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With the communication mentioned in your reference was enclosed was a photocopy of some information obtained from the US Embassy in Paris concerning the captioned Cubans, giving details about their records and activities in the U.S. In reference with this matter, we have the following to report: X(u)

Cuban citizen, Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER ROJAS was born in Holguin (Oriente, Cuba) on January 12, 1918; is married, a journalist and a lawyer. His physical description and photograph are accurate. As is known, in his youth he was attracted by communist ideas and enlisted in a Cuban volunteer unit (almost all held the same ideology), which fought with the then Spanish Red Army. MASFERRER eventually became Political Commissioner of the 46th Division, part of the Army Corps of the famous Valentin GONZALEZ GONZALEZ, aka "el Compesino" (the peasant). He fought at the Ebro Front. X(u)

In view of these activities during the war in Spain, it is logical to assume that he does not wish to return to Madrid, where his behavior is known. On the other hand, his relations with former President General BATISTA and his followers are not good any longer. As was reported on June 2, there is no indication that he has entered Spain, at least as a Cuban citizen and under this name. Inquiries at various inns and a review of the aliens files of our Brigade confirmed this. The Cubans of pro-Batista milieux have no knowledge of the former Cuban senator's arrival in Spain. Because of his X(u)

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appearance and actions, he will not go unnoticed. X(u)

It appears that MASFERRER knew that he was in difficulties with the American authorities. In order to elude them, he resigned from the board of directors of the "LIBERTAD" weekly, stating that he was leaving the U.S. territory in order to struggle more actively against the CASTRO regime. It is then that the rumor of his trip to Spain must have started. However, it is also said that he may be found in El Salvador, Haiti or the Dominican Republic, engaged in some political uprising project, of which he is so fond. It should be noted that Senator MASFERRER is not on good terms with the followers of General BATISTA and that he has planned - always from places in the U.S. - future invasions of Cuba and other operations of the military nature. It was said that for his training and that of his men he counted on the cooperation of the CIA and of the famous "Green Berets" of the US Army. Naturally, it is not known just how true this information is; but it does illustrate the point that many things are said about former Senator MASFERRER, a man of action and evidently dangerous. X(u)

Concerning his supposed companion, JULIO PALAU ATON CONSTANZO or JULIO ATON CONSTANZO PALAU, we are inclined to believe that his true name is Julio Anton CONSTANZO PALAU, also an active individual and a dangerous gunman. We have received information to the effect that he was one of the members of the famous "Gatillo Alegre" and, whose work in Cuba was the physical extermination of political enemies; that is to say, an activity very similar to that of Rolando MASFERRER. Some people say that he was a lieutenant in the Rebel Army and that he participated in gunfights, wounding the gunman known as "El Mejicano". Several violent deaths are attributed to him, and he is considered to be mentally unbalanced. X(u)

The information in our Brigade's files does not reflect the fact that he has entered Spain. However, one Pedro Alfonso CONSTANZO PALAU, born on 5/2/39 in Palma Soriano (Oriente,Cuba), andengineer, entered Spain through Barajas airport on 12/27/66 and left through the same airport for the U. S. on 6/20/67. He resided in Lacorauna, at #18 Calle Ramon de la Sergra. Since then, he has not entered this country again. Pedro Alfonso and Julio Anton CONSTANZO PALAU must be brothers. X(u)

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