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Office of the Legal Attache  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
February 20, 1945

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ON 5/23/88  
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Re: *Intelligence Service*  
BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Bureau of November 23, 1944, reflecting an attempt being made at that time to reduce the amount paid to this organization from \$2,000 to \$1,500 per month, and to the Bureau's reply in cable No. 256 of December 12, 1944. The latter cable suggested that this office pay the informant organization the original agreed amount, \$2,000. (X)

Following the Bureau's suggestion, the second installment paid this informant in December, 1944, was according to the original agreed amount, that payment consisting of \$1,000. The relationship with this informant has apparently not been impaired by this attempt to reduce their payments. However, the question whether this office should make up the amounts paid during that period when the sum to be paid them was being decided has not been settled; that is, it is undecided whether this office should pay the informant \$750, representing the difference between \$1,500 and \$2,000 during November, 1944, and \$1,750 and \$2,000 during December, 1944. The informant understands that this matter is being decided and advice of the Bureau is requested as to whether this back payment should be made. (X)

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Very truly yours, [redacted]

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To: [Redacted]  
The American Embassy  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization  
Administrative

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Reference is made to your letter of February 20, 1945, requesting advice as to whether a back payment should be made to the Basque organization in connection with a temporary reduction in the sums paid to them during November and December, 1944.

It is suggested that you determine this on the basis of your local relations with the Basques. It would be desirable not to pay additional sums at this time, inasmuch as the services rendered by them in November and December were rendered on the basis of payments made to them at that time. If necessary, however, to maintain future good relations with them, you are authorized to reimburse them as set forth by you.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
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Office of the Legal Attache  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
March 5, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: <sup>0</sup> BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith are two envelopes containing information of an investigative nature, copies of which have been furnished to this office. The head of subject organization has requested that these envelopes be forwarded to President Aguirre in New York City.

The envelope marked in pencil "2" contains a letter to Aguirre from the local Basque head, Lasarte. A translation of this letter has been made and is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MEXICO CITY

March 16, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]  
ON 5/20/88

Dear Sir:

[At the request of [redacted] Basque delegation, there are being furnished copies of investigative reports as prepared for this office by the local Basque group. The information in these reports is being properly reported to the Bureau.

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There is also being attached hereto a letter from the local Basque delegation to MANUEL DE LA SOTA, official of the Basque delegation in New York City.

It is requested that the letter and the reports be forwarded to Mr. JEROME DOYLE for transmittal to the Basque in New York City.

Very truly yours,

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MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

March 6, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
Administrative

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Dear Sir:

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ON 5/20/88

It is requested that the enclosed report from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau.

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A copy of this report is being maintained in the files of this office.

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES  
SANTIAGO CHILE

March 16, 1945

Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on March 13, 1945 a communication was sent to the Legal Attache at Buenos Aires, Argentina, a paraphrase of which is as follows:

The Basques advise that a letter just received from Dr. JOSE MARIA BELLA SANTE indicates that [redacted] is being sent to Santiago. Please endeavor to ascertain the purpose of his trip and if he is connected with the Basque services in Chile or if an official of the Basque Government Mission.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

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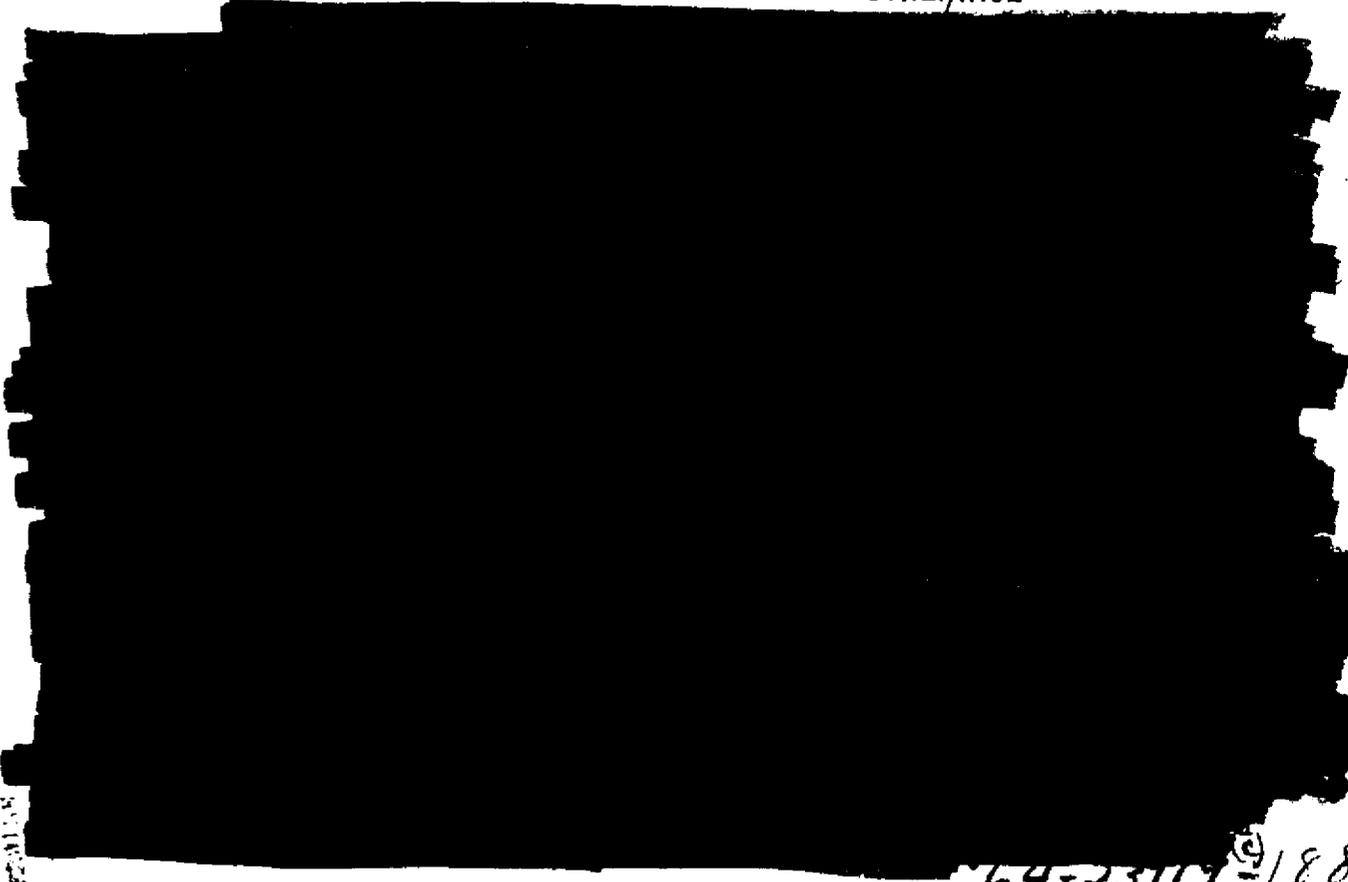
February 14, 1945

