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Synopsis:

NY T-1 advised that the last meeting of the National Directorate of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE) was held in Miami on the weekend of 5/2, 3/64. NY T-1 stated that ANGEL FIGUEREDO, a delegate of the JURE in NYC, stated that MANUEL RAY's plan will be merely an infiltration move into Cuba. NY T-3, who was to go with RAY on his infiltration attempt, stated that it was his opinion that RAY would probably hide in various cities in Cuba, attempt to organize the opposition, direct sabotage and maybe radio broadcasts from inside Cuba. NY T-2 advised that RAUL CHIBAS, a member of the National Directorate of JURE, was in Miami for meetings from 5/15 - 17/64, and upon return to NYC, CHIBAS was strangely silent about RAY's planned operation to infiltrate into Cuba. NY T-4 advised that RAUL CHIBAS was very critical in discussing RAY and stated that RAY was dictatorial, autocratic and politically unclear. NY T-3 advised that members of RAY's group left Miami on 5/28/64 by boat, spent 2 1/2 days at Elbow Cay, Bahamas, awaiting more fuel, and on 6/1/64, were picked up by British authorities at Anguilla Key and charged with illegal entry into British waters. RAY and members of his group were given a hearing in Nassau and all were fined

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NY T-1, on April 23, 1964, stated that he had spoken with Dr. RAUL CHIBAS, member of the National Directorate of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE), earlier in the week but was unable to obtain any information from CHIBAS regarding the immediate plans for JURE. NY T-1 stated that he asked CHIBAS specific questions regarding the meeting of the members of the National Directorate which was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, during the last week of March, 1964, but CHIBAS declined to discuss the meeting except to say that the meeting was successful but he neither expressed optimism or pessimism. *u*

NY T-1 also stated that in his conversation with CHIBAS, CHIBAS advised that MANUEL RAY had been to the United States over the weekend of April 11, 1964, to fulfill speaking engagements at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University. The subject matter of RAY's talks dealt with the housing situation in Latin America, which problem RAY was handling in Puerto Rico for Governor LUIS MUNOZ MARIN. *u*

NY T-1 advised that CHIBAS related that after RAY's talks in Massachusetts, RAY proceeded directly to Washington, D.C., where he spend several days and is alleged to have visited with unidentified representatives of the United States Government. CHIBAS stated that he had no information concerning the identities of the individuals with whom RAY spoke in Washington, D.C., nor did he have any details of RAY's conversations in Washington, D.C. *u*

NY T-2, on May 8, 1964, advised that two Cuban exiles, identities unknown, who were former members of Brigade 2506, now members of JURE, had recently come to New York on the instructions of MANUEL RAY and purchased food rations for the JURE. *(S)(u)*

NY T-2 further stated that members of the JURE in New York have heard that MANUEL RAY and JOSE GOMEZ

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Jose Gomez

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RODRIGUEZ would direct the activities of the JURE inside Cuba and that ROGELIO CISNEROS of Miami would direct the JURE activities in the United States and SUAREZ QUINONES would direct JURE activities in Venezuela. (u)

NY T-1, who is in contact with members of the JURE in New York and San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 6, 1964, stated that he had spoken with Dr. RAUL CHIBAS, who is a member of the National Directorate of JURE. NY T-1 advised that Dr. CHIBAS told him on May 5, 1964, that the members of the National Directorate of JURE held their last meeting in Miami, Florida, on the weekend of May 2-3, 1964. CHIBAS stated that MANUEL "MANOLO" RAY, the head of JURE, is determined to fulfill his promise of being inside Cuba by May 20, 1964. CHIBAS stated that he was not going to accompany the group of JURE going to Cuba in May, 1964, as he still had to fulfill his teaching contract in New York until the end of June, 1964. (u)

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NY T-1 also advised on May 6, 1964, that he spoke with ANGEL FIGUEREDO, who is the delegate of the JURE in New York, who informed him that the action contemplated by JURE will not be anything spectacular but will be an infiltration move into Cuba, and MANOLO RAY will accompany this infiltration group. (u)

NY T-1 also advised on May 6, 1964, that he had spoken with CARLOS DIAGO, a member of the JURE in San Juan, Puerto Rico, who informed him that some of the men of Major HUBER MATOS had joined forces with JURE and would be accompanying the group into Cuba sometime before May 20, 1964. NY T-1 also advised that he had ascertained from DIAGO that the members of the Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional (ELN), which is headed by NINO DIAZ, would also join with JURE. (u)

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Concerning Major HUBER MATOS, mentioned above, it is to be noted that he is one of the leading figures

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RAY, but that he, NY T-3, had called RAY's wife, AURORA, twice on the past weekend and was informed that RAY was not at home. (u)

NY T-3 telephonically advised from Miami, Florida, on May 13, 1964, that he had received a telephone call on the night of May 12, 1964, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, from MANUEL RAY. NY T-3 stated that his instructions were to proceed immediately to Miami, Florida, and wait for further contact. NY T-3 advised he took the first plane from New York and arrived early on May 13, 1964, in Miami and was staying at the Dupont Plaza Hotel awaiting further contact from RAY's group. (u)

NY T-4, on May 15, 1964, stated that RAUL CHIBAS telephonically advised him that day that he was flying to Miami, Florida, on urgent matters on the night of May 15, 1964, to meet with members of the National Directorate of the JURE. CHIBAS told NY T-4 that this meeting in Miami over the weekend of May 15, 1964, would probably be the last meeting when all members of the National Directorate of the JURE would be together. (u)

