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MAIL CENSORSHIP

MM T-1, an experienced private and police investigator who continues to maintain contact with some sources in Cuba, advised on February 25, 1965 that the Cuban government maintains complete interception of mail from foreign countries coming into Cuba. He stated that as of that date and for at least three months past, Cuban families had been complaining that mail coming to them from outside Cuba was being received in very poor condition, it being clearly evident that the letters had been opened and resealed. The operation of opening and resealing the mail had been done so clumsily in many cases that the tampering was obvious.

The Cuban postal system uses two rubber stamps to stamp envelopes which the censors practically destroy in opening and resealing. These stamps read:

"RECIBIDO EN MAL ESTADO" (Received in poor condition) and RECIBIDA CON EL CIERRE ENGOMADO" (Received with the flap reglued.)

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MM T-1 furnished one such envelope sent to him under a false name, with a false name and return address of a contact in Cuba. The flap had been almost torn off the envelope and the regluing was completely obvious. This envelope was stamped with both of the above rubber stamps.

MM T-1 exhibited another such letter which had obviously been opened and resealed, which had been received by him on May 10, 1965.

G-2 REPRESSIVE MEASURES

MM T-1 reported on May 5, 1965 that information furnished by an ex-Cuban Navy Officer indicates that there are persistent rumors that Major ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA has been having difficulties with FIDEL CASTRO since GUEVARA returned from his tour through Asiatic countries. "CHE" GUEVARA was allegedly quoted by some papers in Egypt wherein he stated bluntly that "some costly errors had been made in Cuba." By implication GUEVARA made it rather clear that he thought many of the errors were made by CASTRO himself.

MM T-1 stated this, again, may be part of a plan being carried out by mutual agreement between GUEVARA and CASTRO in order to trap some anti-regime Cubans residing in Cuba, but nevertheless, GUEVARA has not been attending some of the top meetings of the government and he was not at the airport to greet Major RAUL CASTRO, and his wife VILMA ESPIN, when they returned from their recent trip to the Soviet-satellite nations.

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As a result of these difficulties, and as a result of other evidence of opposition to FIDEL CASTRO, the government is exercising stricter repressive measures. CASTRO allegedly has a large number of loyal associates infiltrated into Cuban missions abroad, as well as placed in strategic branches throughout the Cuban government. Allegedly this is not only to inform CASTRO of counter-revolutionary movements, but also to inform him of the movements and activities of such highly placed individuals as "CHE" GUEVARA.

The government has been in dire need of cane cutters and in order to force many of the employees in the cities to go out and cut cane, a number of the offices of the different ministries of government in Cuba closed down entirely, including those in the Presidential Palace, during Holy Week, 1965. The employees were thus obliged to go to the cane fields or be without work and subsequent employment if they still refused to go. Propaganda was even circulated by the Cuban government showing President OSVALDO DORTICOS and Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO cutting cane.

MM T-2, another government agency which conducts intelligence type investigations, advised that unconfirmed information had been received indicating that the Ministry of Construction (MICON) of the Cuban government is used as a cover for individuals in training for sabotage and intelligence work.

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de Coordinacion Tecnica (Directorate of Technical Coordination).

MM T-3, widely acquainted with various elements of pro and anti-CASTRO sympathies, and who maintains contact with numerous Cuban news media, advised on March 8, 1965 that he has noted over a period of time that members from the Cuban Ministry of Construction are frequently named as visitors, or students, in Russia and Soviet satellite nations. One such example was NOVEDADES DE MOSC.U (News from Moscow), published in Moscow, U.S.S.R., February, 1965, which published the following account:

OSCAR VALDIVIA, teacher in the School of Mechanics of MICON, and his comrades BENECIO FENAS and MANUEL BENITEZ, attended a course in the School of Mechanizers of Glavmosstroi. They also visited firms in Moscow. They spent a day at the factory and were shown how the various elevators and other equipment were made.

MM T-3 advised on March 2, 1965, that many of the vanguard workers, which are those with outstanding amounts of overtime, are frequently individuals from MICON. A Cuban radio, "Radio Progreso," announced on February 25, 1965 that the brigade of electrical workers in the central shops of the Vice Ministry of Equipment, Ministry of Construction, was selected as the national vanguard by the National Committee for Competition. The brigade is composed of the following:

FELIX HECTOR CASAS, head of the brigade

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JUVENTINO CASANOVA  
LEANDRO AGUIAR  
ALEJO ARNALDO MESA  
LEOPOLDO CASAS  
FERNANDO ESTRADA  
DAVID GONZALEZ.

