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Review of Manuel Ray y Rivero Files, Volumes I - VIII
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Volume II
* October 1, 1960 - November 22, 1960

1. As of 21 November 1960, MRP organized as follows:

Manuel Ray - Chief
Raul Chibas - Sepcial Assistant to Ray
Juan Esteves Ramires - Secretary
Ramon Barquin - Military and Intelligence matters
Cisneros - Chief of MRP in Cuba

1. 10/4/60 Cable from London claims that new Cuban resistance group organized under Ray and has 400-500 men in Las Villas Province. Not part of FRD but in touch with it.

* 2. 10/7/60 Cable from Havana. AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO has withdrawn from FRD. JUSTO CARRILLO and FELIPE PAZOS will be integrated into Ray's MRP. VARONA wishes to join, also, but Ray insists VARONA return to Cuba to do so.

3. 10/12/60 Cable to Director. RAMON BARQUIN claims CARRILLO and ARANGO are going to boycott FRD Executive Committee and sabotage its work. Barquin planning to join with Pazos, Ray, Chibas, MIRO and QUEVEDO to form a new frente and then request union with FRD. If accepted, Barquin would become military head. If Barquin does not get U.S. government support for this plan, he will return to Cuba to try to overthrow Castro and win election on an anti-Yankee platform.

* 4. 10/17/60 Contact report [redacted]
Subject: Meeting with JUAN ESTEVEZ and JORGE BERUFF, 10/13/60
Cubans said Ray's group will not lower themselves to answer "Fidelismo without Fidel" charge and let their actions speak for themselves. MRP is highly disciplined and feel the majority of Cuban people favor their platform. Its leaders are interchangeable. If Ray comes out of Cuba, Chibas or Estevez could go in and take his place.

5. 10/24/60 Memo for files
Subject: Representative of Manuel Ray to Professional Groups

ENRIQUE HIRAM GUTIERREZ y RODRIGUEZ (dob 5/20/31, Havana) travels frequently to Puerto Rico on architectural business. Also frequently enters U. S. at Miami. Represents Ray's organization to various professional groups in Havana. Also serves as courier to Miami.

6. DRE information. 10/24/60 Cable states MULLER reported receiving letter from ANTONIO GARCIA, DRE representative in Cuba that organization is going well but needs funds and material aid. [redacted] asks Mueller to get details of Garcia's "groupos de accion" and details of organization. [redacted] gave Muller $500 for Garcia. Muller is concerned about Manolo Ray

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