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SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS

FILES: 9-50117, 63-7150, 89-2104, 97-0-1232, 163-HQ-14424, & 172-92

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: November 6, 1951

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka JOE LOUIS

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PURPOSE:

Summary

To advise that a name check on Joe Louis, former heavy weight boxing champion of the world, has been completed, and to recommend that the results be forwarded to G-2 via liaison.

b7C [redacted]

DETAILS:

A request for a file check on Joe Louis has been received from G-2 apparently in connection with the fighter's contemplated exhibition tour in Japan.

Although no investigation has been conducted of Louis, our files disclose that he has been associated with Paul Robeson, and either by personal appearances or through the use of his name, has aided the following Communist organizations: Council of African Affairs, New Masses, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, American Youth for Democracy, United Negro and Allied Veterans of America. All of the above have been cited by the Attorney General with the exception of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare which has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The "Daily Worker" on June 29, 1948, published a statement attributed to Louis which was delivered for him at a meeting sponsored by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America in Washington, D.C., June 26, 1948, in which Louis allegedly attacked both Republicans and Democrats for their failure to pass legislation beneficial to the Negro people and declared his personal admiration and support of Paul Robeson.

The "Washington Post" of the same date carried a purported repudiation of the above statement on behalf of Louis stating that Louis was "not for Wallace," that he was uncommitted politically and would "not work with the third party."

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached blind memorandum containing the above information in detail be forwarded to G-2 via liaison.

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November 6, 1951

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW Summary
aka. JOE LOUIS

No investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning the above captioned individual. However, the following information may be of interest to you.

A confidential informant of known reliability advised that Joe Louis was a member of the committee for a birthday party held April 16, 1944, for Paul Robeson under the sponsorship of the Council on African Affairs.

Robeson is a well known concert singer, Communist sympathizer and Russian apologist.

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" dated December 25, 1945, page 11, contained an article captioned "'New Masses' Annual Cultural Awards Dinner, Jan. 14," which stated that "Joe Louis, the outstanding Negro in the field of sports" would be one of the persons to receive honors at the annual cultural awards dinner of the "New Masses" to be given January 14, 1946, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

The "New Masses" has been cited as a Communist periodical by Attorney General Francis Biddle in the Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7,688.

The "Daily Worker", January 16, 1946, page 8, contained an article captioned "22 Peoples' Heroes Honored", which reported information concerning the cultural awards dinner of the "New Masses", held January 14, 1946, and referred to Joe Louis as one whose "first public act as a civilian was to endorse Ben Davis for re-election." Ben Davis was the incumbent Communist Party candidate for New York City Councilman.

A confidential informant of known reliability advised that a street rally under the sponsorship of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare took place, Thursday, September 19, 1946, at 12:30 P.M. in the heart of the garment district on 38th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, New York City. The informant stated that approximately 10,000 people attended the rally, and that Joe Louis

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heavyweight champion of the world, was the principal attraction. Through his efforts thousands of dollars were collected for the organization. Many of the contributions were given merely for the privilege of shaking Louis' hand.

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of March 29, 1944, page 147.

The "Daily Worker", September 20, 1946, page 2, contained an article captioned "The Champ Touches Off Aid to Dixie Campaign" which reported that Joe Louis officially opened the street collection campaign of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare at the above described street rally. The "Worker" quoted Louis as stating "The Southern Conference is a good organization. I am 100 per cent for it because it stands for a better south."

A confidential informant of known reliability advised that Joe Louis, the world's heavyweight boxing champion, accepted an invitation to be guest of honor at the Third Annual Banquet of the American Youth for Democracy scheduled for the Crystal Ball Room, Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1946. The informant further advised that [redacted] of the American Youth for Democracy for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania indicated that Louis was fully aware of the nature of the organization sponsoring the banquet at the time he accepted the invitation. b7C

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The New York World Telegram dated April 25, 1947, contained an article by Frederick Woltman, World Telegram staff writer, which referred to the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America as an organization "which has been selling itself on the prestige of Joe Louis, its honorary national commander."

The United Negro and Allied Veterans of America has been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

A confidential informant of known reliability advised that the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America sponsored a concert at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., on October 16, 1947, featuring Paul Robeson. The informant advised

that the first page of the program for this event contained a picture of Joe Louis in an Army uniform and referred to him as a honorary commander of the organization.

A confidential informant of known reliability advised that a press release issued June 22, 1948, by the United Negro and Allied Veterans, Washington, D. C., contained the signature of "Joe Louis, Honorary National Commander UNAVA."

The "Daily Worker", June 29, 1948, contained an article on page 5 captioned "Joe Louis Jabs at Demos, GOP For Betrayal", which article read as follows:

"Joe Louis, fresh from knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott, threw blows at the Democrats and Republicans for betraying 'my people.' Louis' statement was a personal tribute to 'my friend' Paul Robeson, and was delivered for him at Uline Arena, Washington, D. C., June 28, by Winston Edwards, national chairman of the United Negro and Allied Veterans.

"The occasion was 'A Tribute to Negro Veterans' jointly sponsored by UNAVA, and the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. Paul Robeson sang, as well as the Galbraith Choir, [redacted] Louis originally had agreed to appear in person, but the postponement of the championship fight made his appearance impossible. b7C

"The full text of his statement follows:

"A few people in our country say Congress did a good job. In a way they are right. Congress did a good job all right, for a few people but not for me and my people.

"That's why I'm here today, to pay tribute to Paul Robeson, my friend and a great fighter for the Negro people. Because Paul Robeson fights for the things that Congress didn't do for me and my people, I want Paul to know that I stand squarely, both feet in his corner, because he is in the corner of the Negro people.

"There are some people who don't like the way Paul Robeson fights for my people. Well, I say to that that Paul Robeson is fighting for what all of us want, and that's freedom to be a man. Some of us may not like the way he fights but none of us can afford to stand aside from what the fight is for and what the fight's against.

In War Graves

"A lot of Negro GIs I served with are lying in their graves in France, Germany, and in the Pacific. They stopped bullets and shrapnel to keep America free. A lot of other Negro GIs are dead on American soil, after the war, fighting for the same things that

those GIs fought for abroad. All of them gave up their lives so that my people could live in dignity in this America of ours. All of them loved Paul Robeson and were proud of him, because they knew as I know, that he is one of us.

"Paul Robeson led the fight for an anti-lynching bill, an anti-polltax bill, and an FEPC. Congress didn't pass any of these laws, and Congress didn't pass the civil rights program.

"Now some people say one party is to blame, others say another party is to blame. I say both parties have forgotten the Negro GIs who gave up their lives to make America a free country for Negroes, Jews, Protestants, Catholics and all other minorities.

"Because of what we lost, a few people got a lot of money out of it. I say that 12 states have got Congress and the government buffaloed. Twelve states South of the Mason Dixon Line. But the other 36 states didn't seem to mind.

"That's why I salute Paul Robeson, because he's fighting for Negroes, poor whites, Jews, and all the others who suffer, because we haven't got democracy in America. I'm with him and I'm with you, because I know that if we don't fight for our rights, America won't get to first base as a free country for your children and mine.

"I want peace because I know you can't eat guns, I want peace because you can't build a decent home with a rifle. I want peace because you can't be a man if you are looking over your shoulder to another guy whose listening for every word you say so he can put it in a book and then have you called before some board to explain why you want to be free.

"So I say again, a salute to Paul Robeson and to all you GIs. We're with you, Paul, in the fight to the end."

The Washington "Post" dated June 29, 1948, carried an article on page 3 captioned "Joe Louis Not For Wallace." This article stated that Joe Louis was reported as "not for Wallace" and otherwise still uncommitted politically. According to the article Louis disavowed a statement which placed him "squarely with both feet" in the corner with singer Paul Robeson, a Wallace supporter. This article quoted a spokesman for Louis as saying that he intends to "take a part in the Presidential campaign but will not work with the third party." The "Post" also pointed out that although placards advertising the June 26th meeting of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of American announced that Louis would appear. The fighter did not actually attend the rally.

In January, 1949, two informants of known reliability advised that they were unable to state whether or not Joe Louis, the fighter, participated in the affairs of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America nationally, but they did know that he did not support the local New York chapter of the organization or have any affiliation with it.

The foregoing information is furnished as the result of a request for an FBI file check only and is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved. It is furnished for your confidential use only and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 1/29/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

In WALTER WINCHELL's column in the "New York Mirror" for 1/18/60 appeared the following item:

"Ex-Champion Joe Louis' quote: 'Cuba is the only vacation spot for Negroes to go without bias'....Joe Louis and his Public Relations partner, Billy Rowe, are handling 'special' promotion for Castro's Tourist Board! "

In the "New York Mirror" for 1/24/60 in WALTER WINCHELL's column appeared the following item:

"Dictator Castro has hired ex-champ Joe Louis and other fast-buck press agents in the U.S. in an effort to attract tourists. At the same time, Castro is discouraging tourists by attacking the U.S. and suppressing the Cuban press."

b2,b7D [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 1/22/60 that b7C
JOE LOUIS resides at 1711 Willington Road, Los Angeles, California, telephone RE 3-3077.

b2,b7D [redacted] advised that JOE LOUIS had reportedly been in New York for one week from 1/13/60, staying at the Park Sheraton Hotel. The informant also advised that the individual named in b7C
the article as [redacted] gave his address as [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

The WFO is requested to make an appropriate check to determine if JOE LOUIS is registered as an agent for the Cuban Government.

This information is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for any action it might deem appropriate.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: February 16, 1960

FROM : SAC, WFO (97-1314)

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Re New York letter dated 1/29/60.

On 2/5/60 [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that she has no record reflecting that JOE LOUIS has registered as an agent of any foreign principal to date. b7C

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JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

ReWFOlet 2/16/60.

Inasmuch as no record has been located indicating that the subject has registered as an agent of a foreign principal, investigation should be instituted to determine if subject is acting on behalf of the Cuban Government in the U.S.

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1 - WFO (97-1314)

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NOTE: NYlet 1/29/60 revealed that Walter Winchell in his column, 1/24/60, revealed that Joe Louis had been hired by Castro to attract tourists. No record has been located in the Registration Section of the Department indicating Louis has registered as a foreign agent. In view of this, we are instituting investigation to determine if he is acting on behalf of the Cuban Government.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 2-19-60

FROM : F. A. FROHBOSE

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SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
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ACTION:

This matter was discussed with the Nationalities Intelligence Section. We already have received similar information and investigation has been initiated. (see pg 2)

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Letter to Commissioner
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Joe Louis

ADDENDUM: (FEJ:mtb) 2-19-60

New York letter 1-29-60 revealed that Walter Winchell's column on 1-24-60 disclosed that Joe Louis had been hired by Dictator Castro in an effort to attract tourists. WFO presently checking registration records to determine if Louis is registered agent. If Louis not registered, we plan to initiate appropriate investigation to determine if he should register under provisions of Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Press vigorously.

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Date: February 23, 1960

To: Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JOE LOSEN
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TO IRS 2/24/60

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The above is being submitted to you for your information.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles
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From: Director, FBI

JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Reference NY letter 1/29/60, WFO letter 2/16/60 and Bulet 2/25/60.

For information of Miami Office, Walter Winchell in a column of 1/18/60 indicated Joe Louis and his public relations partner, Billy Rowe, are handling special promotion for Castro's tourist board. In another column on 1/24/60 Winchell said Louis and "other fast-buck press agents" in the U.S. have been hired by Castro to attract tourists. [redacted] b1

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New York Office indicates Louis and [redacted] reside in Los Angeles and for that reason Los Angeles is being considered office of origin. Investigation should be concentrated on obtaining evidence of agency relationship between Louis and/or [redacted] with Cuban Government and based on results consideration should be given to adding [redacted] to title of case. Particularly endeavor to trace the financial transaction alleged and to show the nature and extent of the activities of Louis and [redacted] in carrying out the alleged purpose of the agency relationship. b7C

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New York Office should note that Louis was in New York the week preceding the allegation. New York letter 1/29/60 does not indicate any investigation being conducted by that office. Immediately initiate intensive inquiry to determine what Louis did while there and whether [redacted] was with him. Consider establishing identity of his telephonic and personal contacts through inquiry at Park Sheraton Hotel and thoroughly exploit your source and informant coverage regarding Cuban matters to determine if agreement was culminated with elements of Cuban Government in New York City. [redacted] (S)

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While Louis and [redacted] may reside in Los Angeles their activities in fulfilling the alleged agreement cannot be expected to be confined to the Los Angeles area. For that reason all offices receiving copies of this airtel should consider whether Cuban sources and informants might be in position to furnish or acquire data in this matter. Advise Bureau and Los Angeles in this regard. In the event Louis and/[redacted] come to attention in your respective areas intensive inquiry should be conducted to determine whether they are engaged in activities alleged.

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This investigation must be given continuous and preferred attention and Los Angeles Office should afford it aggressive supervision and direction. Initial reports should be submitted no later than 3/18/60.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/2/60

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (97-311)

Attention:

[X] Domestic Intelligence Division

[ ] Investigative Division

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Name: JOE LOUIS

Address: 1711 Wellington Road, Los Angeles

Type of Mail: First Class

Type of Cover: Return Addresses

Period Covered: 30 Days

Purpose of Cover: To ascertain correspondence contacts of LOUIS, particularly those in Cuba.

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It has been alleged that [redacted] b1

Los Angeles has been instructed by the Bureau to determine LOUIS' relationship with the Cuban Government. Because of the nature of the allegation, the fact that it appeared in Walter Winchell's column which has national circulation, and because of LOUIS' prominence, it is felt that a mail cover is warranted. No embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Date: 3/4/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (97-311)

SUBJECT: JOE LEWIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

ReBuairtel 2/26/60.

[redacted] Los Angeles PCI, advised SA [redacted] on 3/4/60 that one [redacted] described as male, Negro, approximately [redacted] years of age, 5' 10" to 6', 175 to 185 lbs., [redacted] New York City, in about 1957 or 1958 and had a by-line in the "Amsterdam News", New York City, in 1957-58.

An article appeared in "Jet" magazine in 1957-58 telling of ROWE's implication with a girl who had a police record in narcotics and shoplifting. As a result of "Jet" magazine's article, [redacted] not known to be in Los Angeles.

New York ascertain if this [redacted] is identical with the [redacted] in referenced airtel.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MIAMI	LOS ANGELES	3/9/60	3/4/60

TITLE OF CASE

JOE LOUIS

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C

TYPED BY WAW:dlp

CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

REFERENCES: Buairtel to Los Angeles, 2/26/60.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will maintain contact with appropriate sources for additional information re LOUIS' connection with the Cuban Government.

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State, [redacted] ISD, Havana (Info)

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One extra copy of this report is being forwarded to the Bureau in the event dissemination to Legat, Havana, is desired.

One copy of this report and letterhead memorandum is being forwarded to the New York Office for information, in view of leads outstanding in that office.

This report is being classified "CONFIDENTIAL" because of information reported from [redacted] if disclosed, might tend to result in the identification of a confidential informant of b2,b7D continuing value, and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

A review of the files of the Miami Office revealed no information identifiable either with JOE LOUIS or [redacted] b7C

INFORMANTS

Identity	Location of Original Information
[redacted] PSI	Instant report, page 1.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report, and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where identities must be concealed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] b7C Office: Miami
Date: March 9, 1960

Field Office File #: 97-324 Bureau File #:

Title: JOE LOUIS

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Informant reported that subject and [redacted] b7C b7D in Havana, Cuba as guests of Cuban Government on [redacted] in demonstration of racial equality. [redacted] remarked arrangements made for this visit through the NAACP and a representative of the NAACP was present with the above Negro group in Cuba.

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DETAILS:

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On March 4, 1960, [redacted] b7C FLA b7D were scheduled to attend the dinner to be held in Havana, Cuba, on the evening of [redacted] at which FIDEL CASTRO would appear.

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[redacted] explained that these individuals were in Cuba as guests of the Cuban Government to demonstrate to the people of Cuba that Negroes could take a prominent place in Cuba, and be completely acceptable there.

[redacted] specifically mentioned JOE LOUIS and WILLIE MAYS as being proof that Negroes have the same qualifications and ability as a white person.

According to [redacted] also remarked that the Cuban Government had gone to a great deal of expense in bringing these Negro personalities to Cuba, and specifically stated "You know what LOUIS gets for a one-night appearance, so you can imagine what it cost us to have these people down here."

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[redacted] however, expressed the feeling that it was worth every cent that LOUIS and the others were being paid to come to Havana.

[redacted] said that [redacted] stated that these Negro personalities were staying at the Havana Hilton Hotel and the St. John Hotel, and pointed out that in the United States the big hotels in Miami Beach, Florida, have numerous colored entertainers, yet these individuals cannot even eat in those hotels.

[redacted] further said that he had originally contacted the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in order to arrange for these individuals to travel to Havana, and that a representative of the NAACP, whose name was not mentioned, was currently in Havana overseeing the group.

[redacted] referred to this organization by its letter abbreviation rather than its full name.

[redacted] said he was not familiar with LOUIS [redacted] and had no knowledge of his accompanying LOUIS to Havana.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 97-324

Miami, Florida

March 9, 1960

MEMORANDUM

Re: JOE LOUIS

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Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] Miami, dated and captioned as above.

b2,b7D [redacted] mentioned in above-referenced report, has furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, Los Angeles (9[illegible]) March 18, 1960

Director, FBI (100-385510)

JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Re your mail cover request (FD-227) 3/2/60.

Authority is granted for you to place mail cover at Louis' residence in Los Angeles. However, in view of subject's prominence and possibility of misinterpretation in the event our investigation should become known, this matter should be handled discreetly, and mail cover should be placed through established contacts in Postal Inspector's office. Moreover, you should assure this matter is handled in such a manner that no possible embarrassment to the Bureau will result.

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LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	3/17/60	2/29 - 3/14/60

TITLE OF CASE

JOE LOUIS

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C

TYPED BY nlb

CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 2/26/60.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 2/25/60.
Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 3/4/60.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/9/60, at Miami.

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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. Will maintain contact with appropriate sources for additional information regarding LOUIS' [redacted] connection with the Cuban Government.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. 1. Will conduct investigation requested by the Bureau as set out in Bureau airtel of February 26, 1960.

2. Will ascertain if the [redacted] mentioned on Page C of this report is identical with the [redacted] mentioned in Bureau airtel of February 26, 1960. b7C

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will check the records of the Agent Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, to ascertain if [redacted] is registered as an Agent of any foreign principal. b7C

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. 1. Will, when Bureau authority is obtained, place a mail cover on LOUIS' Los Angeles residence. Authority was requested on March 2, 1960.

2. Will review the long-distance toll calls for the past six months from LOUIS' Los Angeles residence.

3. Will attempt to review telegrams sent by LOUIS from his Los Angeles residence.

4. Will attempt to locate LOUIS' Los Angeles bank account and monitor same.

5. Will develop neighborhood source to obtain detailed information concerning LOUIS' periods of residence at 1711 Wellington Road, Los Angeles.

6. Will contact Cuban sources in Los Angeles for information concerning LOUIS' activities.

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7. Will contact National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sources in Los Angeles for information concerning LOUIS' activities.

8. Will develop any available information which would reflect that [redacted] is residing in Los Angeles and the degree of relationship, if any, between him and LOUIS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The files of the Los Angeles Office contain information that one [redacted]

The following information is being set out for Miami, which did not receive a copy of Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated March 4, 1960:

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[redacted] PCL advised SA [redacted] on March 4, 1960, that one [redacted] described as male, Negro, approximately [redacted] years of age, 5'10" to 6', 175 to 185 pounds, [redacted] New York City, in about 1957 or 1958, and had a by-line in the "Amsterdam News", New York City, in 1957-1958.

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An article appeared in "Jet" magazine in 1957-1958 telling of ROWE's implication with a girl who had a police record in narcotics and shoplifting. As a result of "Jet" magazine's article, [redacted] is not known to be in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles General Investigative Intelligence File (94-250-1049, Page 48, Volume 81) contains the following undocumented information:

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It was reported in November 1954 that JOE LOUIS was connected with the proposed Moulin Rouge Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, which would cater to all races. LOUIS appeared in Los Angeles in November 1954 on a publicity campaign for the new hotel and was scheduled to remain at the hotel at least three months out of each year to handle publicity and to greet the guests.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and "T" symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Identity of Source	Agent	Location
[redacted] (S) b1		97-311-5
[redacted] b2 b7D	[redacted] b7C	97-311-1
[redacted]	[redacted] b7C	[redacted] b2,b7D
[redacted]	[redacted] b7C	94-558-550
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: 3/17/60

Office: Los Angeles, California

File Number: Los Angeles 97-311

Bureau File #: 100-385510

Title: JOE LOUIS

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: [redacted] b1

[redacted] (S) LOUIS not registered with Agent Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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DETAILS: BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

WALTER WINCHELL, in his column of January 18, 1960, indicated that JOE LOUIS and his public relations partner, BILLY ROWE, are handling special promotion for CASTRO's tourist board. In another column on January 24, 1960, WINCHELL said that LOUIS and "other fast-buck press agents" in the United States have been hired by CASTRO to attract tourists.

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b2, b7D [redacted] advised on January 22, 1960, that JOE LOUIS resides at 1711 Wellington Road, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] b2, b7D also advised that [redacted] while in New York City in January 1960, [redacted] his address as [redacted] Los Angeles. Calif. B. APPROX. [redacted] Negro N.Y.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

On February 5, 1960, [redacted] Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that she had no record reflecting that JOE LOUIS has registered as an Agent of any foreign principal to date. b7C

[redacted] advised on October 6, 1955, that JOE LOUIS was only a front for a group of gamblers, and that LOUIS did not actually own any part of the Moulin Rouge Hotel and gambling casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] advised that LOUIS was to be used as a front to capitalize on the gambling of the Negro people. b2, b7D

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The "Los Angeles Tribune", Calif. a Negro weekly newspaper, carried an item that THEOPULIS EARL JACKSON, 45 years of age, was murdered on June 1, 1959. The "Tribune" stated that JACKSON was described by police officers as a classic pimp; that JACKSON had five shotgun and four stab wounds in his body; and stated that JACKSON's wife was described as a shoplifter.

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In the article, the "Tribune" stated that JOE LOUIS, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, is a long-time friend of [redacted] and that LOUIS [redacted] is [redacted]

A check of the records of the [redacted] Los Angeles [redacted]

The current Central Section of the Los Angeles Telephone Directory contains the following listing for [redacted]

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[redacted]

The current telephone directories for the metropolitan area contain no listing for JOE LOUIS or [redacted] There is a current listing for [redacted] telephone [redacted] and telephone [redacted]. Los Angeles, Calif.

"The California Eagle", a Negro weekly newspaper published in Los Angeles, in its issue of January 7, 1960, carried an article stating that a new independent labor organization had sprung into existence under the name "Local 599, California Barbers, Bartenders, Maids and Culinary Workers Union" (CBBMCWU). The article accompanied a photograph depicting various officers, including boxer JOE LOUIS, who they said was named Organizing Director.

[redacted] in Los Angeles [redacted] furnished the following

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information on January 15, 1960:

Local 599, CBBMCWU, can offer no real service to the working men and women in the Los Angeles area because of the 21 types of jobs they presume to intend organizing are already covered within the jurisdiction of six well-established A. F. of L. - CIO unions. Conspicuously not affected is the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America.

[redacted] added that possibly this new independent union was made possible by JIMMY HOFFA as a favor to JOE LOUIS, who made his presence so obvious in the Washington, D. C. courtroom when HOFFA was under trial for bribery. [redacted] stated that the offices of Local 599 were located at 2618 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

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[redacted] further advised that on January 8, 1960, a local Los Angeles newspaper reporter interviewed JOE LOUIS in Cincinnati, Ohio, by telephone. JOE LOUIS said he was going to ask JIMMY HOFFA, International President of the Teamsters Union, for support. LOUIS told the newspaper reporter that he was in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the purpose of making an agreement with [redacted]

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The "Hollywood Citizens News", daily metropolitan newspaper in Los Angeles, in its issue of January 19, 1960, carried an article by VICTOR RIESEL, well-known columnist, in which he said that JOE LOUIS became Organizing Director of the California Bartenders, Barbers and Culinary Workers last December 10th. This union is seeking Negro and Mexican workers.

RIESEL mentioned the soon-to-be published book by ROBERT KENNEDY, "The Enemy Within." KENNEDY reports, "Sometime after the bribery trial I had a telephone call from a major television performer who told me that JOE LOUIS, through HOFFA's arrangements, was on the payroll of Mercury Records (Chicago). Later during our investigation of juke boxes we went into the files of Mercury Records and found that JOE

"LOUIS had worked for them in 'public relations' for approximately seven months. We also found that the major owner of the company had received a $2,000,000 loan through the Teamsters Union pension and welfare fund. Mercury executives denied to me that JIMMY HOFFA or the Teamsters applied any influence to get JOE LOUIS his job."

On March 14, 1960, SE [redacted] caused a search to be made of the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, and could locate no credit report on JOE LOUIS or [redacted] b7C

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
March 17, 1960

JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

b2, b7D [redacted] and [redacted] utilized in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated as above, at Los Angeles, California, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

April 1, 1960

Director, FBI

JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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Enclosed are a copy of report of Special Agent [redacted] and a copy of a memorandum both dated March 17, 1960, in captioned matter.

[redacted] (S) b1

You are requested to advise whether the alleged activities of captioned subject as set forth in the enclosed report would bring him within the provisions of Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. You are also requested to advise if you intend to solicit the subject's registration or if he has already fulfilled his obligation in this matter.

