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1. The Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) held a meeting recently to determine what position it should take in the anti-Batista opposition which is forming now. The Ortodoxo opposition group has already invited the Communists to join a conspiracy led by Aureliano Sanchez Arango, but the leaders of the Autentico opposition group are strongly opposed to uniting with the Communists. For this reason the Communist position is still in doubt. At the present time the Communists are endeavoring to find out from the Autentico leaders what conditions are required to permit their entry into the conspiracy.
2. Sanchez Arango, former Minister of State, is at present in Guatemala.<sup>1</sup> The Caribbean Legion, with headquarters in Guatemala, is collaborating with Sanchez Arango in this matter.
3. [redacted] the rebellion in Cuba will be started by labor groups and those voters who are still loyal within the Partido Popular Cubano (Ortodoxo) (PPC (O)) and the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Autentico) (PRC (A)). These groups will be supported by the Communists and by members of the armed forces who are still loyal to ex-President Carlos Frio Socarras, a strong nucleus of whom still exists in the Army. As yet, no date has been set for the action against the Batista government.
4. [redacted] logically in a position to be aware of such a conspiracy, have confirmed the foregoing information. In addition, they say that certain labor leaders who have close connections with "revolutionary groups"<sup>2</sup> have approached the latter in hopes that they will join the conspiracy, because the "success of the movement is assured" and by joining now they will benefit more, financially speaking, than by joining later. Many other labor leaders committed to the Autentico Party have also joined the movement.

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5. Another group which has aligned itself enthusiastically with this conspiracy is the Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras (ARG). The leaders of this group, Eufemio Fernandez Ortega and Jesus Gonzalez Cartas ("El Extranero"), are in Guatemala, reportedly in close contact with Sanchez Arango.
6. Carlos Prio Socarras is contributing \$20,000 a month to take care of the initial preparation expenses, and he will increase this sum whenever such increase is necessary to obtain the eventual success of the conspiracy. (b)(1)
7. The conspirators find inspiration by comparing their plans with the success of the recent revolution in Bolivia. In that example the people - mainly the workers - properly armed, defeated the Bolivian Army, (b)(3)
1. [ ] Comment: [ ] indicated that Aureliano Sanchez Arango was clandestinely in Habana, meeting with Ortodoxo and Autentico leaders to plan a counter-revolution. (b)(3)
2. [ ] Comment: By "revolutionary groups" it is believed that [ ] means such political gangster groups as the Union Insurreccionaria Revolucionaria (UIR) and the Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(3)

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