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On August 5/60, at 7 a.m., Brand made contact with Emilio Rodriguez. Brand told E.R. that he wanted to see Amparo (Plinio's wife), in order to debrief her on the actual situation of OA's groups. That same afternoon Brand saw Amparo. Amparo informed Brand of all the arrests that had taken place after Plinio's escape from El Escambray. In regard to OA's groups in Havana, Amparo told Brand that Efren Rodriguez, member of the Executive Committee of the OA, was in a safe house in Havana, and that the man who could brief Brand on OA's situation.

On August 6/60, Brand saw Efren Rodriguez. Efren informed Brand that, on account of Abay and Ponsia's asylum at the Embassy of Brazil, contacts had been lost with the action groups of OA. Efren was completely out of money. Brand gave him $150.00 and instructed him to establish contact with OA's action groups. E.R. agreed to do this.

Brand had to remain in his safe house for the next ten days, because no glue or moustaches had been sent to him, and he had no materials for his disguises. Meanwhile, Plinio had arrived in Havana, and had established contact with Efren and other members of the underground.

Emilio Rodriguez gave Brand a man to be used as a driver or as a cut-out. This man is named Montes. After receiving the disguise materials, Brand established contact with Jesus Iglesias, former member of Triple A, and Brand's fellow cons for many years. Iglesias owned a 50 ft. yacht. Brand asked Iglesias' help to use his yacht to smuggle weapons into Cuba. Iglesias was in very low spirits. He said that it was useless for the Cubans to fight Fidel, since Fidel had a powerful b from the Soviet Union, and that unless the U.S. decided to do something about it, their efforts were doomed to failure. In short, Iglesias refused to help.

Next, Brand established contact with Cesar Lanza Bravo. Cesar agreed to help Brand instruct Cesar to start looking for B.50 and L.50. Besides, Cesar was to start organizing laborers in the different Unions, and to try to gather informanta from all of them. Cesar also volunteered to make contacts with policemen in the patrol cars, in order to find out the codes they were using in their radio communications. He also promised to start a search for safe houses and store houses and to start checking Fidel through the members of the Sindicato Gastronomico.

That first meeting, Brand gave Cesar one thousand pesos, to be used for expense for the renting of houses.

Next, Brand made contact with Benito Fernandez. Benito said that he was eager to help and that all of us had to give our best to overcome our country's situation. Benito offered his efforts to try to find B.50 and L.50. Besides, he volunteered to do some recruiting. Benito informed Brand that he had an action group of about fifteen men, already armed.

Contact was made with Dr. Helio Nardo Faz. Nardo informed Brand that he had already been approached by people from MRR and by Lombardo Diaz, acting as representative from Tony Varona's group; Nardo had refused to work with them. Brand asked Nardo to take care of the Province of Pinar del Rio as a leader of the new underground group, of which he was going to be one of the leaders. Nardo agreed to this, and promised to start looking for B.50 and L.55 and also promised to take care of the recruiting of people in the Province of Pinar del Rio. He meant that he had a friend who had been a lieutenant in the rebel army, and who had taken his position because of the communist tendencies of the government. He told E.R. that this ex-lieutenant could become a valuable asset if won to our side. He was going to try to bring this man to talk with Brand. Brand gave Nardo five pesos, for expenses.
At the first meeting with Benito Fernandez, Brand also saw Nelson Iglésias, University student, and son of Jesus Iglésias. Brand instructed Nelson to start making some recruiting at the University. Brand also instructed Nelson Iglésias to make the necessary arrangements so Brand could have a meeting with Jose Farplanas and Eddy Cuesta, members of the Catholic Youth, students at the University of Havana and members of NRR (Artico's faction). Brand gave Nelson one hundred pesos for expenses.

A week after their first meeting, Brand saw Cesárida again. Cesárida said he had been making some contacts with different unions. He also explained that up to that time he had been working with Tony Varona's group, named "Rescate." He expressed his concern about the double role he was playing, working with Rescate at the time that he was working with Brand. Larcia said that in due course he could bring friends to Rescate to Brand's organization. Brand said that a week had elapsed and no results had been attained and that he wanted results. Larcia said that he was going to have results for the next meeting.

