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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 105-83195

BY LIAISON

Date: May 12, 1961  
To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: CUBAN SITUATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

A reporter for the "New York Journal-American," on May 8, 1961, furnished the following information:

The reporter stated he had recently been in Miami, Florida, covering the Cuban invasion and had spoken to many Cuban exiles and personal sources. As a result, he came to the conclusion that the invasion had been badly handled by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from every aspect. He stated that some of the exiles were of the opinion that the invasion was doomed to failure by design on the part of CIA and they are holding CIA responsible.

The reporter stated he was able to ascertain from his sources the names of the CIA personnel allegedly responsible for the invasion. He furnished these names as Bernard Barker, David Morales, one [redacted], one [redacted], one Carranza, one Avignon and a colonel who had been assigned as Air Attache at the United States Embassy in the Dominican Republic. In addition, he stated he had heard that one Frank Bender of CIA was also among those responsible.

The above-mentioned reporter identified two of his sources of the foregoing information as former Colonel Mariano Faget and Enrique Parajon, who were formerly connected with the Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC) in Cuba. BRAC was an active organization in Cuba during the Batista regime. Reportedly, the reporter checked the above-mentioned CIA employees with Faget who apparently maintained a file on the subject. Faget allegedly verified the information the reporter had received concerning the part played by these individuals in the invasion.

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The reporter stated he had discussed the role of CIA in the invasion with Senator George Smathers. He indicated that Senator Thomas Dodd, who heads a Senate subcommittee, would call him to appear before the committee in the near future concerning the data in his possession dealing with the involvement of CIA in the invasion.

This is for your information.