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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Dear Sir:



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By letter dated July 8, 1944, full details concerning  
the agreement made with the BASQUE ORGANIZATION through [redacted]  
[redacted] were forwarded to the Bureau.  
In accordance with this agreement the BASQUE ORGANIZATION has  
been furnishing information regularly to this office and the

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payments referred to in the sum of \$686.25 pesos, \$250.00 US (\$436.25 pesos) for the BASQUE ORGANIZATION and \$250.00 pesos (\$143.27 US) for the full-time services of a member of the BASQUE ORGANIZATION, have been made. X

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During a conference held with [redacted] on February 9, 1945, which was attended by SA [redacted] and the writer, it was pointed out to [redacted] that this office is desirous of obtaining more complete coverage throughout Colombia in connection with investigation of Communist activities and desires that the BASQUE ORGANIZATION assist in procuring this coverage by utilizing [redacted] who are considered loyal members of the BASQUE ORGANIZATION and who are located in various sections of Colombia. He was also advised that this office believes that by using [redacted] of the BASQUE ORGANIZATION who are in a position to attend Communist meetings and conventions in various towns and cities in Colombia and report regularly on their activities, considerable additional service could be rendered. [redacted] was likewise advised that no information has been obtained to date from BASQUE informants residing on the coast of Colombia and on the Guajira Peninsula. X

In addition to the foregoing, [redacted] was advised that full use of the BASQUE ORGANIZATION and complete coverage throughout Colombia on all types of investigations in which this office is interested are necessary in order to justify the present payments being made. X

[redacted] advised that when his organization received instructions from President AGUIRRE to cooperate exclusively with this office when furnishing information, he had written to various members of the BASQUE ORGANIZATION in Colombia requesting them to furnish intelligence information but stated that to date no reports have been received except in those instances where specific requests for investigation have been made by this office. He stated that while coverage is being maintained on Guajira Peninsula by BASQUE [redacted] no information has been received from them. He advised that he would contact various loyal BASQUE [redacted]

[redacted] for the purpose of requesting them to furnish regular monthly reports concerning Communist activities although he stated he could not give this office definite assurance that they would cooperate fully in this project. He also indicated he would attempt to obtain better cooperation from other loyal BASQUES throughout Colombia. X

With respect to payments being made to the BASQUE ORGANIZATION, [redacted] advised [redacted]

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He also stated that the BASQUE ORGANIZATION does not need money for their services and would be glad to continue working with this office without the \$250.00 US (\$436.25 pesos) monthly payment which is being allotted to them by the office of the President in New York City. He further stated that he hopes to be able to increase the coverage of the BASQUE ORGANIZATION and that if he is able to do so, it would not necessitate additional monthly payments by this office. [REDACTED] concluded by stating he would prepare a letter advising President AGUIRRE of his willingness to work with this office on the above basis. [REDACTED] was advised that in the event he desires to communicate with President AGUIRRE through facilities available to us this office will gladly assist him. X

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In view of the foregoing it is contemplated that in the future payments will be made to the BASQUE ORGANIZATION on the basis of \$250.00 pesos (\$143.27 US) per month together with expenses which may from time to time be incurred by them in carrying out specific investigations requested by this office. In the opinion of the writer the payments which are currently being made to the BASQUE ORGANIZATION are excessive and unless instructions are received to the contrary, the \$250.00 US (\$436.25 pesos) monthly payment is being discontinued as of February 1, 1945. X

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At such time as [REDACTED] makes definite plans to [REDACTED] full details will be submitted.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

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March 5, 1945

Director, FBI

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RE: BASQUE ORGANIZATION;  
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter to the Bureau dated February 14, 1945, in the above captioned matter, and special attention is drawn to the last paragraph on page two, which set forth contemplated changes in the remuneration presently being paid to the Basque Organization and [Redacted]

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As noted in my referenced letter, I am of the opinion that the present services rendered by [Redacted] and the Basque Organization in Colombia do not justify the payment of \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian Pesos) to the Basque Organization and an additional payment of 250 Colombian pesos (approximately \$145.00 U.S.) to [Redacted] for his services in procuring information. I feel that no value is received for the \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos) payment which, according to [Redacted] is deposited by him to the account of the Basque Organization in a local Bogotá bank, inasmuch as it is used for the maintenance of the Basque Organization in Colombia and not for the direct purpose of furnishing information to this office.

On March 4, 1945, [Redacted] advised this office that he has been confused concerning the agreement reached between himself and this office at the conference of February 9, 1945, mentioned in my referenced letter, and he now states that it was his understanding that this office would continue to make the payment of \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos) to the Basque Organization, which he believes is a payment being allotted to the Basque Organization by President AGUIRRE in New York City, but would discontinue the 250 Colombian pesos (approximately \$145.00 U.S.) to him personally. He stated that in view of the fact that the \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos) payment is being made under an arrangement with President AGUIRRE, it cannot be altered by him.

