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- D-3 1. Buenaventura Sanchez, Dominican exile, and Eufemio Fernandez, anti-Trujillo revolutionary and ex-Chief of the Cuban Secret Police, left Habana for Guatemala on 8 and 9 August, respectively. (b)(1) (b)(3)
- D-3 2. On 19 July 1949, Eufemio Fernandez made a direct flight to Guatemala returning the same night to Cuba. According to Humberto Lopez, radio commentator and one of Fernandez' companions in the 1947 Cayo Confites affair, Fernandez flew to Guatemala on 20 July where he had a conference with President Arevalo of Guatemala.
- C-3 3. Fernandez was accompanied on his return trip to Habana on 22 July by a friend of President Arevalo, (fnu) Oliva, who was taken to a hospital for treatment of a bullet wound in his neck.\*
- D-3 4. On 22 July, three revolutionary friends of Fernandez, Rosendo Lima Ruiz, Gaston Gonzalez Lopez, and Miguel Triay Escobar traveled to Guatemala. On 25 July they returned to Habana accompanied by Fernando Gallo and Carmen Quidiello, wife of Juan Bosch, Dominican revolutionary now exiled in Cuba. They allegedly made this trip to Guatemala for business reasons since Triay has an interest in the gambling concession at the night club, Sans Souci.
- 5. Jesus Gonzalez Cartas, Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras (ARG) leader who owns an airport at Santa Fe, Guanabacoa, is friendly with Fernandez and has been seen recently at the San Luis Hotel in Habana.\*\*
- 6. On 23 July, Marion R. Finley, an American connected with the recent Dominican attempt, and George Patterson, arrived in Cuba. Finley returned to Miami on the same day after contacting Rafael Mendoza, a wealthy Cuban who carries on extensive contraband activities.\*\*\* According to source, Finley plans to return to Habana in the near future. Patterson is still in Cuba.
- 7. On 21 July, General Miguel Angel Ramirez, Juan Rodriguez Garcia, and Jorge Rivas Montes, Caribbean revolutionary leaders, arrived in Habana from Merida. They were still at the San Luis Hotel, Habana, on 11 August.
- 8. Mortimer Kollender, friend of Cruz Alonso and of interest in the past in connection with the revolutionary activities in Cuba, was in [ ] on 12 July.

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On 21 July he was in Habana and returned to Cienfuegos on 23 July. Kollender's activities in Cuba still remain a mystery.

- 9. On 27 July, a Cuban naval officer who is a brother of Rolando Masferrer, Cuban Congressman and chief of the Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario (MSR), stated that as soon as President Carlos Prío Socarras gave his approval, the Dominican exiles in Cuba now residing at the San Luis Hotel were going to a farm in Oriente Province. He further stated that no recruiting for Caribbean revolutionary activity was going on in Cuba at the present time. (b)(3)

[Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] Oliva may possibly be identical with Colonel Jose Manuel Ortega, Guatemalan Chief of Staff, who reportedly came to Cuba in a Cuban military plane. (b)(1) (b)(3)

[Redacted] Comment. The San Luis Hotel, owned by Cruz Alonso Rodriguez is a well-known hangout for revolutionary groups. [Redacted] several unidentified Caribbean revolutionaries and Dominican exiles have arrived in Habana and are residing at the hotel. (b)(1) (b)(3)

[Redacted] Comment. Mendoza, also known as Pilin, is allegedly the front man for any business activities of the Cuban Army Chief, Genovevo Perez Danara. [Redacted] contact for Mendoza and Finley was undoubtedly arranged by Fernandez and probably took place in a section called Santa Fe in the Biltmore-Jaimanitas area. A small airport owned by Orlando Deltran, who was connected with the Cayo Confites affair in 1947, is located in this same area. At present there are twenty small single-engine planes and two two-motor planes located at this airport. (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(3)

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