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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-107781)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (105-4377)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - CUBA
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY

105-99938-20

ReTPlet to Bureau dated 9/24/70.

Bureau is requested to hold in abeyance Tampa's request to submit an anonymous counterintelligence letter as set out in referenced Tampa letter. Inasmuch as the subject matter of the subject's next letter to the editor cannot be determined at this time, Tampa will await the publishing of another letter from the subject and will then immediately submit for Bureau authority another anonymous letter to the editor.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(105-107781)~~ DATE: 9/24/70

FROM : SAC TAMPA (105-4377)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - CUBA
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY

105-107781-106

ReTPlet to Bureau 8/19/70 and Bulet to TP 9/1/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a letter to "Letters to the Editor, Tampa Tribune, Tampa, Florida," and fictitiously signed by Mrs. MARIA DAVIGNON. The above mentioned letter has been rewritten in accordance with Bureau instructions as noted in referenced Bureau letter dated 9/1/70, and is being resubmitted at this time for Bureau authority to mail in connection with captioned program.

If the Bureau authorizes the mailing of this letter, Tampa will follow the same writing and mailing procedures as set out in referenced Tampa letter to Bureau dated 8/19/70.

In view of the fact that the subject has not had any of her letters published since 7/18/70, Tampa feels that it would be more effective to await the mailing of this letter until the subject has another letter published.

LEADS:

TAMPA+

AT TAMPA, FLA.

No ACTION NEC. - see Tampa airtel 10-5-70 #

Will await reply from Bureau regarding above request and further Bureau comments concerning same would be appreciated.

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Although I am not now a resident of Tampa, I have been able, through correspondence with a Tampan friend, to follow the recent letters to the editor written by Cris Amor on Cuba, praising Castro's government programs and criticizing the U.S. attitude toward them. I feel that Tampans who read Cris's ideas in these letters to the editor should know a little about Cris so that her ideas can be understood in correct perspective.

I have known Cris for over 10 years. Cris is not even a Cuban. She was born in Spain and lived only a few years in Cuba as a child before coming to the United States. She is now an elderly woman and has never returned to Cuba since her childhood.

When Castro was gaining power in Cuba, Cris, like many of us, believed he was the "George Washington" of Cuba. Even when it became apparent that Castro's government was becoming more and more communist, Cris defended Castro and swore that he was not. But when Castro finally admitted that he was a communist and had been a communist since his college days, Cris continued to support him claiming that communism was best for the people.

After Castro's communist takeover of Cuba, Cris continued to support him by distributing Cuban propaganda in the Tampa area. Cris also helped to establish and became an energetic officer in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. As active members, Cris and her husband, Manuel, hosted many gatherings in their home at which the activities of communist-controlled Cuba, China, and Russia were praised.

I had lost contact with Cris for the past several years and was surprised to read that she still is in favor of a communist-type government. Cris definitely has taken no stock in the stories of poverty, suffering, threats, and the fear of one's life that come from the

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thousands of Cuban refugees who have recently fled Cuba and come to the U.S. to find a new life.

Sincerely,

Maria Davignon
Gallardo Apartment Hotel
Apartment 604
Magdalena 1102
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

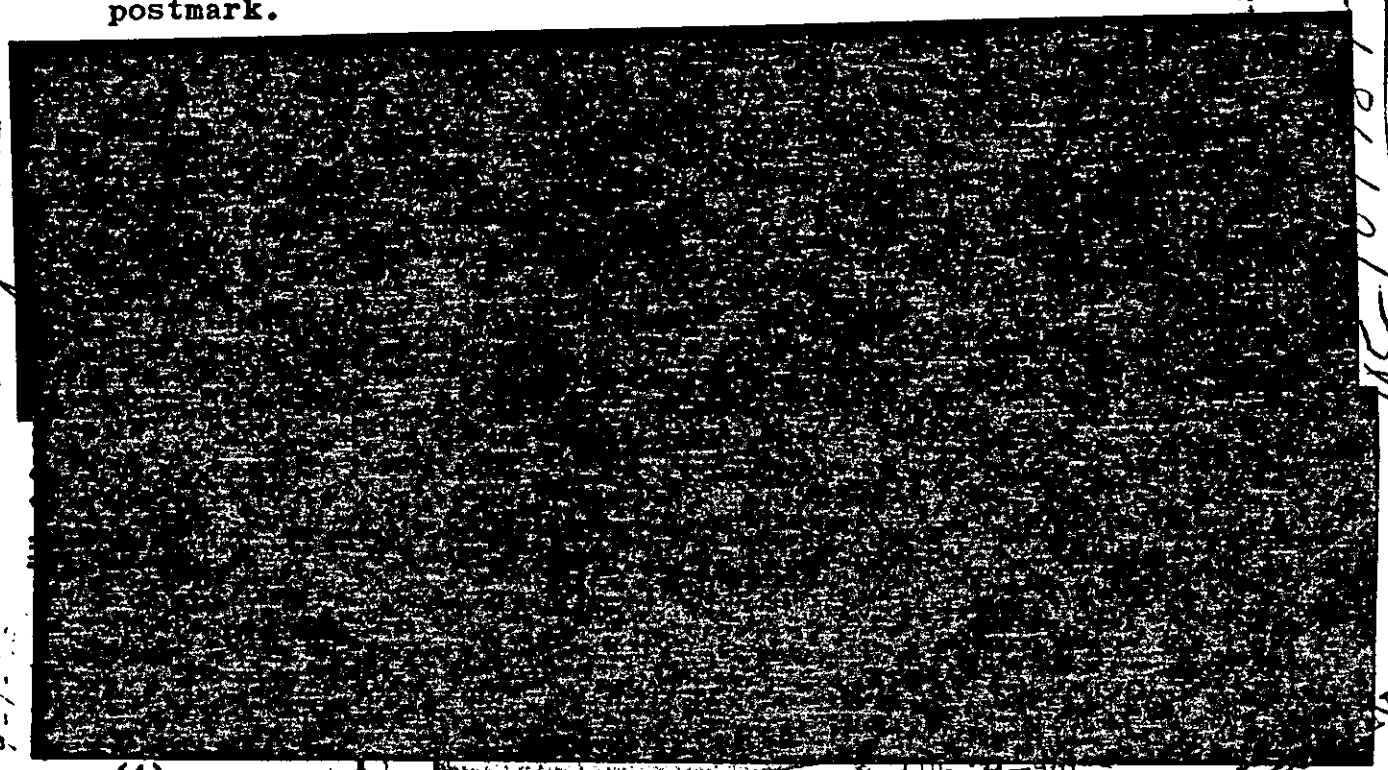
DATE: 8/19/70

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (105-New)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - CUBA
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of a letter addressed to "Letters to the Editor, Tampa Tribune, Tampa, Florida," and fictitiously signed by Mrs. Maria Davignon. This letter will bear a return address of Gallardo Apartment Hotel, Apartment 604, Magdalena 1102, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In connection with captioned program, Bureau authority is requested to send an identical letter to the one enclosed, but which will be prepared by the Tampa Office on plain, white, unwatermarked bond paper and will be handwritten. If Bureau authority is granted to send this letter, same will be forwarded to the San Juan Office for mailing in order that the envelope will bear a San Juan postmark.



