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SUBJECT Identification and Location of Political Prisoners

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Subsource of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3: CC-3572, Bernabe Eugenio Yanez Pelletier, a Cuban Refugee and former resident of Havana City who left Cuba on 19 February 1963. Yanez was imprisoned for six years and eight months and was released from La Cabana on 8 January 1967. His brother, Jesus Yanez, former aide to Fidel Castro, is serving 15 years at La Cabana; subsource last visited his brother on 17 February 1968, on which date he was held in galera 34.

1. As of 17 February 1968, the following were among the prisoners held in galera 34 of La Cabana prison:

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| Jose Luis Gallareta | Alberto Blanco |
| Fernando Sanchez Amaya | Orlando Castro |
| Rafael del Pino Siero | Alberto Cruz |
| Enrique Mirato | David Salvador |
| Ernesto de la Fe | Rafael Menendez Aponte |
| Sosa Chabau (fnu) | Luis de Posada |
| Juan Valdes Norejon | Mario Salavarría |
| Gonzalo Miranda Garcia | Kirby Long (U.S. citizen,
serving 30 years) |
| Santiago Verdeja | |

2. Except for Mario Salavarría, who has a nearly useless leg, all of the above were in good health. The prisoners in

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galera 34 received ^{the} treatment, but the food has been very bad since January 1968 ^{by prisoners} exclusively of corn meal and macaroni. Prisoners are allowed to receive one 20-pound food package per month. (M.F.B.)

Hernando Hernandez, who was police chief under Batista, died in galera 34 of a heart attack about 15 February 1968. On 17 January 1968, Pastor Valdes Molina was shot at La Cabana; he had been serving 30 years but had escaped from a work farm and attempted to leave Cuba clandestinely. When he was trapped on the coast, he wounded one of his pursuers, was taken to La Cabana and shot.

Subsource of paragraphs 4 and 5: CC-3573, Albor Julio Perez Perez, a Cuban refugee and former resident of Santo Domingo, Las Villas Province, who left Cuba on 6 January 1968. He worked on the General Gusev Farm Group until December 1967.

4. The General Gusev Farm Group comprises about 6,000 caballerias of land that extend southward from La Paloma Military Base, Los Arabos Township, to the town of Aguada de Pasajeros, Las Villas Province. The farm group was transferred from the MININT to the INRA in 1967; it is under military administration and most of its labor force consists of political prisoners, of which there are more than 700 employed in farm labors. Major Fajardo is farm group director; Orestes Hurtado, lieutenant, holds an important post at the farm group.

5. The following political prisoners were among those working at the General Gusev Farm Group: Cesareo Torre, Ende Figueras, Olten Mezana, Humberto Mezana, Rafael Yeras, Gerardo Yeras, Julio Feble, Luis Pulido, Ramon Gonzalez, Alberto Galvez, Julio Galvez, Juan Perez, Everardo Saida, Manuel Vasallo, Ramon Castro, Jose Gonzalez, Lazaro Marin, Israel Horta, and Ruben Perez.

6. Field Dissem: None.

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