Through Nelson Iglésias, Brand had a meeting with Jose Farplanas and Eddy Cuesta. The meeting took place at Fernandez Plane's house in Vedado, Havana. Brand asked Fernandez Plane's help in order to get D.2s. and L.2s. and safe houses. Though Fernandez Plane's helped, he was a little bit reluctant because of connections with NRR. He said he was going to talk things over with his friends to see if he could give me an answer in a few days. Nevertheless, he accepted four huts to be used in the renting of safe houses. Brand also asked about the possibility of creating some disturbances at Havana University on the 30th of September, anniversary of Fidel Castro's birth. They said their chances were slight, because they could not turn the people they had at the University to that kind of action. He said that in the event of a riot at the University, they would be crushed by the communists and militia, already well trained, equipped and organized.

In his next meeting with Brand, Nardo brought along a man by the name of Francisco Robayna Dominguez, ex-lieutenant of the Rebel Army. Robayna had been member of the American Army, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He had been to Europe as member of the American Army. He deserted to go to Cuba and join the forces of Fidel Castro. He became a member of Fidel Castro's guerrillas in the mountains of Las Villas. Robayna said that he was willing to join Nardo and Brand's efforts. He had already been working in the recruiting of people. He assured Brand that he could count with a force of 150 men. He also said that he was going to get D.2s. and L.2s. to work under the orders of Nardo.

In his next meeting with Brand, Fernandez Planas returned the four hundred pesos he had previously received. He said he could not take care of the renting of safe houses, because the people they could use for that were needed at the NRR. He said since Brand had promised him weapons, he said he would keep trying to get D.2s. and L.2s. He said he wanted to see Brand again.

Benito Fernandez saw Brand again. He said that he had talked with his brother who had been a Mayor in Santiago de Cuba. He had also talked with Luis Casoso and who had also been a Mayor in Santiago de Cuba. They both promised to start searching for D.2s. and L.2s. in the southern coast of the Province of Oriente.

Brand also saw Nelson Iglésias again. He said it had been difficult to raise people at the University, because everyone seemed to belong already to one or another. Nevertheless, he said, he had a group of around ten students who were willing to work with him, though some of them already belonged to Rescate. He was in contact with a boy named Solis, who was heading Rescate's group at the University. Around these days, Jose, a member of the Company whom Brand had met in Santiago, came to visit Brand at Brand's safehouse. He said that they weren't interested anymore in getting people out of Cuba to be properly trained. He promised to get some contacts which would help Brand in his activities. These promises were kept, and Brand made some contacts which will be referred to in due course.
Brand had been asking to see Plinio. Plinio also had been asking to see Mr. Assaro to know about one of Brand's safehouses. She came one day and told Brand & Plinio needed to see him. Next day, Brand went to see Plinio. At Plinio's safe
Brand also met a man named Juan Moncada, also known as George the Pilot or Jose Casanova. Moncada was the head of a group named SAR (Movimiento Anticomunista Liberacion). Plinio told Brand of his efforts and how pleased he was with the way things were going on. Plinio also talked about his plans for the immediate future and the meetings he was expecting to have in the days to come. In return, Brand said that he was also pleased with the way things were developing.

In his next meeting with Brand, Robayma brought a map pointing out a D.Z. that was the first D.Z. that Brand got. Brand gave Robayma a logistic compass so he could give the exact location of the next D.Z. He was trying to get Robayma's full of enthusiasm with the outcome of his efforts. All his men were anxious to

By this time, Brand had met with Efrén Rodríguez in several occasions. Efrén Rodríguez was contacting and organizing action groups to be used in Havana, in Sity as well as in the Province. A man by the name of Rutilio Ramos had been by him. This man was to lead the men we were planning to use in an attempt against Fidel's life. Efrén Rodríguez had also met people who gave him detailed information on the government forces in Isle of Pines. Rutilio Ramos also made some reports of the contacts were made by Efrén Rodríguez with action groups in San Jose de las Lajas.

Joe sent Brand some instructions that enabled Brand to make contact with a man named Alberto Jorge Llosada Fernández, who worked at the Compañía de Electricidad. This Llosada was one of the leaders of an organization called 'Resistencia Agraria'. Though they had men all around the island, their men force seemed to be in the Province of Pinar del Río. And what seemed most important of all, they had a group of fifty men already in the mountains in Pinar del Río, in a place named Rio Rojo. In the first meeting with Llosada, Brand gave him 500 pesos to be used in the purchase of supplies for the men already in the mountains. Brand also instructed Llosada to try to organize groups at the Compañía de Electricidad. These groups were to be used in sabotage at the Electric Company. Llosada agreed to send word to the leader of the group at the mountains to come to Havana to have a meeting with Brand. Llosada also agreed to try to find some D.Z.s or L.C.s. From that day on, Llosada the meetings with Brand would take place in two houses he indicated, and which Brand promptly approved.