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If the Bureau authorizes the mailing of this letter, and if it is subsequently printed by the "Tampa Tribune," it is anticipated that this letter will arouse some reactions against the AMORs which will minimize particularly CRIS AMOR's pro-CASTRO and anti-U.S. activities in the future.

To date, there has been little written response by the general public to the letters written by AMOR, however, during daily contacts with members of the Cuban element in the Tampa area, several refugees have expressed dismay that CRIS AMOR whom they believe to be a male individual can print such lies and get away with it. Many of the refugees have indicated a desire to write letters to the editor refuting the claims made by AMOR, however, they are afraid to do so for fear of jeopardizing their status as refugees.

It is, therefore, felt that if the Bureau authorizes the sending of this letter and it is subsequently published, that it will initiate additional letters by other individuals who are pro-U.S. and anti-CASTRO.

In view of AMOR's longtime pro-CASTRO and anti-U.S. stand and her recent literary activities, she would appear to warrant attention in connection with captioned program.

It is to be noted that none of the information contained in this letter can be traced back to the FBI, nor will the disclosure of same result in the identification of any source.

LEAD:

TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FLA.

Will await reply from Bureau regarding above request and Bureau's comments concerning same would be appreciated.

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(date inserted)

Although I am not now a resident of Tampa, I have been able, through correspondence with a Tampan friend, to follow the recent letters to the editor written by Cris Amor on Cuba, praising Castro's government programs and criticizing the U.S. attitude toward them. I feel that it is my duty to inform the Tampa readers that although Cris's articles indicate she is definitely sympathetic toward Cuba, Cris Amor is more than just a Communist sympathizer. I have known Cris Amor for many years and I am acquainted with her activities because I, too, was once confused by Communist ideologies and was associated with Cris in these activities. And I believe that those who read her comments in this column should know that her comments are Communist inspired. I say these things not to slander a person who now believes differently than I do, but because these things are true.

Cris's association with Communists and Communist sympathizers began in the early 1960s. She helped to establish and became an energetic officer in the Tampa Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. As active members, the Amors had many gatherings in their home in which the activities of Communist-controlled Cuba, China, and Russia were praised. These were attended by other Communist sympathizers.

Cris has been outspoken in her support of Communist Cuba. In the early 1960s, when it was apparent that Castro's government was becoming more and more Communist, Cris defended Castro and told the world that he wasn't. When Castro finally admitted that he was a Communist and that he had been a Communist since his college days, Cris continued to support him claiming that Communism was best for the people.

Since Castro's Communist takeover of Cuba, Cris has been active in the support of his regime by distributing Cuban propaganda in the Tampa area and by her leadership role in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Cris has also widely read the "Worker's World," a Communist-backed newspaper, and the "Daily World," another Communist newspaper which she gets from her husband, Manuel Amor, who himself is a card-carrying Communist.

Cris Amor is not even a Cuban. She was born in Spain and lived only a few years in Cuba as a childbefore coming to the United States. She is now an elderly woman and has not returned to Cuba since her childhood.

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The only information Cris has about Cuba is what she chooses to believe from what she reads. She definitely takes no stock in the stories of poverty, suffering, threats, and the fear for one's life that come from the thousands of Cuban refugees who have recently fled Cuba and come to the U.S. to find a new life. Cris's warped mind chooses only to believe the information she receives from her Communist literature and from her Communist associates who are telling her exactly what the Communist Party wants her to say.

Sincerely,

Maria Davignon
Gallardo Apartment Hotel
Apartment 604
Magdalena 1102
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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[redacted] (C)

Under the counterintelligence program, copies of a Bureau approved leaflet have been mailed to numerous Cuban exile businessmen in Miami. Copies of a second and different leaflet, approved by the Bureau, have also been mailed. A third approved leaflet will be mailed this week. A fourth leaflet will be submitted to the Bureau for approval, and if approved, this leaflet will also be mailed to Cuban exile businessmen in Miami. (U)

These leaflets have carried such titles as: "CUBAN POWER -- A CASTRO FRONT?", "CUBAN POWER -- CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION?", and "CUBAN POWER -- OR NARCOTICS POWER?" (U)

[redacted]

Concerning the [redacted] faction of the CNM, there has been no activity during the past week. [redacted] has remained in the West Palm Beach area, and the Customs informant in Miami has had no opportunity to see him or to identify [redacted]. Miami is considering interviewing [redacted] to see if she is amenable to contact by Bureau agents and ascertain her potential for being a Bureau source. (U)

[redacted] was interviewed on 4/24/68, in connection with another matter. He described [redacted] as being a psychopath and unstable and stated [redacted] exerts a great amount of influence over [redacted] feels

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The Miami office will watch this situation closely, hoping the time will come when RIVERO will be amenable to cooperation with the Bureau. (u)

SAC, Miami (105-2679) 3/24/67

Director, FBI (105-88977) 1 - [redacted]

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Reurlet 3/2/67.

You should consider the possibility of utilizing counterintelligence measures against subject, such as notifying his creditors of his return to the U. S. and publicizing, through established sources, his actions which were indicative of contempt for his U. S. citizenship. Submit your suggestions for approval prior to taking any action in this regard.

With reference to the comments in paragraph 2, page 2 of re let, you are advised that by letter dated 7/7/66 the Criminal Section, Internal Security Division of the Department, notified the U. S. Department of State (USDS) that a look out notice for subject and his wife had been placed with INS so that further prosecutive consideration could be given to their cases in the event of their return to the U. S. The letterhead memorandum which was enclosed with re let has been forwarded to USDS, INS, and Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division of the Department.

