Roger [Garcia]

Lieutenant Ernes [Peña] will give you a detailed explanation of the column's mission. You must leave as soon as Ernes arrives, head along the same route that Battalion 111 took, go as far as Battalion 111 has gone; from there you will set out to block the road which goes from Cayo Ramón to Girón and lay in ambush along that road to prevent the enemy positioned in San Blas from being able to withdraw towards Girón, which is where the rest of their troops are.

Today there is a new attack on San Blas and they will try to keep on advancing as much as they can. When you make contact with the 111, you must get fresh information on the situation. The crux of your mission: divide the enemy forces in two. It is a simple, easy operation. It is very important to avoid confusion.

Greetings
Fidel Castro
Havana, April 19, 1961

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