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Reference is made to my letter dated June 26, 1959, in captioned matter.

A source with whom sufficient contact has not been had to determine his reliability on July 1, 1959, advised our representative in Havana, Cuba, he had learned that four Russians are presently training Cuban military personnel at a farm known as El Cortijo. The source further advised that the identities of the Russians were not known.

With regard to the above information, our representative has advised that Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, the former head of the Cuban Air Force, in his letter of resignation to President Manuel Urrutia stated that communist elements have exerted pressure to achieve a determined plan of indoctrination in the school that functions at El Cortijo farm.

The above information has been made available to appropriate officials in the United States Embassy at Havana, Cuba. Any additional pertinent information received in this matter will be immediately made available.

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- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence
- 2 - Miami (SEE NOTE PAGE 2.)
- 1 - AAG, ISD, (By O-6d, same date)
- 1 - 105-New (Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz)

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- 1 - Office of Special Investigations  
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NOTE FOR SAC, MIAMI:

ReButel 7/1/59 entitled "Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz,  
Internal Security - Cuba" which revealed that Diaz Lanz,  
who resigned as Chief of the Cuban Air Force, [was  
en route to Florida.] In event Diaz Lanz is interviewed ~~(S)~~(U)  
by your office, he should be questioned concerning the  
significance of his statement concerning El Cortijo farm.

NOTE:

The source of the information contained in this  
letter is [redacted] OTHER 4  
Magazine in Havana. Legat requested that this individual's  
identity be protected. [Department of Navy reported on  
6/30/59 that Diaz Lanz left Cuba and is en route to Florida.] (U)  
Miami instructed by tel 7/1/59 to arrange to interview ~~(S)~~  
Diaz Lanz if he enters U.S.

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