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4	8/9/43	Dept of Justice Doc.	1	0	Refused
4	8/20/43	FBIHQ letter to NY.	1	1	Refused
5	2/2/44	San Antonio Report	2	2	b2 b7C
6	2/12/44	FBIHQ letter to NY. Ind.	2	2	—
7	7/21/44	New York letter to FBIHQ	3	3	b-1 b7C b7D CIA released
8	10/10/46	FBIHQ letter to NY.	1	1	b7C
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-8088**

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REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 4-23-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-29-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE ANTONIO DE ITRALA E ITRALA Passenger Arriving Miami, Fla., March 29, 1943			CHARACTER OF CASE FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject is stateless, born Spain May 8, 1909, former Basque Citizen, arrived Miami March 29, 1943 from Havana. Purpose to confer with JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE of Basque Government, now employed by Columbia University, New York City, to act as his private secretary. Entered Brownsville, Texas September 15, 1942 for six months, later extended to one year by Central Office, INS. Originally excluded by Local INS, Brownsville. On interview stated he is Basque agent in fact but not official. U. S. address, c/o Basque Delegation, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Legal residence, Regina 40-A, Mexico City. Temporarily detained by Miami INS for lack of proper inquiry. Admitted without hearing.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation is predicated upon information obtained by reporting agent while on duty at the 36th Street Airport, Miami, when interviewing Subject, a passenger on Pan American Airways plane arriving March 29, 1943 from Havana, Cuba.

Subject was travelling on United States non immigrant visa No. 100-8088, U. S. Mexico on July 16, 1942 by JAMES C. FURBER, American Vice Consul. This document showed he was born at Bilbao, Spain, May 8, 1909. His legal residence was stated as Regina 40-A, Mexico City, Mexico. His address in the United States was given as Basque Delegation, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The purpose of his trip was indicated as to confer with JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE of the Basque Government and to act as his private secretary.

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The proposed duration of the Subject's stay in the United States was indicated as approximately one year.

The visa also indicated Subject had entered Brownsville, Texas on July 27, 1942. There was an additional notation on the visa to the effect that Subject was legally admitted to the United States at Brownsville, Texas on September 15, 1942 for six months by direction of the "Central Office." The period was subsequently extended to one year by the "Central Office."

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Subject also had in his possession a letter over the signature of CHARLES LONERGAN, Immigration and Naturalization Inspector in Charge, dated at Brownsville, Texas, February 19, 1943, directed to the Subject in care of the Basque Delegation at the address given above regarding the Subject's contemplated trip to Cuba and advising him that his visa had been forwarded the Miami, Florida office of Immigration and Naturalization Service.

He also possessed a letter from the same source dated February 3, 1943 advising him that the exclusion finding made by the Board of Special Inquiry at Brownsville, Texas had been sustained on August 15, 1942 but he had been allowed to enter the United States and the Central Office had granted an extension of six months and had subsequently extended his stay to September 1, 1943.

Because of this rather confusing letter, the Miami, Florida Immigration Inspector on duty detained the Subject for a Board of Special Inquiry on the grounds, "Doubt of Status".

Subject was travelling on Identity Travel Document #2323 issued by the Basque Government at Bayonne, France on December 14, 1938. This document is good for an unlimited period of time.

IRALA advised on interview that he was born of Basque parents in Bilbao, Spain, where he resided until after Franco's Army conquered the country. He had been employed as an Industrial Lawyer, having obtained his legal education at the University of Bilbao. About August 1937 he was employed by JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE, then President of the Basque Republic as General Secretary. After the arrival of Franco's troops, Subject said he fled to Paris with the Basque Government in exile, and continued to work as an employee of that government.

When the Germans arrived in Paris about June 18, 1940, he fled to Le Loup via automobile and thence to Bordeaux by freight train. He then, by freight train made his way to Pau in the Pyrennes in unoccupied France via Bayonne. He remained there until about April 1942. Franco's Government had given the French Government a list of names of persons who should not be permitted to leave France. The Subject's name appeared on this list he said, so he was forced to remain in France.

However, through the office of Archbishop Spellman and the Basque Delegation in New York and Buenos Aires, the Subject's departure was arranged by the Petain Government. His route was by steamship from Marseille to Casa Blanca where he took the Portuguese steamship NYASSA on April 25, 1942 to Vera Cruz, Mexico. He arrived May 18, 1942. He went immediately to Mexico City where he awaited the issuance of an American Visa. This was issued to him about July 1942, he said, and he entered the United States at Brownsville, Texas.

At this time he was detained and given a hearing. He stated he was admitted finally in August 1942 and proceeded to New York where he contacted his employer, AGUIRRE, whom he advised is now employed by Columbia University.

IRALA indicated he did fully understand the Exclusion proceedings and stated he assumed that it was held for security reasons.

He advised that the Basque Delegation paid the expenses of his trip and that AGUIRRE paid his salary. He said he was employed by AGUIRRE as a secretary but that actually he was an agent and employee of the Basque Government. He stated that his connection with the Basque Government was not official but that the purpose of his work with AGUIRRE was to assist AGUIRRE in administering Basque Government affairs.