An expedite reply in this matter would be appreciated.

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NOTE: We are conducting Registration Act investigation of Louis, former heavyweight champion, based on information in Winchell broadcast that Louis has been hired by Castro to act as an agent in this country. The Director instructed that we press this matter vigorously. In view of information that Louis may be member of firm which made inquiry concerning registration of Department, we are requesting an opinion from the Department.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	LOS ANGELES	3/21/60	2/27 - 3/15/60

TITLE OF CASE
CHANGED
[redacted] aka
b7C LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER AND LOCKHART ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED

Report made by [redacted] b7C erd

Typed By

CHARACTER OF CASE
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

The title of this case has been changed to add the name of [redacted] an associate of LOUIS, and the name of their agency, LOUIS ROWE, FISHER AND LOCKHART, as furnished by New York [redacted] b2, b7D

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REFERENCES

Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 2/26/60.
New York airtel, 1/29/60.
WFO letter to Director, 2/16/60.

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ENCLOSURES

Enclosures to Los Angeles are 24 photographs of JOE LOUIS and his associates, and one photostat of a Waybill issued by Cubana Airlines for a shipment to [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

On March 11, 1960, Investigator [redacted] United States Customs Service, New York City, advised that he had come into possession of some photographs of JOE LOUIS taken in Havana, Cuba. He stated that he would like to make these available to the FBI in the event they would be of value.

On 3/11/60, 24 photographs of LOUIS, and others apparently traveling with him in Cuba, were obtained from [redacted] and copies were made. One set of the pictures is being forwarded to Los Angeles as an aid in this investigation. The second set has been entered in the exhibit section of the New York file. The identities of the persons in the pictures, with the exception of LOUIS and in one instance FIDEL CASTRO, are unknown to Customs and the New York Office.

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[redacted] also made available a photostat of a Cubana Airlines Waybill reflecting shipment of two packages of newspapers and "tourist promotion" to [redacted] (telephone number) [redacted] A photostat of this waybill is being forwarded to Los Angeles and a copy has been entered in the exhibit section of New York file.

The photographs and photostat are being returned to [redacted] No copy of this report is being furnished to Customs as [redacted] indicated that their agency does not have an investigation pending with respect to LOUIS or [redacted]

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For the information of Newark, the Bureau has instructed that this case should be given continuous and preferred attention.

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Identity of Source	File Number Where Located
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[redacted] b2	" " 2
[redacted](S) b1	
[redacted] b2, b7D	" " 4
[redacted](S) b1	" " 5

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Other sources contacted with respect to LOUIS are as follows:

Source	Agent	Date
[redacted] b2, b7D	SA [redacted] b7C	3/7/60
	SA	3/14/60
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Source	Agent	Date
[redacted]	SA [redacted]	3/10/60
[redacted]	SA [redacted]	3/11/60

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NEWARK DIVISION

Will determine name and address of subscribers of telephone numbers set forth below and attempt to determine if these individuals are in any way connected with the Cuban Government or Cuban tourism.

AT ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Telephone Number [redacted]

AT TEANECK, NEW JERSEY

Telephone Number [redacted]

AT LODI, NEW JERSEY

Telephone Number Lodi [redacted] (Call slip for this number reflected [redacted] New Jersey, [redacted] believed to be hotel employee's abbreviation for Lodi).

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WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

Will check records of Foreign Agents Registration section, Department of Justice, to determine if the agency, LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER and LOCKHART have registered as agents of the Cuban Government.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will report results of check of telephone number [redacted]

Will make inquiry at New York City Police Department for background information of [redacted]

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Will report results of checks of bank accounts for Cuban Tourist Commission, Cuban Consulate, New York City, and LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER and LOCKHART Enterprises Incorporated.

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C Office: New York, New York
Date: 3/21/60

File Number: New York 97-1763 Bureau 100-385510

Title: CHANGED
JOE LOUIS
[redacted] b7C
LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER AND LOCKHART
ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: Title changed to add, [redacted] and LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER and LOCKHART Enterprises. "New York Mirror", 1/18/60 edition carried comments by columnist WALTER WINCHELL that JOE LOUIS and "BILLY" ROWE are handling promotion for the "CASTRO Tourist Board". [redacted] advised LOUIS resides, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] (S) b1

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DETAILS

The "New York Mirror", a daily New York City newspaper, on January 18, 1960, carried the following comment in the daily column written by WALTER WINCHELL, 'Ex-champion, JOE LOUIS' statment 'Cuba is the only vacation spot for Negros to go without bias' - JOE LOUIS and is public relations partner, BILLY ROWE, are handling 'special' promotion for CASTRO's Tourist Board".

[redacted] advised on January 22, 1960, that JOE LOUIS' address is 1711 Wellington Road, Los Angeles, California, and his telephone number there is RA 3-3077. [redacted] stated that LOUIS was in New York City on January 13, 1960 and resided at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City. b2, b7D

The "New York Mirror", on January 24, 1960, carried the following article in the daily column written by WALTER WINCHELL: "Dictator CASTRO has hired ex-champion JOE LOUIS and other fast buck press agents in the United States in an effort to attract tourists. At the same time CASTRO is discouraging tourists by attacking the United States and surpressing Cuban press".

During February, 1960, [redacted] b1

On February 5, 1960, [redacted] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that b7C

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she has no record reflecting that JOE LOUIS has registered as an agent of any foreign principal as of that date.

On March 9, 1960, [redacted] for the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City, made available guest records which reflected that JOE LOUIS was a resident of the Park Sheraton from January 11 through January 17, 1960. The records reflected that LOUIS occupied Room 2030 and made the following long distance telephone calls:

January 13, 1960	New York [redacted]
January 13, 1960	Orange, New Jersey [redacted]
January 17, 1960	Teaneck, New Jersey [redacted]
January 17, 1960	[redacted] New Jersey

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[redacted] advised that LOUIS' bill on this occasion in amount of $227.27, was paid in cash. He stated that on previous visits to the hotel, LOUIS has charged his bill.

[redacted] further advised that the room was occupied only by LOUIS and there is no record of [redacted] having resided at the hotel.

[redacted] advised that the hotel records also indicate that LOUIS made local calls on January 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1960, however, he has been unable to locate the records of these calls and pointed out that local numbers are seldom noted by the hotel operators.

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It will be noted that the records indicated that LOUIS' address was 200 West 57th Street, New York, New York.

Investigation at 200 West 57th Street, New York City, reflected that the offices of "JOE LOUIS Enterprises" are located at this address in Room 1301.

On March 11, 1960, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] that there is no records identifiable with JOE LOUIS in the files of her bureau.

On March 11, 1960, Investigator [redacted] United States Customs Service, exhibited a waybill issued by Cubana Airlines which indicated that two packages of "newspapers" and "propaganda De Turismo" (Tourist promotion) were shipped by Cubana Airlines to [redacted] telephone number [redacted] New York City. The name of the shipper was carried as [redacted] address, [redacted] Havana, Cuba. In the space marked "Broker Agent", the following notation was made,

"Credito Autorizado Por [redacted] Interventor De CCA", (Credit authorized by [redacted]

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On March 15, 1960, [redacted] advised that the Public Relations and Advertising Agency of LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER and LOCKHART Enterprises, Incorporated, has offices at 200 West 57th Street, New York City. [redacted] The agency was originally chartered in 1956 as LOUIS and [redacted] and the other officers have been recently added.

The source advised that [redacted] years of age and native born. [redacted]

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[redacted]

Source advised that JOE LOUIS is the former Heavy Weight Boxing Champion of the world.

[redacted] age [redacted] is native born and [redacted] The source advised that [redacted] is age [redacted] and native born. [redacted]

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Source advised that the agency of LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER and LOCKHART, is a Public Relations, Advertising and Market Research agency. [redacted] New York City bank account under the name of LOUIS and [redacted]

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On March 10, 1960, [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
March 21, 1960

Re: Joe Louis;
[redacted] aka [redacted] b7C
Louis, Rowe, Fisher & Lockhart
Enterprises, Incorporated

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] b7C
[redacted] at New York, dated and captioned as above.

Sources of information [redacted] - [redacted] used in this b2, b7D
report, are sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510)

DATE: 3/25/60

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (97-311)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.,
Joe Louis
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

OO: LOS ANGELES

Rerep SA [redacted] dated 3/9/60 at Miami and reports of SA [redacted] dated 3/17 and 3/25/60 at Los Angeles.

Extra copies of this letter are being sent to the Bureau for dissemination to Legat, Havana.

The following telephone calls were made from Los Angeles telephone number [redacted] listed to [redacted] Los Angeles. All of these calls were to Havana, Cuba telephone number [redacted]

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Call on 1/21/60 by [redacted] on 1/21/60 by [redacted] on 1/22/60 by [redacted] on 1/29/60 by [redacted] to JOE LOUIS.

It is suggested that the Bureau request Legat, Havana to identify the listing for this phone, to ascertain the period of LOUIS' stay in Havana, the identity of the persons who accompanied him on this trip and through Legat sources, the activities of LOUIS and his group while in Havana.

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CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

SYNOPSIS: XXXXXX

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the true name of the subject, JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, as reflected in the Biography of the Associated Press maintained in the Library of the "Los Angeles Times". The title was formerly JOE LOUIS and this is being carried as an alias.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/17/60 at Los Angeles.

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Copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 3/17/60 at Los Angeles and report of SA [redacted] dated 3/9/60 at Miami are being enclosed with this report to Chicago for its information in view of the fact that it is anticipated that considerable investigation will be conducted in this case at Chicago.

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LEADS The Bureau has instructed this case be given continuous and preferred attention.

All offices are requested to submit the results of their investigation in report form.

All offices will ascertain the listing for the number called and furnish some background to identify the listing as to occupation or relationship to JOE LOUIS and his activities. In the instances of hotels, ascertain the dates of LOUIS' occupancy and contacts he made while in that city. Some of the calls are self-explanatory, i.e. to TWA in Chicago on 11/21/59; however, they are being set out to show a possible pattern of travel by JOE LOUIS.

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK. [redacted] 9/27/59

[redacted] to [redacted] - 10/28/59.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. [redacted] 4 calls on 1/31/60

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[redacted] 9/26/59, 11/22/59, 11/30/59 and the same number to [redacted] 1/15/60.

[redacted] 11/18/59

[redacted] - 1/18/60 to [redacted]

[redacted] - 11/18/59

[redacted] - 11/18/59

[redacted] - 2 calls on 11/19/59; 3 calls on 11/20/59; 2 calls on 11/21/59, one of which was listed to JOE LOUIS.

[redacted] - 3 calls on 1/31/60

DE 2-7666 - TWA Passenger Service, O'Hara Field, Boarding Information - 11/21/59 (2 calls)

[redacted] - 9/24/59, 10/28/59, 11/30/59, 2/1/60, 2/8/60

[redacted] - 12/20/59

FI 6-4990 - Passenger Information, O'Hara Field - 11/21/59

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[redacted] - 7 calls on 1/31/60

[redacted] - 2 calls on 1/31/60

[redacted] - LOUIS to [redacted] 10/1/59

[redacted] to [redacted] 11/1/59

[redacted] - 1/31/60

[redacted] to [redacted] 10/7/59

[redacted] 11/19/59

[redacted] - 4 calls on 1/31/60

[redacted] to [redacted] - 9/23/59, 10/7/59, 11/5/59, 11/20/59.

2. Will make inquiry with appropriate official with the Bureau of Internal Revenue for information concerning subject, noting the information obtained from Internal Revenue as set out on page I in this report.

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. [redacted] to JOE LOUIS - 1/10/60.

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CLEVELAND

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO. [redacted] to [redacted] 12/21/59.

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. [redacted] to [redacted] - 9/29/59.

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS. [redacted] to [redacted] [redacted] 2/9/60.

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN. [redacted] - 11/17/59, 5 calls; 11/18/59, 2 calls; 10/16/59 to [redacted] at Gotham Hotel; 11/15/59 [redacted] to JOE LOUIS, 2 calls; 12/8/59 to [redacted]

[redacted] - 11/18/59

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HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. [redacted] to [redacted] 11/5/59.

AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS. [redacted] 9/19/59, 9/22/59, 10/5/59, 11/17/59, 2 calls.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. [redacted] 1/24/60

[redacted] 2/7/60.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. [redacted] to [redacted] 10/4/59, 10/5/59.

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[redacted] to [redacted] - 9/19/59.

[redacted] to JOE LOUIS, Room 810 - 9/21/59; 10/13/59, 10/22/59; to JOE LOUIS on 1/16/60.

[redacted] - 12/24/59, 2/3/60

[redacted] to JOE LOUIS, Room 810 on 9/21/59, 9/23/59, 9/28/59; 2 calls on 1/15/60; to JOE LOUIS, Room 2039 on 1/16/60, to JOE LOUIS on 1/17/60.

[redacted] collect from [redacted] 1/19/60; to [redacted] - 1/22/60; to [redacted] - 2/7/60

[redacted] - 10/25/59, 10/30/59, 11/5/59, 12/2/59; to [redacted] on 1/16/60, 1/17/60 and 1/18/60

[redacted] - collect from [redacted] to [redacted] 12/19/59

[redacted] - 11/29/59.

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PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. [redacted] - 10/29/59

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] 10/2/59, 10/24/59, 11/7/59.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] - 9/19/59, 9/20/59, 9/21/59 4 calls, 9/22/59, 9/28/59, 9/29/59, 10/17/59, 12/20/59, 12/27/59.

[redacted] - 12/20/59

SU 1-4321 - Money Order Department, Western Union - 9/22/59

YU 2-5860 to BEN DAVIS - 9/19/59 2 calls.

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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] to [redacted] with the name of [redacted] crossed through on the toll ticket - 11/22/59.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. [redacted] - [redacted] - 2/12/60.

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AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] - 10/6/59, 10/26/59.

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] to [redacted] 10/19/59.

AT POMONA, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] - 2/4/60.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Havana, Cuba phone number [redacted] by [redacted] - 1/21/60; by [redacted] - 1/21/60; by [redacted] - 1/22/60; by [redacted] to JOE LOUIS - 1/29/60. (By separate letter to the Bureau, Los Angeles is requesting Legat, Havana to cover this lead.)

ADMINISTRATIVE

For the information of offices not receiving copies of referenced report, the following is being set out:

WALTER WINCHELL, in his column of January 18, 1960, indicated that JOE LOUIS and his public relations partner, BILLY ROWE, are handling special promotion for CASTRO's tourist board. In another column on January 24, 1960, WINCHELL said that LOUIS and "other fast-buck press agents" in the United States have been hired by CASTRO to attract tourists.

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It has been reported that JOE LOUIS allegedly at one time fronted for Las Vegas gamblers and is alleged to be "tied in" with JIMMY HOFFA, International President of the Teamsters Union. USA

In January, 1960 JOE LOUIS was named Organizing Director of Local 599, California Barbers, Bartenders, Maids and Culinary Workers Union, which union allegedly "steps on the toes" of well-organized AFL-CIO unions, but does not affect HOFFA's Teamsters.

The source who furnished to SE [redacted] on 3/16/60 the records of the [redacted] Los Angeles, who is the person who can produce the information and to whom a subpoena duces tecum should be directed.

A review of the toll calls during the period September, 1959 to February, 1960, reflects that only two telegrams were charged to the telephone. One was on 10/17/59 to San Diego and the other one was on 10/18/59 to Phoenix, Arizona and both were signed JOE LOUIS. b7C

On 3/23/60 SE [redacted] ascertained through contact with established source at Western Union Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, that the two above telegrams were identical. The first was sent in error to San Diego and was to [redacted] "Sorry unable to come to funeral but will send contribution in her memory to cancer fund. You have my sympathy in your loss." signed JOE LOUIS. Telegrams were charged to [redacted] Los Angeles.

On 3/22/60 [redacted] Internal Revenue Service, Room 1003 at 1031 South Broadway, Los Angeles, advised SA [redacted] that there

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is no reference card showing any [redacted] b3 b7C

in Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: March 25, 1960
Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: Los Angeles 97-311
Bureau File #: Bufile #: 100-385510

Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

The title of this case was formerly JOE LOUIS and has been changed to JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, which is his full name. Tolls charged to LOUIS' Los Angeles residence phone during September, 1959 to February, 1960 set out.

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DETAILS:

A review of the Biography of the Associated Press in the Library of the "Los Angeles Times" on March 23, 1960, reflects that the full name of JOE LOUIS is JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, who was born on May 13, 1914 in Lafayette, Alabama and who at one time was the World Heavyweight Champion. [redacted]

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On March 22, 1960 SE [redacted] checked the indices of the Corporate Records Index of Businesses Using Fictitious Names and the Index of Certificate for Businesses in Los Angeles City and County and obtained the following information:

Articles of Incorporation were filed on June 14, 1949 on Joe Louis Homes, Inc. In the Articles of Incorporation

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the purpose was listed to buy, build and sell land and homes and to sell stock. The directors of the corporation were listed as follows:

JOE LOUIS BARROW, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago ILL

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A Certificate of Election to Dissolve the above-named corporation was filed on October 10, 1951.

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Date March 24, 1960

A source furnished information on March 16, 1960 from the records of the [redacted] Los Angeles, California. This information cannot be used unless a subpoena duces tecum is first issued to [redacted]

The following tolls were charged to Los Angeles telephone [redacted] listed to [redacted] Los Angeles, during the period [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510) DATE: 3-31-60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-1763)

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT-CUBA

Re L.A. Airtel to Director 3-24-60

Enclosed are 24 photographs of Joe Louis and his associates which are being submitted to the Bureau in accordance with the suggestion set forth in the referenced Los Angeles Airtel.

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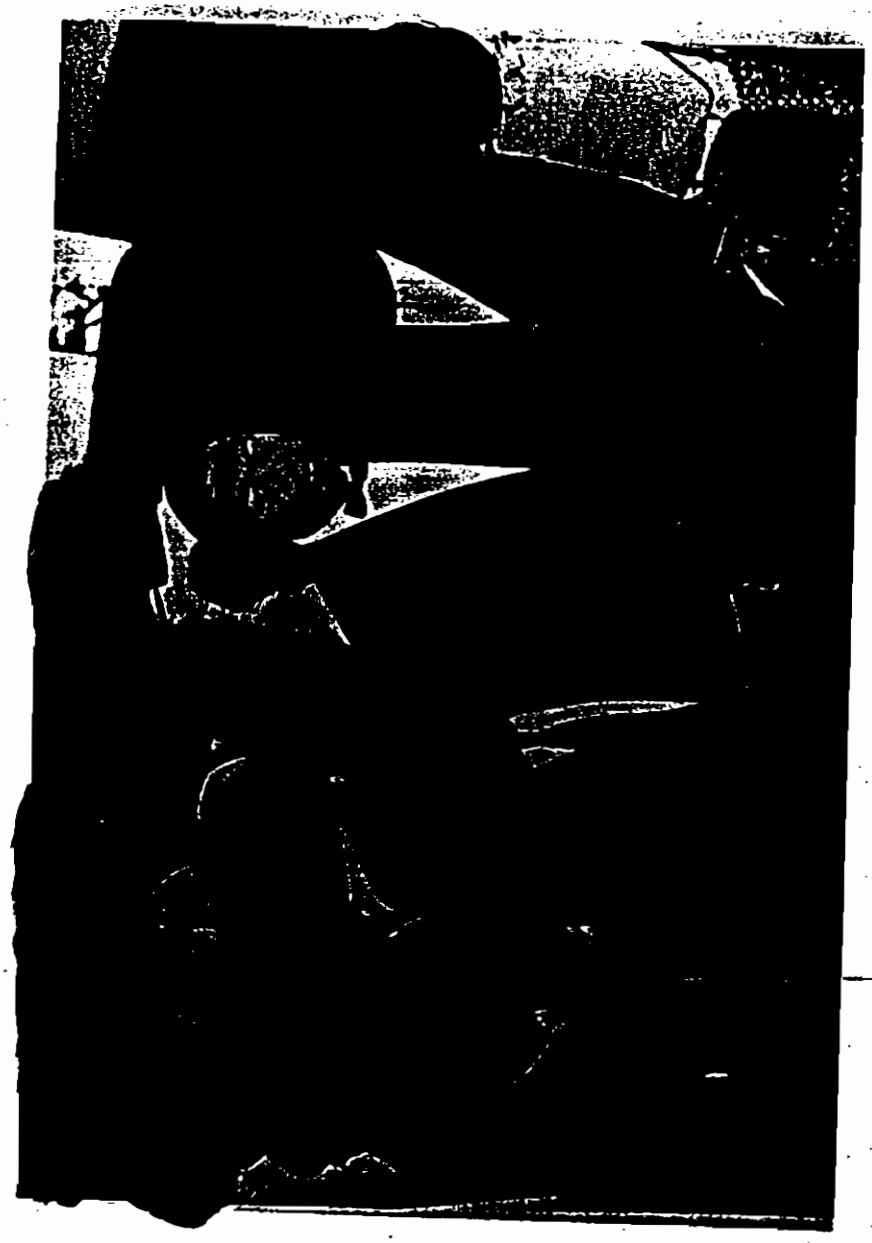

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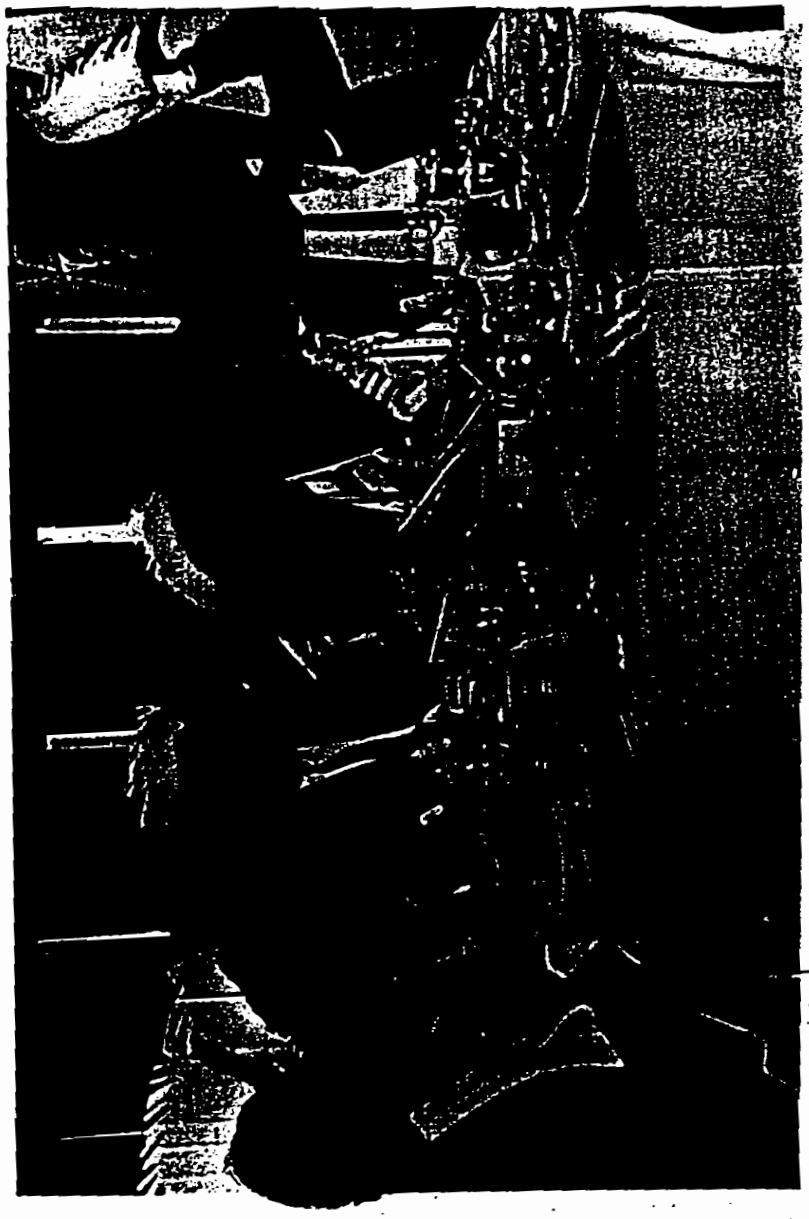

