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(16) One of the members of this group, Ernesto Castillo Perez, told Angel Miguel Arencibia Vivas, Rolando Galvez dos Remedios and others of a plot against Castro to occur at 11 St. Vedado.

(17) In early 1965, counterrevolutionaries Julio Omar Cruz Cecilia, Fermin Gonzalez Carballo and Giraldo Remigio Diego Soria - members of an RCA sub-group known as "Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional" - were working on a plot against Castro in Santiago de las Vegas. This plan was dropped in favor of a plan to hit Castro at the Latin American Stadium, with another group in a nearby building set up to fire machine guns into the crowd to create panic and facilitate the escape.

(18) In June, 1965, there was an arrest of the group headed by Ramon and Maria Leopoldina Grau Alsina (see (15) above), which was part of the "Rescate" and "Movimiento Anticomunista Revolucionario" (MAR) groups supported by the CIA. Maria Leopoldina Grau had received CIA instructions for poisoning Castro at the Havana Libre Hotel. Jesus Compañoni Souza and Santos de la Caridad Perez Nunez, members of MAR, were to carry out the poisoning. When this attempt failed, another 500 capsule bottle of poison was sent by Tony Varona. Maria Alsina, also known as "Pollet," also received weapons with silencers and special assassination projectiles from the CIA.

(19) In July of 1965, there was an arrest of a group which represented another CIA attempt to organize counterrevolutionaries, this time under the name "Unidad Resistencia." This group developed a plan to assassinate Castro with a Thompson sub-machine gun yet involved a ruse to create confusion at the Ministry of Interior across the street to create confusion and permit the escape. Equipment included weapons and a rifle with a telescopic sight and silencer.

(20) In mid-1965, two groups with CIA connections and contacts in the United States, the "Comandos" and the "Marineros 30 de Noviembre," planned to infiltrate Cuba. The effort was given up, and instead they fired from gunboats at the "Scholarship Zone" in Miramar and at the Riviera Hotel, in the direction of the presidential residence.

(21) In May, 1966, these same groups were infiltrated into the Boca Barreto zone in Havana with the mission of assassinating Castro. In the action Armando Romero Martinez and Esteban Herminio Diaz Garcia were killed, and Antonio Cuesta Valle - head of "Comandos L" and Eugenio Enrique Zaldivar Cardenas were arrested. These men had been trained in Puerto Rico by the CIA, and some had been involved in the basement of the "San Pascual," a merchant vessel anchored at the Calvario Point in Los Villas Province.

(23) On March 17, 1967, three infiltrators from the United States - Felix Asencio Crespo, Wilfredo Martinez Diaz, and Gustavo Arceo Alvarez - were arrested while attempting to land by Cayo Fragoso. Their planned activity was to assassinate Castro and conduct systematic sabotage to create the image of a popular uprising, to help counterrevolutionary groups in the United States get official backing. These people had been trained by the CIA through "M-30-11," "RECE," "Los Pinos Nuevos," "Comandos L," "Alpha-66," and other organizations. They had automatic rifles, bombs, plastic explosives, and communications equipment.