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Subject has the rank of Major (Comandante) in the
CASTRO Army. He arrived in Madrid, Spain, from Cuba on July 16,
1960, and remained there until July 20, 1960, when he departed
for Brussels, Belgium, on Sabena Airlines flight 958. Subject
is the bearer of Cuban diplomatic passport 59/927 issued on
December 28, 1959. *(S)(U)*

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held lengthy conversations with Colonel RAMON BARQUIN LOPEZ, *custo*
described as head of a Cuban arms purchasing commission in Europe
and who resides in Madrid, and with aides of BARQUIN named VARELA
and GUTIERREZ. He also conferred with one ORAMAS, described by *(S)*
source as a Military Aide to RAUL CASTRO. According to the source, *(S)*
ORAMAS had come temporarily to Madrid from the Soviet and satellite *(S)*
countries, where RAUL CASTRO was then visiting. *(S)*

The source said that prior to the departure of GUTIERREZ
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one ARTURO G. MATA, Poste Restante Centrale, Lieges, Belgium.
Source said that in the telegram GUTIERREZ MENOYO told MATA to
wait for him there as GUTIERREZ MENOYO was leaving for Belgium
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The source said that it might be entirely a coincidence
but that he recalled that while in the Dominican Republic as a
member of a group being prepared there for an invasion of Cuba
to overthrow the CASTRO regime, there was a member of a so-called
Legion being prepared for the same purpose who was named ARTURO
GONZALEZ MATA. He described this person as a Spaniard holding
the rank of Lieutenant, and it was his recollection the GONZALEZ
MATA left the Dominican Republic for Europe after it became obvious
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