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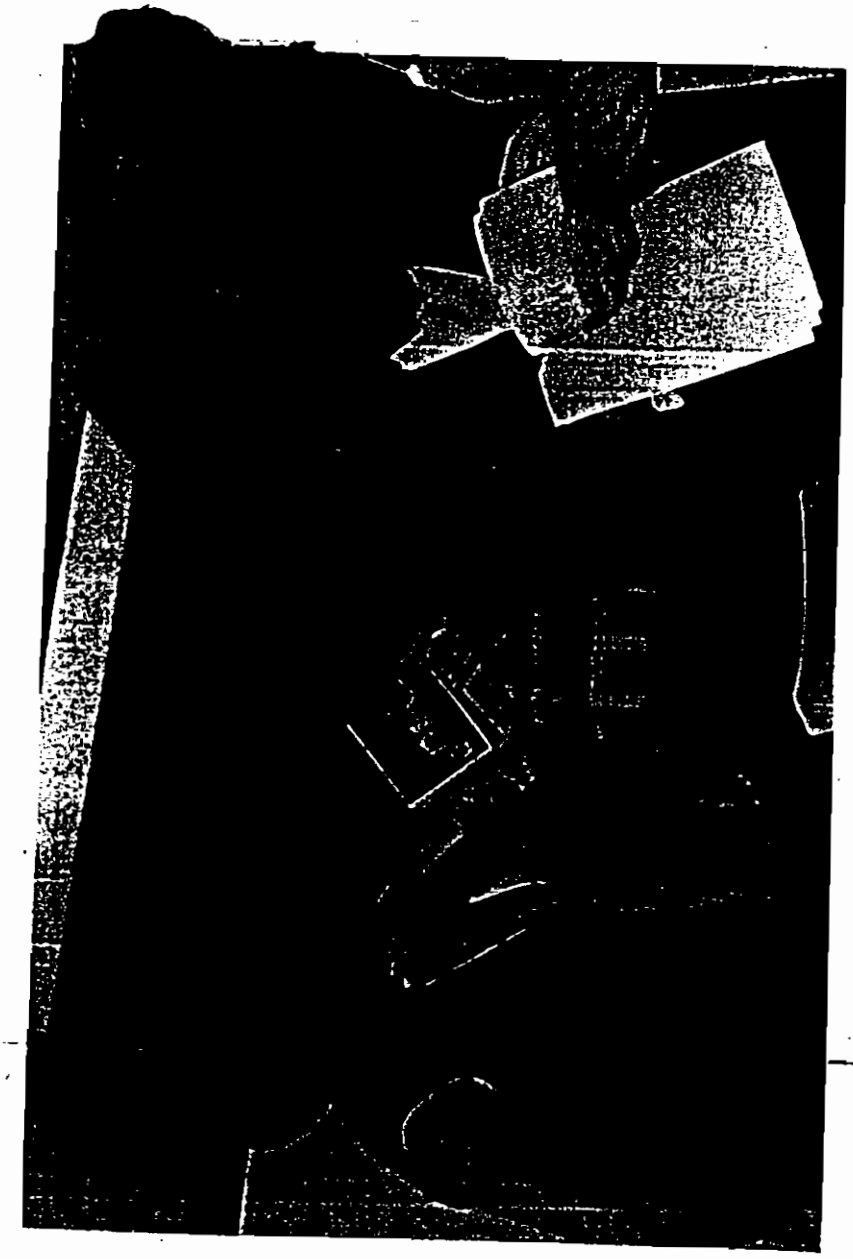

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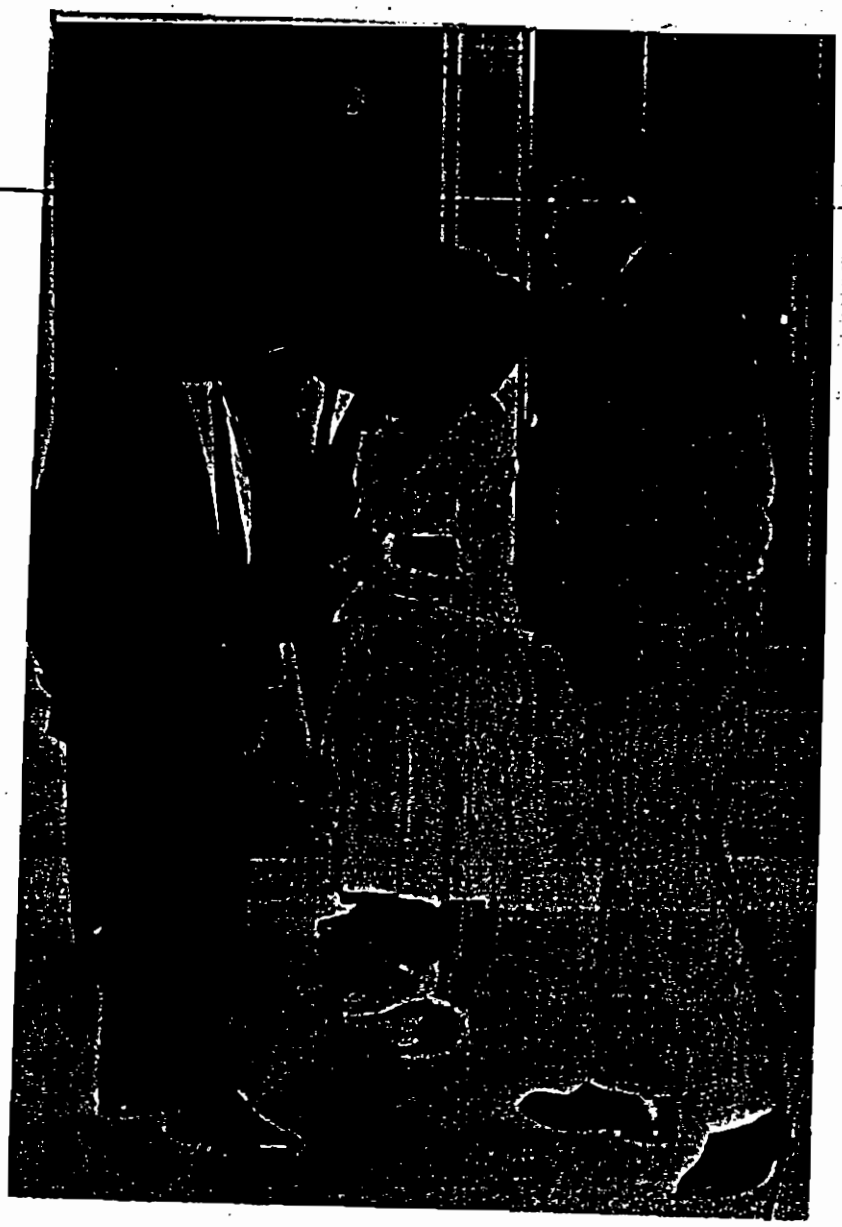

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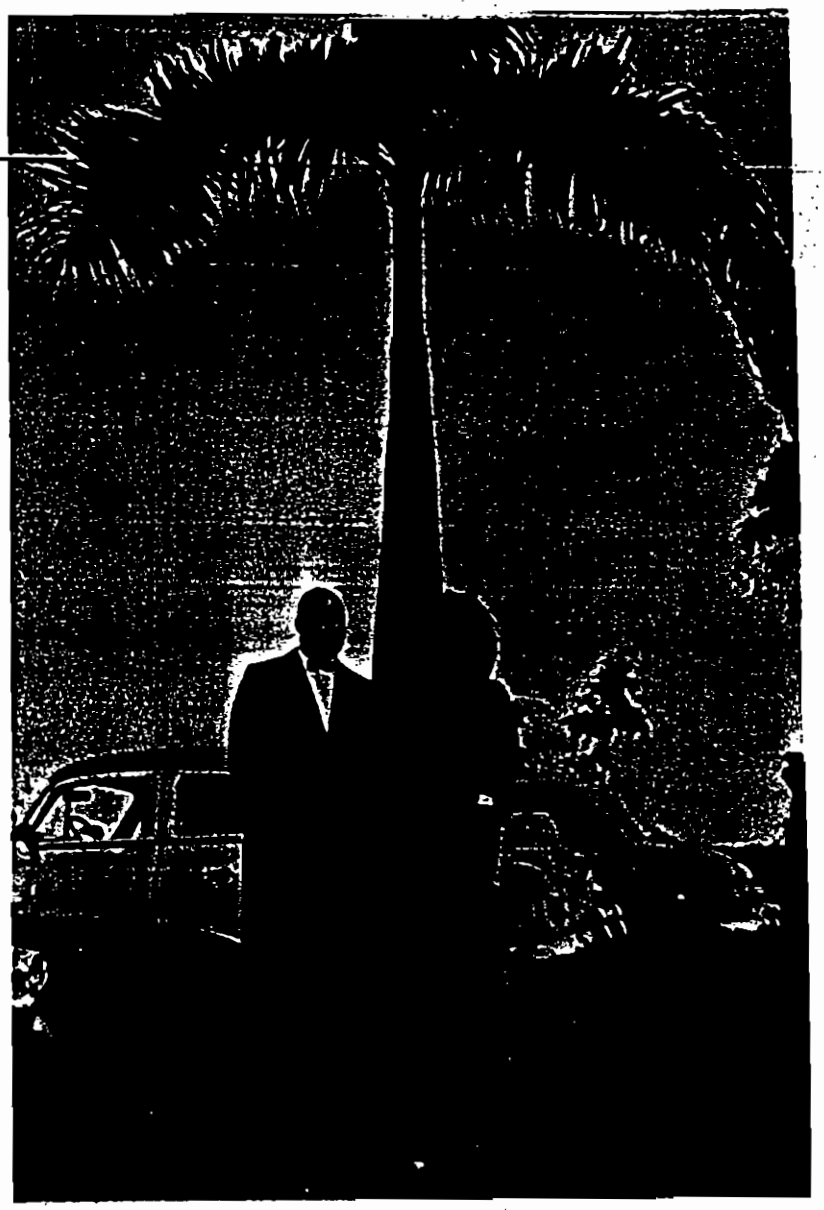

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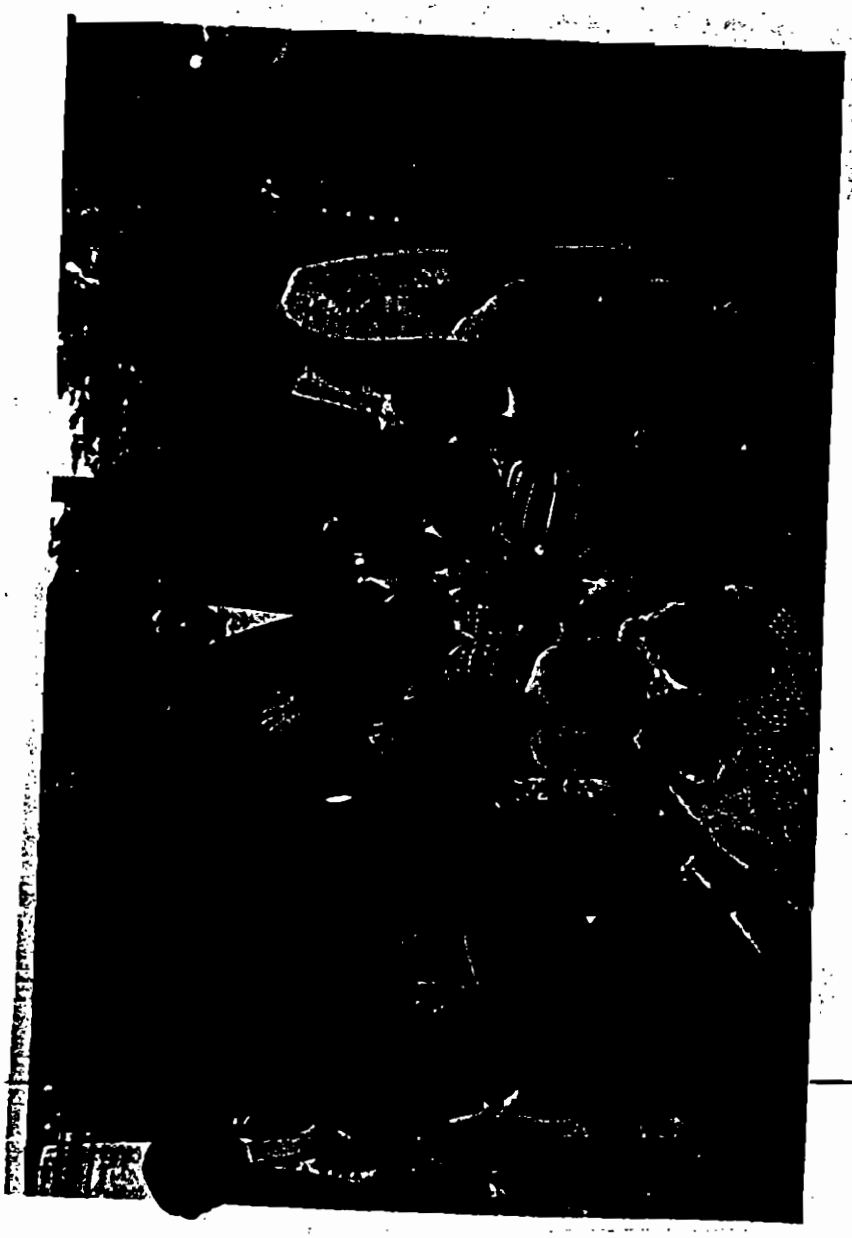

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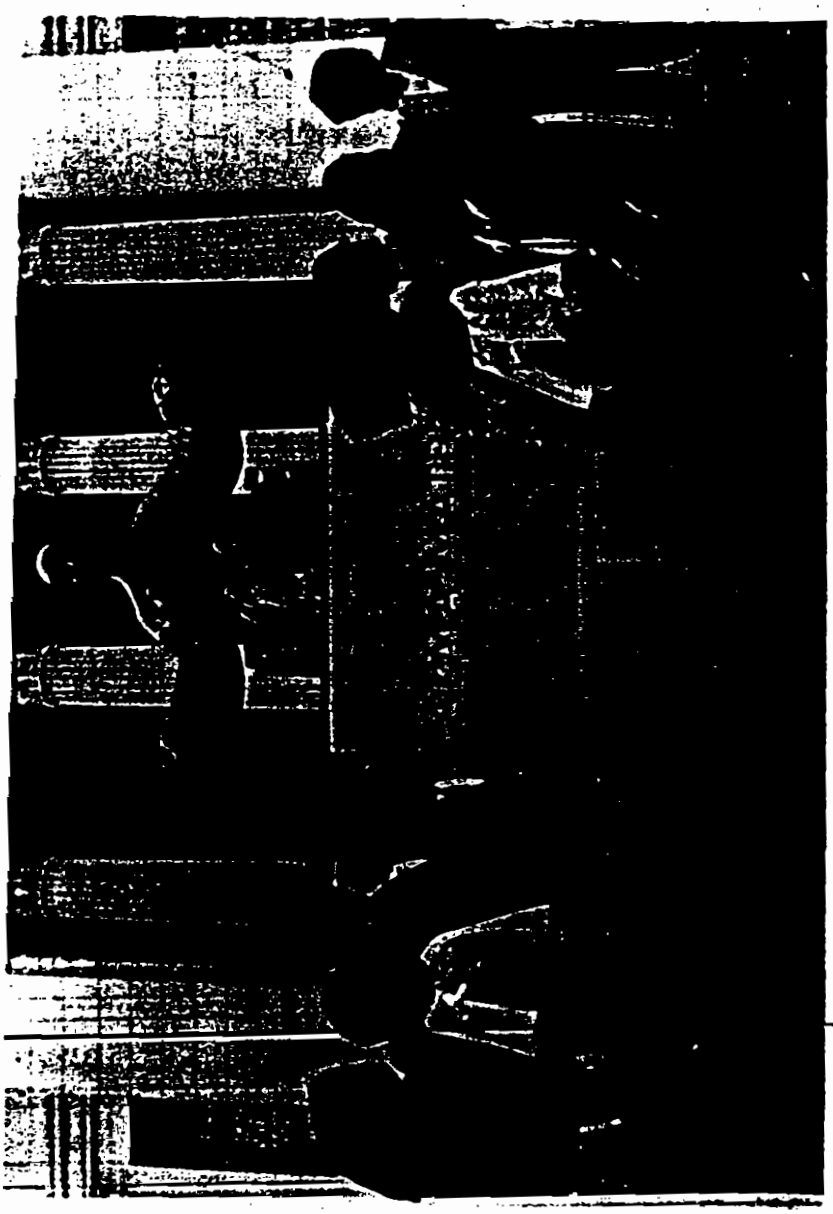

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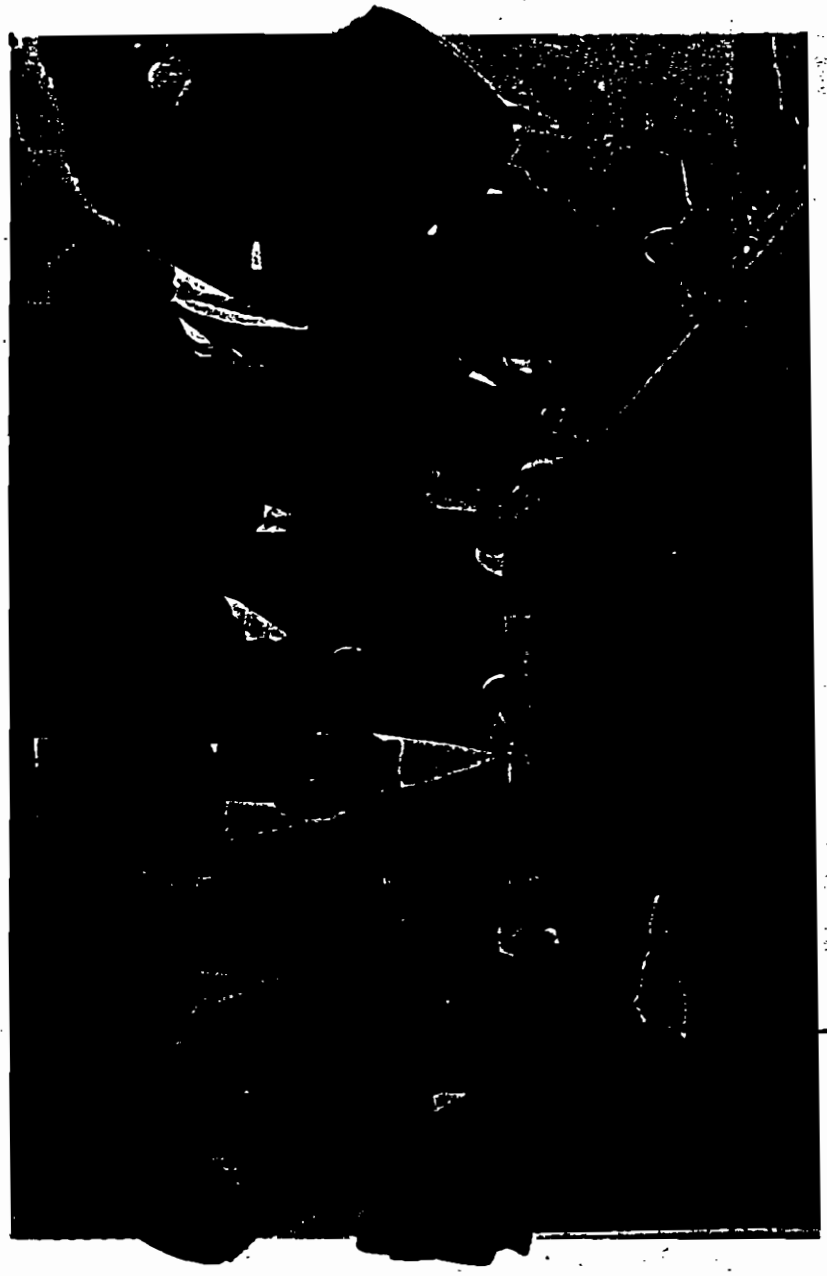

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510)

FROM: SAC, WFO (97-1314)

b7C [redacted]

JOE LOUIS
RA - CUBA
(00:LA)

ReWFOlet 2/16/60.

For info Bureau and possible assistance LA and NY, review of records Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, on 3/16/60, by SA [redacted] reflected no registration statement as yet received from LOUIS or his firm. Those records do, however, reflect that letter was received 2/16/60, from firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., 200 West 57th St., NYC, signed by [redacted] and requesting forms for registration as that firm doing business with "a foreign government in America." Requested forms forwarded that firm by Registration Section 2/23/60, but no reply as yet received. No additional info relative to this matter has been received by WFO.

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If NY has not already done so it is suggested above firm be further identified with reference to its employees, type of business in which engaged, and possibility it might have been formed for purpose of handling supposed contract between LOUIS and Cuba.

WFO will maintain contact with Department of Justice for receipt of registration statement from that firm.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (97-311)

RE: JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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Re report of SA [redacted] to Los Angeles, dated 3/21/60, which enclosed 24 photographs of JOE LOUIS and associates.

New York is requested to forward copies of these photographs to Bureau.

It is suggested that Bureau give consideration to forwarding photos to Legat, Havana to identify persons in photo.

Hold in abeyance in view [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont also

SECRET

DATE: March 31, 1960

FROM [redacted]

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - [redacted] b7C
1 - [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the results of our investigation to date concerning allegations that subject had been hired to act as an agent for the Castro government.

Bureau has been conducting an investigation into the activities of Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion, to determine if his activities bring him within provisions of the registration statutes. This inquiry is based on information that appeared in Walter Winchell's column on 1/18/60 disclosing that Louis and an associate had been hired by Castro to attract tourists to Cuba. [redacted] (S) b1

The records of the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, contain no information indicating that subject has registered as an agent of any foreign principal. The records disclose, however, that a letter was received by the Department on 2/16/60 from the firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., a New York City firm, requesting registration forms. The letter disclosed that the firm was doing business with a foreign government in the U.S.

Since subject may be member of afore-mentioned firm, we are furnishing the Internal Security Division a report containing the allegations against the subject and requesting that we be advised if subject's activities would bring him within the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. We are also requesting to be advised if subject's registration is solicited or if he has already fulfilled his obligation in this matter.

ACTION:

For information.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510) DATE: 4/8/60

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (97-229)

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS; et al
RA - CUBA
(OO: Los Angeles)

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 3/21/60 at New York.

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On 3/31/60 [redacted] furnished IC [redacted] the identities and backgrounds of the subscribers for the telephone numbers listed below:

[redacted] (special nonpublished)

[redacted]

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[redacted]

(which covers the Lodi, N.J. area)

[redacted]

Newark indices are negative concerning the above individuals.

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April 8, 1960

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI (100-385510)

JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

ReBuairtels 2/26/60 and 3/18/60.

The Department by letter dated 4/6/60 revealed that the New York firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher, Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated, filed a Registration Statement on 4/5/60 listing the National Tourist Commission of Cuba as the foreign principal. Since subject has been identified as a member of the afore-mentioned firm, investigation in this matter should be discontinued. All offices submit reports showing results of investigation to date.

1 - Buffalo
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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
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NOTE: Bureau instituted investigation of subject, the former heavyweight champion, on basis of info that appeared in Walter Winchell column 1/18/60 disclosing that subject and an associate had been hired by Fidel Castro to attract tourists to Cuba. Inquiries identified Louis as member of NY firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher, Lockhart Enterprises, Incl. Since Department has disclosed that afore-mentioned firm filed Registration Statement 4/5/60, we are instructing field to discontinue its investigation.

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We are instructing the field to discontinue investigation.

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April 7, 1960

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 6, 1960

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Walters
Tele. Room
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Miss Gandy

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 1, 1960, with which was enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] In your memorandum [redacted] you request to be advised whether this Division intends to solicit the subject's registration or whether he has [redacted] already fulfilled his obligation in this matter.

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This is to advise you that a registration statement was filed by the Louis-Rowe-Fisher-Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., on April 5, 1960. In this statement the National Tourist Commission of Cuba was named as the foreign principal. Also attached to the statement was an Exhibit B setting forth the terms of the agreement between the registrant and its foreign principal. If desired, a photocopy of this statement will be made available to you.

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We are instructing the field to discontinue investigation.

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April 7, 1960

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
SAN FRANCISCO	LOS ANGELES	APR 13 1960	4/4/60 - 4/8/60

TITLE OF CASE

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.

Report made by [redacted] b7C

Typed By: DAO

CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

REFERENCE

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/60 at Los Angeles.

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[redacted] who received two telephone calls from LOUIS on 9/19/59, was formerly a PCI of the San Francisco Office. He was carried as a PCI from [redacted]

Approved Apr

Special Agent in Charge

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2- San Francisco (105-8607)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date:

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

APR 3 1960

Field Office File #: San Francisco 105-8607

Bureau File #: 100-385510

Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: San Francisco and the Sacramento telephone numbers contacted through telephone calls from residence of JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW in Los Angeles, during period September, 1959, to February, 1960, set out.

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DETAILS:

The telephone number LOmbard 6-2263, San Francisco, according to Special Agent [redacted] FBI, San Francisco, was the residence telephone for WILLIE MAYS, San Francisco Giants baseball star, during 1959. Special Agent [redacted] a personal acquaintance of WILLIE MAYS, advised that JOE LOUIS and WILLIE MAYS have been close, personal friends for a number of years and that when MAYS is in Los Angeles during baseball season, or at other times, he frequently lives at LOUIS' home.

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The telephone number [redacted] San Francisco, according to current San Francisco telephone directory, is the listing for [redacted]

The telephone number SUtter 1-4321, according to current San Francisco telephone directory, is the listing for Western Union.

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The telephone number [redacted] is the current telephone listing for [redacted] San Francisco. According to military service records, [redacted] was born [redacted] and was in the United States Army from [redacted] when he was released from active duty and transferred to the Inactive Officers Reserve Corps. He was honorably discharged on [redacted] There was no record of courts-martial, absence without leave, or disciplinary action while in the military service. [redacted] in San Francisco, [redacted] which had been investigated by the Bureau.

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The telephone number GL 2-6688, Sacramento, according to the current Sacramento City Directory, is the listed telephone number for N. G. Culjis Funeral Home, 2200 28th Street, Sacramento. The "San Francisco Examiner" carried an item to the effect the MAX BAER, former heavy weight boxing champion, died in Los Angeles on November 21, 1959, and his body was sent to Sacramento for burial. It will be noted that the name [redacted] appeared on the toll ticket for a telephone call to this number.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN DIEGO	LOS ANGELES	4/16/60	4/1 - 8/60

TITLE OF CASE

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, Aka
Joe Louis

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/60 at Los Angeles. b7C

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Information from the Telephone Company was received by SA [redacted] b7C The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 816, Bank of America Building, San Diego, California.

Reports have been provided in this instance in the same quantity as provided in re Los Angeles report.

