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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2 JUL 1968

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

Re Bureau letter to all offices, 5/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM captioned "New Left Activity - University of Puerto Rico."

Informant coverage of FUPI is afforded by [redacted] Information relative to all FUPI activities is afforded by this informant. [redacted] a former member of FUPI, furnishes further information re this organization.

San Juan is constantly aware of its investigative responsibilities relative to FUPI. All agents handling SM-PRN matters are continuously attempting to develop informants within the various independence-seeking groups in Puerto Rico. In this regard, the following PSIs are presently under development by the San Juan Office:

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In view of past events throughout the island of Puerto Rico, and specifically at the University of Puerto Rico, which have occurred as a result of activities on the part of independence-seeking and separatist groups, the San Juan Office feels that disruptive activities could occur at any time on the University of Puerto Rico campus. These activities are being directed by individuals desirous of Puerto Rican independence.

All officials of FUPI and the MPIPR listed on the attached LHM are subjects of investigation by San Juan and all are Security Index subjects.

Close contact is maintained with the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico, for further information relative to these individuals and organizations.

Inasmuch as the San Juan Office has no information presently linking FUPI with the New Left, background information and subversive data relative to officers of this organization are not being set forth in attached LHM.

San Juan will furnish no further information relative to independence-seeking organizations under New Left captions until such time that information is available indicating affiliation between these groups UACB. All information indicating attempts at such affiliation will immediately be furnished to the Bureau.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

2 JUL 1968

NEW LEFT ACTIVITY - UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

I. No known New Left organizations are presently active at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR).

The Federacion de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) is presently active at UPR.

A characterization of the FUPI appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

FUPI membership at UPR presently consists of between sixty-five (65) and seventy-five (75) active members; however, only approximately twenty (20) of these individuals attend FUPI meetings on a regular basis, while the remaining individuals sporadically attend meetings. The latter also participate in various FUPI-sponsored events such as pickets and demonstrations. There are presently in the UPR approximately 200 individuals who sympathize with FUPI ideals and, on occasion, participate in various FUPI-sponsored activities.

II. Following is a list of FUPI officers:

President - [redacted]
Vice President - [redacted]
Secretary - [redacted]
Subsecretary - [redacted]
Secretary of University Affairs [redacted]

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Subsecretary of University Affairs - [redacted]
Secretary of Finance - [redacted]
Subsecretary of Finance - [redacted]
Secretary of Organization - [redacted]
Subsecretary of Organization - [redacted]

III. Campus Disruptive Activities of FUPI

On March 2, 1967, a FUPI-sponsored "teach-in" was held on the gounds of the UPR, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. During the course of the "teach-in", [redacted] Secretary of Education of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR): [redacted] leader of the MPIPR youth; and [redacted] the then President of FUPI, spoke. Each emphasized the opposition of FUPI to compulsory military service for Puerto Rican youths, as well as FUPI opposition to the proposed Plebiscite.

A characterization of the MPIPR and the Plebiscite appear in the Appendix attached hereto.

On April 13, 1967, fourteen members of FUPI, at the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (CAMA), of the University of Puerto Rico, at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, defied a ban on unauthorized campus political activity by holding a political education seminar on independence on the campus. Because of this infraction, the organizers of the above-mentioned seminar were suspended until the commencement of the 1967-68 academic year.

On May 4, 1967, during the course of Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) activities in front of the University theater on the Rio Piedras campus of the UPR, approximately one hundred and fifty members of FUPI began a picket of the activities. Just prior to this picket, an unidentified member of the picket threw a "Molotov Cocktail" at a passing automobile. This "Molotov Cocktail" caused negligible damage to the automobile and landed approximately

two hundred yards from the ROTC building.

Subsequent to the picket, a counter-picket was initiated by the Asociacion Universitarios Pro Estadidad (Pro-Statehood Student Association) (AUPE). The ensuing fight which developed between the groups resulted in injury to three UPR Police officers.

