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- On a week-end during the latter part of September 1964, a group of about 250 Cuban exiles were receiving military training at the "Jose Marti Encampment" which was on a farm [REDACTED] or individual of similar political position. The farm is in a mountainous region just off Interstate Route 80 about one and a half hours by automobile. [REDACTED] The camp is directed by [REDACTED] it is active only on week-ends, but there is a permanent armed guard at the camp.
- Training consists of storming and capturing hilly redoubts, and training in the use of weapons which range from semi-automatic to fully automatic rifles, sub-machineguns, and .30- and .50-caliber machineguns.
- Rolando Masferrer Rojas and about 80 of his followers were among those undergoing training. Masferrer was overheard to say that the camp was being operated without any financial assistance from the United States Government. Masferrer also said that rather severe measures would be effected against any United States Government informer who might be discovered at the camp.
- According to some of the individuals who were undertaking training, small groups of Masferrer's men were periodically being sent from the New Jersey area to Miami, and [REDACTED] was administering the transfers. After arriving in Miami they were taken to Sheriff's Key, or some small key in the vicinity of Sheriff's Key, where they were being staged prior to invading Haiti, which was to be the first step in the plan for an eventual landing in Cuba.
- There was no apparent degree of ill-feeling between many former Castro adherents and the "Masferrer's Tigers" at the Camp. Some Puerto Ricans were also in training there.

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6. The training was being observed by two individuals who appeared to be neither Cuban nor American.

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