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VAZQUEZ, DANIEL

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SYNOPSIS:

T-1 advised 5/7/57 that Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO, of the Dominican Republic, entrapped CARLOS PRIO into using camp in Dominican Republic for training Cubans which operated from fall 1956 to 4/57; that PRIO accepted this assistance feeling he had no other recourse. Roster of 81 mm Mortar Co. of above camp set forth. Returnees from camp admitted receiving training but did not implicate PRIO. Informant and newspaper sources reflect approximately 27 Cubans under command CALIXTO SANCHEZ WHITE landed Cuba on the "Corinthea" about 5/24/57, and 16, including CALIXTO SANCHEZ, were reportedly slain by Cuban Government. Investigation discloses this boat purchased 5/16/57 by SANCHEZ for \$9,000. in Miami and departed 5/19/57 without clearing Customs; that 27-30 men boarded vessel on Miami River immediately prior to departure. 3 Cubans admit having been present during purchase negotiations between SANCHEZ and sellers of boat but deny having knowledge expedition. Informant reported that 2 of these men, CAMEJO and PEREZ, were on expedition. INS record reflected they returned from Havana 5/30/57 to Miami. Both deny being on expedition and give evasive explanations. On 8/20/57, INS took sworn statements from 2 Cuban survivors expedition, captured by

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Cuban Government, who claimed that CARLOS PRIO met with and addressed expeditioners immediately prior departure of "Corinthea." 3 other survivors, now in Miami, denied INS PRIO met with group or implicated. PRIO publicly denied implication. DANIEL VAZQUEZ, associate of PRIO, reportedly piloted Beechcraft plane which made clandestine landing 8/7/57 in Cuba with 4 passengers and arms; plane damaged and abandoned. Investigation reflects plane departed Broward International Airport at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 8/7/57, and one witness identified VAZQUEZ as pilot. VAZQUEZ denied 9/4/57 to INS having gone to Cuba in this plane and claimed trip to Mexico as alibi. T-10 received money and instructions from PRIO in about July, 1957 to proceed to Mexico for revolutionary training under CANDIDO DE LA TORRE. Pursuant such instructions, T-10 arrived Mexico 7/10/57. Received training in July at camp near Ixtapan de la Sal, Mexico, and camp moved to Beli Tuxpan on Gulf Mexico, 7/17/57. T-10 abandoned camp next day and returned Miami. Informant advised 8/16/57 that Mexican authorities arrested CANDIDO DE LA TORRE and seized 2 boats as Cubans preparing depart Tuxpan. Other informants report Cuban revolutionaries in Mexico under leadership of PRIO. Informant reported effort by PRIO to arrange for establishment of base operations in Haiti. Investigation reflects SERGIO HEREDIA, Cuban, allegedly recruited several others in Miami to train Cuban revolutionists in Cuba and before departure introduced them to CARLOS PRIO who expressed appreciation. HEREDIA said PRIO gave him two \$100. bills to help with their expenses. On 8/16/57, U. S. Customs

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seized \$50,000. worth of guns in Miami and arrested 2 men, one of whom was former official in PRIO Government. On 10/13/57, U. S. Customs seized load of guns and ammunition at Pompano, Fla. being transported by DANIEL VAZQUEZ, associate of PRIO, along with others. President BATISTA of Cuba reportedly accused PRIO of responsibility for 9/5/57 uprising at Cienfuegos, but investigation fails to establish such responsibility. Unsubstantiated reports received concerning plan to bomb Camp Colombia, Cuba, by means five B-25 bombers from Miami on 10/10/57. Miscellaneous information received concerning boats, including a report PRIO paid \$12,000. for "Blue Chip" which was used relative Cuban revolutionary activities in Mexico. During period 5/6/57, PRIO made statements to the press, appeared on television and spoke in meetings denouncing BATISTA. Also wrote "an open letter" to BATISTA, suggesting BATISTA step down, suggested formation temporary junta and renouncing political aspiration on his own part. Leaders of anti-BATISTA Cuban political parties reportedly holding meetings in Miami, along with PRIO, for purpose achieving unity. Several acts of violence occurred recently in Miami involving Cuban exiles. Reports indicate PRIO is resentful of FIDEL CASTRO, leader of July 26 Movement, and hopes to eliminate him. Unverified reports received concerning sabotage sugar industry in Cuba for purpose arousing U. S. against BATISTA. PRIO has balance only \$40. at North Shore Bank, Miami Beach.