During the picket, an American flag was desecrated by a second group of FUPI members. The flag was then burned by these individuals.

As a result of the above-mentioned events, the Air Force ROTC transferred their function to the University stadium. During a parade by the ROTC cadets, members of FUPI began throwing themselves in front of the marching units and band. This action resulted in the injury of another UPR Police officer and two FUPI members.

These events led to a riot which lasted approximately three and one-half hours. During the course of events, isolated instances of rock throwing caused damage to University property and superficial injury to a number of individuals.

As a result of the above-mentioned incidents of May 4, 1967, fifty UPR students were suspended from the Rio Piedras campus. Included were approximately thirty-five members of FUPI.

The public school teachers, who were also graduate school students at UPR, were involved in the May 4, 1967 riot. They were identified as [redacted] and [redacted]

The AUPE is a student organization at the University of Puerto Rico which advocates Statehood for Puerto Rico.

On September 6, 1967, FUPI sponsored another demonstration on the grounds of the UPR, Rio Piedras in protest of the suspension of FUPI members for their part in the May 4, 1967

riot. This demonstration took place without incident.

On September 27, 1967, a series of incidents between AUPE and FUPI members climaxed in a riot. The riot, which lasted approximately twelve hours, caused an undetermined amount of damage to UPR property, injuries to twenty Police of Puerto Rico (POPR) officers, and injuries to approximately twenty-five UPR students, the majority of whom were FUPI members.

Approximately two hundred students were initially involved in the riot. Six arrests were made by the POPR. A group of students marched on the police station to protest these arrests and the six individuals were [redacted] released to the custody of their attorney, [redacted] is presently Secretary of Education of the MPIPR.

The leaders of the students who were rioting appeared to be [redacted] and [redacted] is Director of the MPIPR Youth Group; [redacted] then Secretary of Organization for FUPI.

On October 10, 1967, Abraham Diaz Gonzalez, Chancellor of the UPR, filed an injunction in San Juan Superior Court against ten FUPI members in which he requested that these individuals be forbidden from ever entering the UPR campus. This matter has not yet been adjudicated.

On April 25, 1968, warrants were issued by the District Court, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, for twenty-four present and former members of FUPI on charges arising from the UPR riot of September 27, 1967.

On April 26, 1968, a "Day of Protest" was sponsored by FUPI and the MPIPR at the UPR, Rio Piedras campus. An exhibit of art and Vietnam War photographs were set up at the main gate of the University. A march of about one hundred fifty students took place from the College of Social Sciences to the main entrance. A series of Anti-American poems were read,

after which several individuals spoke. Juan Mari Bras, the last speaker, stated that those of the MPIPR backed the Viet Cong because they represented a strong-hold against imperialism. These events took place without incident.

Juan Mari Bras is the self-described, Secretary General of the MPIPR.

APPENDIX

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FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO-INDEPENDENCIA
(Federation of University Students for Independence)
(FUPI)

The FUPI was organized in October, 1956, at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, as a student organization working to obtain independence for Puerto Rico. A source advised the FUPI was elected an integral member of the International Union of Students (IUS), Prague, Czechoslovakia, in October, 1960.

During the 12th Annual FUPI Congress held on October 27, 28 and 29, 1967, in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, the organization's Executive Committee voted to sever relations with the IUS inasmuch as delegates to the 9th IUS Congress held in Mongolia between March 27 and April 5, 1967, denied a FUPI-sponsored motion which cited the student delegation of Chile as an organization which serves as a "screen for the Central Intelligence Agency."

The IUS has been cited by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1956 as being among "international communist fronts functioning at the present time" and by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, in 1951, as one of the "long-established, Soviet-controlled international organizations."

The 12th FUPI Congress, which was dedicated to ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA, and to the National Liberation Front of Vietnam, in its "General Statement" as ratified on October 29, 1967, expressed solidarity with the "Black Nationalist Movement in the United States"; reaffirmed its total support of decisions made by the Latin American Continental Organization of Students (OCLAE), a Latin American student organization based in Havana, Cuba; condemned the Selective Service law and proclaimed support to all who repudiate same; declared the "common enemy of all men is Yankee imperialism" and vowed "to struggle by any means for the obtaining of independence in the liberation of Puerto Rico."