Joe sent Brand some instructions that enabled Brand to make contact with a man named Vidal Morales, who was to provide the goons that were promised to Brand by Jim Bowdin. Brand instructed Vidal to organize his men and have them ready for action to be used when required. Brand also instructed Vidal to start checking Carlos Rafael Rodríguez, a well known communist, and also to gather the information he could gather about the top communists in Cuba. Vidal agreed to this.

In a meeting with Llosada, he informed Brand that the leader of the group at Rio Horma, a man by the name of Lazaro Santos Ávila, had been killed in his way to Havana to see Brand. Brand then told Llosada to make arrangements so Brand could have a meeting with the man who had substituted Lazaro Santos.

Brand had a meeting with Oscar Landis and Llosada, so both men could get in to
instructed Losada not to talk with Landis about the people in the mountains. He wanted Losada to talk only about the laborers at the Electric Company. In his next meeting with Brand, Landis refused to have anything to do with Losada.

Brand gave Landis a written report about Losada and Losada's brother, also working at the Electric Company. The report said that Losada had been present during a shooting incident and was suspected of being an informant for Batista's security forces. Landis also said that Losada had been suspected of being a drug addict.

Brand then asked Landis if there were any doubts about Losada's attitude. Landis said that Losada's brother was a drug addict. Brand then asked Landis if he had any doubts about Losada's attitude, and Landis said that Losada was a drug addict and a "pusher". Landis then informed Landis that a former major at the army, named Manuel Jesus Hernandez, had been commissioned by Landis to establish a net of informers in the mountains. Landis also said that he had received several thousand pesos from Escobar and was willing to return the thousand pesos that Brand had given him. Landis agreed to answer no questions.

Around the fifteenth of September, Brand thought he had noticed certain unusual things around Potin's building, where Brand's safe house was located. One day, when Brand was entering the building, he heard a man asking about the people living at the penthouse of the building. Brand confirmed Brand's suspicions that something was going on. Brand left the building and never came back. It was until three weeks later that Brand found out, through Augusto Casamayor, that someone had provided the safe house, that a tenant of the penthouse, who lived in Brand's apartment, had been the victim of extortion. This had been the atmosphere that Brand had noticed around the building, because the tenant has under surveillance by the people who submitted him to extortion.

Brand went to live for some days at Juan Mendez's place. At this safe house, Brand met a man named Jorge Espino, who worked with Mendez at NH. Brand put Espino in contact with Nardo, so Espino's people in Pinar del Rio would work under the cover of Royma. Espino's military chief in Pinar del Rio was a young man by the name of Refredo. Brand met Barrios and introduced him to Royma. From then on, Barrios was in contact with Royma, and working under his command.

Around these days, Brand heard that Mendez was going to have an interview with a priest named Luis Heras. Brand went to that meeting and asked this priest to go with him to Artemisa, in the Province of Pinar del Rio, and contact Nardo, so he would pray for the priest with the help of the priest and assist the priest to stay in the province. After that, Brand saw Nardo and arrangements were made in such a way that Nardo left Pinar del Rio. From then on, it was their business to keep in touch.

At the meeting with Father Luis Heras, Brand met a physician named Dr. Leon Leonid identified himself as a delegate from Organacion Occidental Anticomunista (OCA). A few days later, Brand introduced Nardo to Dr. Leon Leonid, so Leonid would help in the Province of Pinar del Rio. Later on, Brand introduced Leon Leonid to Veda COA's military chief in the Province of Pinar del Rio was a young man named Cruz. Cruz Blanco was introduced to Royma by Leon Leonid. From then on, Cruz would start to work under the orders of Royma. On account of all these contacts were given to Royma, that in the last message that Royma sent to Brand three hundred pesos, he claimed to have six hundred men under his command. And he said that it was a conservative figure. Nardo commented that in order to make this figure conservative, he would say that Royma had five hundred men under his command.
By the first days of September Brand had met Dr. Rodolfo Hernández Laurango, a well-known Cuban doctor. This diplomat lent his house many times so that it could be used for Brand's meetings with Benito Fernández. Brand also used Rodríguez's treasurers. Whenever Brand received money from the company, he took it to Havana in order to avoid a heavy loss of money if Brand was captured. In one of his visits with Benito Fernández, Brand met a man named José Caballero, who had been a student at the Cooperativa de Camibus Aliados. This Cabañas had hundreds of friends and drivers and conductors of buses in Havana. Cabañas promised to get safehouses and stores for the group of drivers and conductors in Havana. He also said that he was going to give Brand a driver. Brand gave Cabañas 500 pesos.