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Director  
Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION;  
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

March 5, 1945

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To date this office has not advised [redacted] anything to the contrary concerning the previous arrangement for the payment of \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos) to the Basque Organization because of the request of Secretary IRALA of the Basque Organization in New York City, contained in memorandum dated April 24, 1944, entitled "THE BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE", which was forwarded to this office under cover of Bureau letter dated May 3, 1944, and entitled "BASQUE ORGANIZATION", to the effect that "The Basques will be satisfied if the relationship between the Legal Attachés and the Basques is maintained as though the funds paid the various Basques emanated from President AGUIRRE in the United States."

The writer is of the definite opinion that the services of [redacted] and the Basque Organization in Colombia are not worth \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos) paid to the organization and the 250 Colombian pesos (approximately \$145.00 U.S.) paid to [redacted]. This was the reason for the conference which was held with [redacted] on February 9, 1945, mentioned in my referenced letter. However, as long as [redacted] is of the opinion that the sum paid to the Basque Organization comes from President AGUIRRE in New York City and not this office, any efforts to reduce this amount or convince [redacted] that the present services of the Basque Organization are not worth this amount fail. It is the writer's opinion that the services of the Basque Organization and [redacted] would be worth \$250.00 U.S. in total, if the suggestions for increased coverage outlined in my letter of February 14, 1945, materialize. It is believed imperative, however, to consider that the services of [redacted] himself and not the Basque Organization have been the real value to this office. It also appears that [redacted] is quite content to continue working for this office without the remuneration of 250 Colombian pesos (approximately \$145.00 U.S.) presently being paid directly to him. However, if [redacted] should go to the United States as is anticipated, it is not believed that the services of his replacement would be worth 250 pesos (approximately \$145.00 U.S.), in addition to the payment of \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos) to be paid to the Basque Organization separately.

Therefore, it is requested that this office be permitted to advise [redacted] that the \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos) does not in fact originate with President

Director  
RE: BASQUE ORGANIZATION;  
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

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March 5, 1945

AGUIRRE in New York City, and that this office believes the present amounts being paid are not commensurate with the information received. X

As a matter of additional information, [REDACTED] has advised that he has received affirmative responses to letters sent to various Basques throughout Colombia for assistance in the coverage of Communist activities, and it is believed that better results can and will be obtained in the future from the Basque Organization throughout Colombia. Therefore, this office is of the opinion that the payment of \$250.00 U.S. (436.25 Colombian pesos), to [REDACTED] in lieu of the payment of 250. pesos (approximately \$145.00 U.S.) set forth in my referenced letter, will be justified if the coverage throughout Colombia improves as anticipated, and provided that the payment is made with the definite understanding that it originates not from the Basque organization in New York City, but from the United States Government and is in return for services rendered to this office, rather than for the maintenance of the Basque Organization in Colombia. X

In order that this office may reach a satisfactory and definite understanding with [REDACTED] as soon as possible, it is requested that the Bureau's comments and instructions in this regard be forwarded by radio. X

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Date: March 27, 1945

To: [Redacted] The American Embassy Bogota, Colombia

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BASQUE ORGANIZATION

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Reference is made to your letter of March 5, 1945, concerning the contemplated changes in the payments presently being made to the Basque organization and [Redacted] by your office.

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For your guidance in this matter, the original instructions regarding handling of the Basque organization stated that arrangements had been perfected through President Aguirre of the Basque Government in exile whereby the services of their organization in the Western Hemisphere would be utilized exclusively by Bureau representatives. However, compensation for the services of the various Basque local groups was to be handled through the Bureau, not the Basque Government in exile. As you know, it was previously stated that the Basques would be satisfied if the relationship between the Legal Attaches and the Basques be maintained as though the funds paid the various Basques emanated from President Aguirre. If it will assist you in arriving at appropriate remuneration for the Basque group in Colombia, it will be entirely satisfactory to inform [Redacted] that the funds being received by him through you do not emanate from the Basque Government in exile but are made available through the Government of this country.

It is entirely satisfactory to consider the amount of the payment to the local Basque group in light of any information submitted by that organization or in consideration of service performed and their potential value as informants. In considering this matter you should realize that the Basques' present worth should be taken into account and also the potential value of having available the services of an organization which can be called upon if the occasion should arise. Your responsibility in obtaining benefits from this organization does not end with the development of the head of the local group as an informant and the receiving of what information he may be able to supply, but extends to the formation of a well-organized informant organization in line with current problems as reflected by the work of your office and the Bureau's work as a whole. It is believed that the possibility of developing this organization is in many instances overlooked. The payments now being made to the Basque organization and [Redacted] by your office are not large when you consider the possibilities which can be developed if this group is properly handled, nor is such a sum excessive in view of their potential work.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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It is suggested that you might desire to confer further with [redacted] after you have considered the exact manner in which the Basques would be most beneficial in serving your office. Proper supervision of this organization through selected handling of investigative matters where the group could be of assistance will undoubtedly render results not previously attained. Direct supervision, wherein you actually direct and request certain investigative activities, will undoubtedly result in the Basque group being of greater value to you. X

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In line with the above suggestions, it is desired that you arrive at an agreement with [redacted] on an amount which will be satisfactory in so far as his personal services are concerned and which will be a satisfactory payment for the services of the Basque organization in Colombia as a whole. The amount of the payment for the services of the Basques in Colombia is a matter which will depend entirely upon their present worth and their potential value in light of future developments, and for that reason the exact sum is being left to your discretion in line with previous payments to this group. X

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Office of the Legal Attache  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
March 14, 1945

~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: <sup>0</sup> BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an envelope containing information which the head of the above-mentioned organization has requested us to forward to President Aguirre in New York City. This information is in memorandum form and this office is in possession of copies.

It is requested that the envelope be forwarded as above stated.

Very truly yours,

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[Redacted Signature]  
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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

March 20, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed material from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau.

