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Attached herewith is a report from AMCLATTER-1 on the current state of unrest in the MDC.

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MEMORANDUM

Miami, May 8, 1961.

A situation of unrest and dissatisfaction which appeared within the MDC before the invasion has apparently come to a head.

It originated when four members of the six Executives of the F.R.D. united under the Generational Thesis. This provoked a crisis within the FRD and all of its components organizations.

It appeared at the time that Rasco would be substituted by the Executive Committee within Cuba. The Miami Committee of the MDC backed Rasco. This situation was solved at the time by a trip here to Miami, taken by Lucas, the Coordinator of the MDC in Cuba, and at the same time, General Coordinator of the FRD.

In a personal conversation with Lucas, he informed me that they were not satisfied with Rasco, but that he agreed that it was not the time for a substitution within the MDC with detriment to this organization, the FRD and the general Revolutionary effort. At this time Lucas mentioned Fermin Peinado and Malohor Gaston as possible substitutes.

The non inclusion of an MDC member in the Revolutionary Council, produced a further discontent within this organization, not withstanding the inference of Miró Cardona of amplifying the Council within Cuba, which implied that Lucas, the MDC Coordinator, would be a member of the Council.

In the last few days several maneuvers have taken place within the MDC and although at first it appeared that Malohor Gaston would substitute Rasco, now seems that Fermin Peinado has the majority of the votes, within the Executive of the MDC. An Executive meeting of the MDC is scheduled for today at five and a General Assembly to-nite at 8 o'clock and a decision should be produced in the General Assembly.

It should be noted that this is being done in the Miami Executive that had previously backed Rasco, with the apparent consent of the Movement within Cuba.

The Jesuit Society, which originally created the MDC in Cuba, has not interfered in this development, but apparently prefers Melchor Gaston to Fermin Feinado.

Rasco has been criticized within his organization for appearing in the newspapers with a "beard".

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