A few days later Brand met Luis Álvarez, a former bus driver, and who soon became Brand's driver. This Luis Álvarez had been recommended by Cabañas and was a courageous, dedicated and faithful companion.

In a new meeting with José Fernández Planas, Brand met a young physician known as Dr. Anselmo. In this meeting they said they had found a D.L. and that they were going to give Brand a map pointing out the exact location of the place. They asked which weapons could Brand provide. Brand mentioned all the weapons he had been promised and committed himself to deliver certain amounts of weapons fifteen days after the map had reached his hands. The boys promised to give the map in short notice.

These boys also wanted to establish contact with Brand's people in Pinar del Río. Some days later Brand received a very detailed map of a D.L. in the southern coast of the Province of Pinar del Río. It was sent to the Company right away. By this time Robayna had sent Brand the location of another D.L. By then, Brand kept asking about the weapons and he kept saying that his men were anxious to the equipment and start fighting.

Through Emilio Rodríguez Brand met an American known as William Webster. This man was to put Brand in contact with a group of a friend of Brand who had gone to the United States and named Mario Nassif. Through Webster, Brand met a man already known to him for 20 years. This man's name is Simon Yáñez. Simon Yáñez was to put Brand in contact with a group of a friend of Brand's by the name of Mario Nassif. By this time Brand had become a little bit uneasy about the lack of news from him and kept asking Emilio Rodríguez about the delivery of weapons. Emilio Rodríguez always answered that he knew nothing about it, but always delivered my reports but could not tell me what the policies of the Cabañas were in that respect.

Through Webster, Brand made contact with a wealthy and very well-known Cuban Silvio de Cárdenas. Silvio de Cárdenas said that he was one of the leaders of a group of people from the city of Havana who had been approached by José Ignacio Rivero and Antonio Rubio Padilla. He said, and Brand believed to be the exact truth, that they had connections along the whole island with the American people in Havana. That could provide finances and transportation. They wanted weapons and guidance. Brand promised both. Through the Company, Silvio de Cárdenas provided two D.L.s. Brand met Silvio de Cárdenas five times more. Cárdenas gave a list of the weapons his friends needed. Brand himself to deliver the weapons in due course.

One day Brand got word that there was going to be a meeting at Plimio's safe house. From the Front were supposed to go to that meeting. Brand was invited to the meeting and was told that there would be no reason why he had to go to that meeting, but Plimio insisted on Brand's attendance. Brand went to the meeting. There he saw Plimio, Efrén Rodríguez, Jorge Espino, Francisco Santiago, Juan Piedra and José Plaza. They were to coordinate the CA and the Front's efforts to help Plimio in the mountain. It was established also that Brand would coordinate his men in Pinar del Río with the men from the Front could provide.

Through Emilio Rodríguez, Brand met a man named Alfredo Federico Rivero, who told Brand that he had been in sabotage and that he had around 200 men organized in the City and Province of Havana. Brand told him that in due course the weapons and sabotage and incendiary materials would be provided and that all the men had to do was to keep their men organized and ready to enter into action when
By this time, Brand had met a man known as Roberto Alvarez, who had a red tie and who said he had been trained in intelligence work, and that he had been in for several years. This man was introduced to Brand by Emilio Rodriguez. Robert was to help Brand in anything Brand would require of him. Brand found that Rob was available only after 5 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays. Brand found this Alvarez to be a sensible, educated and calm individual. Brand told this man he would find something for him to do.

Cabañas had given by now four safehouses. These safehouses were already inhabited by families living there who were to receive anyone in need of a safehouse. One of those houses Brand lived for two weeks. Another of those houses was used as safehouse for meetings.

