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On 6/3/65 RAFAEL DE LOS REYES was contacted at his request and furnished the following information to SA JOSEPH E. SCULLY:

DE LOS REYES said that he first became associated with the Second National Front of Escambray (Alpha 66) (SNFE) while he was a student at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He described himself at that time as idealistic and with complete faith in the SNFE. After coming to Washington, D.C., he became aware that although he was the Washington, D.C. representative of that organization he was never fully taken into its confidence. He also attempted to learn something of the organization's military plans (Plan Omega) but all questions were answered in only general and vague terms. DE LOS REYES was unable to cite specific reasons but he began to doubt that money collected and equipment obtained was put to the use for which it was intended.

DE LOS REYES was additionally disillusioned by the capture of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, Leader of the SNFE, and his subsequent public confessions on television in Cuba where he implicated other members of the organization. DE LOS REYES also noted that shortly after MENOYO's apprehension many Cubans in Cuba were arrested and DE LOS REYES feels that there may have been a connection between MENOYO's apprehension and these arrests. The above, coupled with the general questionable background of MENOYO with regard to his early association with FIDEL CASTRO raised serious doubts concerning MENOYO himself. DE LOS REYES has developed a suspicion that MENOYO may have been a CASTRO man or at least motivated by personal gain rather than by concern for the country of Cuba.

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MENOYO's sister, MERCEDES GUTIERREZ MENOYO lived with DE LOS REYES and his family for a month during February and March, 1965, during which time she contacted various Embassies in Washington, D.C. in an effort to have those Embassies intervene with Cuba on the behalf of her brother.

This lengthy contact with MERCEDES MENOYO gave DE LOS REYES the definite impression that the SNFE was poorly organized and not equipped to cope with the emergency created by MENOYO's capture.

DE LOS REYES' suspicions concerning MENOYO have also been heightened by the fact that during her stay in Washington, D.C., MERCEDES MENOYO applied at the Embassy of Czechoslovakia for renewal of her Cuban Passport and was successful in receiving same.

The passport was sent to her at DE LOS REYES' residence.

Additionally, DE LOS REYES noted that a vast number of Cubans in Washington, D.C. are suspicious of and distrust MENOYO and the SNFE. He feels that his association with this organization has adversely affected his association with other members of the Cuban community and that to a degree they distrust him because of his association with the SNFE.

DE LOS REYES has just embarked on a new venture with one IMRE J. KAUSZ a Consulting Engineer, 1908 Sunderland Place, N.W. DE LOS REYES is hopeful that this association will eventually develop into a full partnership for him.

Indices WFO negative re derogatory information concerning IRME J. KAUSZ.

In view of his feelings outlined above and because he feels that within a year he may want to become a United States citizen DE LOS REYES recently submitted his resignation as Washington, D.C. representative of SNFE.

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His resignation was not accepted and the organization attempted to convince DE LOS REYES to remain on as its Washington, D.C. representative. DE LOS REYES intends to resubmit his resignation and will cease his association with SNFE whether it is formally accepted or not.

In view of the above WFO is discontinuing its investigation of DE LOS REYES as a PSI and will continue to use him as a source of information.