

MDC members PANEQUE and VALDES, on the occasion of their visit to the FBI Office, Miami, on August 3, 1963, advised that for several weeks prior to that date, certain members of the MDC had been in New Orleans, Louisiana, in contact with RICHARD R. DAVIS, JR., the MDC delegate in New Orleans. Included in the group at New Orleans were FERNANDO FERNANDEZ, PANEQUE and VALDES. PANEQUE stated that FERNANDEZ speaks excellent English, and in order to entrap FERNANDEZ, PANEQUE and others drew up a fictitious anti-CASTRO plan of action, which they requested FERNANDEZ to translate into English. PANEQUE made available a copy of the plan, which was translated by FERNANDEZ as follows:

"Caracas, Venezuela. July 23 1963

"Captain LEOVINO INTERIAN
c/o RICHARD R. DAVIS, JR.: Delegate in New Orleans
1570 Westbrook Dr.
New Orleans 22, La.

"Dear LEOVINO:

"I am sending you these orders in the English language, in order to avoid any kind of problems in security. Once you have opened this personally (if you do not receive the envelope sealed, do not trust the contents), I ask you to get in touch with our Delegate there as soon as possible, so that he, personally, will translate this Spanish, if you do not have any other person you can trust at the camp.

(Translator's note: English starts here)

"We have acquired the necessary financial resources as well as military bases, so that we can now hit

With Paneque a leader of the group in training and with him visiting the FBI Miami office, is it not strange the FBI sought no information from him about the camp, its sponsors and function, the purposes of the group he trained or anything else that might indicate Cuban-exile involvement in the assassination, or with Oswald and CIA:

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"Castroland with everything we have. I have received a check for \$9,575.00 from Mr. DAVIS and his friends, and with this money, we have paid for two Mustang's (P-51) and one B-26 Bomber. All with their bombs and ammunition.

"Zero hour for the comando raid shall be August 10, 0400 hours, objective Charlie Chan, 17 men in all, all armed with submachine guns, (300 rounds each) 5 hand granades, and one 12 gauge riot shot gun, this with 85 shells each.

"Charlie Chan is the code name for the physical elimination of every russian son of a bitch who might happen to be living in the hotel Rosita de Hornedo, first ave. and O street in Miramar, Habana, Cuba. The commandos will take the lobby of this hotel, cut all telephone communications, and proceed, in 14 minutes to kill every russian that is at that particular time living in the hotel. They shall immediately be evacuated by the U.S. Navy, via U.D.T. (Underwater Demolition Teams) and submarine U.S.S. BARRACUDA. This sub is right now stationed 28 miles north of Habana, patrolling the Key West Strights and waiting for the code word, wich shall be 'GO TIGER, GO, GO, GO.'

"At the same time, our air group 'ANTONIO MACEO' will hit the refineries of BELLOT in Habana bay, and the NARANJITO power station, thus leaving the city without electric power or oil, I have received a guarantee if we can do this, the O.E.A., will immediately demand the overthrough of the red regime of Cuba.

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"The men under your command will leave your base on August 1st, 0700 hours, and shall proceed to Nicaragua via ocean fishing boat. I shall be waiting for your arrival and take personal command from that point on. GOOD LUCK and GOD BLESS YOU

"BATISTA
Comander in Chief"

PANEQUE stated that unquestionably, the anti-CASTRO plan referred to by FERNANDEZ in his correspondence directed to the Cuban Ambassador in Mexico was information FERNANDEZ had gathered while translating the above plan of action drawn up by the MDC.

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On August 5, 1963, HENRY INFANTE, an MDC member at Miami, Florida, advised that after he obtained the confidence of FERNANDO FERNANDEZ, the latter indicated he and INFANTE ought to return to Cuba. FERNANDEZ began to furnish INFANTE with letters to mail to friends and contacts. INFANTE said it was his opinion FERNANDEZ feared prosecution by federal authorities at Kansas City.

On September 1, 1963, MM T-1, another government agency which conducts security and intelligence type investigations, advised that MDC officials were then in the process of interrogating FERNANDO FERNANDEZ at the MDC headquarters in Miami and that FERNANDEZ had been beaten up during the interrogation. MM T-1 stated the MDC had caught FERNANDEZ writing to CARLOS LECHUGA, a Cuban government official, while in training with the MDC at a camp near New Orleans, Louisiana, and offering to betray the MDC.

On September 1, 1963, LAUREANO BATISTA FALLA, leader of the MDC, advised information had been developed indicating FERNANDO FERNANDEZ attempted to depart the United States for Cuba on August 31, 1963, and he could not understand why United States authorities had not taken action to prevent departure of FERNANDEZ, especially in view of the fact FERNANDEZ intended to betray the MDC upon his return to Cuba. BATISTA stated FERNANDEZ had confessed during interrogation to being a Cuban intelligence agent and according to BATISTA, FERNANDEZ had requested the MDC to turn him over to the FBI.

At approximately 6:45 PM on September 1, 1963, BATISTA accompanied by other members of the MDC, brought

How does "another government agency which conducts security and intelligence type investigations" (read CIA) behave when it knows someone is being beaten up and a false confession is being battered and threatened from him? It does nothing! That is what this report clearly acknowledges, if it doesn't spell it out. At the time it "advised" the FBI, "MDC officials were then in the process of interrogating" their victim. What does the FBI do? It also remains silent. This is called upholding and enforcing the law.

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FERNANDO FERNANDEZ to the Miami Office of the FBI, stating FERNANDEZ had chosen to come to the FBI voluntarily.

Interview of FERNANDO FERNANDEZ was conducted by the FBI at Miami, Florida, on September 1, 3 and 6, 1963, and the following information elicited:

FERNANDEZ was born April 20, 1929, in Cuba and entered the United States in January, 1961, taking up residence at Kansas City, Missouri, where he attended the Kansas City University and was self-employed in an employment agency wherein he imported Mexican women as maids to the Kansas City area, and this activity resulted in investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Fearing arrest by INS, FERNANDEZ left Kansas City and came to Miami, Florida, about July, 1963, where he became affiliated with the anti-CASTRO Christian Democratic Movement (MDC):

Although the expressed aim of the MDC was to return to Cuba, FERNANDEZ became disillusioned with MDC's inability to undertake meaningful action against the CASTRO regime and he conceived a plan to trade information regarding MDC military operations in order that he could obtain asylum in Cuba. He said his principal motive in desiring return to Cuba was to avoid arrest by the INS, resulting from his activity in bringing Mexican aliens into the United States.

Shortly after his affiliation with MDC at Miami, about July, 1963, he traveled with a group of MDC members to New Orleans, Louisiana, to receive commando training