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A copy of this material is being maintained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACH

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
HABANA, CUBA

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April 6, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: <sup>0</sup> BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

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[Redacted] Basque  
Intelligence Organization in Habana, was requested this  
office to please forward the enclosed letter to MR. JOSE  
ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE, President of the Basque Nationalist  
Party, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

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[Redacted Signature]

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Office of the Legal Attaché  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
March 16, 1945

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Legal Attaché  
Santiago, Chile

Re: Basque Organization in Argentina;  
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

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Reference is made to your cable to this office of March 14, 1945, stating that the Basque representative in Chile had received a letter from the head of this organization in Argentina indicating that one [redacted] a Basque, was being sent to Chile. The cable requested this office to ascertain the purpose of his trip and whether [redacted] is connected with the Basque Government in exile.

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It is understood from a local representative of this group that [redacted]

For the last few years, he has been [redacted]. He recently offered his services to the organization here for any appropriate purpose and it was decided by Dr. De LASARTE that he should travel to Chile to improve the Basque organization there. It is understood that his organizing will be in regard to their political set-up rather than intelligence. [redacted] trip to Chile is apparently awaiting the approval of President AGUIRRE to be received here.

Very truly yours,

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Director, FBI

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted] ON [redacted] RE: ~~Basque Representatives~~  
TRAVELLING TO PARIS, FRANCE

Dear Sir:

On March 17, 1945, ANTONIO ~~IRALA~~, Secretary of the Basque Republic, advised Jerome Doyle of the New York SIS office that on or about March 25, 1945, Irala and JOSE ANTONIO ~~AGUIRRE~~, President of the Basque Republic, are travelling by plane from New York City to Paris, France. The Bureau has been advised previously of this intended trip of these extremely confidential sources of information and consequently, upon receipt of this information, Doyle advised Supervisor George Hall at the Bureau to notify Special Agent [redacted] at Paris, France of the coming trip of Irala and Aguirre.

Arrangements were made with Irala so that he would ~~directly~~ contact Special Agent [redacted] at [redacted] home address in Paris.

It is believed that through Aguirre and Irala, Bureau representatives in Paris will be able to meet key members of the Basque Government in exile in that city and representatives of the Basque Intelligence Service.

[redacted] It was further stated that in view of the fact that Mr. Irala and President Aguirre were returning to the United States, the most appropriate time for the Bureau representatives to meet the Basque intelligence leader in France was while Irala and Aguirre were there to bring about the introduction.

Doyle advised Irala that all the Bureau desired at this time was that the Basque President introduce his intelligence leaders to a Bureau representative and explain to these leaders [redacted]

Doyle continued that thereafter, if the Bureau's jurisdiction in foreign intelligence matters was broadened to include France, that at that time President Aguirre could instruct his representatives to cooperate and work with the Bureau representatives in France.

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Director, FBI  
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New York, N. Y.  
March 23, 1945

b7c The foregoing is being brought to the attention of the Bureau to confirm the telephone call with Supervisor [redacted] and a previous conversation with Supervisor [redacted]

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy *gd*  
E. E. CONROY  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

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DATE: April 2, 1945

FROM : Mr. C. H. Carson

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SUBJECT: [BASQUE REPRESENTATIVES TRAVELING TO PARIS, FRANCE]

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beale
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the communication in the above-entitled matter from the New York office dated March 23, 1945. It is indicated therein that Jose Antonio Aguirre, President of the Basque Republic, and Antonio Arala, Basque Secretary, would leave on or about March 25, 1945, to travel by plane from New York City to Paris, France. As indicated therein the Bureau was previously advised of this impending trip by these men, and as suggested by Special Agent Jerome Doyle, the Paris office has already been notified.

Mr. Doyle has advised that [redacted] They realize, therefore, that any contact made by them with Bureau agents in Paris will be on an extremely discreet and informal basis. Their identity has been made known to Special Agent [redacted] and arrangements have been made so that these individuals will be contacted by the Paris office.

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Office of the Legal Attaché  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
March 24, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: Basque Organization in Argentina;  
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

Forwarded with this letter is an envelope which the head of this organization has requested we forward to President Aguirre in New York. The envelope contains copies of investigative memoranda which have been given to this office.

It also contains a letter from Lasarte to Aguirre, a translation of which has been made and is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

*[Redacted signature]*

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PARIS, FRANCE  
April 9, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL  
VIA ARMY POUCH [redacted]

DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter dated January 25, 1945 in the above-entitled matter which advised me that Jose Antonio de Aguirre and Antonio de Irala would shortly be coming to France.

This is to advise that on April 7 de Irala called upon me, and advised that both of them had arrived in France a few days before and that they had been furnished with my address and telephone number by Special Agent Jerome Doyle in New York City. Irala told me that Aguirre was handling mainly political matters here and in London concerning the Basque people and that at the conclusion of his mission, which he did not expect to last for very long, he would return to the United States. Irala, on the other hand, will be staying here in Paris and after about two weeks will go to the South of France where he will stay about two months and then return to the Western Hemisphere. Intelligence and related matters will be wholly within his jurisdiction.

We had a long talk concerning the Basque people and about the problems of Fascism and Communism which confronted them. As is already known to you he is strongly opposed to Communism and feels that if the Allies do not back the truly democratic elements both in Spain and in France that the majority of the people may, out of dissatisfaction and discouragement turn to the Communist Party. At the time of this interview he was also very enthusiastic concerning the Bureau and the way of life in the United States.

At this time he also furnished to me information concerning one [redacted] which data I have already made the subject of a separate communication to the Bureau.

When Irala leaves for the South he is going to put me in touch with the man who is head of the Basque Services here in Paris who, he assures me, will work with me in the same way that Aguirre and Irala have previously worked with the Bureau. Upon his return from the South, and prior to his departure for the United States, we will have another series of conferences wherein he will give me the result of his findings on the Communist situation here and in Spain. The comments which he has made on this situation up to the present will be made the subject of separate communications.

