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leader. This group is reportedly contributing financially and intellectually to the anti-Castro movement. Reportedly, Dr. Antonio Lamas Parra, married to the niece of Batista and former director of a mental institution near Havana, Cuba, and Fernando del Busto, a Cuban attorney, are connected with this group. Reportedly, Roberto Mendoza, another member of this group, gave \$50,000 on May 27, 1959, to Pozo for General Pedraza. (u)

A source with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability advised on May 26, 1959, that a group of Cuban exiled professional men including Lamas and Busto met on May 25, 1959. According to this source, Lamas believes that Fidel Castro cannot last more than two months. Lamas reportedly was interested in legally chartering a plane to fly to the Dominican Republic in order to deliver a confidential report to General Pedraza. The source was of the opinion that this report related to organized plans against Castro. Reportedly, Lamas desired to depart for the Dominican Republic on June 5, 1959, and to return on June 7, 1959. According to the source Lamas is a Batista follower but is supporting Pedraza. The source learned that Pedraza reportedly had come to the United States three times since January 1, 1959, wearing the uniform of a Dominican naval officer. (e) u

On May 26, 1959, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Cuban investigators have learned that a group of Batista exiles, under the leadership of Fernando del Busto, had several boats, identity unknown to the informant, in the Miami River. Reportedly, Manuel J. Diaz, a Cuban Air Force investigator, recently sent an agent to the Dominican Republic and learned that Batista gave \$25,000,000 to Pedraza who is in charge of training Cubans for an invasion of Cuba. The informant reported that Castro will attack the Dominican Republic first if he learns that the Dominican Republic actually plans to attack Cuba. (e) (u)

NOTE: The informant who is in a position to furnish reliable information is General Manuel Benitez. The source with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability is PSI [redacted] The informant who has furnished reliable info in the past is MM 635-S. (e) (u)

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