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1. Part of the information in the attached report was forwarded by LAVA 031.
2. Source, then [REDACTED] had previously met through a mutual acquaintance, sent word through another student contact of [REDACTED] that he wanted to talk to [REDACTED]. Since source is wanted by the Cuban authorities, he was not clandestinely. The information in the attached report was elicited from him during meetings on 9 and 10 March 1957.

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FIELD INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY: Cuba
REPORT NO. EKH-1432
SUBJECT: Plans and Activities of the Directorio Revolucionario
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DATE OF REPORT: 11 March 1957

SOURCE, SOURCE EVALUATION, APPRAISAL OF CONTENT:

Source: Member of Directorio Revolucionario (P)

Appraisal of Contents

1. José Antonio DÍAZ VIALA, ¹ and Juan HENRY Sánchez, ² leaders of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (Revolutionary Student Directory) formed at the University of Havana, met in October 1955 in Miami, Florida, with two delegates of FICORCASTRO and with Carlos PRIO GARCÍA to plan the uprising against the FIDELIST regime. The delegates of the three groups agreed on a plan which called for CASTRO's group to land in Oriente and the other two groups to go into action at the same time in support of CASTRO's landing and subsequent activities. Fernando VIALA, a physician, and Juan HENRY SÁNCHEZ, who was killed in the Gloria Huestra fighting, were CASTRO's delegates. Carlos PRIO GARCÍA, former Minister of Labor, accompanied Carlos PRIO.

After the assassination of Col. Gen. Antonio MARRERO Pico in late October 1955, HENRY, and other members of the Directorio Revolucionario immediately had to go into hiding because they were accused by President Fulgencio BATA of having been the authors of MARRERO Pico's death. Since then they have been working clandestinely to organize, arm, and prepare their group to go into action. There are approximately 100 men hidden in the Habana area awaiting the signal to strike, and other groups are ready throughout the island. Considerable support is expected from Cuban Navy personnel, once the action starts, as well as from many persons who have asked to join the group but have not been incorporated into the group for lack of proper arms. The Directorio has also been in contact with Army personnel and hopes that many of the troops will desert or go over to the Directorio's side when the fighting begins.

The Directorio does not know or understand why the FIED group, which is believed to be well-armed, has not gone into action as yet. The Directorio knows that PRIO has given instructions to his group leaders to remain quiet, but the reasons behind these instructions have not been determined.

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