As to acts which result in expatriation, you are referred to Section 87I, Manual of Instructions, which enumerates offenses against the U. S., conviction for which results in expatriation. During your investigation of subject you should be alert to information which suggests that subject has been in violation of one of the enumerated offenses.

Cuban Matters

(1) - 105-99938 (Counterintelligence Program - Cuba)

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Let to SAC, Miami
RE: [redacted]
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NOTE:

Referenced letter enclosed an LHM which reported subject's return to the U. S. from Cuba. Referenced letter commented upon subject's past actions which showed a most flagrant disregard for his U. S. citizenship and the standards for which the United States stands.

Paragraph 2, page 2, of re let commented that if there is no law under which subject can be prosecuted then it is not seen how any American who has been to Cuba can be prosecuted. Offenses enumerated in Section 87I, Manual of Instructions, include treason, attempting to overthrow U. S., bearing arms against the U. S., etc.

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SAC, Miami (105-11096)

6/16/66

Director, FBI (105-99938)

1 - [redacted]

CUBAN MATTERS -
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

Re MMlet 5/23/66.

Since it appears that specific information regarding possible hostage situations as they relate to Cuban refugees in the U.S. is not available through Miami sources, it is not believed extensive efforts should be made to acquire this information.

Recipients should be alert to any future situation which may involve Cuban intelligence activities on the part of individuals who are faced with the problem of having relatives incarcerated in Cuba and if this trend becomes significant, appropriate recommendations should be submitted.

2 - New York (105-48580)

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NOTE: New York had previously suggested that we look into the possibility of identifying Cuban refugees in the U.S. who may be involved in a hostage situation. Miami also asked to check with agencies and sources who conduct interviews with Cuban refugees entering the U.S. and it was determined that only a very small percentage of these Cuban refugees are interviewed and no record is made of data relating to hostage situations. Miami in checking found no logical avenue of approach to determine this information and it is felt that further inquiry along this line is not necessary.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CF [redacted]

TO : Director, FBI (105-99938)

DATE: 5/23/66

FROM : SAC, Miami (105-11096)(RUC)

SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

Reference Bureau letter to Miami 3/23/63.

Sources checked in Miami failed to reflect that any government agencies or Cuban Refugee organizations keep any record of specific data concerning refugees in the United States who have immediate relatives incarcerated in Cuba.

[redacted], Miami, who maintains the principal liaison with Special Agent [redacted] advised on April 20, 1966, that they do not have any record of any such data.

On April 28, 1966, [redacted] in Charge of the Processing Teams at Opa Locka, advised they do not solicit any such specific data, and, of course, only a very small percentage of Cuban refugees entering the United States are interviewed. Unless specific derogatory information exists beforehand, persons under 18 and over 50, are rarely interviewed at all.

[redacted] Supervisory Investigatory, INS, advised on May 5, 1966 that that service has no specific records regarding refugees in the United State with incarcerated relatives in Cuba.

The U.S. State Department representative, Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, advised that agency has no such records.

[redacted] and [redacted], who are very knowledgeable of all Cuban refugee organizations in the Miami area,

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advised they knew of no person and no specific organization keeping such records but each suggested tha[redacted], long active in Cuban political prisoner matters, would probably have the most complete list available.

It will be recalled that [redacted] was head of the Organizacion Revolucionaria Cubana (Cuban Revolutionary Organization - ORC). She was very active in the movement to secure the release of prisoners of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and subsequently headed the organization to secure freedom for Cuban political prisoners.

She advised on May 16, 1966 that she has a list of approximately 4000 people residing in the United States who have relatives who are political prisoners in Cuba. She does not have a list of those refugees who have relatives in prison for common crimes.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] She stated she had made the list available at one time to the U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C. and if desird, she would make available all of the cards for keeping or duplicating in the Miami Office. Bureau and New York should advise if any additional action desired.

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1 - [redacted]

SAC, Miami 3-23-66

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Director, FBI (105-99938) -17

CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

ReNYlet 3-9-66 captioned "Cuban Counter Intelligence Program, IS - Cuba," a single copy of which is enclosed for Miami.

Since processing of all Cuban refugees entering the United States is handled within the Miami Division, Miami is requested to contact appropriate officials of United States agencies involved in this processing to determine whether or not Cuban refugees entering the United States are specifically questioned concerning immediate relatives incarcerated in Cuba. If it is determined that such data is solicited from Cuban refugees, Miami also determine what use is made of this information.

Miami also contact appropriate sources covering anti-Castro activity and determine from them if any information is available indicating that anti-Castro organizations maintain any records indicating that relatives of organization members are being held in Cuba so as to present a hostage situation.

Submit results of inquiry to Bureau and New York.

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1 - New York (105-48580)

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NOTE:

ReNYlet suggested that we might be able to take some action to identify unknown Cuban Intelligence Service agents arriving or already in the US who were previously unknown to us. New York mentioned that the hostage situation suggests that a Cuban refugee in such a situation would be a likely target for recruitment by the Cubans. New York asked that appropriate agencies be checked regarding whether or not certain information is obtained during interview of Cuban refugees. Since Cuban refugee screening is handled exclusively in Miami, Miami should handle this inquiry as outlined above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/9/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: CUBAN COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

(1) Cuban Matters - Counter Intelligence Prog.

Re MM teletype captioned, "[redacted] PSI-CUBA" dated 12/8/65.

The case involvin[redacted], the initial details of which were set out in the referenced teletype, suggests the possibility that some measures might be initiated to uncover other persons utilized by the CIS, not known to the FBI.

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Perhaps though, the hostage situation could be the avenue which the FBI could utilize in an effort to identify persons being utilized by CIS, such as [redacted] Presently known anti-CASTRO groups with their somewhat diminished membership could be scrutinized in an effort to identify persons in similar hostage situation. However, care would have to be exercised in any such inquiry, possibly limiting inquiry to very reliable sources within the organization contacted to avoid exposing the Bureau's interest.

Another group offering an avenue of approach to the problem is the presently arriving Cuban exiles, some of whom are likely to be suspected CIS agents. The NYO is not aware of the actual operation vis-a-vis interviews of incoming refugees, although aware that there is a heavy volume of traffic probably necessitating cursory interviews upon arrival. It is not known whether information is solicited regarding immediate relatives being held as political prisoners in Cuba.

