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REACTIONS BY CUBAN EXILES TO
STATEMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE EDWIN M. MARTIN BEFORE
THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE

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1. COMMENT: THE STATEMENT MADE BY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY OF STATE EDWIN S. MARTIN BEFORE THE SENATE SUB-
COMMITTEE, AND PUBLISHED IN THE 23 MAY 1963 ISSUE OF THE MIAMI
HERALD, IN WHICH HE CREDITED FIVE MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS WITH
STRENGTH IN THE CUBAN UNDERGROUND, HAS RAISED A CERTAIN
CRITICAL COMMENT AMONG MAJOR POLITICAL AND ACTION ORGANIZATIONS
THEY ARE TAKING ISSUE WITH THE FACTS PRESENTED IN THE STATEMENT
AND DRAWING UNFAVORABLE CONCLUSIONS FROM THEM.

2. THE FACT THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CLAIM UNDERGROUND
GROUND STRENGTH, SUCH AS THE MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATA CRISTIANO
(MDC, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT MOVEMENT), RESCATE DEMOCRATICO
REVOLUCIONARIO (RESCATE, REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC RESCUE),

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AND THE 30 NOVEMBER GROUP, WERE OMITTED IN THE STATEMENT, BUTLE ALFON 65, WHICH HAS NEVER CLAIMED TO BE ANYTHING BUT AN RAILE GROUP, WAS INCLUDED, HAS LED THE EXILES TO EXPRESS CONCERN AS TO HOW AN OFFICIAL IN MARTIN'S POSITION COULD BE SO POORLY INFORMED.

3. AN OFFICIAL OF THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP, REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE) SAID THAT THE EVIDENCE REGARDING THE MRP AS CLAIMED BY MARTIN IS NOT IN THE HANDS OF THE MRP IN MIAMI.

4. THE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA (UR, REVOLUTIONARY UNITY) WANTED TO CHALLENGE MARTIN'S STATEMENT PUBLICLY SINCE IT BELIEVED THAT SILENCE WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS AGREEMENT; HOWEVER, THE UR HAS DECIDED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

5. THE COMANDO L GROUP, IN A BROADCAST OVER RADIO RELEJ, ACCUSED MARTIN OF TRYING TO DIVIDE THE EXILES AND SAID PUBLICLY WHEN HE MENTIONED ONLY FIVE ORGANIZATIONS, OMITTING COMANDO L, THE UR, THE AGRUPECION MONTCHRISTI (AM, MONTCHRISTI GROUP), THE 30 NOVEMBER GROUP, AND THE CENTINELAS DE LIBERTAD.

6. [REDACTED], A LEADING MEMBER OF THE NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF CUBA, A PRIO-ORIENTED UNITY GROUP, REPORTEDLY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE OMISSION OF MAJOR

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1. [REDACTED] CLASSIFIED
PRESENT STATEMENT AS BASIC PRINCIPLE OF SECURITY ORGANIZATION
WORLD WIDE ASSOCIATION.

2. [REDACTED] SAID
THAT THE STATEMENT MAY BE THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF SHOWING
DIFFERENCE FOR UNITY AMONG THE ORGANIZATION'S RATHER THAN UNITY
BEHIND SEVERAL PERSONALITIES, BUT IT IS BEING INTERPRETED AS
A RESULT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

3. AN OFFICIAL OF THE CIA, IN SUMMARIZING THE OPINIONS
HE HAS HEARD, REMARKED THAT MARTIN IS BEING INCONSISTENT WITH
PREVIOUS POLICY STATEMENTS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY LAID
DOWN A POLICY OF NON-AGGRESSION AGAINST CUBA, DENYING BUT
INDIVIDUALS TO BE CONFINED TO THE WESTERN AREA BECAUSE OF TRYING
TO MAKE FOREIGN POLICY AND BECAUSE THEIR IMPORTANCE MIGHT
DAMAGE THE UNITED STATES IN WAR. MARTIN NOW IMPLIED U.S.
WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT CERTAIN GROUPS AND SAID THOSE VERY
ORGANIZATIONS RECENTLY DENOUNCED AS BEING TOO INDEPENDENT. THIS
ATTITUDE AROUSES SUSPICIONS THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WORK
WITH THE U.S. AND FOLLOW U.S. POLICY ARE TO BE PUT ASIDE. THEN
ASKED ARE YOU ASKING WHETHER IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE
ATTACKS ON CUBA, ENVOIL THE U.S. IN DIFFICULTIES, AND RECEIVE
ALL SUPPORT LABELLED IN MARTIN'S STATEMENT, OR TO REFRAIN FROM
MAKING SUCH ATTACKS, OBEY U.S. LAWS, WORK WITH THE U.S.
POLITICALLY, AND THEN BE BURIED BY THE U.S. LATER ON.

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5. The "30th of November" unit, although not having too large a prison following, is very militant and strict with its members. Its ultimate aim is the nationalization of all of Cuba's industry, both public and private. A three-way split of the profits of industry is planned with 1/3 going to the government, 1/3 to labor, and the remaining 1/3 to the operators. If necessary, the "30th of November" movement plans to take over any existing regime by force.
6. The head of the "30th of November" is [redacted]
[redacted] is considered to be its intellectual head. [redacted] is in charge of indoctrination of new members of this group. [redacted] to be in the US where he is employed by the Pfizer Company. Both [redacted] [redacted] were inmates at the Isle of Pines Prison as of my release in February and, I imagine, both are still confined there.
7. The MRP, or so-called "Popular" movement, is not considered to be quite as radical or as well organized as the "30th of November" although it, too, holds indoctrination classes within the prison. [redacted] a [redacted] The prison head of the MRP, and the man who is expected to be the leader of it, is [redacted] Head of the MRP's violence squad and its action man is [redacted]
8. Other movements, none considered to be very large or powerful, within the prison include the Authentic Party. [redacted] of Pines Prison, is the Authentic Party's prison leader. The AAA, another movement, is headed in prison by [redacted] a very close friend of Romulo Betancourt, President of Venezuela. Another group is the Revolutionary Student Directorio [redacted]