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Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: 4/16/60

Office: SAN DIEGO

Field Office File #: San Diego: 97-93

Bureau File #: 100-385510

Title: [redacted] b7C

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Telephone No. [redacted] at San Diego, Calif. is listed to one [redacted] b7C No criminal record found and his record at [redacted] generally good.

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[redacted]

[redacted] advised that on October 28, 1959 [redacted] was interviewed by a representative of the Security Office and he denied having made the request and denied having any government property on his premises. At that time he signed a waiver of search for his home and no property was found. No disciplinary action was taken. [redacted]

[redacted] provided the following descriptive information on [redacted]

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Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Father	
Mother	
[redacted]	
Wife	
Height	5' 8"
Weight	159 pounds [redacted]
Race	Negro
Eyes	Black
Hair	Black
[redacted] Serial Number	[redacted]

On 4/8/60 at San Diego, California File # LA 97-311 / SD 97-93

by SA [redacted]/rk Date dictated 4/13/60

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Social Security No.
Education

Employment

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Residence

[redacted]

On April 5, 1960 Investigative Clerk [redacted] was advised by Lieutenant [redacted] San Diego Police Department, that there was no record for [redacted]

On April 6, 1960 IC [redacted] was advised by Captain [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, that there was no record for [redacted]

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On April 5, 1960 IC [redacted] was advised by [redacted] of San Diego, that that agency had a file [redacted] An item clipped from the newspaper, although not known to refer to this [redacted] to the effect that one [redacted] was a co-defendant in a civil suit for a debt of [redacted] was reflected in the file. There was no further information concerning this and the rest of [redacted] file was favorable.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
DALLAS	LOS ANGELES	4/18/60	4/10 - 11/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka., Joe Louis	SA [redacted] b7C	nlf
	CHARACTER OF CASE: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

REFERENCE:

Report SA [redacted] 3/25/60, Los Angeles.
Buairtel to Los Angeles 4/8/60.

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Individual furnishing information to SA [redacted] from the records of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Ft. Worth, was [redacted] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Ft. Worth.

Individual furnishing information from the records of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, to SA [redacted] Southwestern Bell, Dallas.

Investigation discontinued and RUC report being submitted in accordance with instruction in re Buairtel, 4/8/60.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510) DATE: April 19, 1960

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (97-154)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.,
Joe Louis
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/60 at Los Angeles, and Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/8/60.

Current Cleveland telephone directory and 1958 and 1959 city directories do not list [redacted] who, according to referenced report, was called at telephone number [redacted] Cleveland, on December 21, 1959 from telephone number [redacted] Los Angeles, listed to [redacted] Indices of this office reflect no record identifiable with [redacted]

In the current Cleveland Criss Cross Telephone Directory, telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted]

The 1959 Cleveland City Directory lists [redacted]

The files of the Cleveland office reflect that in 1947, [redacted] It was said that all

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[redacted] Cleveland.

The source of the above information concerning the [redacted] was not given and it is being furnished only for information.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
BUFFALO	LOS ANGELES	APR 20 1960	4/4-4/15/60

TITLE OF CASE

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.,
Joe Louis

REPORT MADE [redacted] b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 3/25/60 at Los Angeles.

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On 4/6/60, [redacted] also confidentially advised that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C

Date: APR 20 1960

Office: BUFFALO, NEW YORK

File Number: Buffalo 97-81

Bureau file 100-385510

Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

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[redacted] is unlisted non-published telephone number [redacted] his residence [redacted] Buffalo, N. Y. [redacted] JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW while he was heavyweight champion.

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DETAILS: [redacted] advised on April 6, 1960, that [redacted] Buffalo, New York, and that it is an unlisted and nonpublished number. b7C

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INTERVIEW REPORT

DATE April 15, 1960

[redacted]

Patrolman [redacted] Buffalo Police Department, has known [redacted] Buffalo. During the period when JOE LOUIS was heavyweight champion of the world, [redacted] and is still on friendly terms with JOE LOUIS, although he has no business connection with him. JOE LOUIS has visited [redacted] in Buffalo as recently as October, 1959.

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Interview with Patrolman [redacted] File # BU 97-81

on 4/6/60 at Buffalo, New York Date Dictated: 4/11/60

by Special Agent [redacted] pan b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo 2, New York
April 20, 1960

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
(Buffalo 97-81)

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Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGuire

DATE: 4-21-6

FROM : W. G. Eanes

SUBJECT:

Joe Louis

The attached Excerpt- American Weekly 4-17-60 has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

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LOOK—Joined by Castro and Cuban President Dorticos, Joe Louis was honored guest at a New Year's banquet in Havana.

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Say it ain't so, Joe

Joe Louis, our greatest heavyweight champion, looks out of place in Castro's corner

By JIMMY CANNON

There are certain people in this country whose achievements belong to all Americans. [illegible] young when he was [illegible] He was a great [illegible] a credit to [illegible]

[illegible] Castro, Joe, [illegible] some series [illegible]

"I'm not [illegible] with Castro," he [illegible]

"Did you give up the [illegible]?" I asked.

"I don't work for Castro," he insisted. "I'm working with the Cuban Tourist Commission."

"But that's the same thing," I said.

"No," he shook his head. "It ain't."

He waited, as if this told it all. From any other man I would have resented this sort of talk. But Joe Louis has been my friend for years, and he has never lied to me.

"Castro doesn't like Americans, Joe."

"I had a meeting with Castro, Jimmy. He knows I'm an American. I called on the American Ambassador in Havana and told him what I was doing. I told the State Department, too. They didn't say it was anything bad."

Of course, what Joe is doing is not a criminal act and he will never have to defend it in court. But this is a legal-type argument, a blindness to right-from-wrong that Louis has never before sought sanctuary in. It is a measure of how far he has fallen from the straightforward simplicity of the days when he fought twice for the Army and Navy Relief Funds and—champion that he was—refused to accept reimbursement.

"How does it feel to be fighting for nothing?" a sports writer asked him.

"I ain't fighting for nothing," said Louis. "I'm fighting for my country."

Yet today, in his innocence, he sees nothing incompatible with publicizing the pleasures to be found in a country whose every hysterical act proclaims its anti-Americanism, its friendliness to Communism—at a time when we are fighting an undeclared war against Communism.

"I don't like no Communist," Louis told me. "But to me [illegible] [illegible] Castro. [illegible] [illegible] a reporter for the Daily [illegible] him. He said, [illegible] pinned to Louis, so [illegible] when they were [illegible] the South.

"Why shouldn't the [illegible] for their country?" Louis answered. "You [illegible] anything wrong with this country did Hitler [illegible] to live?"

Today he stands [illegible] no longer, the politicians or the others. [illegible] let the now-defunct, International Boxing Club use him and his name. He has been employed by a union to organize barbers, bartenders and domestic help in Los Angeles. He gives his name to a publicity firm. He refereed wrestling matches—like some ancient king abandoned by his court and left to frolic with the jesters. ("You have any regrets?" I asked him one night on the train ride in the midst of this wrestling escapade. "No," he said. "It ain't stealing.") And now, Castro's desperate act of a man hocking his reputation, which is all he has left.

There are some who will claim that I am too tolerant. But I can't condemn Louis because I know what he has endured. He is my friend, and I pity him. He is not—and never has been—a sophisticated man. Already, from the beginning of his fame, self-seekers have used him. They never let him alone. The greatest of all modern heavyweight champions never learned how to defend himself once he took off his gloves.

In his years as a pro Louis made more than $4,000,000. Some he threw away. He was trimmed out of a lot of it by other people who lived off him. There were [illegible] he lost at golf what a working man earns in many months. He made bad investments and, after he was through with fighting, he came up empty. He owed the government $[illegible] when he went into the army in 1942. [illegible] and [illegible] have increased his [illegible] dollars. [illegible] Washington recently [illegible] the books, [illegible] again. We have [illegible]

[illegible] After it go over [illegible] he knew how to win better than [illegible] I have known, is trying to lose with his [illegible] grace. But I wish someone could make him see that his bargain with Castro is not in the same class as his frolics with the wrestlers. I don't know what price the Cuban dictator is paying for Louis' name—but it is cheap, no matter what it is.

Joe Louis was a man who transcended his sordid sport, whose conduct in and out of the ring did more for his people than all the agitators, who was without prejudice himself, and who caused many to alter their own biased racial views. People wept the night Rocky Marciano knocked him out—and their sorrow wasn't restricted by color.

He never was a free-loader. I remember the train ride from the suburb, where he trained for Jimmy Braddock, into Chicago for the fight.

"Ain't it nice," he said, "them giving me this private car?"

Of course, he had paid for it, just as he is now paying the price for doing "a day's work for a day's pay" for Castro—a price exacted by people who used to fawn on him when all his troubles could be rectified by a left hook.

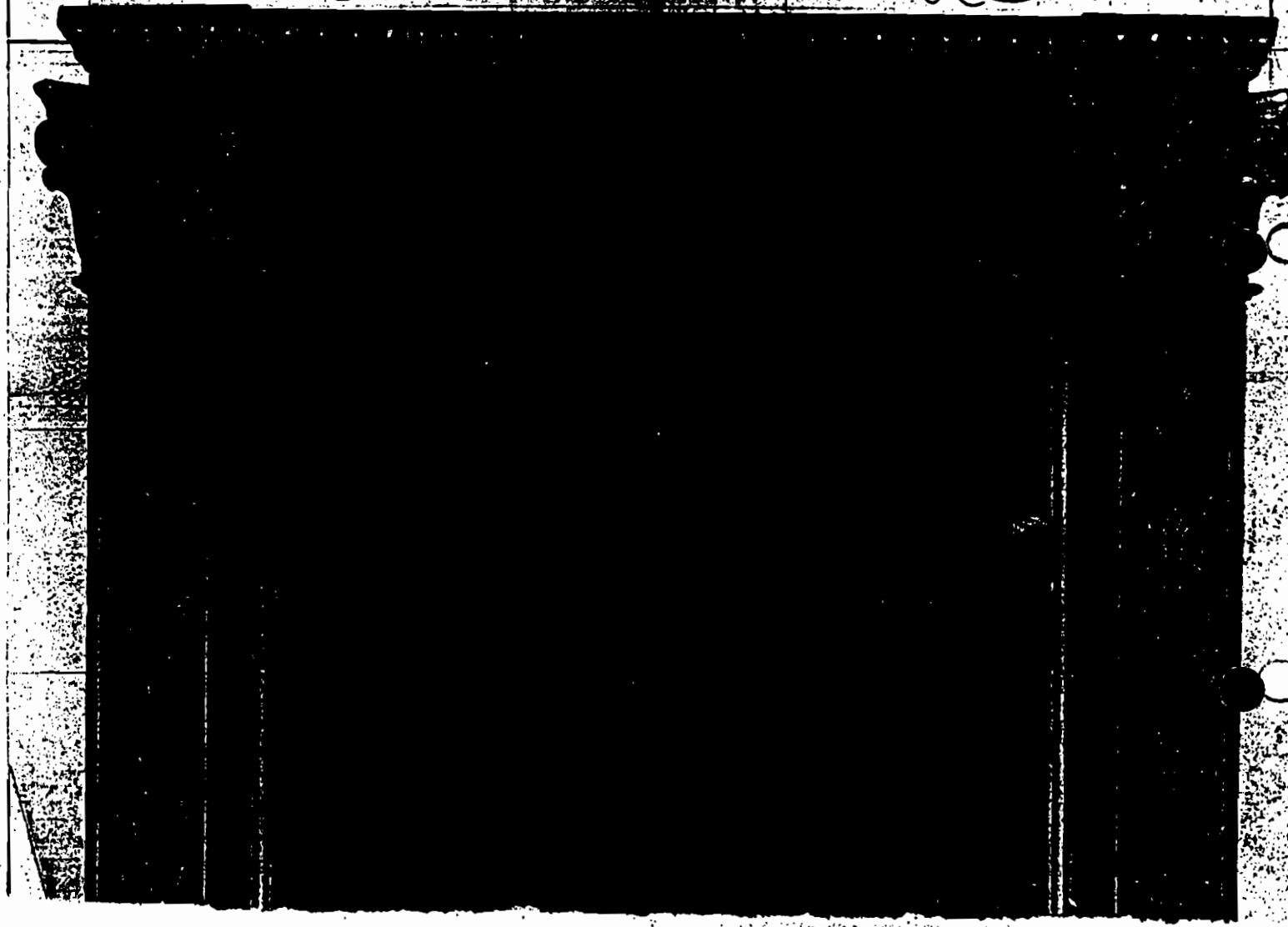
Reverie brings me Joe Louis as he stood in his corporal's uniform before a multitude at a war bond fete in Madison Square Garden. He was a champion, stately in his simplicity, and he defined the crusade against Hitler with poetic clarity.

"We're on God's side," Louis said that night.

That's how I want to remember him, not as a tourist agent for the Cuba of Castro.

I wish he would let me.

The Ascension — by Andrea Mantegna



OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510) DATE: April 22, 1960

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FROM : SAC, DETROIT (97-141)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.
Joe Louis
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
OO:Los Angeles

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/8/60 entitled "JOE LOUIS, REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA."

Referenced airtel instructed investigation in the above case be discontinued and all offices to submit reports reflecting investigation conducted to date of discontinuance.

Inasmuch as no investigation was conducted by the Detroit Office, no report will be submitted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
WASHINGTON FIELD	LOS ANGELES	APR 25 1960	3/16 - 4/7/60

TITLE OF CASE

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JOSEPH LOUIS BARROWS, aka
Joe L. Barrows

JOE Louis

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted] b7C

TYPED BY: blw

CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

This title is being marked "Changed" to reflect the name JOE L. BARROWS which is the way subject signed registration form for Registration Section, Internal Security Division, Justice Department.

REFERENCES

Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 2/26/60;
WFO airtel to Bureau 3/17/60;
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/8/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

By airtel dated 4/8/60, the Bureau advised that investigation in this matter should be discontinued and results of investigation to date submitted in report form.

APPROVED: JHG

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: APR 25 1960

Office: Washington, D. C.

File Number: 97-1314

Bufile 100-385510

Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROWS

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Subject registered at Registration Section, Internal Security Division, Justice Department, using name JOE L. BARROWS. Registration Section supra advised on 3/16/60, letter received 2/16/60, from firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., NYC, requesting forms for registration. Registration Section advised on 4/7/60, instant firm filed registration statement on 4/5/60, listing National Tourist Commission of Cuba as foreign principal. No short forms submitted as yet by individuals in firm but firm is now registered.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On March 16, 1960, SA [redacted] caused the records of the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, to be searched to ascertain if subject or any member of his firm, Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated, had registered under the terms of the Foreign Agent Registration Act of 1938, as amended. These records reflected no registration statement as yet received from LOUIS or his firm. The records did, however, reflect that a letter was received on February 16, 1960, from the firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart, Enterprises, Incorporated, 200 West 57th Street, New York City, signed by b7C [redacted] and requesting forms for registration as they were doing business with "a foreign government in America." Requested forms were forwarded that firm by the Registration Section on February 23, 1960.

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[redacted] On April 7, 1960, [redacted] Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, advised SA [redacted] that on April 5, 1960 a registration statement had been received from the firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated. This is filed under Registration Number 1348. The other name used by the registrant during the past ten years was Louis, Rowe Enterprises, Incorporated, from 1955 until a company merger in January, 1960. This company is located at 200 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York. [redacted] is president of this company. b7C

The registrant was organized as Louis, Rowe in 1945, and in January, 1960, became Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated. It was organized in New York City as a corporation.

The partners, officers, directors and similar officials of registrant were listed as follows:

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WILLIAM L. ROWE, President-Treasurer,
[redacted] New York [redacted] New York

JOE L. BARROWS, Vice President,
[redacted] Los Angeles, California

MAURICE A. LOCKHART, Second Vice President,
[redacted] New York [redacted] New York

CHARLES B. FISHER, Secretary,
[redacted]
New York.

No branches or local units of registrant were listed. The name and principal address of foreign principal were listed as the "National Tourist Commission of Cuba (INIT) or Instituto Nacional De La Industria Turistica, Havana, Cuba."

The nature and purpose of registrant's representation of his foreign principal were listed as "publicize and promote tourism through publicity, public relations and advertising in newspapers, magazines and on radio and television. Promote this activity on a national basis among organizations and individuals interested in vacationing and having conventions in Latin America."

Registrant stated that he had no other business other than public relations, publicity and advertising. This includes market research and market development for commercial and motion picture companies on a term basis.

Registrant stated that on February 23, 1960, he had received $28,250 from the "Instituto Nacional De La Industria Turistica, Havana, Cuba." This was broken down into $6,000 general fee and $22,250 for advertising and publicity.

Registrant stated that all expenditures made during the period directly or indirectly for or in the interest of his foreign principal were:

Date Payment Was Made	Name of Person to Whom Payment Was Made	Purposes For Which Payment Was Made	Amount of Payment
12/24/59	[redacted] b7C	Cash reimbursed Havana cable	$ 50.00
2/15/60	ParaType Stationery	Stationery bill	64.19
2/15/60	New York Telephone Company	Telephone bill	504.46
2/19/60	Kay Smith Caterers	Buffet lunch	706.25
3/2/60	King Travel Agency	Transportation	835.37
3/3/60	Photographic Fair, Ltd.	Rental - projector	5.15
3/4/60	Haber and Fink	Cuban carnival films	87.14
3/7/60	North's Travel Agency	Transportation	214.30
3/7/60	Chicago Defender	Advertising	173.25
3/8/60	Bureau of Customs	Duty-photos-newspapers	10.50
3/15/60	Davis-White Agency	Advertising, Cleveland Call and Post	80.64
3/15/60	Haber and Fink	Photographic supplies	186.43
3/15/60	Pinkerton's National Detective Agency	Services	17.25
3/15/60	Philadelphia Tribune	Advertising	71.52
3/15/60	Diners Club	Luncheon	17.65
3/15/60	Diners Club	Auto rental	229.35

Registrant advised that he had prepared or distributed the following types of publications during the past six months:

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Press releases, news bulletins, moving pictures and still pictures. [redacted] edited or prepared about 250 newspapers that were printed, produced or published by

Courier, Afro-American, New York Age, Chicago Defender, Crusader, Jet Magazine, Amsterdam News, Cleveland Call-Post, Ohio Sentinel, etc.

These publications were distributed by newsstand sale, the name of distributor being listed as "newsstands." The methods and channels of distribution listed as "home and mail, newsstands." The classes or groups of persons to which distributed were listed as "variety of readers coast to coast."

The registrant stated that he had no other affiliation, association or other connections not fully described above with foreign governments, foreign political parties or officials or agencies thereof.

This form was signed by [redacted] JOE L. BARROWS, [redacted] and [redacted] and dated April 1, 1960. This form was notarized by MARTIN E. RINDSBERG, Notary Public, State of New York.

Enclosed with the registration form was a copy of a letter dated February 4, 1960, addressed to [redacted] by the registrant, setting forth a breakdown of expenses and fees to this Commission. This letter showed the total budget to be $287,000, of which $25,000 was to be fees. This was to be a budget for the year starting in February of 1960.

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[redacted] stated that the short forms registrant statement required for each individual listed in the firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated, was not completely filled out so each of these short forms had been returned to this firm for completion. [redacted] indicated, however, that this firm and the members of this firm were now registered, complying with the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510) DATE: 4/25/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-8607)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.,
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Rerep SA [redacted] dated 4/13/60 at San Francisco.

The cover page of instant report carries the status as "P," whereas the FD-204 reflects the status as "RUC." The status should be RUC. The cover page also states in the last sentence "was discontinued immediately because, etc." This should be corrected to read "was discontinued eventually because, etc."

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
PORTLAND	LOS ANGELES	4/26/60	3/30 - 31/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By
JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, Aka Joe Louis	SA [redacted] b7C	jb
	CHARACTER OF CASE: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBAN	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, dated 3/25/60.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] b7C Office: PORTLAND
Date: 4/26/60

File Number: Portland 97-61 Bufile 100-385510

Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBAN

Synopsis: Portland telephone number CA 7-1153 issued to Jerome Margulis Jeweler, 701 S. W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon. [redacted] long identified in the jewelry business, Portland. Nothing unfavorable located Portland Police Department or Credit Bureau.

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DETAILS: AT PORTLAND, OREGON

A telephone call to CA 7-1153 on March 30, 1960, disclosed that number to be issued to the Jerome Margulis Jewelers, located at 701 S. W. Broadway, Portland.

Lieutenant [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Portland Police Department, advised on March 31, 1960, that he has known of [redacted] for at least the past ten years, and that during this entire period, [redacted] has been associated with the jewelry business, [redacted] stated that he has no reason to believe that [redacted] is or has been engaged in anything of an illegitimate nature during this period.

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He did indicate that he had heard that [redacted]

A review of the records of the Portland Police Department and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office disclosed no arrest records or citations involving [redacted]

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The Portland Retail Credit Records were favorable and described [redacted] as being approximately [redacted] years of age, white, with residence at [redacted] Portland, Oregon.

Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55.)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	4/25/60	3/30 - 4/11/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.; [redacted] b7C LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER AND LOCKHART ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED	[redacted] b7C	seb
	CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/60 b7C at Los Angeles;

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: April 25, 1960

Field Office File No.: Los Angeles 97-311 Bureau File No.: 100-385510

Title: JOE LOUIS;
[redacted] b7C
LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER AND LOCKHART
ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: New York firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated filed a registration statement with the Department of Justice on 4/5/60 naming as its foreign principal the National Tourist Commission of Cuba.

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DETAILS:

J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised on April 6, 1960 that the New York firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated filed a registration statement with the Department of Justice on April 5, 1960 naming as its foreign principal the National Tourist Commission of Cuba.

[redacted]

It has been previously reported that a toll call was charged to Los Angeles telephone [redacted] listed to [redacted] Los Angeles to [redacted] at Anaheim, California on October 6 and 26, 1959. b7C

SA [redacted] advised on April 1, 1960 that [redacted] in Anaheim was the telephone number for [redacted] Anaheim, Calif.

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On the same date [redacted] advised that [redacted] mentioned above, was a [redacted] in Los Angeles. Approximately [redacted] by the Los Angeles Police Department [redacted] advised that JOE LOUIS [redacted] represented [redacted] in connection with this arrest.

It has previously been reported that a telephone call was made on October 19, 1959 to [redacted] to [redacted] at FA 4-0497. [redacted]

SA [redacted] on April 11, 1960 advised that FA 4-0497 is the telephone number for Thelma's Beauty Shop, 517 East 4th Street, Bakersfield. A check of the [redacted] of Bakersfield on April 11, 1960, reflects that [redacted]

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It has previously been reported that a telephone call was made on February 4, 1960 to [redacted] at Pomona, California.

SA [redacted] advised on March 30, 1960 that this is the telephone number of the Montclair Police Department in the Pomona area.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
CINCINNATI	LOS ANGELES	4/27/60	4/5-6/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.	[redacted] b7C	jr
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

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Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, dated 3/25/60.

Bureau Airtel to Los Angeles, dated 4/8/60.

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Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Investigation determined Cincinnati telephone number MAin 1-6600 is listed for Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. Investigation determined the subject, as JOE LOUIS, resided Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1/6/60 - 1/11/60, occupying Room 948. In this period, subject made seven long distance calls to distant cities. No record of local calls ascertained.

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DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

On April 5, 1960, it was determined that Haines 1959-1960 Greater Cincinnati Criss-Cross Directory reflects Cincinnati telephone number MAin 1-6600 to be the listing for the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1960

b7C [redacted] Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, 421 Walnut Street, Telephone MAin 1-6600, advised that Registration Card Number K R11333 reflects that "JOE LOUIS, 3950 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, Calif., Triangle Records, Inc." registered at that hotel at 9:15 P.M. on January 6, 1960, occupied Room 948 and checked out of the hotel at 8:58 A.M., January 11, 1960. He occupied this room at a rate of $12.50 per day.

Records reflected that LOUIS'S bill, upon departure, amounted to $72.30, which was paid in full, on January 11, 1960.

b7C [redacted] advised that records further reflected that LOUIS had indicated that he intended to depart initially on January 8, 1960, and that on January 9, 1960, he had paid his bill to that date which amounted to $60.95, which amount was paid in full on January 9, 1960.

He advised that LOUIS'S total bill amounted to $133.25 for the period January 6, 1960, through January 11, 1960.

He advised that records of long distance toll charges reflected that seven long distance telephone calls as follows were charged to JOE LOUIS for Room 948, that the number in the distant city or person called are not recorded.

On 4/6/60 at Cincinnati, Ohio File # CI 97-89

by SA [redacted] b7C Date dictated 4/12/60

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Hotel Code Number	Date Call Placed	City Called	Duration of Call	Charge per Call (total)
G4088	1/6/60	Beaumont, Texas	14 minutes	$5.51
G4199	1/7/60	Los Angeles, California	8 minutes	$4.90
G4351	1/7/60	Chicago, Illinois	2 minutes	$1.16
G4133	1/7/60	Chicago, Illinois	4 minutes	$1.65
G4441	1/9/60	Los Angeles, California	7 minutes	$3.41
G4315	1/9/60	New York, New York	1 minute	$2.09
G4447	1/10/60	Los Angeles, California	3 minutes	$2.92

[redacted] advised that records concerning any local calls made from LEWIS'S room have been destroyed.

[redacted] advised that the records further reflect that one [redacted] signed two restaurant room service checks on January 9, 1960, for Room 948.

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He advised that Registration Card No. [redacted] reflected that one [redacted] Los Angeles, Calif., [redacted] was registered at the hotel from 9:15 A.M., January 6, 1960, to 11:53 A.M., January 9, 1960, and paid a total bill of $94.56 upon check-out.