Through Cabañas and Benito Fernandez, Brand met a man named Oscar Rodriguez. This man claimed to be one of the leaders of an organization in the Province Orientes. They were willing to work provided they were supplied with weapons. Brand found the man to be honest, but dumb and inexperienced. Nevertheless, Brand felt this man to be one of the leaders of the organization.

By this time, Brand had become a little bit uneasy about his disguise. During parapluies around town, Brand had met by chance with many old friends. The men recognized Brand. One day, however, a boy named Nodal, member of Triple A, saw Brand in a drugstore and recognized him. When Brand went out, Brand noticed that two men in a car were watching him. The car went around the block and tried to follow Brand. When the car approached Brand saw Nodal and Silvio Martínez, a member of Triple A, Silvio called Brand and insisted on having a meeting with Brand. Brand was mad to see how irresponsible and indiscrét these fellows were. Brand invited them for a meal, but Brand didn't attend to it. Brand had become uneasy about the disguise because, although he was using a beard, he was made to be a beard and many friends had warned Brand that the eyebrows looked a little bit too dark. Brand's conclusion was that this was what followed: The disguise was very good, but the eyebrows don't last in Cuba's climate. If one wears them daily, as Brand did, they are not very good for more than twelve or fifteen days. 2) The disguise was a good disguise as it made a different man, but it was bad because it had too distinctive features, that is, if the police radioed a description of a man with very dark hair, very dark eyebrows, and a pair of somehow unusual glasses, it is sure enough that Brand going to be caught. It is Brand's opinion that if a man is to wear a disguise a long period of time, this disguise should not have distinctive features. It is difficult to describe the man in disguise. This is why from the very first in September Brand kept asking Jim to send Karl to Cuba. Brand wanted to be different in a different way. Another thing about disguises, the person in disguise should always have enough materials at hand. In many occasions the replacements for my too long to arrive to Cuba. The last ten mustaches were received in very good shape and were so bad that Brand thought they had not been made by Karl, or the Karl had made them in a hurry.

By this time Brand had already met Maria Escoto, a known conspirator and old friend of Brand. Escoto was Aurellano's representative in Cuba, and the man in charge of Triple A. Brand offered weapons to Escoto, provided Escoto gave DZs. Escoto said he had to consult with Aurellano, but nevertheless, he said it was going to send Brand a man with the exact location of a DZ. Brand also offered Escoto any money he might need, but Escoto said he didn't need money. He implied that he had been provided with all the money he needed for his activities.

By this time, Brand had notified the company that all his men were to work under the name of "Cuba Libre", and that this organization was going to be led by Benito Fernandez, Jose Cabañas, Mello Faro, Alfredo Izquierdo, and Brand.
Through Vidal Morales, Brand met a man named Jaime Covila Parez. Covila was one of the leaders at the Union Minera Nacional, an association of mine industrial workers. Brand saw Covila three times. Covila offered to get the defection of the Union de los Trabajadores de la Hacienda (Subsecretario de Hacienda), Dr. Israel Rodriguez. He also said that he could get the defection of one of the members of the Supreme Court, whose name Brand does not remember now. Covila also said that he had also made contacts with Captain of the Army, stationed in Santiago, named Quintana Mesa. This captain had a member of the G-2 and he wanted to cooperate with the forces fighting Castro. Brand instructed Covila to get intelligence reports from this Captain, and also from the Subsecretario de Hacienda and from the Member of the Supreme Court. Covila went to Santiago de Cuba to see the Captain, but Brand does not know the outcome of their meeting, because Brand didn’t see Covila again.

One day Brand went to Fernandez Plana’s house to have a meeting with the military chief of the Province of Pinar del Rio. Brand felt he had noticed some surveillance around the place. When Brand told this to Fernandez Plana, and his father, they adopted a somewhat we-don’t-believe-in-ghosts attitude. They told Brand that they were going to see the man from Pinar del Rio in a different place. They offered transportation for Brand. Brand went with Anselmo, whose car was parked in front of Fernandez Plana’s house. After Anselmo had been driving for a while, Brand asked if he was looking through the rear mirror, to see if they had been followed. About two seconds after this remark, Anselmo said that a car was after them. Brand then insisted Anselmo not to go to the meeting place. They began driving around town, and the car kept after them. Finally they went to Calixto Garcia’s Hospital. Brand went into the building, took off his moustache and glasses and went out by the same door he had to come in. The men who had been following them were there, but it seems they did recognize Brand, who walked away.