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Re: Cuban Counter Intelligence Program

Another group worthy of consideration is the following:

The NYO does recall that several political exiles have come to the U.S. via foreign embassies in Havana where they had sought political asylum after being involved in anti-CASTRO activities. Such persons would probably be more likely to have left members of their immediate family behind as political prisoners. However, no record is kept as such, of political exiles who came to the United States after asylum in a foreign embassy.

It is suggested, therefore, that inquiry be made of appropriate agencies by the Bureau to determine whether questions are being directed to incoming Cuban refugees about immediate relatives incarcerated in Cuba. If answer is in the negative, perhaps such questions could be included in an initial interrogation and can such persons be brought to the attention of the FBI for subsequent interrogation and interview.

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1 - Mr. Bel[redacted]t
1 - Mr. Sul[redacted]van
1 - [redacted]

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

October 27, 1965

Mr. [redacted]

1 - [redacted]
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1 - [redacted]

CUBAN REFUGEE PROBLEM
IN THE UNITED STATES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

New York Office, in a Counter Intelligence Program suggestion, has recommended that United States Government return anti-United States Cubans residing in United States to Cuba on vessels bringing refugees from Cuba to the United States under current program without cost to the individuals involved.

Benefits of such a program to United States were listed as: 1) we would be getting rid of security risks; 2) the economic drain on United States would be lessened and 3) possible embarrassment to Castro if he refused to accept those desiring to return and to anti-United States Cubans who refused to take opportunity to return. Direct benefits to Bureau would be opening of additional channel whereby informants could be sent into Cuba to collect intelligence data and to get inside information on Cubans sent to United States as spies under guise of refugees. Also, active cases on returnees could be closed making more manpower available for other Bureau investigations.

OBSERVATIONS:

While we concur with New York in its concern over anti-United States activities by Cuban refugees, such a program, as suggested, is not in keeping with concept of United States as the leading democratic country of the world. Practically speaking, there are few restrictions on return of natives to Cuba and the majority of diehard Castro supporters have already made their way back. Negotiations with Castro concerning blanket acceptance of these anti-United States Cubans would end up with Castro dictating the terms and any propaganda gained would be his. The net effect would probably be that some homesick Cubans would get a free ride back to their native country.

ACTION:

Attached for your approval is airtel to New York thanking it for the interest shown in making the suggestion, but advising no consideration is being given to the suggestion at this time.

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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI (105-93163)

CUBAN REFUGEE PROBLEM
IN THE UNITED STATES
IS - CUBA

Reurlet 10-19-65 captioned "Counter Intelligence Activities - Cuba."

While the Bureau concurs in your concern over the continuing anti-United States activities by citizens of Cuba residing in the United States, it does not appear that a program such as suggested would meet with any degree of success since there are practically no current restrictions on return of natives to Cuba and, in the final analysis, Fidel Castro would be dictating terms to the United States Government.

Submission of the suggestion is appreciated but it does not appear feasible for the Bureau to follow up on it at this time.

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NOTE:
See memorandum [redacted] to Sullivan, dated 10/27/65, captioned as above, prepared by RAM:bjs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/19/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-0)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES - CUBA

Cuban matters - Counter Intelligence Program

In view of CASTRO's recent announcement regarding his willingness to allow Cubans to leave Cuba, it may be possible to implement a counter intelligence program at this time which would be of benefit to the United States Government in general and the Bureau in particular.

It is noted that among the large Cuban element in the United States there are many who belong to anti-American groups, are adamantly opposed to the United States Government, and participate in pickets and demonstrations opposed to United States Government and United Nations action. If a provision were introduced into the negotiations between the United States Government and the CASTRO government regarding CASTRO's proposition, which would afford Cubans in the United States the opportunity to receive free passage to Cuba aboard the United States ship which would pick up the individuals leaving Cuba, a program could be formulated in which the Bureau, through the use of informants, news media and other sources, could encourage the anti-United States Cubans to return to Cuba.

Of course, it is realized that this program would have to rely on a provision of this nature being suggested to the State Department, approval of the United States Government to ship these individuals to Cuba, approval of the CASTRO government to accept the Cubans, and this approval being made public. However, if even some of these Cubans were to return to Cuba, some of the benefits which would accrue to the United States Government would be as follows:

1) Their return would rid the United States of persons who take advantage of the rights afforded them by the United States but who, because of their attitude and actions, present a constant threat to the national security of the country.

2) The return of even some Cubans would counter the economic advantages CASTRO hopes to gain by getting rid of persons who have become a drain on his economy.

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3) This action could place CASTRO in a position wherein he would be publicly embarrassed on a world-wide basis if he were to refuse to accept persons wanting to return to Cuba.

4) This action would also embarrass anti-United States - pro-CASTRO Cubans who are given the opportunity to return to Cuba but who choose to remain in the United States.

From the Bureau's standpoint, the following benefits could be obtained with the return of these individuals to Cuba:

[redacted]

2) A considerable number of deletions may be possible from the Cuban Special Section of the Security Index in offices which maintain this section.

3) A considerable number of pending cases may be closed which would counter in part the expected increase of new cases which will eventually be opened resulting from the influx of Cubans.

4) It may be possible through the use of informants to pinpoint the more radical elements among the Cubans who would remain in the United States who would want to help the Cuban government through revolutionary activities in the United States.

The above is being submitted for consideration of the Bureau.

Memorandum [redacted] to Sullivan
RE: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM SECRET

OBSERVATIONS:

The data contained in the fabricated story concerns government policy which would be known only by a limited number of highly placed United States officials. This of itself limits the accessibility of such information to our sources. [redacted] he is not in a position where he could logically be expected to have possession of such data. It is almost certain that the Cubans could be expected to trace back the information to its source which could result in compromising this source. We do not wish to risk a source of ours at this time. Although no one knows the ultimate effect [redacted] would have in a counterintelligence step against the Cubans. [redacted] (u)

ACTION:

If you approve, Central Intelligence Agency should be advised by liaison of our observations as outlined above. Also that while we have a continuing interest in counterintelligence activities re Cuba and Russia we do not desire to participate [redacted] (u)

V. WCS OK

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12/19/61
SAC LETTER NO. 61-71

(I) FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE -- [redacted] of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), pro-Castro group with headquarters at New York City and with chapters in approximately 20 cities throughout the United States, recently advised a New York source that the FPCC leadership was concerned about FBI interviews of its members. [redacted] further commented that the FPCC plans to make a legal issue on the next occasion when an FPCC member is contacted at his place of employment by the FBI. In view of the foregoing, specific Bureau authority should be secured prior to interviews of FPCC members at their places of employment. These instructions, however, are in no way intended to discourage field from recommending interviews of FPCC members, where warranted. In the event it is not feasible to conduct such interviews away from the individual's place of employment, the Bureau should be furnished full details in this regard when submitting recommendations for interview.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99938) DATE: 11/30/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-48580)

SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-CUBA

ReBulet to NY dated 11/27/61, captioned "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE; RA-CUBA, IS-CUBA, IS-C, IS-SWP".

