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A source who is in a position to furnish reliable information furnished the following information on May 29, 1959:

Emilio Nunez Portuondo reportedly was in Miami, Florida, on May 26, 1959, having returned from the Dominican Republic two days before. Portuondo allegedly was offered the presidency of Cuba by General Jose Pedraza, Cuban leader of the anti-Castro movement in the Dominican Republic, in the event Castro is overthrown. This offer was made to inspire the confidence of the United States and to enhance the prestige and respectability of the anti-Castro movement. Pedraza requested Portuondo to draw up a prospective list of new cabinet members. Reportedly Portuondo also conferred with Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo concerning the anti-Castro movement. Trujillo indicated he is prepared and awaiting aggression from Cuba. Trujillo is reported to have seen Portuondo off at the airport. Portuondo advised he was departing about May 30, 1959, for Washington, D. C., to confer with United States officials. Portuondo reportedly would lay the complete facts before the appropriate officials. The source noted that Portuondo commands great respect, is very pro-United States, but, in the opinion of the source, is of doubtful ability as the potential Cuban president.

On May 27, 1959, Rolando Masferrer, former Cuban senator and so-called Cuban war criminal presently in Miami, Florida, indicated he desired an appointment with Portuondo. He reportedly stated he would publish unfavorable information concerning Portuondo if Portuondo refused to see him.

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- 1 - ACSI, Dept. of Army
- 1 - OSI
- 1 - Customs
- 1 - Havana
- 1 - Foreign Liaison (General Jose Pedraza)
- 1 - 105-
- 1 - 109-64 (Agusto Ferrando)

- 1 - Director, USAID
- 1 - ONI 46 JUN 4 1959
- 1 - INS
- 1 - The Joint Staff
- 1 - AAG, ISD (By Form 0-6)
- 1 - 105-New (Emilio Nunez Portuondo)
- 1 - 100-344127 (Rolando Masferrer)
- 1 - 105-76940 (John Abbes)
- 1 - 105-70993 (William Alexander Morgan)

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leader. This group is reportedly contributing financially and intellectually to the anti-Castro movement. Reportedly, Dr. Antonio Lamas Parro, 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 Mendosa, another member of this group, gave \$50,000 on May 27, 1959, to Pazo for General Pedraza.

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. (S)(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. (S)(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 NSI Robert Williams. The informant who has furnished reliable info in the past is MI 635-S. (S)(U)

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