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-65)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	LOS ANGELES	4/27/60	4/12/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
JOE LOUIS, ET AL;	[redacted] b7C	dbv
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

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REFERENCES:

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Re Buairtel 4/8/60,
Report of SA [redacted] at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

In accordance with Bureau instructions in the referenced airtel, the results of investigation conducted by the NYO to date are set forth and this case is being RUC'd.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: 4/27/60

Office: New York, New York

Bureau 100-385510

File Number: New York 97-1763

Title: JOE LOUIS, ET AL;

Character: REGISTRATION ACT, - CUBA

Synopsis: Names of individuals called by JOE LOUIS in NYC area set forth.

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DETAILS:

On April 12, 1960, [redacted] New York Telephone Company, advised that the following names are listed for telephone numbers called by LOUIS:

LO 8-3075 - charged to LO 8-1084; WILLIE MAYS, 502 West 168th Street, New York City.

SE 4-1800 - Graystone Hotel, 91st Street and Broadway, New York City.

[redacted] Northport three exchange has changed to [redacted] No listing for [redacted]

[redacted] Auxillary to [redacted] 200 West 57th Street, New York City. [redacted] - same as above.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
HOUSTON	LOS ANGELES	4/29/60	3/31/60 - 4/12/60

TITLE OF CASE

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, Aka.
Joe Louis

Report made by: SA [redacted] b7C

Typed By: dg

CHARACTER OF CASE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/60, at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATION

Investigation at Beaumont, Texas, was conducted by SA [redacted] b7C

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Houston, Texas
Date: 4/29/60

File Number: Houston File (97-59) Bureau File (100-385510)

Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: 1959 Criss Cross telephone directory, Beaumont, Texas, reveals telephone number TErminal 3 - 5668 is listed to Knighton Funeral Home. 1960 Cole's Criss Cross directory for Houston, Texas, lists telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted] Houston, Texas.

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DETAILS:

Cole's Criss Cross directory for Houston, Texas, 1960 lists telephone number [redacted] to [redacted] Houston, Texas. Polks City Directory for greater Houston for the year 1959 indicates that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Houston, Texas, and is employed as [redacted]

Review of the October, 1959 Criss Cross telephone directory for Beaumont revealed that TErminal 3-5668 is listed to Knighton Funeral Home, 805 Grant St. [redacted]

The 1959 Beaumont City Directory lists this funeral home as being owned by [redacted] this is also the address of the Knighton Funeral Benefit Association. Also listed at this address is [redacted] listed as [redacted] for Knighton Funeral Home.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
MIAMI	LOS ANGELES	MAY - 2 1960	4/14/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka., Joe Louis	[redacted] WAW	jlt

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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/9/60, at Miami, captioned JOE LOUIS, RA - CUBA.
Bureau airtel dated 4/8/60, to Los Angeles, instructing discontinuance of investigation in this matter.

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: MAY - 2 1960
Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: Miami 97-324
Bureau File #: 100-385510

Title: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Director of Cuban Tourist Commission, Miami, Fla., reportedly stated subject paid $287,000.00 by Cuban Government to support "Operation Negro", a program in promotion of Negro tourism in Cuba.

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DETAILS: b2, b7D

On April 14, 1960, [redacted] in Miami, Florida, remarked that subject, who is the former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, had been paid $287,000.00 by the Cuban Government to support "Operation Negro". b7C

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[redacted] described "Operation Negro" as being a program sponsored by the Cuban Government in conjunction with the Cuban Tourist Commission, to portray Cuba as a desirable vacation spot for Negroes due to the racial equality which they might enjoy there.

b2,b7D ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ [redacted] said that this program is designed to stimulate the faltering Cuban tourist industry.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 97-324

Miami, Florida

MAY - 2 1960

MEMORANDUM

RE: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Miami, dated and captioned as above.

b2,b7D [redacted] mentioned in above referenced report, has furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

RA

TO : Director, FBI (100-385510)

DATE: April 30, 1960

FROM : Legat, Havana (97-85)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka
Joe Louis
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned subject and eight copies of a memorandum evaluating the source used therein.

Re Bureau airtels to Los Angeles dated February 26 and April 8, 1960.

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and a T symbol has been used only where necessary to protect the source. [redacted] b7C

No local dissemination is being made of instant memorandum inasmuch as the information contained therein is already known to interested agencies in the Embassy in Havana.

Instant memorandum is classified confidential since it reflects results of investigation conducted by Legat, Havana.

Extra copies of this letter and the enclosed memoranda are furnished for the information of the Los Angeles office (97-311).

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 30, 1960

Re: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW,
aka Joe Louis

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b7C [redacted] advised on April 14, 1960, that subject and [redacted] are actually in the employ of the CASTRO Government and are attempting to secure favorable propaganda with radio stations, newspapers and Negro groups, whereby Negro tourists would be attracted to come to Cuba. Source did not know the exact financial arrangements under which LOUIS [redacted] were operating.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 30, 1960

Re: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW,
aka Joe Louis

Reference is made to the memorandum dated April 30, 1960, captioned as above. The following is evaluation of source used therein:

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES G. E. .MENT

Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont

FROM : S. B. Donahoe

DATE: May 26, 1960

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Donahoe
1 - [redacted] b7C
1 - Mr. Cotter

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka
Joe Louis
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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"Washington Daily News" 5-25-60 carried front page story reporting Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion, and three associates had been hired by Castro government as public relations agents for $287,000 a year. Article reported firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher, Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., of New York City, had registered with Justice Department on 4-19-60 listing duties as public relations and tourist promotion and foreign principal as National Tourist Commission of Cuba. Partners in firm, other than subject, were shown as William Leon Rowe, president; Maurice Alvin Lockhart, second vice president; and Charles Bennett Fisher, treasurer. Louis was identified as vice president. Article noted Rowe listed himself as associate member of New York State Chiefs of Police and life member of Guardian Association of NYCPD. Director instructed "Let me have a memo. H."

We instituted Registration Act case regarding Louis in February, 1960, based on information in press indicating he and his partner [redacted] were promoting tourist trade to Cuba and endeavoring to secure support of Negro press for Castro government. When we first checked on 2-5-60, subject was not registered with Department; however, on 2-16-60 firm of Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., wrote Department and requested registration forms and on 4-5-60 this firm filed a registration statement. Statement listed National Tourist Commission of Cuba as foreign principal and purpose was shown as to publicize and promote tourism through publicity, public relations and advertising in news media. Statement indicated proposed budget for year beginning February, 1960, would be $287,000 including a $25,000 fee. Following registration, we discontinued our investigation since subject and his partners had fulfilled registration responsibilities and since there was no indication they were acting in violation of any federal statutes. Reports covering our investigation have been furnished to Department, State and [redacted]

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Our files contain no adverse information regarding [redacted] During the investigation it was determined that [redacted] (this information was included in report disseminated to other agencies). New York State Chiefs of Police Association is active law enforcement promotion group with which Bureau enjoys cordial relations. Supervisor [redacted] of NYO advised Inspector [redacted] today that an individual can be associate member of this group even after ceasing connection with police agency simply by continuing payment of dues. Regarding Guardian Association, [redacted] said this is a Negro fraternal society in the NYCPD. [redacted] is not known to have any current direct law enforcement connections and he is not on any Bureau mailing lists

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPT.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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Castro Hires Ex-Champ, 2 Aides

Louis Gets Cuba Promotion Post

By JIM G. LUCAS Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

Fidel Castro has hired former heavyweight champion Joe Louis and three associates as his American public relations agents for $287,000 a year.

Mr. Louis filed as a foreign agent with the Department of Justice on April 19, listing himself as vice president of Louis, Rowe, Fisher, Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., of 200 West 57th st, New York.

He listed his duties as "public relations-tourist promotion" and his employer as the Instituto Nacional de La Turistica (INIT) of Havana, the Castro government's bureau for promotion of tourism.

Bureau files show filing date 5-5-60

Mr. Louis' registration revealed his firm already had been paid $30,250 by INIT, $2000 on Jan. 1 "to invite tourists to a New Year's Eve celebration in Havana, Cuba," and $28,250 on Feb. 28, listed simply as "fee."

Filing with Mr. Louis were William Leon Rowe, known also as Billy Rowe, of 209 West 139th Street, New York, listed as the firm's president; Maurice Alvin Lockhart, known also as Al Lockhart, of 655 Riverside Drive, New York, and Oak Bluff, Mass., second vice president, and Charles Bennett Fisher, 11-18 174th Street, St. Albans, N. Y., treasurer.

York, N.Y.

WITH PATTERSON

In New York, Mr. Fisher said Mr. Louis currently was with Floyd Patterson, another former heavyweight champion, in training camp.

He said their foreign agents' registration was "self-explanatory."

"We're not interested in politics," Mr. Fisher said.

He said it was too early to say whether the firm had boosted Cuba's tourist trade, but added "we feel we are responsible for whatever Negroes are going down there."

Mr. Louis filed under his real name, Joseph Louis Barrow, but said he also was known as Joe Louis, born May 13, 1914, in Lexington, Ala.

Mr. Rowe listed himself as an associate member of the New York State Chiefs of Police and a life member of the Guardian Association of the Police Department of New York City. Mr. Lockhart listed himself as "Assistant Mayor of Harlem," a member of the Citizens Committee to Beautify New York City and the YMCA, among others.

CONTRACT

In a contract signed with Dr. Baudilio Castellano, INIT director, on Feb. 4, Messrs. Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart agreed to "execute the terms of this presentation and the monthly plan in accordance with the wishes of the Cuban revolutionary government, to work closely with INIT-designated officials, to extend the facilities of our office to this representative and to use all the personnel of our firm and our contacts to promote tourism and good will for Cuba."

In a letter to Dr. Castel-

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lano, Mr. Rowe said the firm's public relations program was "geared to give maximum results."

The contract calls for an annual fee of $287,000 less $25,000 already advanced. It is to be paid in 11 monthly installments of $22,000 and one of $20,000. However, the contract also provides that "these figures may change from month to month depending on the situation at hand and the needs of INIT." Somewhat ambiguously, it also provides that "special things will be paid for by INIT."

Mr. Louis' registration lists his residence at 2950 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles. He said he had made two trips to Cuba in the three months preceding registration. As additional business, he listed "public relations, promotion, recording company, milk company."

3 CUBAN TRIPS

Mr. Rowe reported three Cuban trips between Dec. 19 and Feb. 25, and said his principal contribution would be "development of tourism thru writing of news stories and advertising."

Mr. Fisher also listed three Cuban jaunts "to start development of the February plan." Mr. Lockhart noted six trips to Havana, and also listed one from Havana to Venezuela on Feb. 2, the nature of which was not disclosed.

The firm reported it had prepared 250 press releases to date, all for Negro publications — the Courier, Afro-American, New York Age, Chicago Defender, Crusader, Jet Magazine, Amsterdam News, Cleveland Call-Post Ohio Sentinel "and others."

In a separate corporate filing, Messrs. Louis, Rowe, Fisher and Lockhart Enterprises, Inc. said its job is "to publicize and promote tourism thru publicity, public relations and advertising in newspapers, magazines and on radio and television . . . to promote this activity on a national basis among organizations and individuals interested in vacationing or having conventions in Latin America."

EXPENSES

As expenses, Mr. Louis and his partners put down a $504.46 telephone bill on Feb. 15; $706.25 for a buffet luncheon on Feb. 19; $173.25 for an ad in the Chicago Defender on March 7; $86.64 for an ad in the Cleveland Call-Post on March 15, and $17.25 to Pinkerton's Detective Agency for detective services on the same date.

For several months, Mr. Louis has been one of Dr. Castro's defenders, and has been quoted as saying Havana is the only place an American Negro can vacation on terms of complete equality.

Altho Mr. Louis earned better than $4 million as heavyweight champion, he now owes $1.5 million in back income taxes and interest. In the late 1940's, a U. S. Tax Court took away a $66,000 trust fund set up for his two children and Mr. Louis later was reported to have turned over to Uncle Sam $124,000 he had earned as a wrestler and a referee.

Mr. Louis showed up as a "spectator" in 1957 when Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa was tried on charges he had planted a spy in the Senate probing his activities. Mr. Hoffa was acquitted, and Sen. John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) later revealed that the Teamsters had paid Mr. Louis'

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (97-1763)

SUBJECT: JOE LOUIS
RA-CUBA

Be ReBuairtel 4/8/60.

The "NY World Telegram and Sun", Wednesday, 5/25/60, Wall Street Edition, carried a headline stating, "CASTRO Hires JOE LOUIS in $287,000 Contract". This article, datelined Washington, reported that FIDEL CASTRO hired LOUIS and three associates as his American public relations agents to push Cuba tourism and that LOUIS has filed as a foreign agent with the Department of Justice as of 4/19/60, identifying himself as Vice President of Louis, Rowe, Fisher, Lockhart Enterprises, Inc., 200 West 57th Street, NYC. His employer is identified as the Institutio Nacional de la Turistica (INIT) of Havana. This article identified the members of the above firm, and CHARLES BENNETT FISHER, Treasurer, commented that "we're not interested in politics". The article reported that the firm had prepared 250 press releases to date all for negro publications.

[redacted] whose identity should be protected, advised on 5/25/60 that [redacted] is a confidant and co-worker of [redacted] of the "Pittsburgh Courier", a negro newspaper. [redacted] is also close to [redacted] of the "Pittsburgh Courier". [redacted] feels that the "Pittsburgh Courier" will undoubtedly be used as a propaganda medium for CASTRO propaganda since LOUIS is merely a front man for [redacted]

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In accordance with instructions contained in reBuairtel 4/8/60, UACB, the NYO does not contemplate any contact with SCHUYLER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
CHICAGO	LOS ANGELES	6/31/60	3/30 - 5/11/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, aka.	[redacted] b7C	DAR
	CHARACTER OF CASE: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/60, b7C at Los Angeles.
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/8/60.

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Field Office File #: 97-314

Bureau File #: 100-385510

Title:

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW

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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Listings of Chicago telephone numbers called from LOUIS' Los Angeles residence telephone, from 9/59 to 2/60, set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On March 30, 1960, the Public Information Service of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the listings on the below-listed telephone numbers. It is noted that these numbers were called from telephone [redacted] listed to [redacted] Los Angeles, during the period September, 1959 to February, 1960. b7C

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Telephone No.	Date Called	Listing
Andover 3-4240	1/31/60	Continental Airlines, Inc. 29 East Madison Street, and 61 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]	9/29, 11/22, 11/30/59, 1/15/60	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Atlantic 5-8865	11/18/59	Druesilla's Beauty Lounge 615 East 43rd Street Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]	1/18/60	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Butterfield 8-5000	11/18/59	Southway Hotel 6014 South Park Ave. Chicago, Illinois
Central 6-0123	11/19,20, 21/59	Bismarck Hotel 171 West Randolph Street Chicago, Illinois
Dearborn 2-7600	1/31/60	Trans World Airlines 37 South Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois
Dearborn 2-7666	11/21/59	Trans World Airlines Passenger Service O'Hare Field Chicago, Illinois

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Telephone No.	Date Called	Listing
[redacted]	9/24, 10/28, 11/30/59, 2/1,8/60	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]	12/20/59	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Financial 6-4990	11/21/59	United Airlines, Today's Arrivals and Departures 1 North La Salle Street Chicago, Illinois
Financial 6-5700	1/31/60	United Airlines Reservations 1 North La Salle Street Chicago, Illinois
Franklin 2-8000	1/31/60	American Airlines 130 East Randolph Street Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]	11/1/59	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
National 5-5445	1/31/60	Continental Airlines, Inc. Franklin Park, Illinois
[redacted]	10/7/59	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Plaza 2-4498	11/19/59	Supper Club Archway 356 East 61st Street Chicago, Illinois
Plaza 2-6300	1/31/60	Hotel Evans 733 East 61st Street Chicago, Illinois
Seeley 3-5300	9/23, 10/7, 11/5, 11/20/59	Chicago Stadium Corporation 1800 West Madison Street Chicago, Illinois

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b2,b7D [redacted] advised on April 1, 1960, that the subscribers to the below-listed numbers are as indicated. It is noted that these numbers were called from telephone [redacted] listed to [redacted] Los Angeles.

Telephone No.	Date Called	Listing
[redacted]	11/18/59	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
[redacted]	10/1/59	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] Bismarck Hotel, 171 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised on March 31, 1960, that JOE LOUIS, 200 West 57th Street, New York City, New York, rented a room at the Bismarck Hotel from November 18, 1959 through November 21, 1959. [redacted] advised his records show that statement number 63321 reflects JOE LOUIS was assigned to Room 1320, on November 18, 1959, but was transferred to Room 1720, on November 19, 1959, where he remained until November 21, 1959, on which day he checked out. Statement number 63321 reflects two local calls were made to unknown numbers from Room 1720. One long distance call was made on November 19, 1959, from Room 1720 to [redacted] Los Angeles, California. The duration of this call was 13 minutes.

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[redacted] Evans Hotel, 733 East 61st Street, Chicago, advised on April 1, 1960, that JOE LOUIS, 200 West 57th Street, New York City, New York, registered at the Evans Hotel on January 31, 1960. JOE LOUIS was assigned to Room 223.

b2,b7D [redacted] advised on April 1, 1960, that [redacted] of the Archway [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

An article in the "Chicago Daily News", dated March 24, 1960, Red Streak Edition, Part 1, Page 54, Column 7, captioned "Order Carbo Trial on Jordan Charge" reflects that TRUMAN GIBSON, Jr. of Chicago, is an executive of the National Boxing Enterprises.

On April 1, 1960, the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Chicago, Illinois, as checked by Investigative Clerk (IC) [redacted] reflected that [redacted] Chicago, [redacted]

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On April 1, 1960, the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, as checked by IC [redacted] reflected that [redacted] Chicago, [redacted]

On April 1, 1960, a review of the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, by IC [redacted] reflected that [redacted] Chicago. [redacted] Chicago.

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Chicago, Illinois
May 31, 1960

JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past and [redacted] is a local credit agency.

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Memorandum

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Trotter
W.C. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Ingram
Gandy

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 3, 1960

FROM : S. B. Donahoe

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW, also known as
Joe Louis
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Re my memorandum 5/26/60 which contained information concerning fact that Joe Louis and three associates had been hired by the Castro Government as public relations agents.

"The Washington Daily News" 6/1/60 carried story reporting that Louis' company was quitting its public relations job with the Cuban Government. The article quoted Louis as announcing he was severing all public relations communications with the Cuban Government and had ordered his firm to do likewise.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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1 - Parsons
1 - Belmont
1 - Donahoe
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Address: [illegible] Street, New York 19, New York
Residence address: No. of employees:
Nationality: American Business
If registrant is a partnership, names of partners; if a corporation or association, names of officers: [illegible] - President-Treasurer
[illegible] - Vice President
[illegible] - 2nd Vice President
[illegible] - Secretary

PRINCIPAL (This for each one - use reverse side if necessary)
Name: Instituto Nacional de la Industria Turística (INIT) (National Tourist Commission)
Address: [illegible], Havana, Cuba
Nationality: Cuban
Business: Government tourist commission

AGENCY: Publicity, public relations and advertising

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Airtel

To: SACs, Little Rock (105-287)
New York
Miami
Los Angeles
WFO

From: Director, FBI

PRO-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT
BY JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
IS - CUBA

Re Little Rock airtel and memorandum 12/15/60 in captioned matter.

For information of Los Angeles, New York and WFO, the Little Rock Office received information that [redacted] Arkansas, recently received a telephone call from former heavyweight champion Joe Louis during which Louis offered [redacted] the chance to make $25,000 for representing a pro-Fidel Castro movement in eastern Arkansas. In connection with the movement, [redacted] would be expected to conduct a public-relations program in support of the movement and locate Negroes with money who would be able to go to Cuba. [redacted] who defended the Castro regime in a conversation with an acquaintance, indicated he had to give Louis an answer in the near future.

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For information of Little Rock, a Registration Act investigation of Joe Louis was conducted during February and March, 1960. This investigation was based on information that Louis had been hired to act as an agent for the Castro government in the U.S. The investigation was discontinued when Louis' firm, the Louis-Howe-Fisher-Lockhart Enterprises, Incorporated, terminated its contract with the Cuban Government and registered with the Department.

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Airtel to SACs, Little Rock
New York
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Los Angeles
WFO

Re: PRO-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT
BY JOE LOUIS

Bureau desires that prompt inquiry be initiated to resolve this matter. In this connection, Little Rock should develop additional background information concerning [redacted] In addition, efforts should be made to ascertain if [redacted] has engaged in any activities aimed at furthering the alleged plan supposedly made by Louis. In event [redacted] takes no action to further the plan, consideration should be given to interviewing him in order to resolve this matter.

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Los Angeles, Miami, New York and WFO through contact with sources and informants familiar with Cuban activities should endeavor to verify the existence of any such pro-Castro movement and determine if Louis is backing the movement. Information developed should be submitted to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination and 9 copies of items for dissemination should be made available to Bureau.

Preliminary inquiries in this matter should be submitted so as to reach Bureau by 1/20/61.

NOTE: In view of the notoriety of Joe Louis and since publicity could result from his being connected with any Cuban movement, [redacted] taking immediate steps to resolve this matter.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510) 1/17/61

SAC, LOS ANGELES (97-311)

PRO-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT
BY JOE LOUIS
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;
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ReBuairtel 12/20/60.

Enclosed are nine copies of a letterhead memo dated and captioned as above.

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[redacted] were contacted by SA [redacted] were contacted by SAs [redacted] b2,b7D

[redacted] are sources of information in the Cuban field in the Los Angeles Office.

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Los Angeles, California
January 17, 1961

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PRO-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT
BY JOE LOUIS

On January 9, 1961, contact was had with [redacted] California, who [redacted] Los Angeles, [redacted] in Los Angeles; [redacted] Los Angeles, who is familiar with the Cuban colony in Los Angeles.

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On January 10, 1961, contact was had with [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, and [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, both of whom are familiar with Cuban activities in the Los Angeles area.

The above five sources advised that they had no information that JOE LOUIS was backing any type of a pro-FIDEL CASTRO movement.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-385510) DATE: 1/19/61

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (97-324)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW,
Aka Joe Louis
RA - CUBA

OO - Los Angeles

ReBuairtel to Little Rock, 12/20/60, entitled "PRO-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT BY JOE LOUIS, RA - CUBA, IS - CUBA".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned "PRO-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT BY JOE LOUIS, dated as above, at Miami, suitable for dissemination.

[redacted] is [redacted] b1

b2 b7D b7C [redacted] is [redacted], by request.

The following additional confidential informants were contacted, as listed below, concerning subject; however, could supply no pertinent information:

b2 b7D b7C [redacted], contacted 12/30/60, SA [redacted]

[redacted] PSI, contacted 1/3/61, SA [redacted]

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One copy each of this letter and enclosed memorandum is being sent Little Rock, Los Angeles and New York for information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 97-324

Miami, Florida
January 19, 1961

M E M O R A N D U M

RE: PRO-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT
BY JOE LOUIS

On December 29, 1960, [redacted], who is familiar with the pro-CASTRO element in Miami, Florida, [redacted] and who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JOE LOUIS, the boxer, reportedly had a meeting approximately [redacted] however, [redacted] had no confirmation as to whether this meeting actually occurred. [redacted] continued that prior to approximately [redacted] stated that JOE LOUIS was pro-CASTRO in his sympathies; however, the activities of LOUIS and any comments made by [redacted] were unknown to [redacted]

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On January 17, 1961, [redacted] who has furnished insufficient information to enable his reliability to be determined, reported that LOUIS was [redacted] in Havana, Cuba, [redacted] observed LOUIS [redacted] in Havana in either December of 1959 or January of 1960. [redacted] surmised that LOUIS was being used as "bait" by the CASTRO regime for the purpose of showing that LOUIS, as a member of the Negro race, was in sympathy with the Cuban revolution. [redacted] never knew LOUIS to have said or done anything which would indicate any real sympathy with CASTRO, nor any disloyalty toward the United

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States, and felt that LOUIS could be properly described as "just so much window dressing". [redacted] concluded with the remark that [redacted] now reportedly claim that the United States Government has applied pressure to LOUIS to prevent him from making more trips to Cuba.

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Monday, June 5, 1961

United States Senate,
Subcommittee to Investigate
the Administration of the Internal Security Act
and Other Internal Security Laws,
of the Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, D. C.

The Subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:35 o'clock, a.m., in Room 2820, New Senate Office Building, Senator Thomas J. Dodd, presiding.

Present: Senators Dodd (presiding), Cotton, and Keating.

Also present: J. G. Sourwine, Chief Counsel; Benjamin Mandel, Research Director; Frank Schroeder, Chief Investigator.

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Senator Dodd. The hearing will be in order.

Mr. Counsel?

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Joe Louis, Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Louis is accompanied by Mr. William Rowe as the Chairman knows from the Executive Session. I would respectfully suggest that both men be sworn. Their stories will supplement one another.

Senator Dodd. You will both rise and raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony given before the Subcommittee will be the truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Barrow. Yes, I do.

Mr. Rowe. I do.

TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW,

AND WILLIAM L. ROWE.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Louis, what is your full name?

Mr. Barrow. Joe Louis Barrow.

Mr. Sourwine. And your address?

Mr. Barrow. 1711 Wellington Road, North Inglewood, California.

Mr. Sourwine. What is your present business?

Mr. Barrow. Public Relations.

Mr. Sourwine. You were the heavyweight champion of the world?

