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one of the major anti-Castro organizations in the
United States is the Frente Revolucionario Democrático.
Manuel Antonio Varena, more familiarly known as Tony Varena,
is one of the leaders of this organization in Miami, Florida.

We have received information to the effect that
Varena's father, Senor Antonio Varena, was a member of a
major castro organization which he represents. It is known
that Varena is a member of the castro organization.

Edward C. Cellini of Washington, D.C., reportedly is
handling public relations matters for Varena and assisting him
in rebel matters. According to information received,
Varena is a member of the castro organization.

Prior data available to us shows that three Cellini
brothers were connected with gambling activities in Havana,
Cuba, during the Batista regime. Giuseppe Cellini, Eduardo G.
Cellini, and Antonio Cellini were connected with the Casino Internacional,
a gambling casino, as Afternoon Manager and Evening Manager,
respectively. Varena Cellini was a floor man for the gambling
casino at the Tropicana night club and was an overseer in the
gambling casino at the Hotel Havana Riviera. Giuseppe Cellini
is known to have been associated with such hoodlums as Jack Lasky.
The Attorney General

and Meyer Lansky, had contact with Santo Trafficante and personally knew Americans holding large gambling interests in Havana including Frank Erickson. Dino Cellini some years ago was associated in a gambling operation with Joseph Francis Nesline, a hoodlum in Washington, D.C.

The backgrounds of the Cellini brothers indicate they would probably be fronting for gambling interests in offering co-conspiratorial financial aid, as alleged, to anti-Castro operations.

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