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Very truly yours,

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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

April 4, 1945

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed material from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau. *(S)*

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Very truly yours,

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Office of the Legal Attaché  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
April 7, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: Basque Organization in Argentina;  
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

Attached hereto is an envelope containing memoranda which subject organization is forwarding to President Aguirre in New York City. The memoranda are investigative in nature and copies have been given this office.

Very truly yours,

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MEXICO CITY

April 19, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

At the request of [redacted] head of the local Basque delegation, there are being furnished copies of investigative reports as prepared for this office by the local Basque group. The information in these reports is being properly reported to the Bureau.

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There is also being attached hereto a letter from the local Basque delegation to MANUEL DE LA SOTA, official of the Basque delegation in New York City.

It is requested that the letter and the reports be forwarded to Mr. JEROME DOYLE for transmittal to the Basques in New York City.

Very truly yours,

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed material from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE  
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

April 18, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE - COLOMBIA

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 14, 1945 page 2, second paragraph, wherein it was stated that during a conference with [redacted] in Bogotá, Colombia, on February 9, 1945, it was pointed out that this office is desirous of obtaining more complete coverage throughout Colombia in connection with Communism and other subversive activities. (X)

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On April 10, 1945 another conference was held with [redacted] and he advised that he is making progress in his efforts to obtain more active cooperation of other responsible Basques in the matter of covering Communist activities and other matters of interest throughout the country. He agreed to furnish the names of Basque leaders in Medellin, Barranquilla, and Cali, major cities of Colombia, who can be contacted in the future directly by our representatives in those cities. (X)

On April 14, 1945 he brought to this office letters of introduction for [redacted] of Barranquilla, and [redacted] of Medellin. These are being forwarded to our representatives in those cities in order that they may make direct contact with the Basque informants.

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[redacted] Bogotá as our Basque informant in Bogotá. [redacted] is making a trip to Cali, Colombia for the purpose of arranging for direct contact by our representative there with [redacted] Basque. [redacted] felt that personal contact with this man would be in order, prior to initiating the direct connection with our representative. [redacted] did not handle the matter himself.

[redacted]

With reference to the payments being made to the Basques for their assistance, [redacted] was advised that the \$250.00 (US) a month which is paid to the BASQUE ORGANIZATION is provided by the United States Government, as well as the 250 pesos Colombianos which he personally receives for his work. This information was received by him with equanimity and he evidenced complete satisfaction with the arrangement. It also served to make clear to him [redacted]

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our deep interest in the establishment of further coverage through the Basques in Colombia, and of our right to ask for the same. (S)

Accordingly, in view of the more complete and thorough coverage being arranged for, [redacted] was paid \$250.00 (US) for February and March for the Basque Organization, and 250 pesos (\$132.50 US) for his own work during March, 1945. (S)

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[redacted] advised that he expects Argentine Basque mentioned in Bureau letter to [redacted] in instant matter dated March 27, 1945, [redacted]

He stated he desires to have [redacted] meet the writer for a conference on investigative coverage by the Basques in Colombia. He was told that the Legal Attache will be most happy to see [redacted] and will be glad to furnish whatever assistance is within the power of this office in solving any travel difficulties he may encounter. (S)

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Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

L. A.

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Office of the Legal Attache  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
April 21, 1945

~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: *[Signature]*  
BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Attached to this letter is an envelope containing memoranda of an investigative nature which subject wishes to forward to President Aguirre in New York City.

Copies of these memoranda have been furnished to this office. It is accordingly requested that the enclosed be forwarded.

Very truly yours,

*[Redacted Signature]*

L.A.

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*Attachment prepared  
to Doyle in N.Y.C.  
for delivery -  
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Office of the Legal Attaché  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
April 25, 1945

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~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: <sup>6</sup> Basque Organization in Argentina  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

*S. Aguirre*

There is being forwarded with this letter an envelope sent by the subject organization to Basque President AGUIRRE in New York City. The contents have been examined and consist of memoranda of an investigative nature of which this office has copies.

It is requested that the envelope be forwarded to its addressee.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

L. A.

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SAC, New York

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Reference is made to your letter of April 16, 1945 captioned as above relating to a message presented the New York SIS Office by Mr. De la Sota for transmittal to Buenos Aires. This is to advise that the message has been forwarded to Buenos Aires and that you will be advised of any reply received in this regard. For your confidential information.

[Redacted] (c)

This procedure is not desirable and it is being suggested that further communications of this nature be handled directly with the Bureau at the Seat of Government or your office rather than through the channel used in this instance.

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New York, N. Y.  
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Director, FBI

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Attention: [redacted] b7c

RE: [redacted] (c) b-1

Dear Sir:

On April 11, 1945, MANUEL DE LA SOTA, the present contact between the New York SIS office and the Basque organization, called at the New York SIS office and requested that the attached cable, written in Spanish, be forwarded to the Basque representative in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

[redacted]

[redacted]

In view of the fact that this is the first message of this type received in the New York SIS office, the original, together with English translation, are being forwarded to the Bureau for its decision in the matter. No discussion has been had with Mr. de la Sota as to whether the cable will or will not be sent.

[redacted] (c)

The foregoing matter was outlined telephonically to Supervisor R. L. Banta at the Bureau and in accordance with his request, the messages are being attached herewith and forwarded to the Bureau.

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted] b7c

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R.  
April 14, 1945

Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE ORGANIZATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11/12/84 BY [redacted]

5/20/88 JSP [redacted]  
267468

Dear Sir:

As the Bureau is aware, this office has in the past accepted communications from C. I. [redacted] the Dominican Republic, for transmittal to JOSE A. de AGUIRRE, President of the Basque Republic who is now in exile in New York City.

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The informant indicated that he is acquainted with [redacted] and inquired whether the writer could accept a reply to this individual's inquiry for transmittal to [redacted] through President AGUIRRE to be transmitted in the customary manner. [redacted] had written a memorandum incorporating information [redacted]

[redacted] had prepared a letter of transmittal explaining the situation to President AGUIRRE and requesting him to forward the memorandum to [redacted]

The memorandum above referred to was displayed to the writer, and all information of value which it contained was extracted for the files of this office. It was noted that practically all of this information had previously been reported to this office by this informant.