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DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

I. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE CUBAN TRAINING CAMP WHICH OPERATED
IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A. General Information

Previous investigation in this case disclosed that approximately 150 Cubans received military training at a camp which operated near Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, from the fall of 1956 to April, 1957.

On May 7, 1957, Miami Informant T-1 advised that Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO, of the Dominican Republic, had entrapped CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, exiled former President of Cuba, into using the above described camp in the Dominican Republic. T-1 said that TRUJILLO had even attempted to get PRIO to make a personal visit to the Dominican Republic, but that PRIO had not fallen for that invitation. T-1 said that he was of the opinion that the Cubans who received training at this camp would have been killed under order of Generalissimo TRUJILLO had it not been for public reaction and the attitude taken by the United States Government with regard to the disappearance in March, 1956 of Professor JESUS DE GALINDEZ, Columbia University Professor, from New York City; and the alleged implication of GERALD LESTER MURPHY, an American pilot who was reportedly killed in the Dominican Republic in December, 1956.

T-1 said that he personally advised PRIO not to accept any assistance whatsoever from Generalissimo TRUJILLO, but that PRIO disregarded this warning, apparently feeling that he had to accept aid from TRUJILLO because he had no other recourse.

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Miami Informant T-2 advised on May 20, 1957 that PRIO was paying about \$100.00 per month to approximately 100 Cubans who had returned to Miami from the Cuban camp in the Dominican Republic. T-2 said PRIO had been sending word to these Cubans, along with the money, that they should remain on the alert.

On April 23, 1957, T-2 advised that CARLOS OCTAVIO RAFULS, of 11 S. W. 6th Street, Miami, and JUAN JOSE FORNET had returned to Miami from the Cuban camp on about April 18, 1957, by means unknown to T-2; and that on April 20, 1957, MANOLO CHAVIANO had returned to Miami from the camp via San Juan, Puerto Rico.

On April 26, 1957, Inspector HERSCHEL KYLE, Immigration and Naturalization Service, International Airport, Miami, advised that the following Cubans had just arrived from the Dominican Republic by CDA Airlines that day: JULIO ANTONIO GOMEZ MADAN, MANUEL ROQUE GARCIA, MARIO BLANCO Y AZOPARDO, ROBERTO MARTINEZ RIVERON, ERNESTO CEBALOS Y BAEZA, MANUEL PEREZ Y MADAN and JOSE RENE ALMEIDA Y RAY, all of whom were supposed to leave Miami for Mexico on April 27, 1957, via Guest Airlines.

B. Roster of 81 mm Mortar Company

By letter dated May 24, 1957, Mr. GORDON R. PETTINGILL, Chief Patrol Inspector, United States Border Patrol, Tampa, Florida, furnished one copy of a memoranda found in the possession of a Cuban alien by the name of JOAQUIN FERRER DE BLANCK, by Patrol Inspector RAYMOND D. BOND, during a routine investigation on the morning of May 14, 1957, at Miami, Florida. JOAQUIN FERRER DE BLANCK was apprehended while residing at 218 N. W. 15th Avenue, Apartment #101, Miami, the address of his father, GUSTAVO FERRER DE BLANCK. Mr. PETTINGILL advised that the original of the above mentioned documents, which were typewritten in Spanish, are being retained at the Tampa Border Patrol Headquarters and would be available for evidence in the event of prosecution if desired.

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The memoranda found in possession of DE BLANCK consisted of a roster of the 81 mm Mortar Company of the Expeditionary Army of Cuban Liberation, and a few copies of the "Orders of the Day" pertaining to this company when in training in the Dominican Republic in early 1957, as follows:

"EXPEDITIONARY ARMY OF CUBAN LIBERATION

81mm MORTAR COMPANY

CHIEF - LEADER: Captain RAUL HERRERA SOLER
MESSENGER: No Title JOAQUIN FERRER INFANTE

FIRST SECTION:

LEADER: Second in Command, Lieutenant GUSTAVO
FERRER DE BLANCK
OBSERVER: No Title GUILLERMO RUIZ PEREZ

FIRST SQUAD:

Corporal - Saul Ruben Delgado Duarte
No Title - Humberto Vinat Agueros
" " Gabino Limas Martinez
" " Francisco Valdes
" " Leocado Rodriguez O.
" " Cleto Collado del Cueto

SECOND SQUAD:

No Title - Agustin Vila Fuentes
" " Luis Gonzalez Castellanos
" " Rogelio Chaveco Voces
" " David Figueredo Guizande
Corporal Luis Aguiar
No Title L. Dominguez

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THIRD SQUAD:

