

*[Note: appeared in English and Spanish in DLA, Gerardo Hernández was indicted with false charge of murder conspiracy on May 8, 1999]*

## **Castro's Spies and the American Government**

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The American government must not lower its guard with respect to the permanent security measures that must be taken regarding the totalitarian communist dictatorship of Fidel Castro and, particularly, now that the bonds between the regimes of Havana and Beijing have become stronger.

As everyone knows the presence of several Cuban spies working against the United States inside the United States has been officially acknowledged. And this has led to a formal accusation of espionage in federal court. Nowadays any Cuban spy is also — by logical deduction — a spy for Communist China. And this multiplies the danger for the security of the United States and the rest of the free world, which is threatened by the growing totalitarian and imperialist power of the Beijing regime.

It is public knowledge that Communist China has been spying on the United States of America. As a result of that espionage and also because of weaknesses on the part of the Administration, the Beijing regime has had access to extremely qualified technology — what is now known as sophisticated — which is very dangerous for the security of many nations, particularly for the United States of America. To this we should add the political involvement of the Beijing regime in American politics because of financial contributions made for electoral campaigns.

Thinking that the totalitarian communist tyranny of Fidel Castro is "in extremis" is a mistake. At least there are no indications now that its political military weakness be much and that its international support has diminished, as it should have, to very low levels. On the contrary, now more than ever, Castro has become a sort of political "star," attending democratic presidential inaugural ceremonies and international forums where the topic is democracy and where documents are signed in support of that democracy. He signs those statements, while all the others know that his dictatorship will totally disregard whatever he has just agreed to. Therefore, extreme caution is mandatory regarding the security measures that the United States of America should take because of the threat posed by Castro's Cuba. It is not that this dictatorship is able to physically invade the United States with its troops, nor anything like it. But there are a thousand other ways of seriously hurtling this great American nation.