[redacted]

In view of the fact that [redacted] possible connection with the Caracas office is unknown to the writer, C. I. [redacted] was advised that the cover letter and memorandum submitted by him could not be transmitted to [redacted]

It was the opinion of the writer that if [redacted] it is more preferable that information concerning [redacted] be communicated directly to the Caracas office by this office rather than create the undesirable situation in which informants of the two offices are communicating independently. On the other hand, if [redacted] is not an informant of the Caracas office it is believed undesirable that the communication facilities of the Bureau, which have been exceptionally extended for the convenience of the Basque organization, be utilized for the purpose of disseminating information concerning [redacted]

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Letter to Bureau

RE: BASQUE ORGANIZATION

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A comprehensive report concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] already in preparation in this office and will incorporate all of the information of value contained in the memorandum which was prepared by C. [REDACTED] for the benefit of [REDACTED]

In the event that the Bureau believes it desirable for this office to accept communications for unknown individuals in other countries with relation to work within the jurisdiction of the Bureau, it is requested that this office be so advised for purposes of future guidance in similar matters.

Very truly yours,

*Clement J. Driscoll*

CLEMENT J. DRISCOLL  
L. A.

CJD [REDACTED]  
cc Caracas

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - AIR POUCH

*EX-27*  
Date: May 7, 1945  
64-23119-207  
To: Mr. C. J. Driscoll,  
The American Embassy  
Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BASQUE ORGANIZATION

Reference is made to your letter of April 14, 1945 entitled as above wherein you advised of the desire of C. I. [redacted] to transmit a communication to the Basque representative in Venezuela. In accordance with established procedure, it will be satisfactory for you to accept such communications for transmittal to President Aguirre who may then relay the information through the Bureau's facilities to the Basque representative in Caracas. It is not desired that your office forward such communications directly to the Caracas Office, however, the procedure suggested above may be used inasmuch as such procedure is now in existence and by this method the correspondence of the Basque will pass through the control of the Bureau.

It is suggested you so advise the informant in order that he may forward the communication to President Aguirre for transmittal to Venezuela if he so desires.

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REGISTRY NO. 1309

April 23, 1945

Office of the Legal Attaché  
American Embassy  
Ciudad Trujillo, D. R.

RE: <sup>①</sup> BASQUE ORGANIZATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter to the Bureau, dated April 14, 1945, from your office in the above captioned matter.

In that letter you stated that you had been requested by a Basque informant to transmit to one [redacted] of Caracas, Venezuela, certain information [redacted]

For your information, [redacted] the Basque Government in Venezuela is [redacted]. Although this individual is known to the Bureau's representatives in Caracas, all contact with the Basque organization in Caracas is had through other members of this organization. The files of this office contain no information regarding [redacted] but it is believed that this individual is, undoubtedly, identical with [redacted] Venezuela.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

L. A. Caracas Venezuela

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Office of the Legal Attaché  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
May 8, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: Basque Organization in Argentina;  
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

Forwarded with this letter is an envelope containing papers subject organization wishes to forward to Basque President Aguirre in New York City. These papers have been examined and are all investigative memoranda, copies of which this office possesses.

It is respectfully requested that the envelope be forwarded to President Aguirre.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

May 9, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted] b7c  
ON 5/28/88  
267468

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed material from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau. (X)

A copy of this material is being maintained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

L. A.

*Enclosure furnished to  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LANE  
FROM : MR. C. H. CARSON  
SUBJECT: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room

The present Basque contact at New York, Daniel de la Sota, contacted the SIS Office in New York on April 11, 1945 and requested that a cable be forwarded to the Basque representative in Buenos Aires.

[REDACTED] (c) 267468

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[REDACTED] Lasarte is the Basque representative in Buenos Aires. [REDACTED] (c) DECLASSIFIED BY

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9th April '45

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COUNCIL OF GALICIA IN URUGUAY PUBLISHES MANIFESTO DEMANDING IMMEDIATE UNION OF ALL SPANISH REPUBLICANS IN EXILE.

Writer encloses copy of a declaration drawn up by the CONSEJO DE GALICIA, signed by ALFONSO R. CASTELAO, President, and A. ALONSO RIOS, Secretary, dated April 1st, 1945; this reads as follows:-

The CONSEJO DE GALICIA, having met in the city of Montevideo on April 1st, and after having reviewed the present situation in Spain, and especially that prevailing in Galicia.....agreed to publish the following communication:-

"In this decisive hour, the CONSEJO DE GALICIA proclaims its close ties with the Basque Government and the organized forces of Catalunya, in accordance with the growing solidarity of the three peoples, in an internal and external alliance which has already been consecrated under the well-known title of 'GALEJZCA'.

"The CONSEJO DE GALICIA, as an integral part of this triangular union, has declared itself to be aloof from all party and personal strife, and therefore is in no way responsible for any Republican disagreement; but its members do not yet feel reassured, even though they have always observed a friendly attitude towards the discordant elements, fervently desiring that they should cease their useless and pernicious disputes; and therefore they offer to work for a concerted union of all Spanish democrats in order to find without delay a single line of policy.

