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1. The information contained herein was obtained by EPIDEMIC (C) on 22 January 1959 in a personal discussion with William Alexander Morgan, US National, Commandante (Major) Segundo Frente Nacional Del Escambray (SFNE), Castro Rebel Forces in Cuba:

a. Age 33, entered US Army at age of 15, served in 82nd AB Div in Europe during World War II. Has been with the Rebels for 14 months. Is in Havana to attend the Castro demonstration and attend the trials. Is military commander of the City of Cienfuegos, Las Villas. Hill remains in Cuba as a private person. Intends to enter business. Will leave Army although he has been urged to accept a command. An army man can not speak as he desired to will continue to speak to the people as a free citizen plan to enter business.

b. United States Ambassador Smith as a thieving SOB as are some other Americans presently in Cuba. Smith made five million dollars on talophen and sugar deals. The US had better shut up over the war criminals or they shall lose Cuba as a friend. There are others who would appreciate Cuban friendship. There are two kinds of Americans and half of them are war profiteers. Cubans will castrate every crooked business man caught, no matter who they are. Castro is a wise man who is issuing warnings now. Those who do not heed will be sorry later. Castro repeats himself but for emphasis not for lack of words.

c. Time magazine's article (20 January 59 issue) is a slandering lie. Reporters, except for Matthews and a few others, learned their news in a drunken stupor from artists and prostitutes. Some of the US Embassy people are excrement.

d. Morgan married a rebel soldier girl one month ago. expects a child in 3 months. expects no trouble from US Government over his Guerrilla activities.

2. Comments: Morgan is a vociferous, radical. Full of fury and filled with victory and the adulation of the public. Has the leadership qualities of a ... soldier. His men gather around him. He hugs them and calls them "brothers". Is five feet nine inches, 170, light brown hair. Wears light woollen ... with a gold star on each side of the collar. Armed with Wife is about five feet two inches, slight, light brown hair, ... potentially ... under the present situation.

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As a commandante he was in charge of 4 SPNE columns in the Cienfuegos area. Taught infantry unit tactics, operation and maintenance of weapons and driving. Allegedly was liked by SPNE personnel and highly respected for his bravery.

3. Additional information is contained in FBI File No 105-3187.

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