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MM T-3 reported on March 5, 1965 that MICON also sponsors boarding schools in the mountains of Cuba. Those who attend must be closely affiliated with the Partido Unido de la Revolucion Socialista de Cuba, (United Party of the Socialist Revolution of Cuba, Cuban Communist Party, PURSC).

MM T-3 stated that HOY, Cuban daily newspaper, self-described as the official organ of the Cuban Communist Party, announced on February 17, 1965 the opening of such a boarding school in the mountains. The President of the National Committee to Sponsor Schools held a meeting concerning the opening of one such school "Conrado Benitez," which will be located at Loma Blanca, Mayari, Ariba, Cuba. Members of the MICON Committee sponsored the school; they were Comrades JULIO DE LA PUENTE, MARIA LEBREDO, MARIA ESTHER and the parents of Major CAMILO CIENFUEGOS.

MM T-4, for many years a member of Cuba's leading workers syndicate, and who maintains contact with some Cuban sources, advised on May 7, 1965 that he had received a letter from his father, indicating that his father had been imprisoned for a considerable period of time. The letter was written in double language and the

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writer stated that an "indiscretion" on the part of a fellow factory worker had almost cost his life. The writer stated certain trinkets which had been left to him had had to be disposed of as the Cuban G-2 had made a complete search of his house, but he had been advised in time to get rid of the "jewelry."

MM T-4 stated the "jewelry" referred to a number of pistols and ammunition which his father had had hidden since MM T-4 had left Cuba in 1960. MM T-4 stated that since his father had never been molested before by Cuban G-2, it must be assumed that their repressive and investigative activities have probably increased rather than abated.

TAXI DRIVERS INFORMANTS OF G-2

On May 12, 1965, NARCISO HEBERTO JIMENEZ GONZALEZ, a former employee of the Cuban Ministry of Interior, who arrived by boat in the United States on May 6, 1965, informed that he had not worked directly for G-2, but had worked as an inspector in the Registry of Foreigners, inspecting and collecting dues from foreigners residing in Las Villas Province. He covered a number of small towns in the Province of Las Villas, and among the towns were some ports.

When he visited a port because of the arrival of some ship from a foreign country, he was given instructions not to pick up the passports nor to give shore leave passes to Russian crew members. This did not mean that Russians were not allowed to come ashore, but on the contrary, indicated that there was absolutely no control over them, and they could come ashore and

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return to the boat as they wished, and no record was to be made of the individual crew members having been in Cuba. His instructions were to pick up the passports and issue passes to all other nationalities, including Chinese.

He was summarily dismissed in September, 1964, by letter stating that for the good of the service he was being discharged from his position.

Members of G-2 known to him in Sancti Spiritus, Las Villas, were the following:

The First Chief of G-2 was AGUSTIN ROJAS.  
The Second Chief was RENE CARBALLO (or CABALLO), and the Third G-2 agent in charge was one JORGE SANCHEZ, whom JIMENEZ GONZALEZ believes to be now employed as an agent of the Cuban newspaper REVOLUCION.

He stated he did not know any of the individual names of taxi drivers in Sancti Spiritus, Santa Clara and other cities in Las Villas, but he did know that practically all of the taxi drivers were members and informants of the Cuban G-2.

He stated one such individual known to him was MEJO DIAZ, a taxi driver in Sancti Spiritus, employed by G-2, and a former member of the July 26th Movement somewhere in the United States.

The July 26th Movement is a revolutionary organization founded and led by FIDEL CASTRO, the present Prime Minister of Cuba. It was dissolved

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during late 1962 when it was absorbed into the Integrated Revolutionary Organization in Cuba, along with the Communist Party of Cuba, and the other principal political parties.

JIMENEZ GONZALEZ, who prior to the CASTRO revolution, worked as a salesman of pharmaceutical products, stated that contrary to the propaganda being put out by the Cuban government, conditions are not improving in Cuba. He stated there are no antibiotics or medicines to compare in purity or effectiveness with those formerly distributed in Cuba by him, specifically products of Pfizer. He stated his own mother had had to have an operation, and the operation had to be performed without previously taking x-rays, because there were absolutely no x-ray plates available in Las Villas Province.

He stated all of the large choice lobster and shrimp are shipped out of Cuba to France, and only small trash fish are left for local consumption.

In addition to this, there are many unemployed in Cuba and 21,000 members of the old Rebel Army are going to be replaced by the new recruits, and these former members of the Rebel Army have very little to look forward to.

He stated that in the opinion of many others who desire to flee from Cuba, the above conditions tend to provoke more and more discontent with the government and as discontent grows, there are more and more leaks to the Cuban government concerning the dangers of growing resistance. This, in turn, produces more and more

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harsh repression on the part of G-2 and the members of the Department of State Security (DSE).

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