The purpose of the Subject's trip to Cuba was to secure any and all information he could concerning Cuba and South America which would be of interest to his Government.

He was evasive and non-specific as to his exact activities and as the Subject was questioned through an interpreter, this point was not satisfactorily covered.

The Subject's statements were made in the presence of reporting Agent, Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2.

The proceedings concerning Subject's temporary detention conducted by Immigration Service, Post Office Building, Miami, Florida, was covered by Special Agent [redacted] TNS

As the Board of Inquiry did not meet on March 29, 1943 this Subject's hearing was not held, however he was interrogated by ALBERT CAVINESS, Immigration Inspector. At that time it was ascertained that the Subject's full name is ANTONIO DE IRAIA E IRAIA and that his address is in care of the Basque Delegation, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Release

He stated that in 1937 he left Spain for France and in 1938 he departed from France to the United States where he remained until February, 1939. At that

time he returned to France and stayed until April 17, 1942. From there he went to Mexico for three months and returned to the United States. His last departure from the United States was on the eighth of March, at which time he went to Venezuela and Cuba and is returning to the United States at the time.

He gave his occupation as secretary and confidential messenger for JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE, Professor of History at Columbia University, New York City.

He further stated that MANUEL DE LA SOTO is the Basque delegate in New York City.

Mr. CAVINESS advised that the Subject had in his possession a five thousand dollar check from the Basque Delegation from Caracas, Venezuela, which is to be delivered to AGUIRRE at New York City.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will determine from the records maintained by the Attorney General whether the Subject has registered as an agent of a foreign principal and if so will determine whether he has filed the necessary records currently as provided under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended; and if Subject has not complied with the Act, will determine whether the Basque Republic is an Allied Nation under Lend Lease Act and therefor Subject is exempt under the provisions of the Act.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Will, upon receipt of investigative report covering lead set out above, ascertain the Bureau's desire with respect to prosecution of the Subject under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended if he in fact has violated the Act; if the Subject has not violated Act or if the Bureau does not desire prosecution, will interview JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE to ascertain the veracity of the story given by the Subject at Miami, and will interview appropriate sources in the Basque Delegation to determine the veracity of the Subject's story told at Miami.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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T-2: [REDACTED] USNR, DIO, SECTION B-5, Miami, Florida
(Also acted as interpreter)

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Date:

To: Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith
Chief, Special War Policies Unit

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

Subject: ANTONIO DE IRLA E IRLA
REGISTRATION ACT

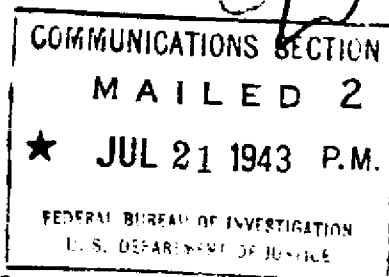
This subject, when interviewed, admitted he is a Basque agent in fact, but is not officially accredited in this capacity.

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Information regarding his background and the results of an interview with him are set forth in the attached report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 23, 1943, at Miami, Florida.

It would be appreciated if you would have this report reviewed and advise me whether in your opinion the information set forth indicates a violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, whether prosecution will be authorized, or whether additional investigation should be conducted.

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FILE NO. **100-9910** b7c

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TITLE ANTONIO DE IRAIA E IRAIA; Passenger Arriving Miami, Florida, March 29, 1943			CHARACTER OF CASE FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ANTONIO DE IRAIA E IRAIA has not filed a registration statement under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended subsequent to his departure in April, 1939, as an agent of a foreign principal. The subject is not notified to the Secretary of State as an agent of a foreign government.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent BURTON WILLIAM TEAGUE, dated April 23, 1943, at Miami, Florida.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential National Defense Informant [REDACTED] known to the Bureau, was contacted and advised that ANTONIO DE IRAIA E IRAIA has not registered as an agent of a foreign principal under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended subsequent to his departure from the United States in April, 1939.

Confidential National Defense Informant [REDACTED] known to the Bureau, advised that the subject is not notified to the Secretary of State as an agent of a foreign government.

With reference to the undeveloped lead for this office, set out in the reference report, wherein it is requested that this office determine whether the Basque Republic is an Allied Nation under the Lend-Lease Act, it is pointed out that the Basque is not recognized

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as an accredited foreign government by the United States. This in itself, however, does not exempt the agents of a foreign principal whose principal is the Basque Republic from registering under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 1, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: ANTONIO DE IRALA
EXIT PERMIT APPLICANT
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL REGISTRATION ACT

One Antonio de Irala, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City, has made an application for an exit permit stating he wishes to proceed to Mexico and Cuba as a delegate of the Basque Government in exile. Irala states in his application that he has been employed since August, 1942, in New York City as secretary to the President of the Basque Government. He states that he will be absent approximately one month and that he has a tourist's visa, which is valid until the end of July, 1943. He states that his date of departure is uncertain, but that he intends to leave from Brownsville, Texas, via Pan-American Airlines.

