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Re Madrid letter 8-25-59..

On 9-18-59, RAFAEL MIRALLES BRAVO, former Press Attache of the Cuban Embassy in Madrid during the BATISTA Regime, exhibited a letter dated 9-9-59 which he had received from ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, a former Cuban senator who now is living in exile in Miami. It will be recalled that MASFERRER ROJAS is a one-time Communist who fought in the Spanish Civil War on the Republican side and who was of considerable assistance to the Batista Government prior to the fall of the latter on 1-1-59. His name has been frequently mentioned in connection with conspiratorial activities being carried on against the present Castro Government in Cuba. In his letter, which was written in reply to a letter which MIRALLES said he had sent to MASFERRER, MASFERRER commented that he expected the situation in Cuba to become much worse for the Castro Government before the end of the year 1959. He was critical of the activities of the Cuban group in the Dominican Republic in the sense that they had fallen into the trap set up by the American citizen named WILLIAM MORGAN and ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYA. He expressed the opinion that the Cuban middle class, described by him as the most active and fearless, is steadily becoming opposed to the Castro Government and felt that this group would be of considerable assistance in any plot against the Castro Government. He mentioned that feeling against the Castro Government appears to be particularly strong in Santiago, Cuba, pointing out that this city was one of the strongest supporters of Castro during his fight against the Batista Government. *(M)*

MIRALLES said that in his letter to MASFERRER, he had suggested the advisability of setting up an organization within Cuba along Communist-cell lines, since he, an admitted ex-Communist, felt that this was the only way of combating the Castro Government, which he claims is completely influenced by the Communists. MASFERRER, in his letter to MIRALLES, commented that he thought the plan was a good one and suggested MIRALLES would be an excellent person to carry out this plan. *(M)*

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MIRALLES commented that he is perfectly willing to endeavor to return to Cuba to carry out the plan since he is rapidly becoming destitute in Madrid as he has no fixed source of income. (u)

This is for the Bureau's information. Two extra copies of this letter are attached in the event the Bureau desires to forward them to the Miami and Havana Offices.

The Madrid Office will continue to follow this matter through available sources and the Bureau will be advised. (u)
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