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Attempt to Recruit Cuban Nationals for Military Service

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New Orleans, Louisiana

100 Years Ago

1. On 22 March 1962, the undersigned was contacted by Captain Walter J. Murphy, Proctost Marshal, Camp Leroy Johnson, New Orleans, Louisiana, with the following report:

A Private First Class Jesucar A. Nunez, a Cuban national serving with the 189th Transportation Company, 35th Transportation Battalion (Parachute), Camp Leroy Johnson, reported to his commanding officer that he had heard of an attempt by some military members to recruit Cuban personnel for Airborne and Special Forces training, and that he desired to transfer to such an organization.

2. When contacted by a member of this office on 13 March 1962, Bradley arranged for an interview of Munoz, who reported substantially the following:

On 11 March 1962, Munoz was told by a friend, Rosario Martenes, a civilian Cuban refugee residing at 1002 Milan Street, New Orleans, that Martenes and five other civilian Cuban refugees of the New Orleans area were contacted by representatives of a Federal agency in an attempt to enlist them for military training. Martenes believed that the meeting with the representatives of the Federal agency was arranged by Mrs. Albert Gavriglio, an official of the Cuban Center, a relief and recreation organization for Cuban refugees, Av 2526 Poydras, New Orleans. Other persons who attended the meeting were Carlos Bringas, Rochester Apartments, 1336 Paris Avenue, New Orleans; Ion Cusco, whose address is unknown to Martenes; and three other Cuban refugees whose identities are not known to Martenes. Arosesto Rodriguez, a US citizen of Cuban birth who is director of the Berlitz School of Languages, 1209 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, accompanied the Cuban refugees to the meeting as an interpreter. On approximately 5 March 1962, the group traveled to an area of New Orleans near the Industrial Canal which Martenes believed to resemble an army camp. There the group was met by two men wearing civilian clothes who verbally identified themselves as a captain and a major of the Louisiana National Guard. Before the termination of the meeting, the group was joined by another person who was introduced as a colonel of the Louisiana National Guard. These individuals attempted to enlist members of the Cuban group for service in the National Guard with a six-month training period in the active Army, during which time they would receive special forces and airborne training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Martenes is not fluent in the use of the English language; therefore, he does not recall the names of the persons with whom the group met. Martenes believes that Arosesto Rodriguez and Mrs. Albert Gavriglio would know their names. During the discussion of training which would be given the men, the possibility of an invasion attempt of Cuba was mentioned. One member of the Cuban group asked if Cuban nationals serving in the US Army would be authorized to take part in an invasion by any means or overthrow the present Cuban government. One of the Cuban refugees advised absence without leave by stating "If you wanted to go, we wouldn't stop you."

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bold youth asked the question of age requirements for enlistment, the same officer replied that any age stated by the applicant would be accepted and that no minimum proof of age would be required. Concerning citizenship requirements for enlisted, the officer stated that the civilian would be required to sign a certificate of intention to become a citizen. The pay offered for enlisted was that of a Private in the US Army without maintenance allowances for family support. All of the members of the Cuban group have the responsibility of supporting dependents; therefore, no member of the group indicated a desire to enlist. No names or titles of the other members asked or between the representatives of the National Guard and any group of Cuban nationals.

3. It is believed that the meeting place of the Cuban nationals and the persons who identified themselves as officers of the Louisiana National Guard may be Deacon Morris, a Louisiana National Guard recruitment area located on St. Claude Avenue and near the Industrial Canal in New Orleans. Morris, who attended the meeting with the Cuban group, is influential in the affairs of the Cuban refugees in this area and is a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Congress, an organization which maintains its office in Miami, Florida. The titles of this office provide no information concerning other members of the Cuban group who attended the meeting.

4. Further investigation in regard to this matter has been suspended pending receipt of instructions. Classification of this document is based upon the possibility that publication of this information may involve activities of another intelligence agency.

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