The NYO is in the process of preparing the proposed anonymous leaflet which will include criticism of [redacted] and the FPCC leadership for discharging [redacted]. The contents of the leaflet will follow the suggestions furnished by the Bureau in relet and will be forwarded upon completion for approval.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] by an agent of the NYO on 11/29/61 to [redacted], at FPCC headquarters, developed two interesting items of information.

1. The SWP is still cooperating with the FPCC even though [redacted] and FPCC officials discourage cooperation between the two organizations.

2. The FPCC appears to be prepared to attempt legal action if any of its members are interviewed by Bureau agents at their place of employment.

The following, which is an account of the mentioned [redacted] bears out the above points:

[redacted]

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A review of the information furnished by [redacted] on 11/30/61 takes on a humorous aspect with regard to the above-mentioned pretext.

[redacted]

With regard to the July 26 Movement, the following is being set out with regard to the above-captioned program.

Prior to his departure from the United States, [redacted] leader of the July 26 Movement in New York, issued orders to abolish [redacted]

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the Movement's headquarters in NYC. He directed that all further activities of the Movement should be carried on clandestinely through the leaders of the Ramals of the Movement.

In conjunction with the proposed reorganization, [redacted]

The NYO will remain alert to new approaches which might be utilized to limit the effectiveness of the Movement's reorganization under the above captioned program.

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97-4196

(Typed December 1[illegible], 1961)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Letter to All Special Agents in Charge:

RE: FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

[redacted] of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), pro-Castro group with headquarters at New York City and with chapters in approximately 20 cities throughout the United States, recently advised a New York source that the FPCC leadership was concerned about FBI interviews of its members. [redacted] further commented that the FPCC plans to make a legal issue on the next occasion when an FPCC member is contacted at his place of employment by the FBI. In view of the foregoing, specific Bureau authority should be secured prior to interviews of FPCC members at their places of employment. These instructions, however, are in no way intended to discourage field from recommending interviews of FPCC members, where warranted. In the event it is not feasible to conduct such interviews away from the individual's place of employment, the Bureau should be furnished full details in this regard when submitting recommendations for interview.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to All Special Agents in Charge
Re: FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
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NOTE: No Manual changes are necessary in connection with this SAC Letter. Information herein is based on data developed by New York Office through sensitive coverage of FPCC headquarters. Information is based on conversation between [redacted] and another FPCC officer, [redacted] This is contained in New York letter 11/30/61 entitled "Cuban Matters--Counter-Intelligence Program, IS - Cuba," Bufile 105-99938-14.

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Date: 11/24/61

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99938)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (105-4290)

RE: CUBAN MATTERS
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to New Haven dated 10/31/61 captioned as above.

Contacts with confidential informants, familiar with the activities and identities of Cubans in the Bridgeport, Conn., area, along the lines set forth in ref airtel have been negative to date. All sources have been alerted to [redacted]

This matter is being closely followed by the New Haven Office and theBureau will be immediately advised of any instance whereby informants are able to accomplish same as set forth in ref airtel.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. [illegible]
Tel. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99938)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (105-11521) (C)

SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

DONAHOE

Re Bureau airtel, 10/31/61.

The possibilities suggested by Buairtel have been discussed with [redacted] and [redacted] PSI, who are all members of the JULY 26th MOVEMENT. Although the chances for [redacted]

[redacted]. He stated that the leadership is extremely jittery and that if they feel rightly or wrongly that various leaders might be in danger of imminent arrest, they would be ordered back to Cuba. It is noted that the new Coordinator at Hoboken has been reported to have fled the United States.

If one was ordered back to Cuba, then no possible excuse or reason could be possibly be offered or should be offered by a loyal member for not going.

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NK 105-11521 [redacted]

If one was insistent on offering excuses, informant feels that his usefullness would be forever destroyed. Informant stated that, of course, he never would return to Cuba under existing conditions. [redacted]

[redacted]

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- Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

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Airtel

To: SAC, Baltimore
2 - Chicago
2 - Los Angeles
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2 - New York
2 - Newark
2 - Philadelphia
2 - San Francisco
2 - Tampa

From: Director, FBI (105-99938)

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The following is furnished for information of offices other than New York:

Attempts by Special Agents of New York Office to examine records of July 26th Movement pursuant to authority in Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 took place 10/26/61. Movement officers attempted to delay production of records and buried some of them beneath floor of Movement headquarters. When subpoenaed before Grand Jury, Southern District of New York and ordered to produce records required, [redacted] and [redacted] panicked at prospect of prosecution and possible imprisonment. They fled by plane to Canada en route to Cuba carrying with them vital Movement records in defiance of the Grand Jury subpoena. Prior to their departure [redacted] and [redacted] issued instructions that the national headquarters of the Movement should be abolished. Activity of the Movement was to be handled in the future through separate Ramals (sections) of the Movement.

Sufficient time has not passed to evaluate the import of flight by Movement officers. Bureau must capitalize on its successful disruption of Movement activity and leadership. Flight

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of [redacted] and [redacted] will undoubtedly result in confusion and disorganization among membership of the Movement. Effectiveness of the Movement as a propaganda or intelligence arm of the Cuban Government negated without central control by a recognized headquarters. Conflicting elements within the July 26th Movement can be expected to vie for the positions of leadership vacated by previous leaders and created by any resulting reorganization. Reactivation of a headquarters and possible reorganization of Movement necessitated by Bureau action to date provides an outstanding opportunity for infiltration by well-placed Bureau informants.

Recipient offices should follow closely reaction displayed by Movement members upon receipt of information regarding flight of their leaders. Every opportunity must be taken to place aggressive, knowledgeable informants in important positions within the Movement. Confidential informants should be instructed to be alert for such situations and attempt to interject themselves as candidates for positions within the local and national administration of the Movement.

Recipient offices should advise Bureau of separate instances where development of informants may be accomplished along the lines set out above.