This individual is the subject of file No. 97-1793. When interviewed at Miami, Florida, at the time of his entry into the United States on March 29, 1943, he advised that he was employed by Jose Antonio Aguirre, the head of the Basque Government who is in New York City. He said he was employed by Aguirre as a secretary but that actually he was an agent and employee of the Basque Government. At that time he stated that the purpose of his trip to Cuba was to secure any and all information he could concerning Cuba and South America which would be of interest to his Government. Subsequent inquiry has revealed that Irala has not filed a registration statement under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and is not notified to the Secretary of State as an agent of a foreign principal.

Derogatory information concerning Antonio de Irala and his references is being furnished to the Exit Permit Unit of the Department of State.

SUGGESTED ACTION: In the event it is desired that Irala's exit permit be denied by the Department of State or that granting of the permit be withheld pending further investigation of Irala, it is requested that the Visa and Exit Control Section be advised at once in order that an appropriate request may be made of the State Department.

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To: SAC, New York City
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: ANTONIO DE IRALA E IRALA
REGISTRATION ACT
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL

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No further action need be taken by your office along the line of developing evidence of a violation of the Registration Act.

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FILE NO. **100-3171** b7c

REPORT MADE AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS
REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
DATE 11/23/43
CHARACTER OF CASE [REDACTED]
REPORT MADE AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS
REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
DATE 11/23/43
CHARACTER OF CASE [REDACTED]

PROPERTY NUMBER - 3
EXEMPT FROM TRAVEL CONTROL

Subject IRALA y IRALA entered Brownsville, Tex., 11/23/43 via PIA Clipper enroute from Mexico, D.F., to New York City. Stated is Spanish citizen, born Bilbao, Spain, 3/8/09; occupation secretary to Pres. XAVIERE of Basque Delegation in New York City. Subject advised he resided in France 1907-1938; in U.S. 1938-1939; returned to France, staying in Paris until June, 1940, then went to Vichy and Marseilles, while employed by XAVIERE. Subject advised he is presently returning to U.S. after 4-month tour on official business through all Latin American countries, and stated he intended to remain in U.S. for period 4 months; he is traveling on Mexican Passport J-99, issued Mexico D.F. 11/18/43. Subject departed Brownsville via Eastern Airlines 11/23/43 enroute New York City.

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DATE 2/2/82 BY SP-6 JTC
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 12/21/43.

DETAILS: Investigation in this case is predicated upon information received from the Bureau in referenced letter to the effect that ANTONIO de IRALA y IRALA was the subject of a pending investigation in the New York City Field Division.

AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Subject ANTONIO de IRALA y IRALA entered Brownsville, Texas, on November 23, 1943, via Pan American Clipper enroute from Mexico, D.F., to New York City.

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Upon being interviewed, Subject stated that he was a Spanish citizen, having been born in Bilbao, Spain, on May 8, 1909, and that he was employed as secretary to President JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE of the Basque Delegation, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Subject stated that he had resided in France from 1907 to 1938, at which time he came to the United States where he remained until 1939. According to the Subject, he returned to France in 1939 where he resided in Paris until June, 1940, when, because of the German invasion, he moved to Vichy and Marseilles.

Subject advised that during all this period he was employed by AGUIRRE as secretary.

Subject reported that he was presently returning to the United States from a four months tour of all Latin American countries on official business in his capacity as AGUIRRE's secretary. He stated that in Mexico City he had stopped at Regina 40A, and also at the Hotel Majestic. He advised that he expected to remain in the United States for a period of four months. He was traveling on Mexican Passport J-99, which was issued in Mexico, D.F. on November 18, 1943. Subject departed Brownsville, Texas, via Eastern Airlines on November 23, 1943, enroute to New York City.

Inasmuch as no further investigation remains to be conducted in this Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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SAC, New York

February 12, 1944

Re:

ANTONIO DE IRALA
REGISTRATION ACTALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 2/26/88 BY SP1A GJS
270934

Dear Sir:

There is attached a photostatic copy of an abstract prepared from a registration statement filed by the subject with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. Individual abstracts will be furnished by separate letter on any other registrant in your territory.

If you have an investigation of a national defense character pending regarding the subject, this letter and abstract should be made a part of that file.

If you do not have such an investigation, a "dead 97 file" should be opened but no investigation need be initiated until a complaint is received alleging that the agent is active outside the scope of his registration or violating the act in some other manner.

It is noted that considerable additional information is set forth on the registration statement, and that correspondence regarding the registrant may be found in the files of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. It is therefore suggested that, if investigation is conducted concerning this individual, you request the Washington Field Office by lead to obtain all available information from the files of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

The Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as Amended, effective June 28, 1942, requires that all agents of foreign principals must file a registration form with the Attorney General identifying the agent, his activities and the foreign principal he represents. Registrants submit one of two types of forms. Agents of Lend-Lease nations submit a form, which is not available for public inspection, designated Form 3-F. Agents of foreign principals not connected with Lend-Lease governments submit a form, which is available for public inspection, designated Form 2-A. Abstracts are made in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the special War Policies Unit from the 3-F and 2-A form submitted by these agents and copies of the abstracts are furnished to the Bureau. Photostatic copies of these abstracts are being furnished to the offices covering the districts in which these agents are located.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Registration No.: 232

Date: 1/29/44

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REGISTRANT'S NAME: Antonio de IrujoAddress: 30 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York

No. of employees: _____

Residence address: Regina 40, Mexico, D. F.Nationality: BasqueBusiness: Secretary of Dr. Jose' Antonio AguirreIf registrant is a partnership, names of partners; if a corporation or association, names of officers: Individual

PRINCIPAL (This for each one - use reverse side if necessary)

Name: Disclaims any foreign principal. See Below.