APPENDIX

MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)

The MPIPR was organized in November, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, to work for the independence of Puerto Rico. It has an estimated membership of between 1,000 and 1,300 people with missions throughout the island of Puerto Rico and in New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and Buffalo, New York.

At the time the MPIPR was organized, it indicated that it did not advocate violence but would accept members who did. JUAN MARI BRAS, the founder and dominant leader of this organization, in a speech during March, 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria, 1964, if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States. A source reported in 1966 that a leader of the MPIPR has indicated that "the Revolution" would soon begin and another source advised that another official of this organization has attempted to obtain a number of automatic pistols.

Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in the MPIPR publications. In 1961, the MPIPR adopted a resolution expressing a 100 percent approval of and solidarity with the Cuban revolution. It sent a delegation to the Tri-Continental Conference of African, Asian, and Latin American People, held in Havana, Cuba, during January, 1966, and it maintains a permanent delegate to the Secretariat located in Havana.

The press of Puerto Rico has reported that the MPIPR has held numerous demonstrations protesting compulsory military service of Puerto Ricans and United States policy in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

In December, 1966, the Governor of Puerto Rico signed into law a bill calling for a plebiscite on July 23, 1967, to determine the future political status of Puerto Rico. The Plebisicte denounced vociferously by the MPIPR as "an act of Yankee imperialism to maintain the colonial status of Puerto Rico," resulted in an overwhelming endorsement of the present Free Associated State status.

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Resolutions adopted at the 7th MPIPR National Assembly held in late April, 1968, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, included expressions of solidarity with the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and promises of material support in the form of medicine and money. Also included were a resolution of solidarity with "Black Power" in the United States, and an expression of solidarity with the "National Liberation" movements in Venezuela, Colombia, and Guatemala.

APPENDIX

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PLEBISCITE

The plebiscite mentioned herein refers to the balloting in Puerto Rico on July 23, 1967. The voters, with alternatives of statehood, independence, or commonwealth status, voted for a continuation of the present status of Puerto Rico as a commonwealth.

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

Re Bulet to all offices, 5/23/68;
San Juan letter to Bureau, 5/27/68.

As set forth in referenced San Juan letter, investigation in the San Juan Division reveals that at the present time there are no active New Left organizations functioning in Puerto Rico.

With respect to the New Left, San Juan remains alert to its investigative responsibilities. Continuous attention is being afforded this matter and all pertinent information will be reported expeditiously as received.

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ReBulet to all Offices, 5/10/68; San Juan letter to Bureau, 11/20/67, captioned, "Investigation of New Left; Demonstrations Protesting United States Intervention in Vietnam; Information Concerning- IS."

Investigation in the San Juan Division reveals that at the present time there are no active "New Left" organizations functioning in Puerto Rico.

Groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico, such as the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement - MPIPR), and the Federacion de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence - FUPI), have conducted picketing and demonstrations at the Army Induction Center and at Selective Service Offices, as well as placing posters protesting United States intervention in Vietnam. There is no indication, however, that these organizations are in any way affiliated with the "New Left," and agencies and informants with knowledge of these groups have furnished no information to indicate that such affiliation exists.

Attempts to organize "The Resistance," by [redacted] a Jesuit Roman Catholic priest, have been unsuccessful to date. An active investigation is presently being conducted at San Juan relative to this organization and, in the event it appears [redacted] efforts are meeting with success, such investigation will be intensified and appropriate recommendations made for immediate counterintelligence action.

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San Juan, in view of there not being any active New Left organizations in Puerto Rico, is considering itself a non-participating office in this matter. San Juan will not submit quarterly letters beginning 7/1/68, UACB. In the event information is developed indicating New Left activity in Puerto Rico, the Bureau will be advised immediately.