NOTE: Our counterintelligence program should be utilized to advantage in placing current informants within the administration should a reorganization materialize as a result of recent flights by leaders of the Movement. [redacted]

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

SAC, New York (105-35132) 10-9-61

Director, FBI (105-78590)

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Reurlet 10-2-61 and your airtel 9-20-61.

Authority granted for early interview of subject by two Special Agents experienced in investigations in Cuban matters. Conduct interview in accordance with existing instructions relative to interviews of security subjects. If subject initially cooperative, arrange for subsequent secure meetings with him to accept any information volunteered. Take no positive steps to direct his activities without prior Bureau authority.

Suairtel summary of results of interview. Include observations of interviewing Special Agents regarding demeanor and receptiveness to interview. Report results promptly thereafter.

Alert available sources prior to interview for information regarding subject's reaction thereto. His failure to report interview or discuss same with other officials of July 26th Movement may be indicative of indecision or failure to comply with instructions published by the Movement in the past. Subject's failure to report interview would indicate possibility of greater productivity in subsequent interviews. Analyze information from your sources subsequent to interview with this in mind. Submit your observations and recommendations for subsequent contact with the subject in event he is uncooperative during initial interview attempt.

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NOTE:

Subject is a Cuban alien and is registered as the [redacted] of the July 26th Movement. [redacted]

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[redacted]. This has been done with negative results. Current New York recommendations involve interview with subject appealing to his misdirected loyalty to a promised democratic cause which has not materialized. No indication will be given by interviewing Agents of receipt of information indicating current disillusionment. Authorized interview would be a sounding out interview to determine cooperativeness while interview originally requested and denied was one to solicit his cooperation without sufficient basis for possible success.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99938) DATE: 9/22/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-48580)

SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

ReNYlet 9/14/61 and Bulet 9/19/61.

ReBulet granted authority for New York to prepare and mail a letter addressed to [redacted], contents of which were set forth in reNYlet.

The above letter was suitably translated into a handwritten form on purchased stationery, and mailed 6:05 P.M., 9/21/61, at 96th Street and Columbus Avenue, NYC.

[redacted]

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specific situations exist in the NYO where counter-intelligence methods might be employed. The purpose of this correspondence, however, is to provide the Bureau with a clear picture of the general idea suggested by NY with regard to the proposed program.

In the event the Bureau feels the proposed program contains merit, the NYO will furnish specific instances for consideration where counter-intelligence methods can be employed.

W. C. Sullivan 9/22/61

1 - Belmont
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1 - [redacted]

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[redacted]
New York request to attempt interview and defection approach. Subject is [redacted] of July 26th Movement. Action believed premature and could pose threat to security of the source of the information as well as identification of Bureau as instigator of anonymous letters against [redacted] utilized recently in Counterintelligence Program. New York should postpone approach requested until corroborating information regarding subject's attitude can be obtained. More detailed planning by New York in approach would result in greater chance for successful outcome.

Subject is the [redacted] of the July 26th Movement at its national headquarters in New York. He was recently accused of mishandling Movement funds. [redacted] We seized this opportunity to capitalize on the accusation by incorporating it in anonymous letters to Cuban officials in this country and Cuba. Anonymous letters included a plea for investigation into allegation of misconduct of Movement leaders and replacement if necessary.

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Memorandum Donahoe to Sullivan
Re: Efrain Trujillo
100-78590

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ACTION:

There is attached for New York an airtel denying authority to interview subject until such time corroborating information [redacted] can be obtained from other sources. New York being instructed to submit such information with detailed plans its proposes for approach to subject.

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SAC, New York (105-48530) 9/19/61

Director, FBI (105-99933) - 9

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IS - CUBA

Reurlet 9/14/61.

Authority granted for your office to prepare proposed letter to [redacted] suitably translated to Spanish and mailed in a Spanish section of New York City.

Keep Bureau advised of reaction of [redacted] and leaders of July 26th Movement to information set forth in your proposed letter.

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NOTE: In furtherance of New York's counterintelligence program against July 26th Movement, that office has proposed an anonymous letter to be sent to [redacted] containing allegations of disloyalty to the Movement by previously trusted members active in its work in New York City. [redacted] has been selected as the target for this action because of his [redacted] in Casa Cuba which has been used as a meeting place for many of the pro-Cuban organizations in New York City. New York has explained that he will undoubtedly furnish the allegations of disloyalty to persons prominent in leadership of the Movement and thus increase the already existing apprehension those leaders have regarding infiltration of their ranks by Bureau sources and informants.

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In accordance with the foregoing, the below draft letter will contain references to the following:

[redacted] (NY 105-48479) - Recently interviewed regarding the hijacking of US planes to Cuba and uncooperative.

[redacted] NY 105-44964) - Recently interviewed and also referred to above in data furnished by [redacted], who will require expenditure of time and money by the July 26th Movement for legal aid. (u)

[redacted]

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[redacted] NY 100-117357) and [redacted] (NY-105-44651), who appear to be the principal or only projectionists and/or custodians of Revolutionary films which are almost continually being shown for July 26th Movement members.

The proposed letter will be mailed in a Spanish section of the NYC area; the Bureau will be promptly advised as to the date and place of mailing, and the letter will, after translation into a handwritten Spanish form, read generally as follows:

Addressed to [redacted]

"Dear [redacted]

"Myself and a friend who is also loyal to our cause, the Movement, and the Declaration of Havana, have discussed this thoroughly and decided you should be aware of matters important to our fight against Yankee imperialism.

"Since you have been in this fight with us for a long time, and are also [redacted] of Casa Cuba, and because we have heard [redacted] has become "involved" with our much needed money, we want to make sure this important information is used by the right people quickly. It has taken us about two or three weeks to determine if this information is true, and now that we are sure we want you, and those you know are absolutely loyal, to act upon it for the rest of us. To make sure this matter is handled quickly, and to save you the time of doing the same thing, we are going to try, although it will take a little time, to get the exact time and places involved, and send the full details to [redacted] in Havana, or [redacted] at our Mission, and we will credit you with having already started to act on this matter.

"As you k[redacted] was questioned by the FBI, and said he told them nothing. The truth is [redacted] was

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"shook up' by how much the FBI knew about him, and the other sections, that he told all, and then was encouraged to 'play along', including going to the Immigration Department with our lawyers. We also learned one of [redacted] friends, who is a leader in one of the other sections, and is supposed to hate Communists, did the same thing about six weeks ago, and now gets extra money for his dirty disloyalty.