NY T-2, on May 18, 1964, advised that in conversation with RAUL CHIBAS he learned that MANUEL RAY, the head of JURE, had named JOSE HERNANDEZ, a member of Brigade 2506, the Supply Officer for JURE. NY T-2 stated that JOSE HERNANDEZ is now associated with the JURE. (u)

During conversation with CHIBAS, NY T-2 stated that CHIBAS was not overly optimistic about the possible success of RAY's planned infiltration of Cuba. NY T-2 said that CHIBAS was pessimistic about the outcome because so many projects started by the Cuban exiles during the last three years have been complete failures but the JURE members feel that if anyone is capable of succeeding in infiltrating Cuba and beginning sabotage there, RAY would be the one to do it. (u)

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NY T-2, on May 22, 1964, advised that RAUL CHIBAS had been to Miami, Florida, during the period of May 15 through May 17, 1964, and upon his return to New York, was strangely silent about the operation planned by MANUEL RAY of infiltrating into Cuba. NY T-2 said that CHIBAS behaved in such a strange manner after his return from Miami that he, NY T-2, believes that RAY must have suffered some setback which would preclude his being in Cuba by his self-imposed deadline of May 20, 1964. (u)

NY T-4, on June 1, 1964, advised that he had a lengthy meeting on May 31, 1964, with Dr. RAUL CHIBAS. During conversation with CHIBAS, CHIBAS stated that the JURE had collected \$60,000 as a result of their bond selling plan and MANUEL RAY had obtained additional funds from other sources and had obtained funds from Government sources and it was presumed that the Government sources were Puerto Rico and Venezuela. (u)

NY T-4 advised that, during conversation, CHIBAS was openly critical of MANUEL RAY and RAY's political thinking. CHIBAS said that as of May 31, 1964, he did not know the whereabouts of RAY and felt that RAY's actions were creating problems for the JURE because people who contributed money were anxious to see results and not promises. CHIBAS also criticized RAY for making foolish purchases of military equipment and stated that RAY purchased a short-wave transmitter which was unnecessary and also certain types of weapons which were obsolete. (u)

NY T-4 advised that in discussing the personality of RAY, CHIBAS stated that RAY was dictatorial, autocratic and politically unclear. CHIBAS said that in a political sense RAY blows hot and cold regarding political philosophies and likes to have "yes men" behind him who will agree to his every whim. CHIBAS also told NY T-4 that he considered RAY to be a very definite danger to the future of Cuba and that he could, if successful in getting into Cuba, turn out to be another FIDEL CASTRO. CHIBAS stated that he (u)

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did not believe that RAY was a Communist or subscribed to Communistic thinking but stated that there was no question in his mind that RAY was an out and out Socialist. (u)

NY T-4 advised that CHIBAS told him that he had just finished his teaching contract in New York City and was in the process of renting his apartment and would move to Miami for the summer months in order to assist the JURE. CHIBAS further added that he had signed a contract to teach in New York City during the 1964-65 year but if the situation in Cuba developed favorably for the exiles, he would forget about the contract and remain in Miami, Florida. (u)

NY T-4 advised that CHIBAS also stated that he was so disgusted with MANUEL RAY and the JURE that he considered leaving it but he saw no other organization among the Cuban exiles which offered any opportunity for him to participate in plans to overthrow the present Cuban Government. (u)

NY T-2, on June 3, 1964, advised that he had been informed by AVENOL FRANCO, an officer of JURE in New York, that MANUEL RAY and the group with him including ANDREW ST. GEORGE, a "Life" magazine photographer, had been apprehended by the British in British territorial waters. NY T-2 said that FRANCO had no details concerning the capture of RAY but felt that the capture of RAY took place in the Bahamas and stressed the fact that this was strictly rumor and that the JURE in New York City had no definite facts. (u)

Mrs. ANDREW ST. GEORGE, Dobbs Ferry, New York, telephonically advised on June 3, 1964, that she had been informed from Washington, D.C. by the representative of "Life" magazine that her husband had been picked up by British authorities off Anguila Key, Bahamas, and was then on his way to Nassau. Mrs. ST. GEORGE stated that there were two photographers and five Cubans aboard the. (u)

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stated that CHIBAS told him that he was so disgusted with RAY that he wanted to leave the group and would if he could find another exile Cuban organization which offered any hope of overthrowing the present Cuban Government. (u)

NY T-2, on June 22, 1964, advised that as a result of talking to various members of the JURE and in particular in conversation with RAUL CHIBAS, he was able to put together the following concerning RAY's attempt to infiltrate Cuba: (u)

MANUEL RAY arrived in Miami, Florida, on May 17, 1964, and informed ROGELIO CISNEROS that he was ready to leave for Cuba. This announcement caught CISNEROS a bit unaware since CISNEROS, although he had RAY's permission to decide the route into Cuba, did not want to assume such a responsibility, and hence, was not prepared for RAY's departure. (u)

CISNEROS then chartered a boat in order not to use one of the JURE's boats, because they wanted to conceal RAY's movements. The chartered boat was painted white and it was necessary to change its color before entering Cuban waters. According to information from MANUEL RAY, it was ascertained that after departure from Miami, one of the motors broke down and the radio transmitter which was aboard the boat was not working. These failures indicated to many of the JURE that the plan of RAY was already destined for failure although it is assumed that RAY was serious in his statements relative to getting into Cuba by May 20, 1964. (u)

According to information from RAUL CHIBAS, NY T-2 said that the entrance into Cuba was not properly prepared since the spot of entry on to Cuban soil was in an area where the inside contacts were not absolutely reliable and this pointed out the lie that RAY boasted that he had an efficient underground inside Cuba. (u)

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