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| Further reading:  (Adelman)  (Chanan)  **Filmography:**  (Gutiérrez Alea)  (Gutiérrez Alea, Historias de la revolución Tomás Gutiérrez Alea)  (Gutiérrez Alea, La doce sillas).  (Álvarez)  (T. Gutiérrez Alea)  (Álvarez, Hasta la victoria siempre)  (Fraga)  (García Espinosa)  (Álvarez, LBJ)  (Solás)  (T. Gutiérrez Alea, Memorias del subdesarrollo )  (Massip)  (Giral)  (T. Gutiérrez Alea, La última cena)  (Gómez)  (Vega) |