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On November 28, 1963, MM T-4, who is in close contact with Comandos L leaders, advised that factionalism had developed inside the organization. The factionalism is on the leadership level between SANTIAGO ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ and ANTONIO CUESTA DEL VALLE. In early December, 1963, ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ became relatively inactive, and his son, SANTIAGO ALVAREZ FERNANDEZ, took over. It appeared that CUESTA has been able to maintain the support of the majority of the action group members. MM T-4 explained that ALVAREZ FERNANDEZ has been visiting new political sources trying to buy automatic weapons and explosives. (S)(u)

On December 13, 1963, ALVAREZ FERNANDEZ stated the organization had become "too political" and a split had developed, but there would be no announcements concerning this factionalism. ALVAREZ has been desperately trying to locate a .57 mm. recoilless rifle. He claimed that all the necessary equipment for a raid has been assembled, but that the mission cannot go out without the .57 mm. recoilless rifle. ALVAREZ further made a comment concerning a letter which was circulated to the effect that neither he nor his father, SANTIAGO ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ, was authorized to collect funds for Comandos L. (u)

On December 19, 1963, MM T-4 stated that ALVAREZ FERNANDEZ was still looking for a .57 mm. recoilless rifle, and had planned to go on a three-day mission. ALVAREZ said the purpose of the mission would be to test President JOHNSON's policy concerning Cuba, and to obtain press publicity to stimulate money contributions. (S)(u)

On December 24, 1963, MM T-4 advised that ALVAREZ has not been able to obtain the .57 mm. recoilless rifle, and it now appears that he lacks and ammunition and explosives to conduct a raid against Cuba. (S)(u)

Available Boats

[MM T-5, who has a vast knowledge of boats used by Cuban exiles making attacks against Cuba, on December 19, 1963, (S)(u)

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Junta del Gobierno de Cuba en el Exilio

PAULINO SIERRA MARTINEZ, formerly an attorney in Cuba, was employed by the Union Tank Car Company in Chicago, Illinois. In May, 1963, he came to Miami, met with prominent exile leaders, and claimed to have thirty million dollars to establish unity, and carry the war of liberation to Cuba. FLA

SIERRA formed an organization and tried to establish unity, but the more established exile, political, and action group leaders did not join with them. SIERRA's Executive Committee consisted of lesser known individuals. (U)

By October, 1963, considerable dissension in the organization developed. It was apparently SIERRA did not have thirty million dollars. He became discredited, and was criticized for having developed no military action. FLA

On October 31, 1963, GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ FERNANDEZ, former military head of the organization, said he resigned because he found SIERRA to be unreliable, deceitful, egocentric, a liar, and overly ambitious. RODRIGUEZ charged SIERRA with being able to collect some money, but spending it on travel, cheap jewelry, and high living.

Such persons as CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, SANTIAGO ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ, and JULIO GARCERAN, former Supreme Court Justice in Cuba, said they considered SIERRA a fraud. FLA

In November, 1963, ALDO VERA SERAFIN, head of an independent action group, said he was able to get \$5,000.00 out of SIERRA. He always considered SIERRA as being psychotic. FLA

MM T-4 advised he was present in the summer of 1963 when SIERRA donated \$1,000.00 to Comandos L. (S) (U)

MM T-3 in November, 1963, advised that SIERRA had a session with an attorney representing an American firm, the Union Tank Car Company in Chicago, where he was accused of wasting time, effort, and \$50,000.00. (S) (SA) (X) (U)