ALBERTO BLANCO aka "El Loco", and JORGE ROBRENO aka "Mago", to be individuals of questionable reputation.

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CIA Agent [redacted] instructed ESPINOSA in the event he got any further information from either BLANCO or ROBRENO, that he should contact SA O'BRIEN, who in turn would relay the information to [redacted] stated that this arrangement would be necessary as he was leaving on the morning of 6/6/65, for Madrid, Spain, and Paris, France, and would be out of the country for several days.

CIA OFFICE

ESPINOSA telephonically contacted the NYO on 6/7/65 and advised that he had received a telephone call on 6/5/65 from ROBRENO in Madrid, and on 6/6/65, had received a telephone call from ALBERTO BLANCO in Paris, France, who desired to know what reaction he had received from officials of the United States Government relative to their request for possible assistance. This information was furnished to CIA, New York City, on 6/7/65, and the NYO was informed that this information would be forwarded to [redacted]

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From 6/7/65, until 6/25/65, the NYO had received several telephonic contacts from ESPINOSA desiring to know what the decision was relative to CIA's participation or assistance. On 6/25/65, CIA Agent [redacted] was contacted and he stated that he would [redacted] telephonic contact with [redacted] in Washington, D.C., and [redacted] would contact the NYO in order to give a definite answer to ESPINOSA.

CIA Agent [redacted] on 6/25/65 stated that he had been in contact with [redacted] who stated that he desired that the NYO should inform ESPINOSA that this was a very difficult and far reaching question in which CIA could not definitely commit itself. ESPINOSA was to be advised that all the information furnished by him regarding the alleged plot to assassinate leading Cuban Government figures had been passed on in Washington, D.C., to the proper authorities, and that for the time being CIA could not give any definite answer to ESPINOSA and his friends who were involved in this plot.

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The above instructions received from CIA on 6/25/65 were given in person to VICTOR ESPINOSA. ESPINOSA manifested discouragement over the lack of cooperation from the CIA and merely stated that he was absolutely positive that the people involved in this plot, and primarily ROLANDO L. CUBELAS, would definitely in the near future make an attempt upon the lives of FIDEL CASTRO and several other leading figures in the Cuban Government.

ESPINOSA on 6/25/65 stated that CIA probably was reluctant to commit itself to him but he felt sure that one way or another, CIA must be fully cognizant of the plot or have some interest in it. ESPINOSA said that several months ago, exact date not known, ROLANDO CUBELAS met in Rome with [redacted] who for a long time has been on the payroll of CIA in fostering revolutionary activities among the Cuban exiles. This meeting between [redacted] and CUBELAS was arranged in order for CUBELAS to take some "piece of equipment" back to Havana, with him. ESPINOSA stated that he knew that CUBELAS took the piece of equipment to Havana and that he had received this equipment from [redacted]. ESPINOSA said that he reasoned that if this equipment belonged to [redacted] had gotten it in the first place from CIA and that it was given to CUBELAS either with or without CIA's approval but in all events CIA certainly knows what this "piece of equipment was" which CUBELAS got from [redacted].

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Concerning the above point, it should be noted that on 6/4/65 in private conversation with [redacted] CUBELAS in Rome, Italy, and did take some type of equipment with him to Havana, Cuba. From the conversation [redacted] it is assumed that the equipment taken to Havana by CUBELAS was some type of radio in order to maintain contact with individuals involved in the plot both inside and outside Cuba.

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As of the present time, the NYO contemplates no further contact with CIA concerning this matter, but ESPINOSA on 6/25/65 stated that he would maintain periodic contact with the NYO and in the event he obtained any additional information concerning the plot he would notify the NYO immediately.

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