"Although we have not gotten quite as much yet on [redacted] we know the same thing applies to him. He says he told the FBI nothing, but he made some kind of a 'slip' about a week or so later, and they got to him 'all the way.' As you know he has always talked too much anyway.

"The biggest disappointment we received, and the most important matter is that one of the two people whom we thought have been doing a lot toward our propaganda work, either [redacted] or [redacted] has been on the 'imperialist payroll' for over a month or two, and has permitted the FBI to preview our films, and has given copies of photographs of all our people taken at our affairs. We do not know definitely as yet which one is involved, and it could be both, because [redacted] needed money for his operation and he does not work often, but [redacted] has a beauty shop and probably would cooperate so they wouldn't close his beauty shop for health reasons or whatever pressure they could use. We only know that this happened just before one of our new films was to be shown at the Casa Cuba, and if that is the case it is [redacted] We also know he is paid in 5 and 10 dollar bills and meets the FBI at a subway station, either very late at night or very early in the morning. (u)

"Fatherland or Death

"P.S. We haven't signed our names because although we think [redacted] is loyal he is the type who would not be shrewd enough to keep our names quiet until we get the full details on these crucial affairs which we feel is of the greatest importance

NY 105-48580

"To our people.

"Two loyal Fidelistas." (u)

For the additional information of the Bureau, NY sources have, to the present time, furnished no information concerning the previous letter mailed 8/31/61 to [redacted] in Cuba. (u)

Bureau authority is requested to expeditiously prepare and mail the above proposed letter. (u)

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There is no information regarding the 18 people on which to base a Bureau-inspired factional disagreement within the 7/26 RM. The organization and meeting of the group is loose and sporadic. The incident pointed out by referenced Bulet does not appear to have potential to invoke a factional dispute within the movement. (u)

This matter will be followed closely and the Bureau advised of any information received on which to base a plan of disruption of the movement instigated by the Bureau. (u)

No action will be taken without Bureau approval. (u)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99938) DATE: 8/31/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-48580)

SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

ReBulet 8/29/61.

The handwritten letter addressed to [redacted] exposing dereliction of [redacted] was deposited in a street mail box at 139th St. and St. Nicholas Ave., NYC, a predominantly Latin neighborhood this date. This area is serviced by the Hamilton Grange Post Office, 521 West 140th St. and will be postmarked from that location.

Established sources, who may logically learn of possible action taken as a result of this mailing have been alerted and the Bureau will be kept advised of any and all developments in this matter.

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SAC, Philadelphia 8/30/61

Director, FBI

CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 8/21/61 entitled [redacted] aka, IS - Cuba, RA - Cuba." Information appearing on pages four and five of referenced report shows [redacted]

Determine from [redacted] and any other sources available to your office identity of all July 26th members in attendance at the mentioned meeting. Fully identify individual believed to be untrustworthy by [redacted] In the event you have no pending investigation regarding that individual, institute same immediately and fully determine his background and degree of activity in July 26th Movement in Philadelphia.

The element of distrust in one of his followers evidenced by the new leader of the July 26th Movement in Philadelphia provides an excellent opportunity to create disruption and dissension within the ranks of the pro-Cuban organizations in Philadelphia. An aggressive counterintelligence program directed against the weak point evidenced by [redacted] distrust should be immediately instituted.

Sulet by 9/11/61 incorporating identity of individual suspected by [redacted] and positive recommendations for action by your office to seize this opportunity for institution of a counterintelligence program against the pro-Cuban element in Philadelphia. Take no action to implement such a program prior to Bureau authority for same.

Extra copies of this letter are being furnished for your file on July 26th Movement in Philadelphia and on [redacted]

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1 - 105-85774 (Miguel Morera)

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NOTE: The July 26th Movement in Philadelphia has been most active in its support of various fund-raising campaigns and propaganda programs instituted by pro-Castro elements in this country. The receipt of information indicating the membership distrusts each other provides us an excellent opportunity to disrupt the Philadelphia group through a concentrated counterintelligence program.

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 10[redacted]-35132

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Also, [redacted] and other sources are alert for information regarding this matter, as well as for any information regarding TRUJILLO which might help to create suspicion around him. This matter is actually being pursued under the Cuban Matters - Counterintelligence Program. The New York Division will submit a report by 9/7/61. (u)

[redacted] CONFIDENTIAL

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- Harrell

SAC, New York (105-48580) 8/29/61

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Director, FBI (105-99938)

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Reurlet 8/21/61. The original handwritten letter addressed to [redacted] exposing dereliction of [redacted] being returned herewith. Advise Bureau date that letter is forwarded to Cuba. Letter should be mailed in a Latin district of New York to insure postmark on envelope will reflect a logical area of New York to recipient.

Maintain close contact with established sources your office who may logically learn of possible action taken as a result of your counterintelligence activities. Keep Bureau advised of results on an expeditious basis.

Enclosure

1 - 105-95920 ([redacted])
1 - 97-3874 (Casa Cuba)
1 - 97-3243 (July 26th Movement, NYC)

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NOTE: New York's counterintelligence program has included an attempt to compromise position of current July 26th Movement [redacted] by anonymous letter to Cuban director of the Movement exposing alleged mishandling of Movement funds. The letter, proposing replacement of entire July 26th Movement directorate, implies persons criticizing the Movement are [redacted] and [redacted] This implication is a further [redacted] attempt to disrupt the Movement's leadership as [redacted] and [redacted] are both active leaders of Casa Cuba, a Cuban "social" group which has been responsible for many pro-Castro meetings and is alleged to have allowed its meeting place to be used for a group which planned seizure of American commercial planes for Castro.

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Reurairtel 6/2/61 suggesting initiation of counterintelligence program in Cuban field and noting that if Bureau feels proposed program contains merit your office will furnish specific instances for consideration where counterintelligence methods can be used.

Bureau feels that suggestions set forth in reairtel are well taken and that considerable potential exists for an effective counterintelligence program directed against pro-Castro groups in the U. S. at this time. It is suggested that Agents who will be handling this phase of Cuban work discuss this matter with Agents in your office who are familiar with counterintelligence operations directed against CP, USA, a field where Bureau has had considerable success. Bureau will carefully consider any specific suggestions you may have in connection with this matter.

