

2 MAR 1968

TO: [REDACTED] FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans
SUBJECT: Arrest of CIA Agents by Cuban Security
Police

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. On 1 March 1968, a Reuters news dispatch from
Havana reported that Major Rolando CULLEN and Major
Ismael GUIN were arrested on this date by the Cuban
Security Police for alleged counterrevolutionary activities
involving the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

3. Rolando CULLEN became an Agent Name GUIN-SIM,
whose biographic sketch is reproduced in Appendices A
and B, respectively, were, in fact, involved with this
Agency in counterrevolutionary activities. CULLEN, who was
recruited by a CIA agent in August 1967 inside Cuba as a
principal means to recruit high level military leaders,
had had no contact with CIA staff personnel. He was,
however, used as a material and trained by his recruiter
under Agency direction. No C/S contact has been made with
CULLEN since 1967. (CULLEN, the now Agent, during the
period, has been in contact with this Agency during the
above intelligence (last contact in February 1968), during
which time he has been in direct contact with at least
two staff officers. It is of concern to know to him the true
nature of his previous and current relationship to the
Agency (political) contacts, including C/S, with
CULLEN accredited in Appendix A. Attached also (attach-
ment C) is a list of those offices which met with CULLEN,
when and then they met, and the discussions.

4. In addition to the staff officers mentioned
above, CULLEN also has contact with Agent Ismael GUIN
(Agent Name GUIN-SIM). He is circumstantially
linked with CULLEN as the Agency's suggestion, but it is
not clear to him that CULLEN was not representing the United
States Government.

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ATTACHMENT B

1 March 1966

NAME: Ramon Tomas GUIN Diaz

DPOB: 22 September 1933, Havana, Cuba

MARITAL STATUS: Wife - Daisy and 2 children

BIOGRAPHIC DATA: GUIN matriculated at the University of Havana School of Sugar and Agricultural Economy during the 1955-56 Academic year. He fled Cuba in July 1956, as a result of his political activities against BATISTA, obtaining asylum in the Costa Rican Embassy in Havana, and thereafter proceeding to Costa Rica. He later entered the United States at Miami and eventually went to New York to reside with an uncle. While in New York he carried on the struggle against BATISTA. He was secretary of the propaganda section of the Directorio Revolucionario (DR) and also director of its newspaper "El Combate". He then returned to Cuba, joining CASTRO'S forces in the Escambray as a Captain in the Rebel Army. After CASTRO'S victory he became Comandante (Major), manager of an INRA collective farm and Vice Secretary of Provincial JUCEI.

