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1. Over lunch, Señora Fern made the following observations:
 2. Mario MENENDEZ, the Editor of Sucesos, has asked her to write some more articles for the magazine. She said she had seen a letter written to him by a Cuban journalist in Mexico detailing his participation of CISCLA (?) in the rally on Mexico City. She said she understood Menendez had been to the U.S. recently and that he therefore must have a valid visa, despite the fact (according to her allegation) that he is an agent of Fidel Castro.
 3. She said that her cousin, Rubén DURAN, also goes to the U.S. often (in addition to our country), despite the fact (according to her allegation) that he entertained Lee Harvey Oswald when the latter was in Mexico.
 4. Rubén's brother, Horacio DURAN, whose wife, Sylvia, is employed by the Cuban Embassy, now works for Joaquín CISNEROS, the Private Secretary of President DÍAZ ORDAZ. Through Horacio's intervention, CISNEROS recently arranged Government to clear a Mexican visa for the son of Eusebio M. CUE, who is still a citizen based in Mexico at the time of the Kennedy assassination. *B-6613*
 5. Dr. Yolanda ORTIZ Ascencio was arrested at the same time last fall as VICTOR ALDO Galán, but was released on payment of a 35,000 pesos bond. After her release, Dr. Ortiz then got from Rico Galán's mother all of the sensitive papers, documents, letters, etc., belonging to Rico. Señora
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Paz opined that she turned them over to the Mexican Government or perhaps the Cuban Party.

6. Carlos MENDOZA told Defense, Paz that in March there would be another "prostration" at ULLM led by Communist students Mauricio PAVAN and FLORES Urquiza, who are both in the pay of the Government. When such disturbances would then permit the Government to stand down on its exercises and gestures given to send troops into the University.

7. A Communist friend, whom she refused to identify, told Defense, Paz that a shipment of 10 machine guns had recently been sent from Mexico to Communists in Cuba.

8. Manuel MARCUS Parikh, a publisher of Politico, used to get money from the Cuban Embassy. Now, however, he is out of favor, and he goes to the Cuban Embassy frequently. At a dinner party late last year, Cuban Ambassador to HERNANDEZ Armas had spoken disfavorably of Marcus and said he would end up in jail with Rico Gómez. Said of Rico Gómez had been in the pay of the Cubans, Defense, Paz said he always seemed very poor but that she assumed he received money to make trips to various Latin American countries as an agent of Fidel Castro.

9. Señora Paz attended a Cuban party at the home of the Mexican Ambassador to the U. S., Hugo MARGAIN, when he was in Mexico following the Presidential election at the Amistad Dam. She said he lived in a sumptuous new house and had a fleet of private auto-escorts. The guests were mostly Communists who had formerly been members of a Marxist study group called Espancub. In the 1960s, Margain was "politically and culturally democratic" in his criticism of the U. S. He demanded the shipment of relief supplies to the Tarahumara Indians as a deliberate attempt to try to humiliate Mexico. He added, however, according to Señora Paz, that there was more than just wanting to bring the U. S. dignity to its knees: racial strife, drugs, and the final triumph of Marxism.

10. On February 10, Señora Paz told Mr. Thomas that the Cubans were willing to pay her a great deal of money if she would go to Havana and write a biography of Fidel Castro. She said she had no desire to do so, and yet in fact paid to co-finance the Cenaid episode, but that she found the effort long past since Octavio Paz was no longer sending her any money.

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