

June 8, 1966 CC BCP Secretariat Secret Resolution Regarding Training Cuban Security Officers in Bulgaria

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Summary:

The Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party approves the Cuban government's request to train Cubans in counterintelligence, but not sabotage.

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RESOLUTION "B" No 8 OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY FROM 8 JUNE 1966

The CC BCP Secretariat approves the proposal that Comrade [Cuban intelligence chief Manuel] Piñeiro visit our country. We can accept 30 people for training only on counterintelligence work. We have no conditions to train people on sabotage.[1]

Top Secret

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CC BCP COMRADE LUCHEZAR AVRAMOV[2]

Comrade Avramov,

At a meeting with Comandante Sergio Del Valle - Politburo member of the Cuban Communist Party, captain Osmani Sienfuegos - head of the Foreign Affairs Commission at the CC of the CCP and Secretary General of the Tricontinental Committee and Comandante Manuel Piňeiro - member of the CC of the CCP and head of the State Security service, before my departure from Havana on 21 May there was a demand for accepting 30 Cuban comrades for training in sabotage and contra revolutionary activity. They consider the training period to be about a year and the training itself should be at our expense. They expect to receive an answer in principle not later than 5 or 6 June this year. They can send Comandante Piňeiro to our country to coordinate the details.

I answered I would report the issue to the respective people and they would be informed about the result.

I would like to ask you for your instructions.

4 June 1966 Sofia

[Gen. Angel Solakov, Chairman of the State Security Committee]

[1] Handwritten resolution by Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary CC BCP and Prime Minister of PR of Bulgaria.

[2] CC BCP Secretary (1962-1866), Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Trade (1966-1971), Bulgarian Ambassador to UN office in Vienna (1974-1980) and to the Netherland (1980-1982).