

**CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Comments by Social Research Group on Documents Explored

1. The Social Research Group has thoroughly explored all principal documents available to it. These documents include those made available by the Comité Nacional de Defensa Contra El Comunismo by Carlos CASTILLO Armas, by CEUA leaders, and by other persons of possibly useful documents.

2. It is generally agreed that the Communists and ex-government officials either destroyed or personally took out of the files documents which would have revealed their secret activities or which would have otherwise damaged them. For example, CASTILLO Armas said that all Army intelligence files were burned, including those containing correspondence on the Alfinem arms shipment.

3. The bulk of the documents explored by the Social Research Group contain little startling information, but the papers may be of value for research study. Conclusions can generally be reached only from a study of whole series of documents.

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