Address: _____

Nationality: _____

Business: _____

AGENCY: Is secretary of Dr. Jose' Antonio Aguirre, President of the Basque Government-in-exile, and as president he directs the Basque organization and delegations all over the world.

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New York, 7, New York

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RE: ANTONIO IRALA
SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS-C
(Bureau File 97-1793)

ATT: Mr. C. H. Carson

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Dear Sir:

The above entitled ANTONIO IRALA is the Secretary to President JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE of the Basque Government, in exile. He is at 30 Fifth Avenue, New York, and devotes his full time to business of the Basques, acting for President AGUIRRE who is occupied as a professor at Columbia University. Mr. IRALA is said to have been a lawyer in Spain and is regarded as a highly intelligent person. He, under Dr. AGUIRRE, is the person who Basque people throughout the world look to for direction.

In connection with official business, Mr. IRALA was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, and he advised this agent that he made a tour of the Basque agencies in South America last fall in connection with a survey of Communism, made for President Aguirre. IRALA advised that in South America he made contacts with "FBI Agents" or "Legal Attaches of the American Consulates". He said that Basque intelligence agents in South American countries were cooperating with these Consulate Attaches in connection with Fascism.

Special Agent in Charge Jerome Doyle was contacted in this regard and confirmed the fact that the Basques have been cooperative and could be considerably more helpful if certain jurisdictional difficulties were ironed out. Mr. Doyle said he would phone the Bureau on the Subject and advised that further contact with Mr. IRALA should be delayed pending Bureau action.

During the interview with Mr. IRALA, Agent [redacted] developed the following information:



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Letter to Director
RE: ANTONIO IRALA ET AL

January 21, 1944

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The Basques have intelligence operatives throughout Europe and South America who are experienced and have coverage of both the upper and lower social levels. [REDACTED] (c)

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[REDACTED] More recently the operatives in Europe have been in the service of O.S.S. and Mr. IRALA makes occasional contact with O.S.S. in New York. O.S.S. advised Mr. IRALA that they have no jurisdiction in South America and are in no need of their services in South American countries. Mr. IRALA said that O.S.S. do not get information from South America with the exception of a few small matters in Argentina, mostly having to do with shipping of contraband, especially precious metals. (X)

IRALA said that he gave O.S.S. in New York a report of his survey on Communism in South America. [REDACTED] (u) (X)

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classification per CIA letter DTD 3/2/89.

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Letter to Director
RE: ANTONIO IRALA ET AL

January 21, 1944

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Very truly yours,

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SAC, New York

October 10, 1946

ANTONIO DE IRALA
REGISTRATION ACT

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Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of February 12, 1944, transmitting to you a photostatic copy of an abstract prepared from registration statement number 232, which was filed by the subject with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department.

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In an exhibit recently filed by the subject, he listed the Basque Government in exile and President Jose Antonio de Aguirre as his foreign principals.

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ANTONIO de IRALA
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of February 12, 1944, transmitting to you a photostatic copy of an abstract prepared from a registration statement number 232 which was filed by the subject with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department.

It has now been learned that the subject's registration statement has been withdrawn from the files as of May 31, 1949.

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

October 10, 1949

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RE: ANTONIO IRALA E IRALA

(Bureau file 97-1793)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to MY letter to the Bureau dated 1/21/44 and captioned ANTONIO IRALA; SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS - C; [REDACTED]

Please be advised that inquiries at the office of the Basque Delegation to the U.S. reflect that MR. IRALA is at present in Paris, France, where he forms part of the Basque Government in Exile. He is not expected to return to the United States.

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AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 3-12-78

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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**ANTONIO DE IRLA, INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reurtel 7/19/56 captioned "Jesus De Galindez - Suarez, Missing Person - Information Concerning, IS," reflecting that a man named Irla is coming to New York with his family to take a position formerly held by De Galindez. (u)

You are requested to follow this matter and attempt to determine if the "Irla" mentioned in retel is identical with Antonio De Irla. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had moved to Paris, France, being connected there with the Basque Government-in-Exile. (#)

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cc - Bufile 100-375346 (Jesus De Galindez)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

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DATE: October 23, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: BASQUE DELEGATION IN THE U. S. A.
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By letter dated 8-24-56, we advised AAG Tompkins that on 8-22-56, a representative of the NY Police Department furnished information received from Alberto Uriarte, Basque leader in NYC, that Antonio Irala had been appointed US delegate of the Basque Government-in-exile, and would reside at 30 Fifth Avenue, NYC, the apartment occupied by Jesus de Galindez prior to his disappearance.

By letter 9-28-56, AAG Tompkins was advised that Irala was interviewed on 9-21-56, at which time Irala stated Uriarte was under an incorrect impression, because he, Irala, was not going to act as US delegate of the Basque Government-in-exile.

