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TO : Chief, WH/F
ATTN: Mr. [redacted] 03

DATE: 27 November 1959

FROM : Chief, Contact Division (LA/Br)

SUBJECT: Report of Impending Attack on Castro

1. Jack Gillespie of Atlanta, who is known to Mr. [redacted] 03 recently was approached by Rudy Fernandez of Atlanta and St. Petersburg, Fla., a Cuban-born US national who is a supporter of Emilio Nunez Portuondo. Fernandez said:

a. The anti-Castro forces in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala total 8,000 troops, of whom 5,000 could be used as paratroopers. The Dominican Republic will furnish aircraft and ships for an invasion of Cuba. Time of the strike is indefinite but it could occur before 1 January 1960.

b. Resistance to an invasion is expected to be light because the Cuban army has not been paid for two months and is living by looting.

c. "Many" high-ranking Soviet officers are in Havana.

2. Gillespie said the presence of Soviet officers in Havana had also been reported to him 24 November 1959 in a telephone call from a Cuban businessman in whom he has confidence.

3. Gillespie, an experienced flier, refused Fernandez' invitation to accompany him to the Dominican Republic to meet the invasion leaders and review their plans.

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