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On October 6, 1966, [redacted] 3802 Abingdon
Street, Arlington, Virginia, furnished the following infor-
mation: *QU*

[redacted] *TONY CUESTA* is working full time with the captioned
organization in an administrative and organizational capacity.
The organization has recently learned that Antonio Cuesta Del
Valle, former Head of Comandos L, who was apprehended in Cuba
around the end of May, 1966, by the Government of Cuban Prime
Minister Fidel Castro, was severely injured in the explosion *U.S.A.*
of a "PT boat" just off the coast of Cuba. Cuesta, according
to sources inside Cuba, is still in very bad shape and is
confined to a Naval hospital in or near Havana. According to
[redacted] these sources have reported that Cuesta refuses
to talk to his Cuban captors in Spanish, and speaks only English.
It is not known if this is an act of defiance on his part or
an indication that his injuries have impaired his mental
faculties. *QU*

[redacted] related that Cuesta and five other
members of Comandos L were engaged in performing some type
of mission inside Cuba. They approached the Cuban coast off
Havana and held a position very near the Hotel Comodoro at
the foot of Calle 84, Havana, Cuba. Four men departed the
boat, landed on the beach and proceeded to a wooded, un-
developed area adjacent to the Hotel Comodoro which is *U*

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located between the beach and Avenida 5. Cuesta and another Cuban remained on the boat. Two men remained in the wooded area for some unknown purpose and the other two left the wooded area near the intersection of Avenida 5 and Calle 84 on a mission within the city of Havana. Q U

Incidental to the above, Castro had placed Havana on the alert. Two apprentice fishermen, 15 or 16 years old, had been accepted into the Cuban militia that day and a short time before the landing of the above four Cubans they had been issued their weapons. The two boys were walking on Calle 84 in a direction that carried them away from the beach. As they approached the intersection of Calle 84 and Avenida 5 they observed the two members of Comandos L leave the wooded area and challenged them. The members of Comandos L withdrew into the woods and the boys very excitedly commenced firing their weapons into the air. This disturbance brought many Cuban soldiers into the area and the four Cubans in the wooded area were killed in the ensuing engagement. Q U

The boat with Cuesta and the other Cuban was located and attacked by Cuban patrol craft and airplanes. This attack resulted in the explosion which injured Cuesta. Q U

[redacted] continued that since Cuesta's capture ^{LEADER OTHER 4} Ramon Font Saumel has taken over the leadership of Comandos L. Inasmuch as Cuesta was in possession of plans for additional operations against the Cuban Government, all such ^{U.S.A.} plans have been changed. Comandos L still plans, under Font, to operate strictly within the laws of the United States and operate from a base outside the United States. It intends to take no action which would create international problems for the United States. All efforts will be directed at establishing a clandestine operation from within Cuba. No action is planned until after the November elections Q U

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