By memorandum dated 10-9-56, AAG Tompkins advised that in view of info in Bulet 8-24-56, the Department was soliciting a supplemental registration statement from Irala.

By letter dated 10-12-56, we again pointed out to AAG Tompkins that Irala was not acting as US delegate of the Basque Government-in-exile.

By letter dated 10-16-56, AAG Tompkins advised that a letter addressed to Irala requesting him to file a six-month supplemental registration statement was returned to the Department, and AAG Tompkins requested investigation to determine whether Irala is occupying the apartment at 30 Fifth Avenue, NYC. AAG Tompkins made no reference to our September 28, or October 12, communications advising him that Irala was not acting as US delegate of the Basque Government-in-exile.

By letter 10-15-56, WFO advised that Irala, during interview on 10-11-56, stated he was attempting to organize a new export and import company and because of this business may return to France to reside. Irala stated he does not have any official position with the Basque Government; however, he is trying to assist the Basque Government in obtaining papers formerly in possession of Galindez and now in possession of NY authorities. Irala stated his temporary address is Hotel Fourteen Forty, 1440 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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DATE: September 20, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: ANTONIO DE IRALA
POTENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANT (X)

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The subject is a representative of the Basque Delegation in Exile. He arrived in New York City on September 1956, to replace Jesus De Galindez, the Basque representative who mysteriously disappeared several months ago.

The New York Office is making arrangements to interview Irala concerning his knowledge of De Galindez.

New York was told to proceed with the interview of Irala concerning the subject's knowledge of De Galindez's activities.

ACTION:

None.

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Date: 10/8/56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-20241)

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On 10/8/56 IRAIA called at NYO. He advised he had moved to Washington, D.C. on a more or less permanent basis and was residing at Hotel 1440, Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, telephone number ADams 2-7800, Rooms 238-239. He advised that for the next three or four months he will spend most of his time in Washington with occasional trips to New York at which time he will contact the NYO if he has any information of interest to the Bureau. He was advised that an agent of the WFO would contact him in the near future so that in the event he had anything important to relate he could get in touch with the WFO immediately rather than waiting until he next come to NYC. (WFO note NY airtel of 10/2/56 entitled as above). IRAIA agreed to this procedure.

During this interview, IRAIA related that over the past weekend he talked to MANUEL MANRIQUE, a psychiatrist at 944 Park Avenue, NYC whom GALINDEZ had been seeing as a patient for a number of years. MANRIQUE volunteered to IRAIA that former was of the opinion that GALINDEZ might have been suffering from a split personality caused by the death of GALINDEZ's mother at the time of his, GALINDEZ's birth; that as a result of his mother's death of childbirth, GALINDEZ suffered at times from a guilt complex. IRAIA stated that MANRIQUE did not in any way indicate that this alleged dual personality was responsible for GALINDEZ's disappearance.

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Er. Belmont

Approved: *JGR*

Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI **CONFIDENTIAL** DATE: 12/3/56
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-20241)
 SUBJECT: ANTONIO DE IRLA
 IS - DR.

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 ON 270934

As the Bureau knows IRLA, a Basque exile, has cooperated with the NYO and the Bureau during World War II, [REDACTED] b7c

IRLA is now residing at the Hotel 1440, 1440 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, D. C. (u)

He has been in contact with the WFO, and on his infrequent trips to New York, has contacted the NYO. U

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 However, since IRLA now resides in Washington, D. C., the New York file is being closed and it is suggested that WFO be considered the Office of Origin. The WFO is in possession of all pertinent information concerning IRLA. U

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In connection with the preparation of above mentioned petition, he stated that processing of this petition by the courts necessitates inquires being made of GALINDEZ'S father in Spain he is inclined, at the present time, to drop the whole matter. In this regard IRALA commented that he understands from his sources that the elder GALINDEZ is not mentally healthy and if inquires were made of him, he probably would go directly to the Spanish authorities and the Spanish authorities in turn might make some efforts to see these papers which might place the Basque Government in Exile in an embarrassing position. Commenting on this, he related that most of all the letters and documents relating to the cooperation of the Basque Government in Exile with the Allies in World War II were among the papers and documents in the possession of GALINDEZ at the time of his disappearance. (u) (C)

IRALA stated that if Mr. GARDNER was successful in getting to review these papers the job of going over them would be handled by IRENE RENTERIA who was a clerk in the Basque Government in Exile Office in New York City during World War II. IRALA stated that IRENE is now married to ANDONI AQUIRRE who was also a clerk in the Basque Government's Office in New York City. They presently reside at 402 13th Street, Brooklyn, NY. (u)

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 8, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Tamm

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Antonio ~~de~~ Irala, residing in New York, a protege of ~~Aguirre~~, has been directed by Aguirre to go to Curacao arriving there about February 15th, for the purpose of selecting a Basque to go to Spain. This mission is being undertaken for OSS. de Irala plans on returning via Cuba and the Dominican Republic to talk with Basques located there. He is under instructions to engage in no espionage or counter-espionage activities pertaining to Latin America. de Irala will travel on a Basque passport.

Should you have any objection to this mission, please advise.