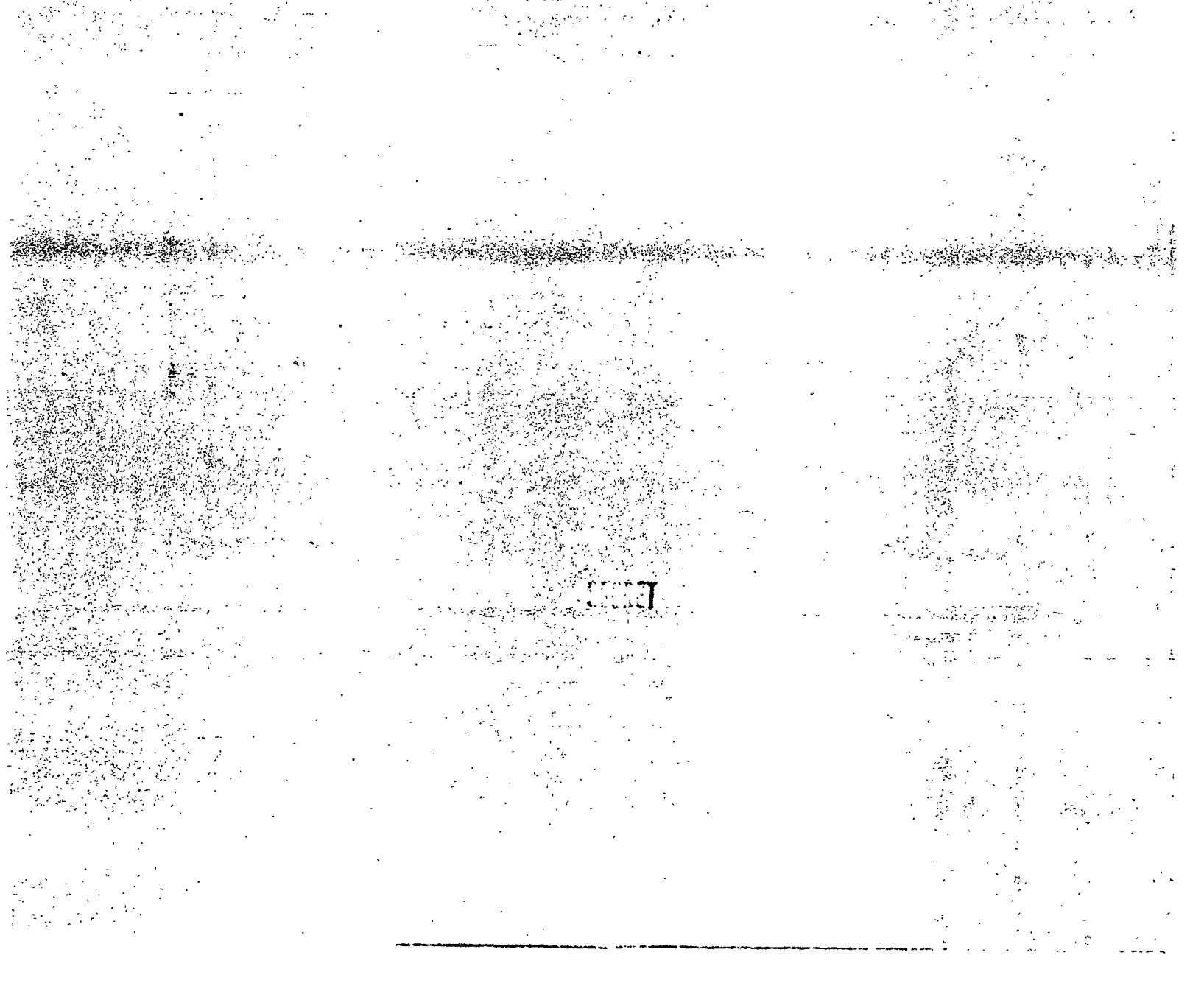
OPERATIONAL SUMMARY: GUIN was first contacted and recruited in August 1963 by Miguel A. DIAZ Isalque who was on an infiltration mission for CIA. GUIN was to be utilized as a Principal Agent for the purpose of recruiting dissidents among high level Cuban military officers. Rolando CUBELA Secades eventually became involved in the conspiracy with GUIN. GUIN was trained in secret writing and issued SW materials by the Agency but there has been no SW contact since July 1964.

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DAMAGE POTENTIAL:

GUIN was never met by any Agency staffer. In the conspiracy part of the operation, GUIN'S only known contact was CUBELA. However, GUIN had many contacts especially in Matanzas and Garderas such as Miguel A. DIAZ Isalgue's family and friends with whom he maintained close relations.



ATTACHMENT C

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRUE NAME</u>	<u>ALIAS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1961	Jack Stewart	True Name (known in true name to CUBELA in Havana in 1960)	Mexico City
1962	William Wainwright	"Bill Thompson"	Helsinki, Paris & Porto Alegre
1962	Earl Williamson	True Name (known in true name to CUBELA in Havana in 1954-55)	Paris
1962/65	Robert Owen	"Roberto"	Paris
1962	Richard Kinsman	"Capt. David Harper"	Paris
1962	Richard Long	"Dick"	Paris
1963	Desmond Fitzgerald	"James Clark" - as a representative of GPPFOCUS	Paris
1963	John Stent	"John Stevens" - or possibly by true name	Paris
1963/64	Nestor Sanchez	"Nicolas Sanson"	Paris
1963	Robert Kierce	"Dr. Keenan"	Paris