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Re Miami teletype to Bureau and New York 7-1-63 captioned, "Ejercito Cubano Anticomunista (Frente Escambray) (Cuban Anticomunist Army) (Escambray Front) Is - Cuba Ra - Cuba."

For the information of Tampa Office, Jesus Rafael Franco Canedo, former member of the Cuban Rebel Army, whose identity must be strictly protected, has been furnishing information about the attempts of the Escambray Front to obtain explosives, armaments and other equipment from a representative of Trafficante.

Francisco has advised that one Luis Balbuena has been acting as the representative of Evolio Duque, head of the anti-Castro organization and has met with Dominick E. Bartone, a representative of Trafficante on 6-25-63. Bartone advised Balbuena that Duque's group will be able to buy the arms and equipment they want and indicated the material was in the Miami area. Bartone later told Balbuena, Franco advised on 7-1-63, that because of Federal authorities he, Bartone, does not want to do business in Miami and stated the equipment will be obtained in New York. It will be shipped from New York to some island in the Caribbean where Duque's group will pick it up.

Bartone has been the subject of other Bureau cases and is presently under investigation for possible FRA, ITSP, MF Fraud by Wire and Conspiracy. He was convicted previously for violation of U. S. Customs laws as a result of attempts to smuggle arms to anti-Castro forces in 1959.

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