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Sincerely yours,

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Office of Strategic Services;
Basque Intelligence Service;
Antonio de Irala

CC-287

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
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Mr. McGuire _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

BACKGROUND

It will be remembered that Antonio de Irala, a protege of President Aguirre of the Basque Republic at New York, is the individual who has been giving instructions - for which we have been courier - to the representatives of the Basque Intelligence Service in Latin America. It has been noted from his correspondence that he instructs these representatives to maintain liaison with not only our SIS Attaches in accordance with our agreement but also with the Military Attaches at the American Missions in Latin America. (S) (X) U

DETAILS

On February 8, 1943, Mr. Cuneo advised Mr. Tamm that de Irala has been directed by Aguirre to go to Curacao, arriving there about February 15, 1943, for the purpose of selecting a Basque to go to Spain on behalf of the OSS. (S) (X) U

De Irala plans on returning via Cuba and the Dominican Republic in order to talk with the Basques located there. (S) (X) U

De Irala is traveling on a Basque passport and, according to Cuneo, is under instructions to engage in no espionage or counter-espionage activities pertaining to Latin America. (S) (X) U

ACTION

We are notifying our SIS Attaches in Havana and Ciudad Trujillo as to the fact that de Irala intends to visit these cities and instructing them to keep their eyes open as to his activities. (S) (X) U

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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

August 5, 1943

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270-934

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE -
México Latin American Matters

270-934

Dear Sir:

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Declassify on: OADR 1-12-87

There is set out below a memorandum submitted
to me by Special Agent [REDACTED] who has been hand-
ling contacts with the Basque Intelligence Service: & & u

" On August 3, 1943, Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had a conversation with Sr. ANTONIO de
IRALA & IRLA, c/o The Basque Delegation in the
United States, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Sr.
IRALA is the private secretary of JOSE ANTONIO de
AGUIRRE, President of the Basque Government in
Exile. & & u

" Sr. IRLA emphasized the willingness of
his group to perform any services for this office,
and he stated that money was not needed inasmuch
as several wealthy Basques had recently been con-
tributing heavily to the Basque Delegation in
México. & & u

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" He further stated that if the Bureau de-
sired to expand its program of work with the Basques, 9 1943
that President AGUIRRE would be happy to talk to any
Bureau official on the matter. IRLA said he was
making a tour of Latin America and that he planned
to visit the Legal Attachés in all countries that
he visited. Among his other jobs, he explained,
was to tell the various Legal Attachés that they

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should communicate with Basque Headquarters in the United States in the event they had recommendations, complaints, or suggestions. Sr. IRALA was courteously informed that such contacts, of course, would have to go through official channels in Washington. During the course of the conversation, Sr. IRALA furnished this office with a complaint on an individual now in Laredo. While the complaint was courteously accepted, Sr. IRALA was urged to have his people in the United States contact the various field offices at once whenever they had intelligence information. Sr. IRALA promised to pass around instructions to this effect when he returned. & X

" The remainder of the conversation dealt with internal Basque politics." & X u

Very truly yours.

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United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: AGENTS OF FOREIGN PRINCIPALS;
REGISTRATION ACT;
INTERNAL SECURITY.

Reference is made to your letter of January 25, 1941, wherein it is requested that contact be had with the State Department to obtain from it the names and addresses of all individuals who have registered as agents of foreign principals, the dates of registration, the names of principals, the nature of the business engaged in, the information as to publication of statements, withdrawals, etc.

In compliance with your request, and with the cooperation of Mr. E. B. KUPPNER of the Division of Controls, State Department, there is transmitted herewith a package containing photostatic copies of Registration Statement Abstract cards of all registrations to date, which reflect the following information on each card:

Name of registrant

Registration number

Date of registration

Status - individual, partnership or corporation

Principal business address

Residence address

Nature of business

Nationality of registrant

If partnership, names of partners

of officers

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Director
Agents of Foreign Principals
February 7, 1941

- 10- Name of foreign principal
- 11- Address of foreign principal
- 12- Nationality of foreign principal
- 13- Nature of business of foreign principal
- 14- Comments as to filing of supplemental registration statements, changes and withdrawals

There are altogether 506 registrations to date, of which about 275 are still active, the others having been revoked by withdrawal or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

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Registration Statement Abstract

Registration No.: 168

Date of Registration: 10/22/38

Name of Registrant: IRALA, Antonio Irala

Status: Individual

Principal business address: Hotel ~~Waldorf~~ ^{Elysee} 60 54th St., New York

Residence address: None

Nature of business: Aid of Spanish Basques

Nationality: Spanish

If registrant is a partnership, names of partners; if a corporation or association, names of officers: None

If registrant is an alien, summary of travel data: Admitted at N.Y. on 8/19/38 for 30 days (application to extend temp. stay now pending before Dpt. of Labor); passport visaed by Consul at Paris 8/2/38; classification - temporary visitor

Name of foreign principal: Government of Euzkadi

Address: Barcelona, Spain

Nationality: Spanish

Nature of business: Government

(over)

Comments:

Letter of April 26, 1939, from Mr. Ramon de la Sota, indicates that Mr. Irala is no longer in America, having left for France. Memorandum dated 10-10-40 states name will be withdrawn from list of registrants.

