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To:

Director of Mayal Intelligence

From:

John Edgar Moover, Director

Subject:

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

The following information was recently obtained from sources which have provided reliable data in the bast.

According to a functionary of the Communist Marty (CF) of Cuba, that country expects to be attacked by United States "imperialists." According to this functionary, the Cubass have this fueling because of the build-up of military power in the Caribbean area and at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. The Cubans know when the forces arrived at the naval base and the strength of the forces.

The Cuban CP functionary stated Cuba is prepared for any attack and has over 100,000 armed militiamen, an Association of Young Rebels in constant training and a special corps of Juvenile Patrols in training. In addition, Cuba has an organized waten's corps, an organized mibulance corps of thousands of nurses and an organized medical corps.

The CP spokesman stated that "our people" on the Guantagame Bay Maval Base provided schedules of departures of belicopters in a recent incident where the helicopters from the base were allegedly supplying a band of 15 "economic criminals led by Captain Beaton" in Oriente Province. According to the Coban CF functionary, the Cuban Government feels it can depend on the overwhelming mass of people who work at the neval base the only exception being a few intelligence areats.

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The above information obtained by CG 5824-S on May 9, 1960, at a meeting with Anibal Escalante, executive secretary of the Communist Party - Cuba (New York airtel 5-12-60 captioned "Solo, IS - C").

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Hr. Allen W. Dulles Director Central Intelligence Agency Administration Bullding 2430 D Street, N. W. Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allon:

I thought that you would be interested in the information contained in the enclosed memorandum. information was obtained as a result of our over-all coverage of the Communist Party, USA, and pertains to statements made by Anibal Lacalanto, executive secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, concerning the Cuban situation.

In view of the extremely sensitive nature of certain of the sources of this information, it is requested that the contents of this communication be afforded that most careful security and its use restricted to a needto-know basis.

This information is being disseminated to appropriate officials of the Government.

Sincerely,

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Nonorable Gordon Gray Special Assistant to the President Executive Office Building Washington 25, D. C.

Hy dear Hr. Gray:

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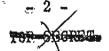




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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBACONCERNING THE CUBAN SITUATION

Sources which have furnished reliable information in the past advised that Anibal Escalante, executive secretary of the Communist Party (CP) of Cuba, made the following statements in Rayana, Cuba, during the month of May, 1960.

Because Cuba expects to be attacked by United States imperialism it has established trade relationships with many of the socialist countries in order to defend itself economically and nationally. Cuba, because of the planned aggression by United States imperialism, has speeded up its mutual recognition and resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. Only through these means can Cuba defend its revolution, Escalante said (X) (1)

Although most Cubans believe that the United States will make a direct attack on Cuba, others feel, depending on world opinion at the time, that the United States will attack through the use of forces of other Latin-American countries. Still others believe that the United States will use diplomatic and economic means; use a "Fifth Column"; or wait for a civil war to develop. Escalante believes that a direct attack is imminent because at least two divisions of troops, with much air power, are now mobilized for use against Cuba. The United States is concentrating a number of military forces in the Caribbean area and has landed infantry, paratroops, tanks and anti-tank weapons at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Bade.

According to Escalante, at least 50,000 troops will be needed to invade Cuba. The United States will not be able to raise an army among the Cuban people nor will it be able to Parsons secure recruits from Colombia, Venezuela, Panama and perhaps Belmont Guatemala. To counteract the threat of an attack by the United States, Cuba has over 100,000 armed militia-men, an Association of Young Rebels in constant training and a special of the state Milone . McGuire . Rosen 🛶 Tamm Trotter. PWD: kmolar 1 W.C. Sallivan $(16) \ / \$ MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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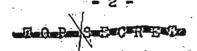
corps of Juvenile Patrols in training. In addition, Cuba has an organized women's corps, an organized ambulance corps of thousands of nurses and an organized medical corps. Except for a few intelligence agents, the Cuban Government can depend on the overwhelming mass of the people who work at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. Escalante said, "We are practically at war with United States imperialism."

A social revolution is developing under the influence of the workers and peasants alliance, Escalante commented. Under the National Institute for Agrarian Reform, the state is not only taking over agriculture, it has taken over some textile mills, metal shops, manganese mines, cement works, ships, docks, transportation systems, railroads, factories, buildings and estates. Foreign trade is controlled and supervised by a national bank and the country is going to refine its own oil - ships have already brought crude oil into Cuba from the Soviet Union.

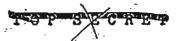
There are three main political parties in Cuba with mass support: (1) The Party of the Communists; (2) The 26th of July Movement; and (3) The Revolutionary Directorate - the party of the left petty bourgeoisie. All three parties support the present government and Fidel Castro, described as a national hero who unites all of the people. "All the people are in back of us," Escalante said, although there are some political counter-revolutionary groups operating which have little influence. Havana is not a good example of the revolutionary and militant feeling among the people, Escalante pointed out. In Havana there are many who are parasitic idlers - those who have made their living from the tourists. This picture is not applicable to the rest of the country. (1)

Although Escalante talked about the growing strength and influence of the Cuban CP everywhere in Cuba, he did not mention the number of CP members in the Cuban Party. He did say that the government was considering a requirement for Americans to have passports when entering Cuba if the United States continues to demand passports from Cubans.

The National Institute for the Tourist Industry will make a special appeal to students in the United States for them to attend summer colonies where they can study or participate in seminars in engineering, agriculture, art, social sciences and medicine. Students will pay \$70 a month and will be able to combine their studies with a vacation.









During May Day there were trade-union delegations in Cuba from all over the world, including Ecuador, Venezuela, Brazil, the Soviet Union, Red China, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia. The World Federation of Trade Unions was also represented by a delegation. A resolution was adopted at this conference to the effect that if American trade-unions boycott Cuban shipping, similar boycotts against United States shipping would be organized on a world-wide scale.

On May 7 and 8, 1960, a Cuban Youth Congress was held and the entire youth movement in Cuba, including the communist youth, will be united. Any counter-revolutionary youth movement will be broken up and any youth who speak against the communists or the government will be "beaten up," Escalante said.

According to Escalante, Blas Roca is general secretary of the Cuban CP. In his absence, Escalante is head of the CP in Cuba. On August 16, 1960, the Congress of the CP of Cuba is scheduled to convene for a period of a week. Most of the Latin-American CP's and the CP, USA, will send representatives to the Congress. Concerning the CP of Mexico, Escalante said that he does not trust the Mexican Party because he believes it has been penetrated by United States agents. The Cuban CP supports the group around Arnoldo Martinez Verdugo as recommended by the CP of the Soviet Union and the CP of China.

Infrequent contact is had by the Cuban CP with the CP of Mexico.

The Cuban CP has irregular contacts with the CP of Puerto Rico because of passport restrictions. It furnishes little financial support because of the need for American currency by the CP of Cuba. (2)(4)

Escalante admitted that Cubans are learning to do without a few luxuries which have to be imported. As a result of "sabotage by United States imperialism and by the owners of large estates," unemployment increased last year but it is now being reduced.





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Honorable Richard H. Nixon The Vice President Washington 25, D. C.

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