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Chief of Station, Bogota

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WHD/Operations

Possible CIA/CIA Support of Cuban Exiles' Plan to Establish Guerrilla

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTRY BUILDING CAMP IN COLOMBIA

Reference: HIBA-5290, paragraph 2 of enclosed Contact Report AFN-68

Action: Bogota--Para 2 and 3

JMWAVE--Para 3

1. Around the first of October the FND was integrated into the CRC, with Dr. Jose MIRO Cardona as Chief and Tony VARCHA, former general coordinator of the FND, as deputy chief. In the reorganization resulting from the merger, it is noted from a recent listing of personnel that the following now comprise the CRC delegation to Colombia:

Eddy LEAL	\$300.00 a month
Maximo BORONDO	300.00 "
Roberto RUIZ	150.00 "
Roberto HALFON	150.00 "

2. We assume Eddy LEAL (fnu) mentioned in reference as one of the two Cubans who have proposed the setting up of a guerrilla training camp for Cubans in Colombia and claim to have means to infiltrate back into Cuba. We cannot identify the other Cuban, APORTE (fnu). BORONDO and RUIZ are the former FND delegates. As you know from previous correspondence, HALFON, the defector from Chile, has a somewhat questionable background. The only Headquarters trace on Eduardo LEAL is HKH-1667 dated 4 June 1958, thermostatic copies of which are enclosed. Please forward field traces on LEAL and APORTE at your earliest convenience, together with pertinent comments on the recent activities and standing in the Cuban exile community of BORONDO, RUIZ, and HALFON.

3. For WAVE: In view of the derogatory information in the enclosed HKH-1667, which implies LEAL's affiliation with Venezuelan Communists in 1958, please make a thorough check on his background through AMOT's and advise soonest.

Enclosures: 1 (HKH-1667)
1 (Para 2 of AFN-68--to WAVE only)

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3 - BOGO v/1 enclo. *CROSS REFERENCE TO*
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4. As you are probably aware, infiltration of bodies and materiel into Cuban has become increasingly difficult and there is every indication that tightening of internal control measures will continue. Any large-scale training for guerrilla operations, as implied in reference, would be impractical and wasteful without substantial assets for infiltration of the trainees and of materiel to supply them. We would be interested in detailed information on the "means to infiltrate" claimed by LEAL and APONTE, but it is extremely doubtful they have any infiltration assets that would justify training for guerrilla operations under the present circumstances. It is suggested they be advised to begin training on a small scale of a few Cubans to infiltrate for the purpose of intelligence gathering. In this way they could be able to test their infiltration capabilities and to gain intelligence needed on conditions inside, prevailing internal control measures, etc., before making any decision on undertaking or training for sabotage and guerrilla-type operations.

5. Headquarters cannot say whether or not the CRC is behind the training plans mentioned in reference, but efforts will be made to determine the CRC role if any. With regard to assistance, Station Bogota and Negrine should limit themselves to the above suggestions and should monitor the results to determine the possible future utility of the Cuban group in Colombia. At the present time it appears that CIAGAR would be wasting its time and money on a group which has yet to prove its claimed capabilities.

6. The Station should be particularly careful in its discussions of this matter not to imply KUBARK or ODYONE interest in or support of local FDR or CRC groups. On occasions these groups have engaged in activities which have been or might be harmful to ODYONE relations with the local governments concerned.

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