Central Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Date: October 3, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MUMFORD

RE: FOREIGN AGENTS

Attached hereto is photostatic material concern-
ing the captioned matter obtained by the Washington Field
Office from [redacted]

[redacted] This material was made available grate-
itously by [redacted] and was forwarded to the Bureau by
letter from the Washington Field Office dated August 27,
1942. *u*

Sincerely,
[redacted]

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TO : A. H. Belmont *AB*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont DATE: July 9, 1958

FROM : S. B. Donahoe *JD*

- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Records Section
- 1 - Mr. Cotter

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SUBJECT: JESUS DE GALINDEZ-SUAREZ
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed is a copy of Ernst report on Galindez case issued 6/1/58. This copy was forwarded to Director by Ernst with his letter received 6/2/58 (94-4-5366-150). Copy of report was detached by Nationalities Intelligence Section for use by supervisor handling Galindez case. This copy of Ernst report can now be released to file.

It is requested that copy of Ernst report be filed in Galindez file as bulky exhibit. Records Section is requested to index all names of individuals appearing therein with exception of Ernst, Galindez, Gerald Lester Murphy, and John Joseph Frank.

ACTION:

Forward to Records Section for appropriate handling.

Enclosure

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1 - 94-4-5366 (Ernst)

1 - 105-55574 (Murphy)

1 - 97-3293 (Frank)

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**FOR RELEASE: 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY,
JUNE 1ST, 1958.**

Report and Opinion

IN THE MATTER

of

GALINDEZ

Report and Opinion:

MORRIS L. ERNST

Concurring Opinion:

WILLIAM H. MUNSON

ALAN U. SCHWARTZ

Of Counsel

Exhibit 48

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MAILED
AUG 7 1949
FOREIGN AGENTS
REGISTRATION SECTION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents
Registration Act of 1938, as Amended

REGISTRATION No. 586

1. (a) Name of Registrant.

BASQUE DELEGATION IN U.S.A.

(b) All other names used by Registrant during the past 10 years and when used.

It has been registered under the personal names of the
Basque Delegates: Mr. Manuel de la Sota, and Mr. Antonio de Irala.

(c) Address of principal office.

30 Fifth Avenue, New York.

N.Y.

(d) Name of person or persons in charge of principal office.

Jesus de Galindez (Basque Delegate)

2. (a) Date when Registrant was organized or created.

1938.

(b) State or other jurisdiction in which organized or created.

New York.

(c) Type of Registrant's organization.

Committee Voluntary group Association Partnership
Corporation Other type (specify) Delegation of the Basque Government-
in-exile.

3. If Registrant is a nonbusiness membership organization, state:

- (a) Approximate number of members in the United States.
- (b) Approximate number of members outside the United States.
- (c) If more than one class of members, specify classes and approximate number of members in each.
- (d) Who may be members and on what terms and conditions.

None

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Concern Here Files a Report
Showing That Ex-Ruler of
Ethiopia Is Still Active

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Registration at Department of
State Includes Aides of
Firms and Nations

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP).—
Haile Selassie I, former Emperor of
Ethiopia, still has an agent in the
United States.

A registration at the State De-
partment disclosed today that Pub-
licity Associates, 250 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, of which Josef Is-
raels 2d is president, acts as Haile
Selassie's agent here.

Mr. Israels said he was the agent
of "His Imperial Majesty Haile
Selassie I, Bath, England." He had
been employed, he went on, since
1935 as "public relations counsel ad-
vising on public statements and dip-
lomatic procedure" and received
"irregular compensation based on
activity and expense."

The registration was one of twan-
ty-one made public today. They
brought the total to 272. Agents of
foreign principals were required to
register with the State Department
by a recent act of Congress.

The list, with addresses and prin-
cipals, included:

Harold Autan, 1,540 Broadway,
New York. Australian and New
Zealand film companies.

Ellis Advertising Company, Buf-
falo, Canadian business firms.

Thomas Cook & Son-Wagons-Lits,
Inc., 257 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Belgian, Czechoslovak, British
and French travel agencies.

Compagnie Italiana Turismo, Inc.,
235 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Polish travel service.

Yama Yama, Ltd., New
York. 25 Broadway. Japa-
nese shipping agency.

Canadian Travel Bureau, 25 West
Fifth Avenue, New York. Cana-
dian Ministry of Highways,
Montreal.

Pauline Rogers & Helen, 25 West
Fifth Avenue, New York. Cor-
respondent for Havas Agency,
Paris Noir and Paris Midi.

Paul M. Dewdney, 235 Fifth Ave-
nue, New York. Imperial Air-
ways, Bermuda.

Italian Tourist Information Office
by Gottredo Pataleoni, 235 Fifth
Avenue, New York. Italian tour-
ist agency.

Robert Wilberforce, director of
British Library of Information,
270 Madison Avenue, New York.
British Government.

Angus S. Fletcher, director of Brit-
ish Library of Information, 270
Madison Avenue, New York.
British Government.

McCann-Erickson, Inc., 235 Madi-
son Avenue, New York. Canadian
business firm.