Mr. Barrow. Yes, I was.

Mr. Sourwine. For how long and from what period and until what time?

Mr. Barrow. From 1937 until 1948.

Mr. Sourwine. Now, Mr. Rowe, what is your full name?

Mr. Rowe. William L. Rowe.

Mr. Sourwine. And your present address?

Mr. Rowe. 1 Fenamore Road, New Rochelle, New York.

Mr. Sourwine. Your business or profession?

Mr. Rowe. Publis relations.

Mr. Sourwine. You and Mr. Louis Barrow are associated?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, I am president of the firm with which he is associated.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Louis, in the course of this Committee's hearings we have dealt to some extent with recent events in Cuba. Have you been in Cuba?

Mr. Barrow. I was in Cuba in 1959.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you go there for business or for pleasure?

Mr. Barrow. My first trip was for pleasure.

Mr. Sourwine. You were there more than once?

Mr. Barrow. I was there again in January of 1960.

Mr. Sourwine. I think this latter trip was a business trip, sir?

Mr. Barrow. It was.

Mr. Sourwine. What was the purpose of this trip?

Mr. Barrow. Down there with Al Lockhart who also was an associate in the Louis, Rose, and Lockhart official offices, to negotiate a contract with the Tourist Commission.

Mr. Sourwine. The Tourist Commission of Cuba?

Mr. Barrow. Right.

Mr. Sourwine. What was the nature of this contract, Mr. Louis?

Mr. Barrow. Well, the Tourist Commission of Cuba wanted

to enter into an agreement with our firm to develop tourists to come to Cuba.

Mr. Sourwine. What kind of tourists?

Mr. Barrow. Just American tourists to come to Cuba.

Mr. Sourwine. I mean were you conducting tours, were you arranging package deals where a number would come?

Mr. Barrow. No, we weren't arranging package deals -- just we would put ads in the Negro publications, radio, and so forth.

Mr. Sourwine. You were just trying to get individuals to go?

Mr. Barrow. Right.

Mr. Sourwine. Not necessarily groups?

Mr. Barrow. Right.

Mr. Sourwine. Now, who conducted these negotiations in Cuba, you or Mr. Rowe?

Mr. Barrow. Al Lockhart and Mr. Rowe. At the time I was down there I was only down there with Mr. Lockhart.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Rowe, did you initiate these negotiations or did someone come to you to initiate them?

Mr. Rowe. No, it was brought to our office by Mr. Lockhart. Mr. Lockhart was a friend of mine and he was the advertising director of the Amsterdam News at that particular time.

Mr. Sourwine. That is a New York newspaper?

Mr. Rowe. Yes. I was doing the public relations for that

particular paper for its 50th anniversary and Mr. Lockhart was interested in becoming a part of our office and we talked about different things and he said, "Well, perhaps I might be able to bring in a big account." I said, "If you can bring in a big account, we want you as a member of our firm."

So he came in and said, "I just received a telegram, a cablegram from Cuba." I said, "No kidding." And he said, "Yes." He said, "They would like to have me come down and discuss a proposition with them during, when the victory celebration takes place." I think it was in January of 1958 or the year before when Castro had invited all of these thousands of newspapermen down to what he called I believe was a Peace Corps, I think.

Mr. Sourwine. Let's get the dates straight. Castro came into power in January of 1959.

Mr. Rowe. Was it 1959?

Mr. Sourwine. Yes.

Mr. Rowe. Well, it was the time. He had all of the newspaper people down there. I think they had it or called it a Truth Corps when they were doing all the shooting and he said, "Would you like to go to Cuba with me." He said, "The government is going to pay the expenses." I said, "Certainly." So he got three tickets, one for himself, one for Mr. Fischer, and one for me. This was December 19th. We went down to Cuba to meet with the Cuban Tourist Commission. We didn't know what

it was all about at that point, but we had certain ideas in our mind which we, of course, would discuss with them once we got there. And we met Dr. Martinez who is a sub-director of tourism in Cuba.

Mr. Sourwine. Is that Dr. Jesus Martinez?

Mr. Rowe. Right. It was around 6:00 o'clock and we met with him at midnight in the Havanna Riviera Hotel. He said he would like to have about thirty guests from America come down for the -- for Christmas and to stay over for the anniversary celebration which would be New Years Eve. We said it was very difficult to get Americans to leave home on Christmas but thought we could arrange it for a New Years celebration. He said, "Fine," and he wanted to know who we would invite. We said certain people. We didn't have the names off-hand that we would have to go over our list and find out whom we thought would be the proper people to invite.

He asked if we could bring Roy Campanella, Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays and Joe Louis. We said we didn't know, that we would see and the meeting ended on that note.

He came back the next afternoon or should I say the next evening and went into the situation again about inviting people. It went from 35 to 50 and they decided that Dr. Castellanos who was head of the Cuban Tourist Commission would send the cablegrams of invitation to the people, to the names we gave them. We didn't have all of the addresses with us and we would

have to send them back to Cuba and he said that when he got back to New York, or when we got back to New York, to give us the names and addresses.

Mr. Sourwine. You did not send the invitations yourselves then?

Mr. Rowe. No, we did not send the invitations but we sent out from America a follow-up so the people we would know, those whom we invited, would know what it was all about.

Mr. Sourwine. You contacted these people yourself?

Mr. Rowe. We contacted some by phone and some by telegram.

Mr. Sourwine. For instance, Roy Campanella, who got in touch with him?

Mr. Rowe. Mr. Fischer, I believe. Mr. Fischer discussed this with him.

Mr. Sourwine. Willie Mays?

Mr. Rowe. Willie Mays we discussed this with Willie Mays on the phone because he was out of town.

Mr. Sourwine. Jackie Robinson?

Mr. Rowe. We discussed it with him.

Mr. Sourwine. Did those gentlemen go?

Mr. Rowe. Well, Willie Mays said he would go. But at the last minute, he couldn't make it. His wife was ill or something he said and anyway he decided he couldn't make it at the last minute but accepted the invitation.

Roy Campanella felt the trip was too strenuous.

Mr. Sourwine. Did Jackie Robinson go?

Mr. Rowe. No, he said he had to be home with his kids.

Mr. Sourwine. You have a list of those who did go on this trip?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, we have.

Mr. Sourwine. Will you offer that for the record at this time?

Mr. Rowe. I can offer it for the record certainly, but they were just people.

Mr. Sourwine. Yes, but you mentioned some of those whom you tried to get and we just want to make a record of who did go.

Mr. Rowe. We have the list.

Senator Keating. May I interrupt, Mr. Chairman?

There is no sinistry in this question. I think we ought to rest on that. The list is not intended to convey anything improper.

Mr. Rowe. Yes, because I am sure these people -- it was just an invitation to a party like we would send out to a party at my home or your home.

Mr. Sourwine. Just an indication.

Mr. Rowe. We have the list.

Senator Dodd. It may be included and made a part of the record, subject to objection.

Senator Cotton. Would the witness prefer it was made a

part of the record, but not made a public part of the record in case the public misunderstood some of these things?

Senator Dodd. Well, I don't know. What is your feeling about that? Do you prefer that it not be made public?

(2) Mr. Rowe. I think, Senator, that I would prefer that because I am sure these people would get all kinds of sinister implications these days about Cuba.

Senator Dodd. We don't need to make it public.

(The document referred to is as follows:)

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Mr. Sourwine. All right now, we are back to the time when you had agreed that you were going to go back to the states and furnish a list of those names.

Was that the whole of it, the agreement or was there any more formal contract at that time?

Mr. Rowe. We had a contract, an agreement, a paragraph on that agreement, the amount of money that they were going to pay and what the money was going to be for.

Mr. Sourwine. Are you offering that contract for the record?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, you may have this contract for the record. It is in Spanish, by the way.

Mr. Sourwine. May that be received, Mr. Chairman, with the instruction that it be translated and the English translation be printed?

Senator Dodd. Yes.

(The document referred to, in Spanish, is as follows:)

Mr. Rowe. The only thing I can understood there it was $2,000 and $1,000 was for expenses and $1,000 was our fee.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you receive that money at that time?

Mr. Rowe. No, it was about three days later they gave us a check for 2,000 pesos and we didn't know at the time, of course, there was no monetary exchange between America and Cuba and we accepted the 2,000 check in pesos. We came back to America and turned it in to my bank and my bank says "Do you want me to make notes on this or give it back to you." They said they couldn't cash it.

Senator Keating. That is funny to us but not to you.

Mr. Rowe. We were already about $900 out.

Senator Cotton. What did you do with it?

Mr. Rowe. We called Dr. Martinez and told him the bank would not cash the check and he said, "Well, I am not surprised." He said, "However, we'll make the check good. We will send you a check on the bank of the United States." But we were going back to Cuba for the party and we decided rather than to sweat out the mail we would just be on the scene and would then accept the check on the American Bank which they gave us for $2,000 which covered most of the negotiations on getting these people to Cuba. We ran $900 over the original agreement which they paid us, oh, I guess it was about a month later because he expressed to us that this was a very poor government and that they did not want to be spending a lot of

money that they couldn't afford. But we received that payment and the party, instead of 50 people, it turned out we had 72 people which we invited because they kept extending the list, kept saying, "Let's just go ahead and go all out on this."

The party took place at the Havana Hilton Hotel. They had a special room, I think, on one of the higher floor in which they invited themselves, a certain amount of outstanding Cubans and the place was decorated with American and Cuban flags. Castro was there and he made a little, a short speech of welcome to the people and the place was quite crowded because he decided to let everybody and even those who didn't have an invitation and wanted to come, they call came in and they served food and what not and the same party business and I think they had a little more television cameras at that point than they have now. It was well-covered. The president was there and Mr. Louis was there with Mrs. Louis. Mrs. Louis was the quietest person in the house. Everybody was having quite a time and we left, I assume, about 2:30 and Castro was still there and the party went on.

Mr. Sourwine. This was a party in celebration of the Cuban Revolutionary Anniversary, was it?

Mr. Rowe. Right.

Mr. Sourwine. It was on a national level in Cuba because Castro was there?

Mr. Rowe. I imagine it was. There were a lot of TV

cameras on. They had the thing back here in America on television. The stories were carried back here in America -- meaning the names of some of some of the guests that attended this affair.

Mr. Sourwine. It was an outstanding public relations stroke, wasn't it?

Mr. Rowe. Well, I would say so. As a public relations man I thought it was a great job. I was only sorry I hand't though it up.

Mr. Sourwine. All right, go ahead.

Mr. Rowe. Well, that was the end of that particular situation and we were the guests and were allowed to stay. They were given three to five days as guests of the government. In other words, the government picked up the hotel bill. They supplied the tickets for transportation and they supplied the food, but they did not supply anything harder than water to drink. If you wanted anything harder than water to drink you had to buy it yourself.

Mr. Sourwine. They paid all expenses except the hard liquor?

Mr. Rowe. Right, and so we were going to stay over three days after the party. Some people were going to stay five days and the next day we were told that an official of the Cuban Government was going to come over to the hotel to speak with all the invited Americans and they stressed the fact that

they wanted us to invite both white and colored, not just the colored Americans. So there were quite a few white Americans with the party and they had been distributed in all the hotels in Havana. So we had to get them together to be on hand to be greeted by this official of the Cuban Government. They didn't tell us who it was going to be.

About ten o'clock, a lot of people were in swimming and we were told that this government official was upstairs in the particular room provided for this in the Havana Hilton Hotel -- rather the Havana Riviera Hotel, to greet us and many of us went up in our bathing suits and some of the girls had on their play suits; the ladies were all quite ready to go out and we went up and to our surprise, of course, it was Castro.

Now this was our first formal introduction to Castro and it was just the American guests that he came in to see.

Mr. Sourwine. This was before the party?

Mr. Rowe. After the party.

Mr. Sourwine. After the party. You had seen him at the party but not a formal introduction.

Mr. Rowe. No formal introduction, you see, and he spoke to us. He discussed the relationship between America and Cuba and he gave us the impression that he was very sorry about this relationship and that thing will be better and we assumed that things would be better because here he was going to spend all this money with us to invite American tourists and we knew

that American tourists would not go to Cuba if there was bad relations between the two governments. We assumed this would be better and we were asked the questions and he answered all the questions and I think he probably stayed there an hour and a half or two hours talking to us and he reiterated to us in the talk to stay longer. He said, "I want you to see the people. Go to the different parts of Cuba and find out for yourself what is going on. There will be no guides, no guards, no anything. You just go and do what you want to do and then you will note for yourself."

Some of the people had reservations and wanted to get back. He said, "Don't worry about that. If you have to get back we will supply a plane for you," and of course he did. They chartered a plane to bring back twelve people.

Mr. Fischer. Ten or twelve people.

Mr. Rowe. Ten or twelve people who had to get back, who lost their reservations because they decided to stay over and it was after this particular party and after this particular meeting that we then started discussing with Dr. Castellanos and Dr. Martinez this business of inviting tourists to Cuba.

Mr. Sourwine. Now, who is Dr. Castellanos?

Mr. Rowe. Dr. Castellanos is the director of INIT Avenida Linea y A. INIT is what they call the Tourist Commission in Cuba and he thought it would be a tremendous idea and the tremendous thing for them to go into negotiation or rather to

effect a contract with us to do a public relations and promotional job for Cuba to get tourists, people to come to Cuba, both individually and in groups.

Mr. Sourwine. This is of some importance. You were discussing a contract to be public relations counsel, not for Castro but for Cuba.

Mr. Rowe. That is right, for the Tourist Commission.

Mr. Sourwine. The Tourist Commission of the Republic of Cuba.

Mr. Rowe. Right. I mean as far as the government was concerned, it never entered into the picture at all because we were not political in any way, shape or form and couldn't afford to go into any political type of contract because we won't, you know, we just can't do it. The only thing we know to do politically is to build up a candidate for office.

Senator Keating. I am glad to hear that.

Mr. Rowe. You remember that from my statement.

Senator Keating. The Amsterdam News is very capable.

Mr. Rowe. Let's say you are very kind, Senator.

(3) My wife happens to write a column for the Pittsburgh Courier. Anyway, we discussed the program of how we would go about bringing tourists to Cuba. He was very insistent whereby they wanted to hire our firm to do this job; that they wanted us to do an inter-racial job as far as tourists were concerned. They did not want us to go into the white press or the white

press or daily magazines because they have a $6 million contract, I believe it was, with Harris & Company of Miami, Florida for that particular phase of American tours. I believe he just sued them. I believe he was going to get $200,000 and some-odd which they owe him. Unfortunately, they lost about $150,000 and I don't think we are going to be able to --

Mr. Sourwine. They owe you $150,000?

Mr. Rowe. $150,000 on the contract which we signed with them. That is the balance. In drawing up the contract we were very careful -- in fact, nobody even discussed anything except tours and how we would bring these tourists into Cuba.

Mr. Sourwine. This advertising campaign was to inspire the tours -- you weren't to be a tourist bureau?

Mr. Rowe. No.

Mr. Sourwine. You were to carry on a public relations campaign, including advertising in the Negro magazines and newspapers?

Mr. Rowe. Right.

Mr. Sourwine. Inspire a desire among the people to go to Cuba?

Mr. Rowe. Right. I have a couple of the ads which we placed in the paper which you can have for the record.

Mr. Sourwine. May they be recieved, Mr. Chairman?

Senator Dodd. Yes.

(The documents referred to are as follows:)

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Mr. Sourwine. These are ads prepared by you?

Mr. Rowe. Right.

Mr. Sourwine. Which did run?

Mr. Rowe. Right.

Mr. Sourwine. Where did these ads run?

Mr. Rowe. In most of the larger Negro papers -- the Amsterdam News, the Pittsburgh Courier, the Chicago Defender, the Afro-American.

Mr. Sourwine. How big was your advertising budget on this particular account?

Mr. Rowe. The entire budget -- it isn't broken down, but the entire account was $287,000.

Mr. Sourwine. When you placed these ads, did the Cuban government pay for them or did you obligate yourselves as an agency to pay for them?

Mr. Rowe. We obligated ourselves to pay for them.

Mr. Sourwine. And you subsequently did pay for them?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, we did.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you accept and receive reimbursement from the Cuban Government?

Mr. Rowe. On two occasions, yes, we received two checks from them.

Mr. Sourwine. Do they still owe you money for reimbursement for ads you placed and paid for?

Mr. Rowe. Yes.

Mr. Sourwine. How much?

Mr. Rowe. On the advertising, I think it is a little less than $6,000.

Mr. Sourwine. And in addition to that, they owe you approximately $140,000 more as compensation for your part in the campaign?

Mr. Rowe. For fees and additional expenses.

Mr. Sourwine. You didn't receive very much as fees out of this deal then, did you?

Mr. Rowe. No.

Mr. Sourwine. Now, was there a second advertising campaign?

Mr. Rowe. No, there wasn't a second. We had one prepared but it never went out because we had decided that we were going to resign the account.

Mr. Sourwine. What happened to your magazine advertising?

Mr. Rowe. We weren't going to advertise, only the Johnston publications. All the other magazine advertisements were being taken care of by Harris & Company.

Mr. Sourwine. When was it that you decided that you were going to resign?

Mr. Rowe. Well, we decided we were going to resign in March but we had a six-month clause in our contract.

Mr. Sourwine. That is you had to give six-months' notice?

Mr. Rowe. That's right.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you get that notice in March of 1960?

Mr. Rowe. No --

Mr. Sourwine. I mean did you give that notice in March of 1960?

Mr. Rowe. No, we didn't give them notice on that. We were going to do this in June because I went out of the country. I went to Mexico and we were going to take care of this matter when I got back because in the first place, we were trying to get the additional money out of them before we let them know we were going to resign because we were on the hook for about $6,000 or so.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you eventually send a letter of resignation of the account?

Mr. Rowe. I didn't hear you.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you eventually send a letter resigning the account?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, I did.

Mr. Sourwine. When was this?

Mr. Rowe. This was in July -- July 7, 1960.

Mr. Sourwine. Do you have a copy of that letter?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, I do.

Mr. Sourwine. May we have it for the record?

Mr. Rowe. You certainly may.

Mr. Sourwine. May this be received?

Senator Dodd. It may be received.

(The document is as follows:)

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Mr. Sourwine. Now, who signed this letter?

Mr. Rowe. I signed the letter as the president of the firm and I would like to read part of it to you.

Senator Dodd. Go ahead.

Mr. Rowe. It is dated July 1960 -- July 7 -- and sent to Dr. Raudilio Castellanos.

"Dear Dr. Castellanos:

"In view of the political chess game which has developed into virtually a war of words between our two governments -- America and Cuba -- we regretfully submit our resignation as the public relations representative of the Instituto Nacional De La Industria Turistica.

"There can be no question as to the tartanic nature of the heated arguments between our two nations which have brought them to the brink of severing relationships. Repercussions of this political strife between your country and ours cannot help but lessen the effectiveness of our noblest efforts on the behalf of the Cuban Tourist Commission. It was the hope of our firm when we entered into a contract with you in February, 1960, that we would have an opportunity to bring about a better relationship between the people of our two countries. At that time we felt that the new leaders of Cuba would take over their politically ravished country with the same human affection and intensity for the rights of humanity that successfully brought them down from the hills of Oriente

Province to the luxury and comfort of Havana, the capital of Cuba. We felt that there would be a strict observance of justice, public faith, and a stury adherence to virtue in public office. We saw the people of Cuba reaching for that something called identity. We heard their leader speaking out things that have long required clarification. But through it all, together in their own land, we believed they would put others in other lands, into perspective, keeping in mind that faith and hope of those who tried to make it so.

"We understood and appreciated the banning of discrimination in Cuba, and felt prone to publicize Cuba as a new utopia, where the promise of first-class treatment as first-class citizens would be a reality for American negroes, who have been intimate with toil and sorrow, and who have too-long dreamed of equality -- in work and play -- with other free men ejoying respect and dignity.

"However, the conflict of interest of which you are familiar, has continued to multiply and the failure of the INIT to overcome its financial problems leaves us no alternative except to resign."

I tried to express in here the true feeling and the real reason why we relinquished the contract. We had one feeling when we went into the contract and as things progressed, of course, we got another feeling and it was impossible to do a job when one country was talking against another country and it

got to the stage where it sort of like it was becoming a political situation and we stepped out.

Mr. Sourwine. Did the Cubans accept your resignation on this contract without any argument?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, they did. They never did it in writing but they called up when they received the letter and Dr. Castellanos said he was sorry and he would straighten out whatever differences that we had as far as monies that was due us was concerned.

Mr. Sourwine. Did they do that?

Mr. Rowe. No, we haven't heard from him. We didn't hear from him any more.

Mr. Sourwine. What efforts have you made to get your money?

Mr. Rowe. Frankly, we haven't made too much effort. We sent them a report and that was the end of it. I spoke to our firm's lawyer in relationship to the money and he made contact with Harris & Company in Miami to find out just what their lawyers had done and how they went about getting whatever money they are going to receive as a result of the confiscation of the planes which Cuba had here at one time and he is still negotiating this now with the lawyers down there so perhaps something might come out of it as a result of that. Of course, I understand that the money they planes were bringing will bring far more money than is due Harris & Company

which is in excess of $200,000.

Mr. Sourwine. Are you party to this action?

Mr. Rowe. No, we are not.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you inform the Justice Department of the United States respecting what had happened to your contract?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, we did. We had to fill out the necessary papers just like you have to register, you have to unregister so to speak and we did that and we kept in touch with the Justice Department at each step of the way because when they sent us any number of folders we had to fill them out and send them back. In fact, everything that came from Cuba, even in relationship to the special bonus tours and all that, we first contacted the Justice Department before we did anything about them.

Mr. Sourwine. What is that document you just referred to?

Mr. Rowe. A document that says -- well, it says $1 bonus for any hotel in Cuba. In other words, they were giving away packages.

Mr. Sourwine. Is this part of your publicity or public relations or something that came from Cuba?

Mr. Rowe. This came from Cuba and this is a bulletin they sent us. It had a speech by Dr. Raul Roa before the General Assembly of the United Nations which was made on November 6, 1959.

Mr. Sourwine. Did you distribute copies of that speech?

Mr. Rowe. No, we didn't. They sent them to us and we sent a letter to the Department of Justice asking them whether or not and plus a copy of this, asking whether or not this was all right to send out and they wrote us back and said it was political and it was not.

Mr. Sourwine. May we have copies of that correspondence?

Mr. Rowe. Yes, you may.

(The documents referred to are as follows:)

SUBCOMMITTEE INSERT

Mr. Sourwine. Now, I am just a little bit concerned as to this material that has been admitted to the record. I think it is all still there in front of you and I would like to get it separated and physically in the hands of the Committee so that we may be sure about it.

There is your contract; there is the letter to the Department of Justice and their letter of reply. There were two advertisements.

Mr. Rowe. You have everything so far.

Mr. Sourwine. And a letter of resignation.

Mr. Rowe. That is in.

Mr. Sourwine. You showed us two ads. Are they over there?

Mr. Rowe. Yes.

Mr. Sourwine. The letter of resignation is over there. There is a list of persons who went on this first trip.

Mr. Rowe. That I haven't got yet.

Mr. Sourwine. That will be furnished, not for the printed record, but for the Committee.

All right, I think that is everything up to now.

Now, was it you or Mr. Louis who talked with Mr. Martinez on the occasion of this first trip in terms which involved a separation and a conflict between the people of the United States and the Government of the United States?

(4) Mr. Rowe. No, Mr. Louis wasn't in Cuba at that time. It was Mr. Fischer and Mr. Lockhart and myself.

It was Dr. Martinez who said that one of the main things that was wrong was that the American Government had the wrong impression about the Cuban Revolution and that the American press was giving the people the wrong impression and that they wanted the people to know that Cubans did not hate Americans and so on down the line.

I told them then that there was no separation between the American people and the American Government; that it was one and the same; that the government was the people, and vice versa. He said, "Be that as it may." We didn't discuss this any further, you see.

Mr. Sourwine. Now, who prepared this contract which you signed with the Cuban Government, your attorneys or the Cuban Government?

Mr. Rowe. The Cuban Government prepared the contract and our attorneys just looked it over and said it was all right, that it was in keeping.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Louis, on the occasion when you went down to Cuba, when you went on business, with whom did you talk?

Mr. Barrow. Well, I talked with Dr. Benavides.

Mr. Sourwine. Who is he?

Mr. Barrow. He is himself a member of the Tourist Commission.

Mr. Rowe. He is the head. Enrique Benavides is a colored Cuban who is in charge of the special markets for the Cuban

Tourist Commission.

Mr. Sourwine. Do you know if he is any relation to the famous Manuel Benavides?

Mr. Rowe. I think there is a family line some place. I am not too sure because at that particular time we had a biographical sketch. We have a biographical sketch if you would like to have it.

Mr. Sourwine. Yes. May that be admitted, Mr. Chairman?

Senator Dodd. Yes.

(The document referred to is as follows:)

SUBCOMMITTEE INSERT

Senator Dodd. I am sorry but I have to leave because I have made another engagement that I must fulfill.

I want to thank you, Mr. Louis and Mr. Rowe and Mr. Fischer for helping us unravel this whole story. We have been working on it for some time and I will ask Senator Keating if he will preside here in my absence.

Mr. Sourwine. What was the nature of the discussion with Mr. Benavidest, Mr. Louis?

Mr. Barrow. Well, to tell the truth I didn't do no talking at all about contracts or that the condition that we were going to bring the tourists to Cuba on because that was the part we left up to Gil Rowe and Earl Lockhart. So I just started the conversation about it, what we intend to do for them and Lockhart took it on from there.

