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3. She professed to have inside knowledge of Gen. Padron's invasion plans, and says if his plans are successful, Fulbright to Sorj Maria will be installed as president pro-tem, with Amelio Vazquez succeeding him.

4. She says she saw and arranged funds for ignorant defection in Havana. She says it was unfortunate that the Rodriguez cousins apparently decided to accept aid from Trujillo as this will damage their influence in Cuba.

5. She says Trujillo is anxious to send Pelle Ochoa, the captured invader, to the US. She says Ochoa is ill and disillusioned with Castro. She believes Ochoa, properly exploited, could provide a greater propaganda and intelligence coup than Pedro Luis Blas Leon because Ochoa knows where all the bodies are buried. This information on Ochoa seemed to be the principal reason she sought the interview with us.

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