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SOURCE: Wallace C. Rikon from Manuel Francisco ARTLE Suesa

SUBJECT: Activities of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR), Anti-CASTRO Organization

COMMENTS:

- Source does not remember names easily, and some of the names mentioned in this report may be incomplete. While Source was extremely open and co-operative in describing most details of the MRR, he refused to identify the MRR member within Cuban Army Intelligence on the grounds that the information was too sensitive.
- Regarding information requested in DIR-11969, Source reported that two radio stations are being established, one in Mexico and one in Cuba. The MRR manifesto is still pending and must be read by Source before it circulates in Cuba. The MRR has circulated the following anti-CASTRO materials:
  - The resignation letter of Manuel Francisco ARTLE Suesa;
  - A chapter of ARTLE's book (the chapter is entitled "Unforgettable Meeting");
  - A second letter from ARTLE in reply to accusations made on television by Fidel CASTRO;
  - Two pamphlets, entitled, BAPISTA, Father of Communism, by Oscar SNEVARIA, and ARTLE, Communist.
- Regarding Para. 6, Source reported that Frank BERNARDINO met, on the plane from Habana to Mexico, a member of the British Embassy in Mexico City who invited him, and through him, Source to talk with him at the British Embassy.
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SOURCE: Person with good connections among anti-CAS-RO Cuban exiles in Mexico (B); from a member of the MRR (F).

1. The main centers of activity of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR, co-ordinated anti-CAS-RO movement) within Cuba are in the provinces of Habana, Pinar del Rio, Camaguey, and Oriente. The MRR has the following leaders in Cuba:

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted] an engineer  
Rafael RIVAS Vazquez  
[Redacted]  
Romeo GONZALEZ Corzo, an engineer  
Captain Jorge SOTUS  
[Redacted]  
FELIPE ROCHA (fmu)  
[Redacted]

- national Territorial co-ordinator
- general co-ordinator
- treasurer
- director of propaganda
- chief of Oriente Province
- chief of Habana Province
- chief military co-ordinator
- chief of action
- secretary of university affairs
- chief, Municipality Havana

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2. MRR contacts with the Catholic Church in Cuba include: PETER Serantes of Habana; the Bishop of Habana; the Jesuits, Carmelites, Capuchins, Marists, and some Franciscans.

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The MCR is also in touch with leaders of the Revolutionary Government of Cuba, including a member of Cuban Army Intelligence (G-2). The only SAI Marin/Amir/Day Rivera, former Minister of Public Relations and former head of the 26th of July Movement in Havana when it was a clandestine organization, also are in touch with the MCR. Military leaders of the Revolutionary Government in Oriente, Santa Clara, and Pinar del Rio provinces are being contacted by the MCR, and it is making special efforts to recruit Major

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- 3. In addition to the integrated groups of the MCR, both inside and outside of Cuba, the MCR has relations and is endeavoring to obtain closer alliances, co-ordination, or co-operation with the following: Manuel Antonio VARELA and his followers within the Partido Autentico Abstencionista; sailors of the "MCR" group; and the "27th of March" group of Sancti Spiritus province. The organization is also in touch with some former BATTISTA officers, such as Major AGUIA and Manuel VILLARA Martinez, and with Justo CARRILLO Hernandez. 06
- 4. The MCR needs: 1) a base where it can give military training to young people who lack military experience; 2) instructors to give the military training; and 3) equipment, including armaments and planes. Many Cubans, both in Cuba and abroad, have offered financial assistance to the MCR; however, the money will not be forthcoming until a base is established in Cuba from which the MCR can start working.
- 5. <sup>SAI Cuba</sup> JOSE CAJALON, Cuban now in Mexico, has been reported to the MCR as an informer for Fidel CASTRO. ~~FEAR~~
- 6. Frank ESCOBAR, one of the ADJ members who participated in the Habana floating episode directed against Anastas Mikoyan, is now in Mexico City. He said that many of those who participated in the event are in hiding and will have to leave Cuba. ESCOBAR was discharged from his job in a bank for his part in the incident.

1. Field Comment. The names of groups and persons affiliated with the MCR was previously reported in [Redacted] CS 2/4/23/400

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Source Comments

- 2. VARELA has great possibilities of becoming the candidate for president of the MCR.
- 3. This group is called either the "MCR" or the "MCR-27".
- 4. The MCR excludes all well-known BATTISTA elements, both politicians and military men; however, it has distant relations with those who were not directly associated with the BATTISTA Government but were forced to leave Cuba in minor roles of this Government.

5. Field Comment. [Redacted]

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