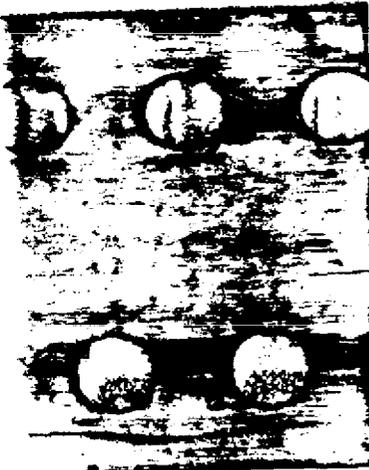
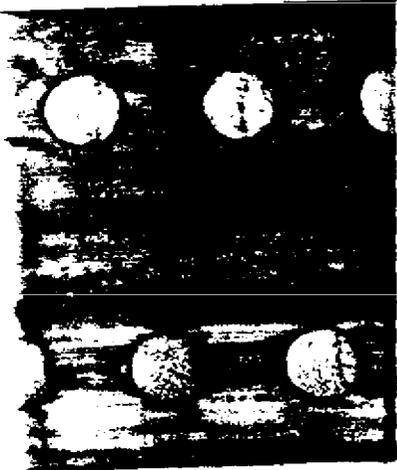
"In consequence, the CONSEJO DE GALICIA cordially invites all Spanish democratic groups and personalities in exile to put aside their ill-will and settle their differences amicably. The historic moment in which we are living demands the immediate union of everyone for the recovery of the Republican order in Spain. Let us say more: if before a month is over the individualistic groups have not come to a frank and clear understanding we shall believe that there are no ex-leaders in exile capable of taking up their leadership again.

"The democratic forces organized in the Peninsula are insistently calling for our union, which should be as close as that which has been formed over there, and they consider the discord prevailing among the exiles to be both suicidal and unpatriotic. The bases for union, fixed by the forces of the interior, are the following: 1. Recovery of the Republican order, and simultaneously, the establishment of the autonomies of Euzkadi, Catalunya, and Galicia; 2. A formal undertaking to establish a Federal Republic.

"The CONSEJO DE GALICIA, invested with the authentic representation of all the forces constituting the JUNTA GALLEGA DE ALIANZA DEMOCRATICA' (political parties and trade-unions) very especially asks, in the name of all the democratic elements in Galicia, that their respective members in exile should put all their energy into obtaining union and concord among the Spanish Republicans, in accordance with the fixed bases.

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BYRON PRICE, Director.



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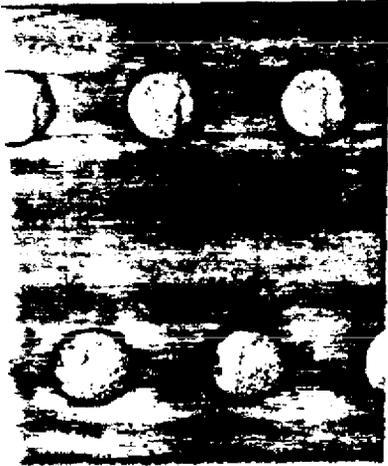
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The CONSEJO DE GALICIA, in the face of the Franco dictatorship and Monarchist pretensions.....reaffirms once more its unshakable faith in the Republic and Democracy."

A.M.F./D.A.C.  
9th April 1945.



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Date:

June 1, 1945

To:

The American Embassy  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA

Reference is made to your letter of April 4, 1945, enclosing information concerning the above-named organization and requesting that the envelope enclosed in reference letter be sent to President Aguirre.

The envelope was forwarded to New York for delivery as requested.

There is attached for your information a photostatic copy of a Censorship Intercept pertaining to the Galician Council in Uruguay, an anti-Franco organization apparently closely allied with the Basque Organization.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
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Office of the Legal Attache  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
May 31, 1945

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Director, FBI

*Original to all agencies*  
Re: Basque Organization in Argentina;  
Administrative.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an envelope which Subject organization has requested this office to forward to Basque President Aguirre in New York City. The contents of this envelope have been examined and consist of investigative memoranda, copies of which this office has.

It is respectfully requested that the envelope be forwarded as above stated.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES  
SANTIAGO CHILE

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May 23, 1945

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ON [redacted]

267468

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE;  
ADMINISTRATIVE.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith several items of information which the local Basque intelligence organization has requested the Bureau to send to its superiors in the United States. These items have been retained in the office of Legal Attaché until it was possible to sift them and to use them in appropriate reports. Many of the attached items are of no interest either to this office or to the Bureau.

For the Bureau's information, the Basques are assigned leads by this office in the same manner as are other confidential informants, and the results obtained by them are included in investigative reports in like manner.

The Bureau's letter dated September 6, 1944 and captioned as above requested this office to send translations of the Basque material to the Bureau when such translations were made by this office. I am advised that, since the receipt of that letter from the Bureau, representatives of this office have made an attempt to translate large portions of the material word for word, whether such material appeared to be of interest or not.

Unless advised to the contrary, this office will in the future send to the Bureau for forwarding to the Basque representatives in the United States only the untranslated material given us by the Basques in Santiago, except in such cases where the material would appear to be of unusual and timely interest to the Bureau. Other material of interest will be translated into English by this office and will thereafter be handled like reports from any other informants; i.e., it will be incorporated into investigative reports where such is indicated by the nature of the case and the nature of the information. The material which is of no interest to this office or to the Bureau will not be translated into English.

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Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE  
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May 29, 1945

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Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE ORGANIZATION

5/20/88

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from this office to the Bureau dated April 14, 1945, bearing the above caption and the reply of the Bureau dated May 7, 1945, carrying the same title. These communications referred to the acceptance by this office for transmittal to the Bureau of letters from Confidential Informant [redacted] directed to the Basque President in exile for retransmittal to Basque contacts in Venezuela.

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In accordance with the suggestion contained in the letter of reference from the Bureau, the communication in question from C. I. [redacted] has been accepted for transmittal to Dr. JOSE A. De AGUIRRE. It includes a request by the informant that [redacted]

The information of value contained in this communication has already been incorporated in the files of this office.

It is, therefore, requested that the letter transmitted herewith be forwarded to Dr. JOSE A. De AGUIRRE in the customary manner.

Very truly yours,

*Clement J. Driscoll*

CLEMENT J. DRISCOLL  
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*Enclosure furnished to Dr. Aguirre in N.Y.C. for delivery 6/9/45*

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACH  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES  
SANTIAGO CHILE

May 29, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE;  
ADMINISTRATIVE.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated May 23, 1945, which forwarded certain material received by the Basque intelligence service in Santiago.

There are enclosed herewith several additional items of information received from the Basques in Chile. It will be appreciated if the Bureau will forward this material to the Basque authorities in the United States.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

May 29, 1945

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

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DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]  
ON 5/20/88

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed material from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau.