Around these days, while Brand was going to a meeting, he saw in the streets a friend of his, Pancho Varona, a fellow conspirator against Batista. Brand invited him to come into the car. They talked for a few minutes and set a date and place for meeting. Three days after that, Varona met Brand. Varona informed Brand that a few days before an airplane had dropped equipment at S1 Escambray, and that the equipment had been caught by Fidel’s forces. Brand asked some D.D.A. from Varona. Varona promised to get them, but he looked quite skeptical about many things Brand told him.

The next time Brand saw Benito Fernandez, he said that Plinio’s mother had visited him, quite nervous, saying that his son had been captured at S1 Escambray. Benito told her that that was not true.

Prior to this meeting, Benito Fernandez had introduced to Brand two friends of his, named Antonio Barroso and another young man by the name of Cruz. They identified themselves as friends of Nino Diaz. Brand offered them help, and asked them to continue their efforts with Brand in the province of Pinar del Rio. They said that they talked those things with Nino Diaz before making any definite arrangement. They said Cruz was going to Miami to see Nino Diaz. They wanted Brand to establish some [illegible] Nino Diaz so he might trust Brand. Brand sent a flash to Jim Bowden, asking him to establish Brand’s bona fide with Nino Diaz. Many days passed by, and Brand was unable to continue negotiations, because no answer ever came from Jim Bowden or an official of the company. Prior to this meeting with Barroso and Cruz, Brand had had a first meeting with Barroso. Benito Fernandez knew that Barroso and Cruz had no hidden weapons in Havana.

Through Looada, Brand met a man named Juan Tabranes. This man Tabranes was one of the leaders of the Association Agronómica. Looada had informed him of his arrival in Cuba. Brand. He said that in order to get a final agreement with Cuba Libre, he had to inform a man named Reussel, who is living in the United States. Tabranes looked to come to an agreement with Brand.
By this time, Brand had received information through Cabanantes of the frequent visits of Raul Castro to the Embassy of Czechoslovakia. He tried but could not rent a house across the street. Brand had instructed Roberto Alvarez to make a plan for the barricade of the place and also for the killing. The hands of the professional could be seen in the instructions given by Roberto Alvarez. At last, we got word that Raul Castro was going to live in Oriente, and since we were not able to rent the house, the plan was dropped.

In his last meeting with Brand, Cesare Lancia had informed him of the possibility of killing Fidel at the National Hotel, where he was to go to have dinner with employees. This was also told to Roberto Alvarez, who began thinking about plans regarding the National Hotel and Pekin Restaurant.

Rumors began to spread around town that Plinio had been captured somewhere near El Escambray mountains.

Meanwhile, Cabanantes had seen Brand several times, and had informed him of the recruiting he had made for Cuba Libre among the drivers and conductors of Cojoven de Camilo Allende.

Finally, the newspapers in town published some pictures of Plinio Prieto after capture near El Escambray. The summary trials began. The day before the execution, the 11th of October, Emilio Rodriguez came to see Brand. He informed Brand that Juan Mendoza and some other groups were going to start shooting around town in order to prove the government that the Cuban People was against the executions, and on the orders of the rebels. Emilio Rodriguez asked Brand how many men could he give to start shooting around town. Brand answered that he had no men available for that. Emilio Rodriguez asked if Brand had any men available to try to rescue Plinio. Brand answered that he could give armed men for that purpose. Emilio Rodriguez also asked about Brand's possibilities in men to help in an attempt against Fidel's life at Malgoba. Brand answered that he could give armed men for that purpose. The " hace-must-do-something " ( "tenemos que hacer algo" ), is the worst thing that can happen in a conspiracy. On Brand realized that all the leaders in the different groups wanted to start shooting without plans or any definite purpose, Brand began to have strong doubts about the seriousness or coordination of the efforts that were under way.

After Plinio's execution, morals came to an all-time low. Brand instructed Cabanantes to start sabotage on the buses in Havana. Brand sent a flash to Jim Bowdin insisting on the urgency of receiving incendiary and demolition materials. No answer. In the between the 17th and the 24th of October, more than one hundred buses were damaged in Havana by pouring starch or mercury in the radiators.

