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SUBJECT Arrest in Madrid of Leaders of the Republican Public Order Force INFO. [Redacted]  
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- C-1 1. [Redacted] on 6 January 1947, Major Alejandro Sanchez Cabezudo and Lt. Colonel Vicente Delgado Huertas, leaders of the secretly organized Fuerzas de Asalto de la Republica (Assault Forces of the Republic), were arrested in Madrid.\* By 7 January, more than fifty republicans had been arrested, all of whom belonged to the clandestinely organized public order force, which was nominally at least under the discipline of the Interior Ministry of the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile. Sanchez Cabezudo reportedly was in charge of transmitting communications concerning the organization from Madrid to the Interior Minister, Manuel Torres Campana.\*\* 25X1X6
- C-3 2. Reportedly, the arrests were made through the capture in Catalonia of a courier bearing correspondence from Torres Campana. One [Redacted] is of the opinion that the arrest of the courier is related to an order for the transfer of Major Fomata from Yeserias Prison to the Central Prison of Burgos.\*\*\* The transfer order, which was sent by the Direccion General de Seguridad, reached Yeserias the day before the arrest of Sanchez Cabezudo and Delgado Huertas.
- C-1 3. On 10 January, Major Gastanos, formerly of the republican Assault Guards, was arrested. 25X1A6a

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Comments:

\*The Fuerzas de Asalto de la Republica is believed to be a dependency of the so-called Cuerpo de Seguridad. For previous information on the latter organization, see [Redacted]

\*\*The present Minister of the Interior in the Spanish Republican Government is Julio Just, of the Izquierda Republicana, who is also Minister of Defense. He was appointed by Rodolfo Llopis, who was named Prime Minister by President Martinez Barrio, following the resignation of Jose Giral.

\*\*\*Major Salvador Fomata Orsi was a member of the central committee of the Junta Militar de la Resistencia, a republican military organization which reportedly was under the orders of the Defense Ministry of the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile. Leaders of the organization, including Colonel Eduardo Saez de Aranz, Major Francisco Ruiz Salinero and Lt. Colonel Pedro Selva, were arrested in March 1946. See SSU report [Redacted], distributed on 18 June 1946.

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