

TELEGRAM INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY	CUBA	REPORT NO.	TDCS DB-3/651,237
SUBJECT	ALLEGED PLAN FOR GENERAL UPRISING IN CUBA	DATE DISTR.	31 AUGUST 1962
DATE OF INFO.	AUGUST 1962	PREFERENCE	PRIORITY
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	UNITED STATES (30 AUGUST 1962)	REFERENCES	14220 IN 14407 14497
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SOURCE CUBAN BUSINESSMAN (B), FROM AN AIRLINE EXECUTIVE (F) IN TOUCH WITH COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY MEMBERS IN CUBA.

1. COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES IN CUBA HAVE PLANNED AN UPRISING TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 30 AUGUST AND 2 SEPTEMBER 1962. THE FRETE ANTICOMUNISTA DE LIBERACION (FAL) HAS JOINED THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP) IN THIS PLAN. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE OLD CONSTITUTIONAL ARMY, THE REBEL ARMY, AND THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MILITIA WILL JOIN IN THE UPRISING. UNITED STATES PRESS SERVICES WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE FULL PUBLICITY TO THE UPRISING AS SOON AS IT STARTS.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FIDEL CASTRO HAS HAD TO BRING IN FOREIGN TROOPS BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE REBEL ARMY AND THE MILITIA. MANY MEMBERS OF THE REBEL ARMY ARE DISAFFECTED AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARRIVAL OF SOVIET-BLOC TROOPS. THE ONLY REBEL ARMY UNIT WHICH CAN BE

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CONSIDERED FULLY IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA IS DIVISION 50 OF ORIENTE PROVINCE (B/P-4). THIS DIVISION HAS 5,000 MEN, BUT EQUIPMENT FOR 10,000.

3. THERE ARE 300 MEN IN DIVISION 50 WHO WILL SUPPORT THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES, BUT SINCE THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT, THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES INTEND TO PUBLISH THE EXACT POSITIONS OF ELEMENTS OF DIVISION 50 SO THAT THESE UNITS MAY BE ATTACKED FROM THE AIR.

4. FIELD COMMENT: THE AIRLINE EXECUTIVE WHO REPORTED THE ABOVE INFORMATION ALSO REPORTED THAT A GENERAL UPRISING IN ALL OF THE PROVINCES OF CUBA WAS SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 A.M. ON 31 AUGUST 1962. THE AIRLINE EXECUTIVE WAS TOLD BY NATIONAL COORDINATORS OF THE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA (UR) IN CUBA THAT DESPITE A REQUEST BY THE UR IN EXILE THAT THERE BE A DELAY IN THE DATE FOR SUCH AN UPRISING, THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MEMBERS IN CUBA ARE OF THE OPINION THAT BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DELAY THE DATE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE TIGHTENING OF SECURITY CONTROLS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: AN OFFICIAL FRENCH SERVICE REPORTED THAT A MEMBER OF THE UR IN CUBA SAID ON 30 AUGUST THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID AN UPRISING AND EVEN LESS POSSIBLE FOR THE UR TO MAINTAIN CONTROL.)

5. FIELD COMMENT: A BONA FIDE POPULAR UPRISING DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY AT THIS TIME. INVESTIGATION OF THE REPORTS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE UPRISING LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE INFORMATION MAY NOT BE ACCURATE AND THAT IT MAY REFLECT G-2 DECEPTION OR PROVOCATION. ALL INFORMATION ON THE

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SCHEDULED UPRISING HAS ORIGINATED WITH MEMBERS OF THE UR. SOURCES WITH CONTACTS AMONG EXILE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE), THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP), THE MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MRR), AND THE JUVENTUD ANTICOMUNISTA CATOLICA DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE SCHEDULED UPRISING. THE 30 NOVEMBER EXILE GROUP RECEIVED AN URGENT REQUEST FOR ARMS ON 30 AUGUST FROM CUBA BUT REPLIED BY TELLING THE GROUP IN CUBA TO REFRAIN FROM ANY PRECIPITOUS ACTION. THE GROUP HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION ON THE TIMING OF ANY REVOLT.

6. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCARIB

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