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A copy of this material is being maintained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

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Our informant has already entered into contact with [REDACTED]

We are attaching a letter from the subject. As there are still quite a few details not duly verified, the investigation will continue.

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Date: June 15, 1945

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To: Mr. Frederick B. Lyon  
Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ACTIVITIES OF "GALEUSCA," ANTI-FRANCO AND PRO-AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE GALICIANS, BASQUES, AND CATALANS

As of possible interest to you, there is attached hereto a photostatic copy of a report containing information concerning the activities of the organization known as "Galeusca."

As indicated by previous information furnished you, the organization is promoting autonomy for the Galicians, Basques, and Catalans in Spain. The organization, as indicated by information previously furnished you, is also anti-Franco.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
War Department, Washington

Attention: Reading Panel  
Military Intelligence Service

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE  
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

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June 8, 1945

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted] b7c  
ON 5/23/88  
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Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION  
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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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On June 4, 1945, the day after the visitor's arrival in Bogota, an interview was arranged between the Basque leader and myself through Confidential Informant [redacted] in accordance with my wishes as previously made known to the Informant. (X)

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[redacted] expressed deep satisfaction over the "excellent relations maintained in Colombia between the Basques and the Office of the Legal Attache" and stated that he desires that the Basques continue their efforts and cooperate fully with this office. (X)

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[redacted] and both he and Confidential Informant [redacted] expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation. (X)

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Very truly yours,

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Office of the Legal Attache  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
June 16, 1945

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Director, FBI

*Request to forward to New York*  
Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Attached to this letter is an envelope which subject organization has requested this office to forward to their President Aguiere in New York City. The contents of this envelope have been examined and consist only of investigative memoranda of which this office has copies.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHÉ  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MEXICO CITY

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June 19, 1945

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DATE 11/27/01 BY 60322/UC

Director, FBI

RE: <sup>0</sup> BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION;  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

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~~At the request of [redacted]~~

there are being furnished copies of investigative reports as prepared for this office by the local Basque group. The information in these reports is being properly reported to the Bureau.

It is requested that the attached reports be forwarded to Mr. JEROME DOYLE for transmittal to the Basques in New York City.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

C. A.

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Office of the Legal Attache

Buenos Aires, Argentina

June 12, 1945

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Director, FBI

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Re: Basque Organization  
in Argentina  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Forwarded with this letter is an envelope which subject organization has requested this office to forward to their President Aguirre in New York City. The contents of this envelope have been examined and consist of one letter of an administrative nature and copies of investigative memoranda. This office is in possession of copies of the latter.

The administrative letter will be easily recognized since it is folded in the form of a square. This letter is in Spanish and dated June 4, 1945.

It is suggested that the Bureau have this letter translated for its own information.

It is respectfully requested that the Bureau forward this envelope to Aguirre as requested.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

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*Mr. Loyd, Argentina  
Mr. Tolson, Argentina  
Mr. E.A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy*

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~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Date: June 27, 1945

To: [REDACTED] *b7c*  
The American Embassy  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization in Argentina  
*Basque Intelligence Service*

Reference is made to your letter of June 12, 1945, entitled as above with which you stated was being enclosed an envelope containing a report for delivery to President Aguirre in New York City.

The above-referenced communication has arrived at the Bureau without the enclosed letter for President Aguirre. It is desired that your office forward this communication immediately in order that it may be delivered as requested.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

June 4, 1945

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

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It is requested that the enclosed material from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECOBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau.

A copy of this material is being maintained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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L. A.

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

June 18, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
Administrative

Dear Sir:

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It is requested that the enclosed material from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECOBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau.

A copy of this material is being maintained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

L. A.

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Office of the Legal Attache

Buenos Aires, Argentina

June 20, 1945

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~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION  
IN ARGENTINA  
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Buenos Aires letter of June 12, 1945, advising that an envelope, containing one letter of an administrative nature and copies of investigative memoranda, was being enclosed which the Basque Organization had requested that we forward to their President AGUIRRE in New York City.

Inadvertently, this envelope was not attached to the letter of June 12, 1945, and is being enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CVLR: EHW

TO : MR. C. H. CARSON *cc*

FROM : C. V. D. Rousseau *cc*

SUBJECT: Contact with Antonio Irala  
Secretary to President Jose Antonio Aguirre  
of the Basque Republic

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DATE: June 28, 1945 *b7c*

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

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At the suggestion of Jerome Doyle in charge of the New York SIS office and the request of *[redacted]* the writer contacted Antonio Irala, Secretary to Jose Antonio Aguirre, President of the Basque Republic at the New York SIS office. Irala has recently returned from France where he contacted various members of the Basque organization including their intelligence operatives. Irala stated that the Basque organization has a group of capable representatives throughout France who remained there during the entire period of occupation by the Germans. He added that these members of the organization have a large number of additional persons working for them of French and other nationalities.

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Irala advised that he had met Agent *[redacted]* in Paris and had arranged for liaison between *[redacted]* and the Basque organization in the event the Bureau should desire to use that organization in the future. He expressed the wish that all contacts be made through their one selected liaison man for security reasons. The writer will contact *[redacted]* upon arrival in Paris and make arrangements for liaison with the representative of the Basque organization there in the event the Office of the Legal Attache should desire to make use of the organization in the future.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - AIR POUCH

Date: June 30, 1945

To: **[REDACTED]**  
The American Embassy  
Caracas, Venezuela

DECLASSIFIED BY **[REDACTED]**  
ON 4-11-84  
DPV **[REDACTED]** 5/23/88

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation 267468

Subject: Basque Organisation in Venezuela

There is being enclosed herewith a communication from the Basque headquarters in New York for delivery to **[REDACTED]** of the Basque group in Caracas.

For the completion of your files, there is also being enclosed a photostatic copy of the enclosed material.

It is desired that you immediately furnish the letter to **[REDACTED]**

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

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