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- 3. The guerrillas said that it was also part of their mission to tell the Communist leaders in France that arms, ammunition and money were urgently needed in Spain. They dreaded this assignment, saying that a comrade previously sent on such a mission had been killed by the Communists in France. They made the following statements regarding their situation in Asturias.

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Weapons and Ammunition.-Forty hunting rifles, four rapid-fire pistols, with thirty rounds (cartuchos) for each pistol. A rapid-fire rifle, with 88 rounds. A cannon (naranjero) with 100 rounds. A carbine with 50 rounds, a Parabellum (submachine) gun-with 300 rounds. Two British machine guns, each with 300 rounds. Ammunition for the last, a new special size (largo), is easily obtained from the Franco forces if payment is made in gold pesos. [redacted] Comment. Socialist guerrillas from the Asturian area also have mentioned the availability of ammunition from their enemies for payments in gold. [redacted] Sixteen 25X1A2g additional rifles are hidden in the home of one of the guerrillas. All the guerrillas carry rifles of the type used in the Spanish Civil War, and each has a pistol and two or three hand grenades. The grenades, however, are defective, and the majority of them do not explode when thrown.

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Guerrilla Leaders and their Locations.- Manolo Diaz CAJICAL is the supreme leader of the Communist political and guerrilla movement of Asturias. The police have offered a 1,000,000 peseta reward for him, as well as 50,000 pesetas for each guerrilla delivered dead or alive. CAJICAL, who is known as "Villa", is 36 years old, of short stature and swarthy complexion. His headquarters is in the Peña Mayor region. [redacted] Comment. Probably the Peña Mayor, referred to is the region located midway between Cangas-de-Onis and Mieres). His deputy is Manolin FERNANDEZ, "El Peque", who has eight guerrillas under him, of whom two are now in France. Other leaders and their groups are:

Aladino SUAREZ, "Eldraque", 29 years old, from the town of Santa Barbara. He commands six guerrillas at Peña Mea (not located).

Andres LLANEZA, "El Gitano", swarthy, average stature, commands a group of five guerrillas near Mieres.

Canol FERNANDEZ has three guerrillas under him on Monte Sebares. (not located).

A guerrilla band near Llanos has been out of touch since their shooting of a captive being held for ransom aroused the special vigilance of the Falange.

Marcelino FERNANDEZ Fernandez, is chief of clandestine organizations around Cangas-de-Onis. He maintains contact with the Communist cells in various towns.

Propaganda leaflets are produced in CAJICAL'S headquarters and distributed among the peasants and miners.

These guerrillas are the only ones in the mountains of Asturias. There are a few leftist elements who are hidden in their houses or the houses of relatives, but who would rather remain in hiding than endure the hard life of the mountain guerrillas. There are also about thirty or forty Socialist guerrillas who once were active but who lately seem to be engaging only in defensive action. [redacted] 25X1A6a
 Comment. Some Socialist guerrillas have escaped to France, according to information reported in [redacted]

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The Socialist guerrillas ~~are~~ ~~operated~~, but the Socialists appear to have received orders from France to break with the Communists.

The Communist Party never has sent money to the guerrillas; on the other hand, it has often demanded and received money from them. Weapons and ammunition are badly needed and morale is very low. The best men have been killed or captured, and the few good ones remaining are tired and are beginning to believe that they are being betrayed by the Party in France.

The Asturian guerrillas have no contact with the guerrillas of Levante or of any other province. They had contacts some time ago with fugitives from the mountains of Galicia and Leon, but these contacts no longer exist.

A group of forty guerrillas under Major Rodolfo PALOMO was captured.

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