Mr. Sourwine. You were both present?

Mr. Barrow. I was just there and they started the conversation and I went out on the balcony and at no time did I stay and listen to the conversation on the idea on how they were going to develop the tourists.

Senator Keating (Presiding). Is that January 1960?

Mr. Barrow. January 16, 1960.

Senator Keating. You were not there after that, not there again after that?

Mr. Barrow. No, I was there on the 29th of December 1959 and January 16 of 1960. I never went back no more.

Mr. Sourwine. What did you, yourself, do in connection with the performance of this contract, Mr. Louis?

Mr. Barrow. Nothing.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Rowe, what did you, yourself, do in connection with the performance of this contract?

Mr. Rowe. Well, more or less I drew up the month to month plans and I wrote the releases that were sent to newspapers and drew up the ads which went out to the newspapers. We had several programs which we realize never ever entered here. The program itself never really got off the ground because of this barrier of understanding.

Mr. Sourwine. Since the termination of your contract with the Cuban Government have you had any dealings with them?

Mr. Rowe. None whatsoever.

Mr. Sourwine. Except, of course, your efforts to get your money.

Mr. Rowe. That is the only thing.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions of these witnesses.

Senator Keating. Just let me ask a question or two.

Have you, Mr. Louis, had any contact with the so-called Fair Play for Cuba Committee?

Mr. Barrow. No, I haven't.

Senator Keating. Have they entered into any communications with you at all?

Mr. Barrow. I don't think so.

Mr. Rowe. They haven't called our office at all. In fact, we don't even know who they are. We didn't know [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

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Senator Keating. He hasn't been in touch with you?

Mr. Barrow. No, sir.

Senator Keating. There was some evidence taken here, and I don't know if it was anything that came to your knowledge about Mr. Robert Taber taking tourists to Cuba and having taken $19,000 from a bank account of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee to pay the expenses of these tourists. Is that operation anything that you knew about?

Mr. Rowe. No.

Senator Keating. Did you ever meet Mr. Robert Taber?

Mr. Rowe. No, I don't know him.

Senator Keating. Senator Cotton, do you have any questions?

Senator Cotton. No.

Senator Keating. Well, we certainly are very grateful to

all three of you.

I think perhaps counsel's name should be entered in the record.

Mr. Fischer. I am not the counsel. I am a former partner of the firm that handled the account.

My name is Charles Fischer.

Mr. Chairman. My wife is the counsel. She is behind us. Every time I make a mistake she will pull my coattail.

Chairman Keating. Thank you very much. We appreciate your appearance.

(Whereupon, at 11:15 o'clock, a.m., the Subcommittee was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)

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FROM : S. B. Donahoe

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LOUIS BARROW
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Re memorandum DeLoach to Sullivan 6/7/61, entitled "Testimony - Senate Internal Security Subcommittee" (SISS) which reported [redacted]

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In the Open Session, the witnesses indicated that they were associated with a New York public relations firm that had entered into an agreement with the Cuban Tourist Commission which called for the firm to arrange forfavorable publicity for the purpose of developing tourism in Cuba. They also testified that the firm had registered with the Department of Justice, pointed out they had severed their relationship with the Cuban agency with the increase of tension between the United States and Cuba, and claimed that the Cubans still owe their firm money for services rendered.

The testimony contained no information not already known to the Bureau and highlights of the testimony already appeared in the press.

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The Registration Section of the Department has advised "On 2/3/61 subject filed a final supplemental registration statement and advised therein that the firm resigned its agency on 7/1/60. Since the statement shows that the last expenditure on behalf of the foreign principal was made on 12/16/60, subject's registration is being terminated as of that date."

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For record purposes, there is attached one copy of a press release to be issued Monday morning, August 28, 1961, by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. In making this release, Senator James O. Eastland, Chairman, SISS states that Castro's Cuban government has joined in the long-standing effort of international communism to encourage racial troubles in the United States. This release concerns the latest in the subcommittee's series on "Communist Threat to the United States through the Caribbean," a copy of which is attached.

The publication includes a previously unpublished staff study titled "Cuba and the American Negro," which documents Cuba's active participation in the traditional communist project aimed as "subverting the American Negro against his own government."

The printed document (which is attached) is the testimony of former heavyweight champion Joe Louis and his business partner, William Rowe.

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FROM THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Castro's Cuban government has joined in the long-standing effort of international communism to encourage racial troubles in the United States, Chairman James O. Eastland of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee said today in releasing the latest in the subcommittee's series on "Communist Threat to the United States through the Caribbean."

The publication includes a previously unpublished staff study titled "Cuba and the American Negro," which documents Cuba's active participation in the traditional Communist project aimed at "subverting the American Negro against his own government."

"Thus far," the study points out, "it is evident Fidel Castro and his Communist henchmen have been unsuccessful in embroiling American Negroes in their nefarious designs."

The printed document, which is Part 11 of the subcommittee series, is the testimony of former heavyweight champion Joe Louis and his business partner, William Rowe.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd, vice-chairman of the subcommittee, presided over the hearing. Senators Kenneth Keating (R-N.Y.) and Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) took part in the questioning.

Louis and Rowe told the subcommittee how Castro hired their public relations firm to encourage American Negroes to vacation in Cuba. Advertisements placed by the firm in prominent Negro newspapers stated that there was "no segregation" and that Negroes in Cuba had "full citizenship."

Less than six months later, Louis and Rowe cancelled their contract when they saw the trend of events in Cuba. The Cuban government had contracted to pay the firm $287,000 for its work, but the Castro who boasted of "full citizenship" for Negroes has yet to make "full payment" on the contract. Castro still owes the firm $150,000, and Louis and Rowe told the committee they spent $6,000 more on newspaper advertisements for Cuba than they received in total payments.

The staff study published with the hearing states that within the United States "the bulk of the campaign to popularize Cuba among Negroes is carried on by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee," an organization shown by the Internal Security Subcommittee to be financed substantially by the Castro government.

"Its (Fair Play for Cuba) acting chairman is Richard Gibson, a Negro who invoked the fifth amendment in refusing to answer questions regarding his activity," the study says. "He was one of eight Negroes among the founders of the committee. The others included Frank London Brown, John Killens, and Julian Mayfield. Joanne Alileen Grant, who has been listed as the secretary of the Fair Play Committee, a Negress, invoked the fifth amendment on October 10, 1960, before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in refusing to answer all questions regarding her Communist Party affiliations."

The study said that Richard Gibson "has estimated that about one-third of the 3,000 members belonging to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee were Negroes."

Also documented in the study are the activities, in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, of Robert F. Williams, NAACP chairman in Monroe, N.C., who was suspended for six months in 1959 by the NAACP for urging Negroes to "fight violence with violence."

Among other acts of Williams, the study describes his speech to the Columbia University Fair Play for Cuba Committee on February 10, 1961, where he said: "I don't know what kind of 'ism' they have in Cuba today, but whatever it is, we could use a little of it in the United States." This speech "was apparently part of an FPCC tour covering Indiana University, Antioch College, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, and Denver," the study says.

"In his newsletter, the Crusader, Williams has carried to his Negro leaders a glowing description of Castro's agrarian reform progam."

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BEFORE THE

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SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT AND OTHER INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS, OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:35 a.m., in room 2820, New Senate Office Building, Senator Thomas J. Dodd presiding.

Present: Senators Dodd, Norris Cotton, and Kenneth B. Keating.

Also present: J. G. Sourwine, chief counsel; Benjamin Mandel, research director; Frank Schroeder, chief investigator.

Senator DODD. The hearing will be in order.

Mr. Counsel?

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Joe Louis, Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Louis is accompanied by Mr. William Rowe, as the chairman knows from the executive session. I would respectfully suggest that both men be sworn. Their stories will supplement one another.

Senator DODD. You will both rise and raise your right hands.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony given before the subcommittee will be the truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. BARROW. Yes, I do.

Mr. ROWE. I do.

TESTIMONY OF JOE LOUIS BARROW AND WILLIAM ROWE

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Louis, what is your full name?

Mr. BARROW. Joe Louis Barrow.

Mr. SOURWINE. And your address?

Mr. BARROW. 1711 Wellington Road, North Inglewood, Calif.

Mr. SOURWINE. What is your present business?

Mr. BARROW. Public relations.

Mr. SOURWINE. You were the heavyweight champion of the world?

Mr. BARROW. Yes, I was.

Mr. SOURWINE. For how long and from what period and until what time?

Mr. BARROW. From 1937 until 1948.

Mr. SOURWINE. Now, Mr. Rowe, what is your full name?

Mr. ROWE. William L. Rowe.

Mr. SOURWINE. And your present address?

Mr. ROWE. 1 Fenamore Road, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Mr. SOURWINE. Your business or profession?

Mr. ROWE. Public relations.

Mr. SOURWINE. You and Mr. Joe Louis Barrow are associated?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, I am president of the firm with which he is associated.

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Louis, in the course of this committee's hearings we have dealt to some extent with recent events in Cuba. Have you been in Cuba?

Mr. BARROW. I was in Cuba in 1959.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you go there for business or for pleasure?

Mr. BARROW. My first trip was for pleasure.

Mr. SOURWINE. You were there more than once?

Mr. BARROW. I was there again in January of 1960.

Mr. SOURWINE. I think this latter trip was a business trip, sir?

Mr. BARROW. It was.

Mr. SOURWINE. What was the purpose of this trip?

Mr. BARROW. Down there with Al Lockhart who also was an associate in the Louis, Rowe & Lockhart official offices, to negotiate a contract with the Tourist Commission.

Mr. SOURWINE. The Tourist Commission of Cuba?

Mr. BARROW. Right.

Mr. SOURWINE. What was the nature of this contract, Mr. Louis?

Mr. BARROW. Well, the Tourist Commission of Cuba wanted to enter into an agreement with our firm to develop tourists to come to Cuba.

Mr. SOURWINE. What kind of tourists?

Mr. BARROW. Just American tourists to come to Cuba.

Mr. SOURWINE. I mean were you conducting tours, were you arranging package deals where a number would come?

Mr. BARROW. No, we weren't arranging package deals—just we would put ads in the Negro publications, radio, and so forth.

Mr. SOURWINE. You were just trying to get individuals to go?

Mr. BARROW. Right.

Mr. SOURWINE. Not necessarily groups?

Mr. BARROW. Right.

Mr. SOURWINE. Now, who conducted these negotiations in Cuba, you or Mr. Rowe?

Mr. BARROW. Al Lockhart and Mr. Rowe. At the time I was down there I was only down there with Mr. Lockhart.

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Rowe, did you initiate these negotiations or did someone come to you to initiate them?

Mr. ROWE. No, it was brought to our office by Mr. Lockhart. Mr. Lockhart was a friend of mine and he was the advertising director of the Amsterdam News at that particular time.

Mr. SOURWINE. That is a New York newspaper?

Mr. ROWE. Yes. I was doing the public relations for that particular paper for its 50th anniversary and Mr. Lockhart was interested in becoming a part of our office and we talked about different things and he said, "Well, perhaps I might be able to bring in a big account." I said, "If you can bring in a big account, we want you as a member of our firm."

So he came in and said, "I just received a telegram, a cablegram from Cuba." I said, "No kidding." And he said, "Yes." He said, "They would like to have me come down and discuss a proposition with them during—when the victory celebration takes place." I think it was in January of 1958 or the year before when Castro had invited all of these thousands of newspapermen down to what he called, I believe, a Peace Corps, I think.

Mr. SOURWINE. Let's get the dates straight. Castro came into power in January of 1959.

Mr. ROWE. Was it 1959?

Mr. SOURWINE. Yes.

Mr. ROWE. Well, it was the time. He had all of the newspaper people down there. I think they had it or called it a Truth Corps when they were doing all the shooting and he said, "Would you like to go to Cuba with me?" He said, "The government is going to pay the expenses." I said, "Certainly." So he got three tickets, one for himself, one for Mr. Fisher,[1] and one for me. This was December 19. We went down to Cuba to meet with the Cuban Tourist Commission. We didn't know what it was all about at that point, but we had certain ideas in our mind which we, of course, would discuss with them once we got there. And we met Dr. Martinez, who is a subdirector of tourism in Cuba.

Mr. SOURWINE. Is that Dr. Jesus Martinez?

Mr. ROWE. Right. It was around 6 o'clock and we met with him at midnight in the Havana Riviera Hotel. He said he would like to have about 30 guests from America come down for Christmas and to stay over for the anniversary celebration which would be New Year's Eve. We said it was very difficult to get Americans to leave home on Christmas but thought we could arrange it for a New Year's celebration. He said, "Fine," and he wanted to know whom we would invite. We said certain people. We didn't have the names offhand that we would have to go over our list and find out who we thought would be the proper people to invite.

He asked if we could bring Roy Campanella, Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays, and Joe Louis. We said we didn't know, that we would see, and the meeting ended on that note.

He came back the next afternoon or should I say the next evening and went into the situation again about inviting people. It went from 35 to 50 and they decided that Dr. Castellanos, who was head of the Cuban Tourist Commission, would send the cablegrams of invitation to the people, to the names we gave them. We didn't have all of the addresses with us and we would have to send them back to Cuba and he said that when he got back to New York, or when we got to New York, to give him the names and addresses.

Mr. SOURWINE. You did not send the invitations yourselves, then?

Mr. ROWE. No, we did not send the invitations but we sent out from America a followup so the people we would know, those whom we invited, would know what it was all about.

Mr. SOURWINE. You contacted these people yourself?

Mr. ROWE. We contacted some by phone and some by telegram.

Mr. SOURWINE. For instance, Roy Campanella, who got in touch with him?

Mr. ROWE. Mr. Fisher, I believe, Mr. Fisher discussed this with him.

Mr. SOURWINE. Willie Mays?

Mr. ROWE. Willie Mays, we discussed this with Willie Mays on the phone because he was out of town.

Mr. SOURWINE. Jackie Robinson?

Mr. ROWE. We discussed it with him.

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[1] Charles Fisher, a former partner of Louis & Rowe, who had handled the Cuban account.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did those gentlemen go?

Mr. ROWE. Well, Willie Mays said he would go. But at the last minute, he couldn't make it. His wife was ill or something, he said, and anyway he decided he couldn't make it at the last minute but accepted the invitation.

Roy Campanella felt the trip was too strenuous.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did Jackie Robinson go?

Mr. ROWE. No, he said he had to be home with his kids.

Mr. SOURWINE. You have a list of those who did go on this trip?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, we have.

Mr. SOURWINE. Will you offer that for the record at this time?

Mr. ROWE. I can offer it for the record, certainly, but they were just people.

Mr. SOURWINE. Yes, but you mentioned some of those whom you tried to get and we just want to make a record of who did go.

Mr. ROWE. We have the list.

Senator KEATING. May I interrupt, Mr. Chairman?

There is no sinister implication in this question. I think we ought to rest on that. The list is not intended to convey anything improper.

Mr. ROWE. Yes, because I am sure these people—it was just an invitation to a party like we would send out to a party at my home or your home.

Mr. SOURWINE. Just an invitation.

Mr. ROWE. We have the list.

Senator DODD. It may be included and made a part of the record, subject to objection.

Senator COTTON. Would the witness prefer it was made a part of the record, but not made a public part of the record in case the public misunderstood some of these things?

Senator DODD. Well, I don't know. What is your feeling about that? Do you prefer that it not be made public?

Mr. ROWE. I think, Senator, that I would prefer that because I am sure these people would get all kinds of sinister implications these days about Cuba.

Senator DODD. We don't need to make it public.

(The document referred to was marked "Exhibit No. 58" and ordered retained in subcommittee files, but not made public.)

Mr. SOURWINE. All right, now, we are back to the time when you had agreed that you were going to go back to the States and furnish a list of these names.

Now was that the whole of it, the agreement, or was there any more formal contract at that time?

Mr. ROWE. We had a contract, an agreement, a paragraph on that agreement, the amount of money that they were going to pay and what the money was going to be for.

Mr. SOURWINE. Are you offering that contract for the record?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, you may have this contract for the record. It is in Spanish, by the way.*

Mr. SOURWINE. May that be received, Mr. Chairman, with the instruction that it be translated and the English translation be printed?

Senator DODD. Yes.

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*The document given the subcommittee was not, in fact, a contract, but a letter transmitting certain sums for work done by the firm.

(The document referred to was marked "Exhibit No. 59" and an English translation reads as follows:)

EXHIBIT No. 59

Revolutionary Government,
National Institute of Tourism, NITI[1]
Havana, December 21, 1959.

MESSRS. LOUIS & ROWE, INC.

DEAR SIRS: Attached please find a check [made out] in the name of that [your] company in the amount of two thousand 00/100 ($2,000.00); $1,000.00 expenses and $1,000.00 [professional] fees for publicity in the United States for this organization.

Sincerely yours,

(S) JESÚS MONTANE OROPESA,
Subdirector of the NITI.

Translated by William Springer, Library of Congress.

Mr. ROWE. The only thing I can understand there, it was $2,000, and $1,000 was for expenses and $1,000 was our fee.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you receive that money at that time?

Mr. ROWE. No, it was about 3 days later they gave us a check for 2,000 pesos and we didn't know at the time, of course, there was no monetary exchange between America and Cuba and we accepted the 2,000 check in pesos. We came back to America and turned it in to my bank and my bank says, "Do you want me to make notes on this or give it back to you?" They said they couldn't cash it.

Senator KEATING. That is funny to us but not to you.

Mr. ROWE. We were already about $900 out.

Senator COTTON. What did you do with it?

Mr. ROWE. We called Dr. Martinez and told him the bank would not cash the check and he said, "Well, I am not surprised." He said, "However, we'll make the check good. We will send you a check on the bank of the United States." But we were going back to Cuba for the party and we decided rather than to sweat out the mail we would just be on the scene and would then accept the check on the American bank which they gave us for $2,000 which covered most of the negotiations on getting these people to Cuba. We ran $900 over the original agreement which they paid us, oh, I guess it was about a month later, because he expressed to us that this was a very poor government and that they did not want to be spending a lot of money that they couldn't afford. But we received that payment, and the party, instead of 50 people, it turned out we had 72 people which we invited because they kept extending the list, kept saying, "Let's just go ahead and go all out on this."

The party took place at the Havana Hilton Hotel. They had a special room, I think, on one of the higher floors, in which they invited themselves, a certain amount of outstanding Cubans and the place was decorated with American and Cuban flags. Castro was there and he made a little—a short speech of welcome to the people and the place was quite crowded because he decided to let everybody in, even those who didn't have an invitation and wanted to come. They all came in and they served food and what not and the same party business and I think they had a little more television cameras at that point than they have now. It was well covered. The President

[1] Literally, The Touristic Industry.

was there and Mr. Louis was there with Mrs. Louis. Mrs. Louis was the quietest person in the house. Everybody was having quite a time and we left, I assume, about 2:30 and Castro was still there and the party went on.

Mr. SOURWINE. This was a party in celebration of the Cuban revolutionary anniversary, was it?

Mr. ROWE. Right.

Mr. SOURWINE. It was on a national level in Cuba because Castro was there?

Mr. ROWE. I imagine it was. There were a lot of TV cameras on. They had the thing back here in America on television. The stories were carried back here in America—meaning the names of some of the guests that attended this affair.

Mr. SOURWINE. It was an outstanding public relations stroke; wasn't it?

Mr. ROWE. Well, I would say so. As a public relations man I thought it was a great job. I was only sorry I hadn't thought it up.

Mr. SOURWINE. All right, go ahead.

Mr. ROWE. Well, that was the end of that particular situation and we were the guests and were allowed to stay. They were given 3 to 5 days as guests of the Government. In other words, the Government picked up the hotel bill. They supplied the tickets for transportation and they supplied the food, but they did not supply anything harder than water to drink. If you wanted anything harder than water to drink you had to buy it yourself.

Mr. SOURWINE. They paid all expenses except the hard liquor?

Mr. ROWE. Right, and so we were going to stay over 3 days after the party. Some people were going to stay 5 days and the next day we were told that an official of the Cuban Government was going to come over to the hotel to speak with all the invited Americans and they stressed the fact that they wanted us to invite both white and colored, not just the colored Americans. So there were quite a few white Americans with the party and they had been distributed in all the hotels in Havana. So we had to get them together to be on hand to be greeted by this official of the Cuban Government. They didn't tell us who it was going to be.

About 10 o'clock, a lot of people were in swimming and we were told that this Government official was upstairs in the particular room provided for this in the Havana Hilton Hotel—rather the Havana Riviera Hotel—to greet us and many of us went up in our bathing suits and some of the girls had on their play suits; the ladies were all quite ready to go out and we went up and to our surprise, of course, it was Castro.

Now this was our first formal introduction to Castro and it was just the American guests that he came in to see.

Mr. SOURWINE. This was before the party?

Mr. ROWE. After the party.

Mr. SOURWINE. After the party. You had seen him at the party but not a formal introduction?

Mr. ROWE. No formal introduction, you see, and he spoke to us. He discussed the relationship between America and Cuba and he gave us the impression that he was very sorry about this relationship and that things will be better and we assumed that things would be better because here he was going to spend all this money with us to

invite American tourists and we knew that American tourists would not go to Cuba if there was bad relations between the two Governments. We assumed this would be better and we asked questions and he answered all the questions and I think he probably stayed there an hour and a half or 2 hours talking to us and he reiterated to us in the talk to stay longer. He said, "I want you to see the people. Go to the different parts of Cuba and find out for yourselves what is going on. There will be no guides, no guards, no anything. You just go and do what you want to do and then you will know for yourself."

Senator DODD. I have here a preliminary study by the subcommittee staff on the subject "Cuba and the American Negro." I think I shall order it printed as an appendix in connection with this hearing.*

Mr. Rowe, will you continue please?

Mr. ROWE. Some of the people had reservations and wanted to get back. He said, "Don't worry about that. If you have to get back we will supply a plane for you," and of course he did. They chartered a plane to bring back 12 people.

Mr. FISHER. Ten or twelve people.

Mr. ROWE. Ten or twelve people who had to get back, who lost their reservations because they decided to stay over and it was after this particular party and after this particular meeting that we then started discussing with Dr. Castellanos and Dr. Martinez this business of inviting tourists to Cuba.

Mr. SOURWINE. Now, who is Dr. Castellanos?

Mr. ROWE. Dr. Castellanos is the director of INIT, Avenida Linea y A. INIT is what they call the Tourist Commission in Cuba and he thought it would be a tremendous idea and the tremendous thing for them to go into negotiation or rather to effect a contract with us to do a public relations and promotional job for Cuba to get tourists, people to come to Cuba, both individually and in groups.

Mr. SOURWINE. This is of some importance. You were discussing a contract to be public relations counsel, not for Castro but for Cuba.

Mr. ROWE. That is right, for the Tourist Commission.

Mr. SOURWINE. The Tourist Commission of the Republic of Cuba.

Mr. ROWE. Right. I mean as far as the Government was concerned, it never entered into the picture at all because we were not political in any way, shape, or form and couldn't afford to go into any political type of contract because we won't, you know, we just can't do it. The only thing we know to do politically is to build up a candidate for office.

Senator KEATING. I am glad to hear that.

Mr. ROWE. You remember that from my statement.

Senator KEATING. The Amsterdam News is very capable.

Mr. ROWE. Let me say you are very kind, Senator. My wife happens to write a column for the Pittsburgh Courier.

Anyway, we discussed the program of how we would go about bringing tourists to Cuba. He was very insistent whereby they wanted to hire our firm to do this job; that they wanted us to do an interracial job as far as tourists were concerned. They did not want us to go into the white press or the daily magazines because they have a $6 million contract, I believe it was, with Harris & Co.,

*The document is printed at p. 782.

of Miami, Fla., for that particular phase of American tours. I believe he just sued them. I believe he was going to get $200,000 and some-odd which they owe him. Unfortunately, we lost about $150,000 and I don't think we are going to be able to——

Mr. SOURWINE. They owe you $150,000?

Mr. ROWE. $150,000 on the contract which we signed with them. That is the balance. In drawing up the contract we were very careful—in fact, nobody even discussed anything except tours and how we would bring these tourists into Cuba.

Mr. SOURWINE. This advertising campaign was to inspire the tours—you weren't to be a tourist bureau?

Mr. ROWE. No.

Mr. SOURWINE. You were to carry on a public relations campaign, including advertising in the Negro magazines and newspapers?

Mr. ROWE. Right.

Mr. SOURWINE. Inspire a desire among the people to go to Cuba?

Mr. ROWE. Right. I have a couple of the ads which we placed in the paper which you can have for the record.

Mr. SOURWINE. May they be received, Mr. Chairman?

Senator DODD. Yes.

(The documents referred to were marked "Exhibits 60, 60-A, and 60-B" and are reproduced on adjoining pages:)

EXHIBIT 60

EXHIBIT 60-A

special $ 1.00 bonus

PER PERSON PER NIGHT AT ANY HOTEL IN CUBA

Each night that one of your clients spends at any hotel in Cuba -providing it is a prepaid booking- means to you a SPECIAL $ 1.00 BONUS that you will easily collect by just discounting the total due amount from your remittance to the Hotel or to your Agent in Cuba.

This offer applies as follows:

1 On the total number of nights included in advertised ALL - INCLUSIVE TOURS to Cuba.

2 On the total number of nights included in prepaid INDEPENDENT - INCLUSIVE TOURS to Cuba.

3 On the total number of nights included in a HOTEL COUPON, i. e.:

a) If you issue a HOTEL COUPON for 3 nights at the rate of $ 10.00 single per night -totalling $ 30.00-, you are entitled to a $ 3.00 BONUS. (One person, 3 nights: $ 3.00).

b) If you issue a HOTEL COUPON for 3 nights at the rate of $ 12.00 double per night -totalling $ 36.00-, you are entitled to a $ 6.00 BONUS. (2 persons, 3 nights: $ 6.00).

