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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Arrest of CIA Agents by Cuban Security Police

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. On 1 March 1955, a Reuters news dispatch from Havana reported that Major Rolando GUZMA and Major Leon GUM were arrested on that date by the Cuban Security Police for alleged counter-revolutionary activities involving the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

3. Rolando GUZMA Escobar and Leon Tejada GUM Diaz, whose biographic sketches are contained in Attachments A and B, respectively, were, in fact, involved with this Agency in counter-revolutionary activities. GUZMA, who was recruited by a CIA agent in August 1952 inside Cuba as a Technical Agent to recruit high level military leaders, had military contact with CIA staff personnel. He was, however, not a CIA asset and trained by his recruiter under Agency direction. His CIA contact had been made with CIA since July 1954. GUZMA, the new Director of the Agency, had been in contact with this Agency during the period 1951-1955 (last contact in February 1955), during which time he had been in direct contact with at least ten staff officers, two of whom were known to him by true names. These officers used aliases. Details of the Agency's operational contacts, which include GUZMA, with GUZMA are listed in Attachment A. Attachment also (Attachment C) is a list of those officers who met with GUZMA, where and when they met, and the dates involved.

4. In addition to the staff officers mentioned above, GUZMA also had contact with several Cuban military leaders. Details of GUZMA's contacts with these leaders are given in Attachment B. It is noted that while GUZMA was not representing the United States Government.

William A. Grogan
Chief
Central Hemisphere Division

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

1 March 1966

NAME: Ramon Tomas GUIN Diaz
DPOB: 22 September 1933, Havana, Cuba
MARITAL STATUS: Wife - Daisy and 2 children

BIOGRAPHIC DATA: GUIN matriculated at the University of Havana School of Sugar and Agricultural Economy during the 1955-56 Academic year. He fled Cuba in July 1956 as a result of his political activities against BATISTA, obtaining asylum in the Costa Rican Embassy in Havana, and thereafter proceeding to Costa Rica. He later entered the United States at Miami and eventually went to New York to reside with an uncle. While in New York he carried on the struggle against BATISTA. He was secretary of the propaganda section of the Directorio Revolucionario (DR) and also director of its newspaper "El Combate". He then returned to Cuba, joining CASTRO'S forces in the Escambray as a Captain in the Rebel Army. After CASTRO'S victory he became Commandante (Major), manager of an INRA collective farm and Vice Secretary of Provincial JUCEI.

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY: GUIN was first contacted and recruited in August 1963 by Miguel A. DIAZ Isalgue who was on an infiltration mission for CIA. GUIN was to be utilized as a Principal Agent for the purpose of recruiting dissidents among high level Cuban military officers. Rolando CUBELA Secades eventually became involved in the conspiracy with GUIN. GUIN was trained in secret writing and issued SW materials by the Agency, but there has been no SW contact since July 1964.

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DAMAGE POTENTIAL:

GUIN was never met by any Agency staffer. In the conspiracy part of the operation, GUIN'S only known contact was CUBELA. However, GUIN had many contacts especially in Matanzas and Cardenas such as Miguel A. DIAZ Isalgue's family and friends with whom he maintained close relations.

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ATTACHMENT C

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRUE NAME</u>	<u>ALIAS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1961	Jack Stewart	True Name (known in true name to CUBELA in Havana in 1960)	Mexico City
1962	William Wainwright	"Bill Thompson"	Helinski, Paris & Porto Alegre
1962	Earl Williamson	True Name (known in true name to CUBELA in Havana in 1954-55)	Paris
1962/65	Robert Owen	"Roberto"	Paris
1962	Richard Kinsman	"Capt. David Harper"	Paris
1962	Richard Long	"Dick"	Paris
1963	Desmond FitzGerald	"James Clark" - as a representative of GPFOCUS	Paris
1963	John Stent	"John Stevens" - or possibly by true name	Paris
1963/64	Walter Sanchez	"Nicolas Sanson"	Paris
1963	Robert Kierce	"Dr. Keeman"	Paris