Corporal - Braulio Pedro Roque A.
Corporal - Juan Lovaco Diaz
No Title - Jose Reno Almeida Ray
" " Jose Aguirre Espinoza
" " Gustavo Waldo Menendez
" " Alejandro Esteban Sanchez

SECOND SECTION:

LEADER: Third in Command, Sergeant JOAQUIN FERRER
DE BLANCK
OBSERVER: No Title MARIANO HERRERA SANTANA

FIRST SQUAD:

Corporal - Bernardo Paradela Ibarreche
No Title - Manuel Baranda Collado
" " Raul Venta del Mazo
" " Jesus Miguel Iglesias Canivel
" " Raul Ramon Hernandez Arias
" " Rafael Bolivar Fuentes

SECOND SQUAD:

Luis Angel Volta Landa
No Title - Rafael Millan
" " Leonardo Huniz Carrera
" " Manuel Parga Lozada
" " Santiago Sablon Muniz
" " Pedro Hugo Gascon Gongora

THIRD SQUAD:

Jorge Leon Prieto Ibarra
No Title - Enrique Pazos Mojica
" " Hector Cornillot Llano
" " Rafael Guerrero
" " Danilo Eusebio Mendez
" " Arturo Munoz Guidi

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"MARCH 31 of 1957

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY OF CUBAN LIBERATION

'ANTONIO GUITERAS BATALLION'

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICES (ORDERS)

From 1800 hours 3/31/57
To - 1800 hours 4/1/57

OFFICER OF THE DAY.....: In command, Lieutenant
JOAQUIN FERRER DE BLANCK
COMANDANT OF THE GUARD.....: Corporal, of the Guard,
JUAN LOVACO DIAZ

GUARD ROSTER:

Corporal Jose Suescun G.
No Title Noel Padron
" " Rogelio Roig Escobar
" " Hugo Garces Fonteboa
" " Luis Lino Vasques Roque

INTERIOR SERVICE (DUTIES)

No Title	-	Raul Morel Rivero	Kitchen
" "		Narciso Ravelo M.	"
" "		Agustin Vila Fuentes	"
" "		Mario Frco.O.Blanco A.	"
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" "		J.Abundio Morejon Y C.	-Cleaning

R-O-U-T-I-N-E (Schedule)

1730 .-Retreat 3/31/57
1800 .-Dinner 3/31/57
2100 .-Silence (Taps) 3/31/57
0400 .-Reveille 4/1/57
0430 .-Breakfast 4/1/57

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/s/ FERNANDO VIRELLES INIGUEZ
Batallio Major

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"December 24 of 1956
'YEAR OF THE BENEFACTOR OF THE COUNTRY

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY OF CUBAN LIBERATION

'ANTONIO GUITERAS BATALLION'

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICES: (ORDERS)

OFFICER OF THE DAY : First Lieutenant. JOSE OLMOS GARCIA
OFFICER OF THE GUARD : SECOND Lieutenant. GUSTAVO FERRER DE
BLANCK

GUARD PLACEMENT: COMANDO SQUAD No. 3

INTERIOR SERVICE: COMANDO SQUAD NO.4

R-O-U-T-I-N-E (Schedule)

0700 Reveille

1130 Breakfast (Actually the noon meal)

1700 Retreat

/s/ Raul Caman Herrera Soler

BATALLION CAPTAIN, 'ANTONIO GUITERSS' BATALLION

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"MARCH 17 of 1957

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY OF CUBAN LIBERATION

'ANTONIO GUITERSS' BATALLION

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICES (ORDERS)

From 1800 hours 3/17/57

To 1800 hours 3/18/57

OFFICER OF THE DAY..... : Captain GUSTAVO FERRER DE BLANCK
COMANDANT OF THE GUARD. : Corporal JUAN LOVACO D.

GUARD ROSTER

Corporal		Pedro Braulio Roque Arozarena
No	Title	Manuel Parga Lozada
"	"	Francisco Valdes Diaz
"	"	Valentin Juan Dominguez
"	"	Marco Delio Hernandez A.

INTERIOR SERVICE (DUTIES)

"	"	Alfredo Marrero R.	Kitchen
"	"	Juan Abundio Morejon y C.	"
"	"	Agustin Vila Fuentes	"
"	"	Arturo Manez Guidi	"

"	"	Raul Ramon Hernandez Arias	Cleaning
"	"	Pedro Pablo Gonzalez Mir	"
"	"	Leonardo Muniz Carrera	"

R-O-U-T-I-N-E (Schedule)

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