4 On the number of nights covered by a reservation for which a deposit has been collected and a HOTEL DEPOSIT COUPON issued, i. e.:

a) If you issue a HOTEL DEPOSIT COUPON for $ 10.00, covering a $ 10.00 single for 3 nights, you are entitled to a $ 1.00 BONUS, since the deposit is the equivalent to one night at the hotel. (One person, one night: $ 1.00). If you issue a double instead of a single, you would be entitled to a $ 2.00 BONUS. (2 persons, one night: $2.00).

b) If you issue a HOTEL DEPOSIT COUPON for $ 20.00, covering a $ 10.00 single for 3 nights, you are entitled to a $ 2.00 BONUS, since the deposit is the equivalent to 2 nights at the hotel. (One person, 2 nights: $2.00). If you issue a double instead of a single, you would be entitled to a $ 4.00 BONUS. (2 persons, 2 nights: $ 4.00).

In addition to the SPECIAL $ 1.00 BONUS offer, you are also entitled to the following commissions-discountable as well from your remittance to the Hotel or to your Agent in Cuba:

- Special 15% commission on all prepaid ALL-INCLUSIVE TOURS to Cuba, either advertised or independent.
- Special 20% commission on limousine service between airport and hotel -and back-, at the fare of $ 1.25 each way (ALL-INCLUSIVE TOURS only).
- Regular 10% commission on ordinary hotel reservations for independent travellers.

As you can see, now -more than ever- the more clients you send to Cuba, the more profit you make! Each client means to you a quite generous amount of commission-dollars!

INIT INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE LA INDUSTRIA TURISTICA **CUBA**

EXHIBIT 60-B

Mr. SOURWINE. These are ads prepared by you?

Mr. ROWE. Right.

Mr. SOURWINE. Which did run?

Mr. ROWE. Right.

Mr. SOURWINE. Where did these ads run?

Mr. ROWE. In most of the larger Negro papers—the Amsterdam News, the Pittsburgh Courier, the Chicago Defender, the Afro-American.

Mr. SOURWINE. How big was your advertising budget on this particular account?

Mr. ROWE. The entire budget—it isn't broken down, but the entire account was $287,000.

Mr. SOURWINE. When you placed these ads, did the Cuban Government pay for them or did you obligate yourselves as an agency to pay for them?

Mr. ROWE. We obligated ourselves to pay for them.

Mr. SOURWINE. And you subsequently did pay for them?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, we did.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you accept and receive reimbursement from the Cuban Government?

Mr. ROWE. On two occasions, yes, we received two checks from them.

Mr. SOURWINE. Do they still owe you money for reimbursement for ads you placed and paid for?

Mr. ROWE. Yes.

Mr. SOURWINE. How much?

Mr. ROWE. On the advertising, I think it is a little less than $6,000.

Mr. SOURWINE. And in addition to that, they owe you approximately $140,000 more as compensation for your part in the campaign?

Mr. ROWE. For fees and additional expenses.

Mr. SOURWINE. You didn't receive very much as fees out of this deal, then, did you?

Mr. ROWE. No.

Mr. SOURWINE. Now, was there a second advertising campaign?

Mr. ROWE. No, there wasn't a second. We had one prepared but it never went out because we had decided that we were going to resign the account.

Mr. SOURWINE. What happened to your magazine advertising?

Mr. ROWE. We weren't going to advertise, only the Johnston publications. All the other magazine advertisements were being taken care of by Harris & Co.

Mr. SOURWINE. When was it that you decided that you were going to resign?

Mr. ROWE. Well, we decided we were going to resign in March but we had a 6-month clause in our contract.

Mr. SOURWINE. That is you had to give 6 months' notice?

Mr. ROWE. That's right.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you give that notice in March of 1960?

Mr. ROWE. No, we didn't give them notice on that. We were going to do this in June because I went out of the country. I went to Mexico and we were going to take care of this matter when I got back because, in the first place, we were trying to get the additional money out of them before we let them know we were going to resign, because we were on the hook for about $6,000 or so.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you eventually send a letter of resignation of the account?

Mr. ROWE. I didn't hear you.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you eventually send a letter resigning the account?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, I did.

Mr. SOURWINE. When was this?

Mr. ROWE. This was in July—July 7, 1960.

Mr. SOURWINE. Do you have a copy of that letter?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, I do.

Mr. SOURWINE. May we have it for the record?

Mr. ROWE. You certainly may.

Mr. SOURWINE. May this be received?

Senator DODD. It may be received.

(The document was marked "Exhibit No. 61" and reads as follows:)

EXHIBIT NO. 61

JULY 7, 1960.

Dr. BAUDILIO CASTELLANOS,
Director, INIT,
Avenida Linca y A, Vedado, Havana, Cuba

DEAR DR. CASTELLANOS: In view of the political chess game, which has developed into virtually a war of words between our two governments—America and Cuba, we regretfully submit our resignation as the public relations representative of the Instituto Nacional de la Industria Turistica.

There can be no question as to the titanic nature of the heated arguments between our two nations which have brought them to the brink of severing relationship. Repercussions of this political strife between your country and ours cannot help but lessen the effectiveness of our noblest efforts on the behalf of the Cuban Tourist Commission. It was the hope of our firm, when we entered into a contract with you in February 1960, that we would have an opportunity to bring about a better relationship between the people of our two countries. At that time, we felt that the new leaders of Cuba would take over their politically ravished country with the same human affection and intensity for the rights of humanity that successfuly brought them down from the hills of Oriente Province to the luxury and comfort of Havana, the capital of Cuba. We felt that there would be a strict observance of justice, public faith, and a sturdy adherence to virtue in public office. We saw the people of Cuba reaching for that something called identity. We heard their leaders speaking out things that have long required clarification. But through it all, together in their own land, we believed they would put others in other lands into proper perspective, keeping in mind the faith and hope of those who died to make it so.

We understood and appreciated the banning of discrimination in Cuba, and felt prone to publicize Cuba as a new Utopia, where the promise of first-class treatment as first-class citizens would be a reality for American Negroes, who have been intimate with toil and sorrow, and who have too long dreamed of equality—in work and play—with other freemen enjoying respect and dignity.

However, the conflict of interest, of which you are familiar, has continued to multiply, and the failure of the (INIT) to overcome its financial problems leaves us no alternative except to resign. Mr. Lockhart, the Account Executive, will be in touch with you to effect the final closeout.

It was a tremendous pleasure working with you and your staff, and being able to visit Cuba as INIT's Representative. It is heartbreaking to have to sever our financial relationship, and I hope it will be compensated by the continuation of our friendship. I am sincere when I repeat that I hope that the day is not too far in the distant when our two countries can see eye to eye, and shake hands instead of fists.

Mr. Lockhart's report will show that in view of the pressures and the job we tried to do put us in the red in excess of the budgets we received several months ago, some $5,000–$6,000. In addition, there is a fee of $6,250 due on the basis of our signed agreement. I do hope that once the report is complete that this amount will be forthcoming.

In closing, I would like to say that we terminate this agreement with no rancor or regrets, but with the hope that soon we can get together again; and that there will be no obstacles to prevent us from doing the kind of job that all of us are aware can be done for so fine a country and such wonderful people.

Regretfully yours,

WILLIAM L. ROWE,
President, Louis, Rowe, Fisher, Lockhart Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. SOURWINE. Now, who signed this letter?

Mr. ROWE. I signed the letter as the president of the firm and I would like to read part of it to you.

Senator DODD. Go ahead.

Mr. ROWE. It is dated July 1960—July 7—and sent to Dr. Baudilio Castellanos.

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However, the conflict of interest of which you are familiar, has continued to multiply and the failure of the INIT to overcome its financial problems leaves us no alternative except to resign.

I tried to express in here the true feeling and the real reason why we relinquished the contract. We had one feeling when we went into the contract and as things progressed, of course, we got another feeling and it was impossible to do a job when one country was talking against another country and it got to the stage where it was sort of like it was becoming a political situation and we stepped out.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did the Cubans accept your resignation on this contract without any argument?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, they did. They never did it in writing but they called up when they received the latter and Dr. Castellanos said he was sorry and he would straighten out whatever differences that we had as far as moneys that was due us was concerned.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did they do that?

Mr. ROWE. No, we haven't heard from him. We didn't hear from him any more.

Mr. SOURWINE. What efforts have you made to get your money?

Mr. ROWE. Frankly, we haven't made too much effort. We sent them a report and that was the end of it. I spoke to our firm's lawyer in relationship to the money and he made contact with Harris & Co. in Miami to find out just what their lawyers had done and how they went about getting whatever money they are going to receive as a result of the confiscation of the planes which Cuba had here at one time and he is still negotiating this now with the lawyers down there so perhaps something might come out of it as a result of that. Of course, I understand that the money the planes were bringing will bring far more money than is due Harris & Co. which is in excess of $200,000.

Mr. SOURWINE. Are you party to this action?

Mr. ROWE. No, we are not.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you inform the Justice Department of the United States respecting what had happened to your contract?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, we did. We had to fill out the necessary papers just like you have to register, you have to unregister so to speak and we did that and we kept in touch with the Justice Department at each step of the way because when they sent us any number of folders we had to fill them out and send them back. In fact, everything that came from Cuba, even in relationship to the special bonus tours and all that, we first contacted the Justice Department before we did anything about them.

Mr. SOURWINE. What is that document you just referred to?

Mr. ROWE. A document that says—well, it says $1 bonus for any hotel in Cuba. In other words, they were giving away packages.

Mr. SOURWINE. Is this part of your publicity or public relations or something that came from Cuba?

Mr. ROWE. This came from Cuba and this is a bulletin they sent us. It had a speech by Dr. Raul Roa before the General Assembly of the United Nations which was made on November 6, 1959.

Mr. SOURWINE. Did you distribute copies of that speech?

Mr. ROWE. No, we didn't. They sent them to us and we sent a letter to the Department of Justice asking them whether or not, and plus a copy of this—asking whether or not this was all right to send out and they wrote us back and said it was political and it was not.

Mr. SOURWINE. May we have copies of that correspondence?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, you may.

(The documents referred to were marked "Exhibits 62 and 62A" and read as follows:)

EXHIBIT No. 62

JUNE 24, 1960.

Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY,
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division,
U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
(Attention: Mr. Nathan B. Lenvin.)

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed please find a sample of a mailing that we would like to make to colleges throughout the United States.

Because of the circumstances that prevail between ours and the Cuban Government, however, we would appreciate some type clearance or authorization before making this mailing.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. A. LOCKHART.

EXHIBIT No. 62-A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D.C., July 19, 1960.

Re Registration No. 1348.
LOUIS, ROWE, FISHER, LOCKHART ENTERPRISES, INC.,
200 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y.

GENTLEMEN: The ending of the agency relationship with the Instituto Nacional de la Industria Turistica, Habana, Cuba, as stated in your letter of July 8, 1960, will permit the termination of your registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, provided you file a final statement in accordance with rule 260 thereunder.

The final statement should be submitted on the enclosed forms and should cover the period from April 6, 1960, to the date on which the agency relationship ended. It should give a full description of all activities performed during that

period on behalf of the foreign principal as well as a detailed accounting of all funds received or expended in connection with these activities. This statement must be filed in duplicate.

In view of the termination of your connection with the Cuban tourist agency, the inquiry made in your letter of June 24, 1960, concerning the dissemination of literature on its behalf will not require a detailed reply. For your information, however, the material submitted is considered political propaganda and its dissemination within the United States would require compliance with the filing, labeling, and reporting requirements of section 4 of the act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY,
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division.
By NATHAN B. LENVIN,
Chief, Registration Section.

Mr. SOURWINE. Now, I am just a little bit concerned as to this material that has been admitted to the record. I think it is all still there in front of you and I would like to get it separated and physically in the hands of the committee so that we may be sure about it.

There is your contract; there is the letter to the Department of Justice and their letter of reply. There were two advertisements.

Mr. ROWE. You have everything so far.

Mr. SOURWINE. And a letter of resignation.

Mr. ROWE. That is in.

Mr. SOURWINE. You showed us two ads. Are they over there?

Mr. ROWE. Yes.

Mr. SOURWINE. The letter of resignation is over there. There is a list of persons who went on this first trip.

Mr. ROWE. That I haven't got yet.

Mr. SOURWINE. That will be furnished, not for the printed record, but for the committee.

All right, I think that is everything up to now.

Now, was it you or Mr. Louis who talked with Mr. Martinez, on the occasion of this first trip, in terms which involved a separation and a conflict between the people of the United States and the Government of the United States?

Mr. ROWE. No. Mr. Louis wasn't in Cuba at that time. It was Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lockhart and myself.

It was Dr. Martinez who said that one of the main things that was wrong was that the American Government had the wrong impression about the Cuban revolution and that the American press was giving the people the wrong impression and that they wanted the people to know that Cubans did not hate Americans and so on down the line.

I told them then that there was no separation between the American people and the American Government; that it was one and the same; that the Government was the people, and vice versa. He said, "Be that as it may." We didn't discuss this any further, you see.

Mr. SOURWINE. Now, who prepared this contract which you signed with the Cuban Government, your attorneys or the Cuban Government?

Mr. ROWE. The Cuban Government prepared the contract and our attorneys just looked it over and said it was all right, that it was in keeping.

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Louis, on the occasion when you went down to Cuba, when you went on business, with whom did you talk?

Mr. BARROW. Well, I talked with Dr. Benavides.

Mr. SOURWINE. Who is he?

Mr. BARROW. He is himself a member of the tourist commission.

Mr. ROWE. He is the head. Enrique Benavides is a colored Cuban who is in charge of the special markets for the Cuban Tourist Commission.

Mr. SOURWINE. Do you know if he is any relation to the famous Manuel Benavides?

Mr. ROWE. I think there is a family line some place. I am not too sure because at that particular time we had a biographical sketch. We have a biographical sketch if you would like to have it.

Mr. SOURWINE. Yes. May that be admitted, Mr. Chairman?

Senator DODD. Yes.

(The document referred to was marked "Exhibit No. 63" and reads as follows:)

EXHIBIT No. 63

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, ENRIQUE BENAVIDES, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL MARKET PROMOTION, DEPARTMENT OF THE CUBAN TOURIST COMMISSION

Enrique Benavides, 34 years old, married. Studied Social Science and Law at the University of Havana. Possessor of a Bachelor's Degree. He was a classmate and is a close friend of Dr. Fidel Castro. He was a member of the Revolutionary Movement in the struggle against Batista and is today a member of the Revolutionary Government. He was the foremost leader in the planning and the eventual abolition of all forms of discrimination in Cuba.

He is the former head of all the public beaches of Cuba. He was Captain during the revolution, at which time he organized an integrated revolutionary league, which worked within the cities of Cuba to aid the revolutionary armed forces. He is at present a member of the Revolutionary Government and Director of Special Market Promotion Department of the Cuban Tourist Commission. He is the Secretary General of the Gastronomic and Touristic Industry Union.

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Senator DODD. I am sorry but I have to leave because I have made another engagement that I must fulfill.

I want to thank you, Mr. Louis and Mr. Rowe and Mr. Fisher, for helping us unravel this whole story. We have been working on it for some time and I will ask Senator Keating if he will preside here in my absence.

Mr. SOURWINE. What was the nature of the discussion with Mr. Benavides, Mr. Louis?

Mr. BARROW. Well, to tell the truth I didn't do any talking at all about contracts or that the condition that we were going to bring the tourists to Cuba on because that was the part we left up to Bill Rowe and Al Lockhart. So I just started the conversation about it, what we intend to do for them, and Lockhart took it on from there.

Mr. SOURWINE. You were both present?

Mr. BARROW. I was just there and started the conversation and I went out on the balcony and at no time did I stay and listen to the conversation on the idea on how they were going to develop the tourists.

Senator KEATING (now presiding). Is that January 1960?

Mr. BARROW. January 16, 1960.

Senator KEATING. You were not there after that?

Mr. BARROW. No, I was there on the 29th of December 1959 and January 16 of 1960. I never went back.

Mr. SOURWINE. What did you, yourself, do in connection with the performance of this contract, Mr. Louis?

Mr. BARROW. Nothing.

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Rowe, what did you, yourself, do in connection with the performance of this contract?

Mr. ROWE. Well, more or less I drew up the month-to-month plans and I wrote the releases that went out to newspapers and drew up the ads which went out to the newspapers. We had several programs which we really never entered into. The program itself never really got off the ground because of this barrier of understanding.

Mr. SOURWINE. Since the termination of your contract with the Cuban Government have you had any dealings with them?

Mr. ROWE. None whatsoever.

Mr. SOURWINE. Except, of course, your efforts to get your money.

Mr. ROWE. That is the only thing.

Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions of these witnesses.

Senator KEATING. Just let me ask a question or two.

Have you, Mr. Louis, had any contact with the so-called Fair Play for Cuba Committee?

Mr. BARROW. No, I haven't.

Senator KEATING. Have they entered into any communications with you at all?

Mr. BARROW. I don't think so.

Mr. ROWE. They haven't called our office at all. In fact, we don't even know who they are. We didn't know it until we saw the ads in the newspapers.

Senator KEATING. There is a Mr. Gibson who is now the executive director, executive secretary.

Does either of you know him?

Mr. ROWE. No, I don't know him.

Senator KEATING. You don't know him, Mr. Louis?

Mr. BARROW. No.

Senator KEATING. He hasn't been in touch with you?

Mr. BARROW. No, sir.

Senator KEATING. There was some evidence taken here, and I don't know if it was anything that came to your knowledge about Mr. Robert Taber taking tourists to Cuba and having taken $19,000 from a bank account of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee to pay the expenses of these tourists. Is that operation anything that you knew about?

Mr. ROWE. No.

Senator KEATING. Did you ever meet Mr. Robert Taber?

Mr. ROWE. No, I don't know him.

Senator KEATING. Senator Cotton, do you have any questions?

Senator COTTON. No.

Senator KEATING. Well, we certainly are very grateful to all three of you.

I think perhaps counsel's name should be entered in the record.

Mr. FISHER. I am not the counsel. I am a former partner of the firm that handled the account.

My name is Charles Fisher.

Mr. BARROW. My wife is the counsel. She is behind us. Every time I make a mistake she will pull my coattail.

Senator KEATING. Thank you very much. We appreciate your appearance.

(Whereupon, at 11:15 a.m., the subcommittee was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)

APPENDIX

Cuba and the American Negro

Once again the forces of international communism and its allies are utilizing their powerful resources in an effort to subvert the American Negro against his own Government.

Cooperating in this effort are the Cuban Government, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and the Communist Party, U.S.A.

From the time of the establishment of the movement in 1919, the Communists have always looked upon the American Negro as so much explosive tinder for the revolutionary conflagration they seek to incite within the United States. At the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International in August-September 1928, the question of the American Negro came up for prolonged discussion in which American Communists participated. On the basis of the congress decisions, the then representative of the Communist International in the United States, John Pepper, proclaimed for the United States the slogan that "The Negro Communists should emphasize in their propaganda the establishment of a Negro Soviet Republic" to be restricted to the Black Belt in the South.[1] In other words in furthering this slogan in pursuance of their revolutionary goal, the Communists advocated for a number of years the sacrificing of American Negroes to a bloody civil war for a Negro Soviet Republic, in which they would be the chief victims.

Within recent years and under the guidance of Moscow, this slogan has been abandoned by the Communists. After the establishment of the government of Fidel Castro, however, the Communist forces entrenched in Cuba have sought to make that island a beachhead for the subversion of the American Negro against his own Government. They endeavored to enlist his support for the pro-Soviet and anti-American government of Castro, 90 miles from our shores. The efforts made in this direction during the past 2 years have been manifold.

In the May 1961 issue of the Crisis, official organ of the National Association for Advancement of the Colored People, is an article by Dr. Juan Rene Betancourt, who was appointed by Castro a delegate-intervenor in the National Federation of Negro Societies, Cuba's main Negro organization. In his article he declares that "One can truthfully say, and this is without the slightest exaggeration, that the Negro movement in Cuba died at the hands of Senor Fidel Castro."

"When Fidel Castro returned to Cuba from New York," says Senor Betancourt, "he had us to understand that he had won over the American Negro and that he was going to bring 300 of them to Cuba to view the 'terrestrial paradise.'" In other words, Castro is making a decided effort to build up the reputation of Cuba in the eyes of the American Negro as a land which recognizes no racial discrimination, as a shining model in contrast with the United States. Yet Betancourt has declared that "Cuban Negroes do not own a single hotel or commercial establishment, or industry * * * Cuban Negroes continue to live as pariahs."

In line with Castro's effort to enlist the support of American Negroes, the Cuban Institute Nacional De La Industria Turistica (INIT) signed a contract in February 1960 with a New York public relations firm including Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion of the world, and William L. Rowe, a former

[1] "American Negro Problems," by John Pepper (the Communist, October 1928, pp. 628 and 634). Other relevant Communist references: "The Negro Question in the United States," by James S. Allen (International Publishers, New York, 1936); "The Negroes in a Soviet America," by James S. Allen and James W. Ford (Workers Library Publishers, New York, 1935); "The Communist Position on the Negro Question," pamphlet (New Century Publishers, New York, 1947); "Theses on the Revolutionary Movement in the Colonies and Semi-Colonies," 6th World Congress of the Communist International (International Press Correspondence, No. VIII, 1928, pp. 1659–1676).

New York deputy police commissioner, both Negroes, to encourage Negro tourists to come to Cuba. Castro appeared and was publicly photographed with Joe Louis in connection with this project.[2] However Messrs. Louis and Rowe refused to lend themselves to Castro's anti-American designs and canceled the contract.

On September 19, 1960, Fidel Castro came to New York for a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, he ostentatiously moved his headquarters from the Hotel Shelburne to the Hotel Theresa in the heart of Negro Harlem.[3] In an equally spectacular bid for Negro favor, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev visited Castro at the hotel on the next day.[4] On the same day the employees of Havana's swank Hotel Riviera decided to change its name to the Hotel Theresa.[5] The Hotel Theresa is known as the Waldorf-Astoria of Harlem, where most leading social and political functions of the area are staged.

In connection with the Hotel Theresa incident, Representative Adam Clayton Powell made the following caustic comment. He deplored the use of Harlem by Premier Fidel Castro "as a battleground for his own political ends" and added that "His staying in Harlem is sheer hypocrisy." He warned that the hospitality extended to Fidel Castro "will end the moment he launches any Communist-inspired activity or rioting in Harlem."[6]

Addressing the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches, Gloster B. Current, national director of NAACP branches, declared that Russian Premier Khrushchev's Harlem meeting with Cuban Premier Castro was an attempt to make it appear that "Negroes of America are friendly to the Communist conspirators." He made it plain that "Negroes are not fooled by the Communists."[7]

On Saturday, September 24, 1960, Benjamin Davis, a Negro Communist Party leader, and his followers sought to get into the act by staging a rally at 126th Street and 7th Avenue in New York's Harlem, which drew less than 150 onlookers. No prominent Negroes responded.

The Fair Play for Cuba Committee arranged a private reception for Castro in Harlem, but this drew only a few minor officials. Langston Hughes, Mrs. Daisy Bates, State Senator James Watson, and NAACP Branch President Joseph Overton refused to attend.

In a telegram to Governor Rockefeller and Mayor Wagner, the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity, representing 500 clergymen and over 100,000 Baptists, the largest religious group in Harlem, deplored and condemned "any attempts by Fidel Castro to make the Harlem community a battleground for his ideologies and a cesspool of his doctrine of hate and greed, and importing anti-U.S. agitators who have by their riotous actions brought discredit upon our community."[8]

According to Conrad Lynn, a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, accommodations at the Hotel Theresa for Fidel Castro were arranged through Robert Taber, executive secretary of the committee, who is now in Havana.[9]

Within the United States the bulk of the campaign to popularize Cuba among Negroes is carried on by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, shown by testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to have been supported financially by the Cuban Government.[10] Its acting executive secretary is Richard Gibson, a Negro who invoked the fifth amendment in refusing to answer questions regarding his activity. He was one of eight Negroes among the founders of the committee. The others included Frank London Brown, John Killens, and Julian Mayfield. Joanne Alileen Grant, a Negress, who has been listed as the secretary of the Fair Play Committee, invoked the fifth amendment on October 10, 1960, before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in refusing to answer all questions regarding her Communist Party affiliations.

Mr. Gibson has estimated that about one-third of the 3,000 members belonging to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee were Negroes.[11]

Robert F. Williams, NAACP chairman in Monroe, N.C., who was suspended for 6 months in 1959 by the NAACP for urging Negroes to "fight violence with

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[2] Time, Apr. 18, 1960, p. 87.
[3] New York Times, Sept. 20, 1961, pp. 1 and 16.
[4] Ibid., Sept. 21, 1960, pp. 1 and 16.
[5] Ibid., Sept. 21, 1960, p. 17.
[6] Ibid., Sept. 26, 1960.
[7] New York Amsterdam News, Oct. 1, 1960, p. 36.
[8] Ibid., Oct. 1, 1960, pp. 1 and 35.
[9] Ibid., Oct. 1, 1960, p. 1.
[10] Fair Play for Cuba Committee, hearings of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Apr. 29, May 5, Oct. 10, 1960, and Jan. 10, 1961.
[11] New York Times, Sept. 21, 1960, p. 17.