Benito Fernandez had informed Brand that Guilino Gonzalez Bustamante had seen Ber and had inquired about Brand's whereabouts. Benito said that Brand was out of Cuba. Guilino then said that Miguel Isma Presneda, a former friend of Brand and presently holding a high position at the Ministerio de Gobernacion, had informed Guilino that was in Havana, under disguise, and offering money and weapons to different underground organizations. Isma's son-in-law, named Nelson Barroso, was a member of the Judicial Police in Cuba.

Meanwhile, Nafo Alonso, former member of the Army, and present member of the Fr in the Province of Pinar del Rio, had sent a message to Dr. Nardo. In that message Nardo, Alonso said: "It is a shame that you refused to work with us at the Front, you have permitted to be deceived by the man of the hairpiece and the dyed mustache. He answered saying that he had known the man of the hairpiece for many years, and the man never tried to deceive anyone.

Brand had never contacted or sent messages either to Nafo Alonso or to Miguel " Presneda.

One afternoon, around the 16th of October, while Brand was in a car driven by Fifa Portugal, a woman employee of the Electric Company, Brand noticed that three policemen in a patrol car were insistently staring at him. The patrol car went after Brand's car, and since Brand was near his safe house, he got out of the car. When
looked at Brand and speeded up the car around the block before they could get to Brand. Brand had entered into his safehouse, at Hotel Vista Al Mar.

Next day, Brand went to one of his safehouses to try to make an appointment with Emilio Rodriguez. This safehouse was very well located, but Brand never liked the way in which Monte, a cuban employee of the Company, had built up the cover for it. When Brand reached this apartment, he found that it had been sealed by the government, as it had been done with hundreds of empty apartments in the city that didn't prove anything, except that the cover had not been well built up.

Brand made an appointment with Emilio Rodriguez. Both started walking around the city for about two hours. Brand told Emilio that he had decided to discontinue operations and come to Washington to see Jim Bowdin.

Brand then went to see Alfredo Izaquirre, and stayed at his place for a week. In the meantime, and through Izaquirre's friends at the Embassy, Brand sent a flash to Jim Bowdin, informing him of Brand's decision to discontinue operations. At the end of that week, Alfredo Izaquirre returned home one night quite upset and told Brand that it was better for him to go to live somewhere else.

Through Benito Fernandez, Brand made contact with a very well known physician: Dr. Fernando Milanés. Though Brand had decided to discontinue operations, he recur Dr. Milanés, who was willing to bring a group of about 50 of his fellow physicians to work with Cuba Libre.

But then, Benito Fernandez came to see Brand and told him that Hino Diaz was in Santiago, making contacts with different groups. Since Brand had been told by Alfredo Izaquirre that he, Izaquirre, had been approached by Major Humberto Sorí Martín, who wanted to have three other major restive against the government in Oriente, Brand decided immediately to go to Oriente and try to put Hino Diaz in contact with Sorí Martín, because Sorí Martín had also stated that he had 500 men and that he could control 14 kilometers of the southern coast in Oriente. Brand went to see Izaquirre and asked him to establish contact with Sorí Martín and tell him that Brand wanted to see him, either in Havana or in Oriente. Izaquirre then told Brand, quite blantly that his friends at the Embassy didn't know who Brand was, and had advised him to discontinue his contacts with Brand until they could find out who Brand was. Brand left Izaquirre's house in a rage. Ten days had elapsed since the day Brand sent the flash to Jim Bowdin, and, nevertheless, Izaquirre's friends at the Embassy didn't know and had not been able to find out, who Brand was.

Brand then went to see Emilio Rodriguez to inquire about the Company's preparations to take Brand out of the country. S.R. said that he had not received an answer on that but that they, the people from the Company, had sent 5,000 pesos.

Benito Fernandez brought Brand a very detailed map pointing out a D.A. at or in La Gobernadora, in the northern coast of Pinar del Rio. The map was sent to the Company right away. Cubanas informed Brand that steps had been taken to produce sabotage at the main cigar factories in Havana.

Brand then saw Nardo for the last time. Nardo was highly pleased with the way things were going on in the Province of Pinar del Rio, though he informed Brand that Robayna was in despair because he had not received the weapons that had been promised to him.

Contact were made by Brand which eventually produced his departure from the country.

By this time, hairpiece looked awfully bad. Almost no glue was left, and the last mustaches that had been sent to Brand had each hair pointing in a different direction.