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NOTE: New York has proposed establishing counterintelligence program in Cuban field in an attempt to disillusion current members of such pro-Castro groups as July 26 Movement and Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). In general terms, New York has suggested this program could include anonymous mailings and phone calls or articles discreetly placed in Spanish-language press stressing communist control of Castro regime, persecution of Catholic Church by Castro, absence of free elections in Cuba, disastrous economic policies of Cuban Government and persecution of political prisoners in Cuba; discreet efforts to foster antagonism and distrust among leaders of pro-Castro groups; efforts to detect violations on part of members and leaders of pro-Castro groups of local and state ordinances; and other efforts to disrupt pro-Castro groups. In airtel 6/2/61 New York is merely seeking general expression of Bureau opinion concerning such a program and it has indicated Bureau clearance will be sought for any specific implementation of such a program. Depending on results of New York's efforts in this regard, we will consider extending such a program to other offices covering Cuban activities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99938) DATE: 8/8/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-48580)

SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - CUBA

ReBulet, 6/9/61, and New York letter, 7/25/61.

[redacted]

The NYO has conducted the necessary investigation to identify these individuals, and will remain alert through the above confidential sources to any future "dates" arranged by [redacted].

UACB, the NYO will make the necessary arrangements with local police authorities to possibly have [redacted] picked up on local charges in the event he places himself in a compromising position through his association with professional prostitutes.

If [redacted] does not avail himself of the services of the identified prostitutes in the immediate future, consideration will be given to furnishing their names to the local Vice Squad. In this event, the Vice Squad will be directed to discreetly indicate that [redacted] was the source of the information regarding the arrest of the prostitutes.

In either event, the NYO is of the opinion that valuable ramifications might result to the benefit of this Bureau among the officials of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee through the embarrassment brought upon [redacted]

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B) Persecution of the Catholic Church and its officials (in a country predominantly Catholic).

C) Failure of the CASTRO government to institute free elections.

D) Alarming food shortages, directly affecting relatives and friends of members, caused by the economic policies of the CASTRO government.

E) Persecution and killing of political prisoners.

2. Create confusion within the organizations which would render their activities ineffective.

This phase of the program could be implemented in a variety of ways. Listed below are a limited number of possibilities.

a) Careful attention to possibility of factionalist type situations whereby NY could create and foster distrust and antagonism among the officers of the pro-CASTRO organizations.

b) Close attention to technical violations with regard to city and state ordinances, which could be brought to the attention of appropriate officials such as fire regulations, health regulations, organizational incorporation regulations, proper reporting of financial records, permit regulations regarding demonstrations and assembly, etc.

c) The same procedure as listed above could also be directed to individual members, and in addition could also be extended to close liaison with INS regarding proper registration, travel permits, etc., with Federal and State income tax offices regarding proper filing and compliance with all Federal and State tax regulations.

Selective Service, State welfare and unemployment offices could also be contacted in the same regard where applicable.

Obviously many possibilities in both of the above listed categories exist which have not been set out. In addition,

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/25/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-48580)

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SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM IS - CUBA

ReBulet, 6/9/61.

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The circumstances above, appear to have counter-intelligence possibilities in the nature of discreet anonymous calls to a sample number of officers of the Movement by Spanish speaking agents. The nature of the anonymous message would in essence point out that the faith of the average member was shaken by the above incident since it appears that personal gain was placed above the Movement's objectives by one of its officers.

By making the officers aware that the average member is concerned, the possibility of dissension appears likely, thus limiting the effectiveness of the organization.

Accordingly, Bureau permission is requested to execute the anonymous calls referred to above.

NY is presently considering several other approaches toward our objectives in captioned matter, each of which will be submitted for Bureau consideration SEPARATELY.

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Letter to SAC, New York
Re: ~~Cuban~~ Matters - Counterintelligence Program
105-99938

Anonymous calls made by your office in carrying out the approved program should be to select individuals only and should be spread over a suitable period of time to preclude the recipients thereof concluding that the callers are participating in a concentrated move to harass them. (u)

NOTE: See cover memo Donahoe to Sullivan dated 8/3/61, same caption, prepared by ERHsams. (u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-New)

SUBJECT: CUBAN MATTERS - COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM IS-CUBA

Recent development of two anonymous sources in the Cuban field has afforded the NYO with valuable information regarding membership and mailing list data for both the July 26 Movement and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Since both these organizations represent a formidable number of the pro-CASTRO element, the NYO feels the implementation of a counter-intelligence program in the Cuban field at this time might have valuable ramifications for the U.S. Government and greatly assist the Bureau in fulfilling our responsibilities.

The following general observations, which might be appropriate if a Cuban counter-intelligence program is considered, are being forwarded for the Bureau's evaluation.

General Aims of Program

1. Take full advantage of current international situation, and attempt to disillusion current members of both above organizations.

Action Suggested

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A) The increasing Communist domination and control of the CASTRO government.

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Memo Donahoe to Sullivan
Re: Cuban Matters - Counterintelligence Program
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ACTION:

Attached for New York is a letter approving its proposed plan of anonymous telephone calls and instructing New York to make similar calls to Cuban United Nations officials and direct anonymous letter to Cuban director of July 26th Movement. New York instructed to be alert to introduction of its informants to positions vacated by anyone ousted as a result of this disruptive tactic. (4)

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[redacted]

/o Movimiento Revolucionario
6 de Julio, Arrovo 27,
Havana, Cuba

Dear Fellow Member, [redacted]

We believe that it is our duty, as worthy revolutionaries and members of the July 26th Movement, to acquaint you with the serious irregularities going on here in New York among those who have the moral obligation to uphold the purity of the ideals of our revolution.

Our fellow member [redacted] has found that a huge sum of money has been embezzled from the Movement Treasury, with the guilty party being the [redacted] who has used the money that we have donated to our cause with such patriotic ardor to his own advantage.

[redacted] indignant over [redacted] counterrevolutionary attitude, could not restrain himself and gave him a beating with the consequent result that everyone has learned of the theft and have lost (just as we have) their faith in the New York Executive Board.

A total re-organization of the executive board is necessary and let us hope that members such a[redacted]tc., will be taken into consideration, since they are truly worthy and honest revolutionaries.

[redacted] is nothing more than a counterrevolutionary worm and his attitude has destroyed the foundations of the Movement, but there is still time to try him and let him serve as a severe example to those who make trouble for the Revolution.

We are not signing this letter for fear of reprisals from [redacted] little clique, but we trust that an investigation will be conducted and that the truth will glitter.

Country or Death.
We shall triumph.
(Members of the July 26th in New York)

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