Buchanan & Co., Inc., 1,201 Broad-
way, New York. British, Moroc-
can and Russian tourist agencies
and firms.

Arthur Louis Colata, Waldorf-
Astoria Hotel, New York. Savoy
Hotel, London.

Antonio de Iraia, New Weston
Hotel, New York. Government
of Euzkadi, Spanish Basques.

John J. Spilger, 25 West Forty-
seventh Street, New York. Re-
ligious magazine published in
Rome.

Gotham Advertising Company, 250
Park Avenue, New York. South
African travel firms.

Raymond Lange Le Petit, Pa-
risian, 235 West Forty-third
Street, New York. French cor-
respondent.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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December 31, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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On Friday, December 27th, I attended a meeting in the office of Mr. Coulter of the State Department in the Winder Building of the Inter-Departmental Committee to approve political refugees. Attending the meeting were Messrs. Coulter and Alva Warren of the State Department, [REDACTED] of Naval Intelligence, Lieutenant Colonel Bissel of Military Intelligence, and Mr. Henry Hart of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Some fifteen cases of refugees were to be considered by the Committee, and Mr. Henry Hart had on the previous evening furnished me with a list of the names of these persons. Hereafter I will be furnished with a printed summary of the information in the State Department files about these people. It appears that the procedure is for the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees to prepare documents requesting the admission of the refugees, which documents include affidavits of acquaintanceship with sponsors in the United States. This material is then furnished to the State Department, which presumably checks the files and briefs the material. Copies of the briefs are furnished to the War, Navy and Justice Departments in order that their files may be checked concerning each individual prior to the time that the committee meets to consider the individual cases. Some 1100 cases are pending at the present time.

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The next case considered was that of Antonia de Irala. I pointed out to the Committee that this person (Bureau file 97-0-37) had been registered with the State Department as an Agent of a foreign principal. This was not known to the State Department representatives and accordingly it was agreed that the file upon this individual in which his registration material was contained, would be reviewed before the Committee considered his application.

The next refugee considered was a woman some 72 years old named Eymen, concerning whom there were miscellaneous references in the Bureau files indicating that she had been active in Germany and other countries in behalf of Women's suffrage, Women's Rights, and in Pacifist movements. This information was of general knowledge in the files of all of the Departments concerned, but in view of the fact that the woman had spent considerable time in the United States and that her associates were primarily club women interested in women's organizations and the records did not disclose anything of a revolutionary, un-American or subversive nature, the Committee recommended favorable consideration in her case.

Several other cases were considered in which the record indicated that the refugee would leave behind him either in Germany or in Axis-occupied countries near relatives, and action on these cases was deferred pending a decision from the policy-making officers of the various Government Departments as to whether this fact should constitute a ground for declining to recommend favorable action. I took a very strong position in the discussion of this matter, expressing my personal views, although clearly indicating that the Attorney General would fix the Departmental policy to which I would of course subscribe unequivocally, that persons entering the United States and leaving close relatives in zones subject to Gestapo or other secret police operations, constituted a probable hazard because of the pressure which could be exerted upon the persons in the United States to take action against the United States in order to prevent personal harm to their relatives in the occupied countries. Henry Hart was very vehement in his denunciations

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of such a program, contending that if the Committee took an affirmative stand upon this proposition it would eliminate a bulk of the refugees. Our discussion became rather heated but from the general comments it was obvious that Messrs. Warren of the State Department, Colonel Bissel and [REDACTED] favored my position in the matter. b7c
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A memorandum has been addressed to the Attorney General upon this particular item asking for an expression of the Department's policy upon such cases.

Two or three cases were considered of individuals about whom there was no information in the Bureau files, who were not political refugees but were diamond cutters or other skilled tradesmen who appeared to be fleeing the War Zones. These individuals were generally elderly and were accompanied by their wives and other members of their families. The Committee recommended favorable action in their cases.

Two or three other cases on individuals upon whom there was no information in the Bureau files were returned to the President's Advisory Committee for additional information concerning either the applicant, the persons who sponsored him or for more information concerning the source of the sponsor's knowledge of the applicant's desirability for admission.

The next session of the committee will be held on Friday, January 2nd, at 11:00 A. M.

Respectfully,


Edward A. Tamm

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE
Embassy of the United States
Santiago, Chile

November 8, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Bureau letter dated September 6, 1944, captioned as above, there are enclosed herewith seven reports received from the Basque Intelligence Representative in Santiago, which reports are written in Spanish. These reports are to be forwarded the Basque representatives in the United States, as outlined in above-mentioned letter.

There are also enclosed herewith six copies each of the translation of the above mentioned reports, which are being forwarded for inclusion in Bureau files.

Very truly yours,

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BASQUE DEMOCRATIC GROUP

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This is a political organization comprising members of different political faiths, born Basques. They are in general democrats, antifrankists, and anti-Nazis, the greater part of them being refugees. A smaller part of them are Socialists, C.N.T., and U.G.T. There are also about 10 Basque Communists. In general, they are pro-United Nations. They have planned to fight against the National Basques, etc. The activities of this organization are small and of not much value. They have no press organ, but have used ~~La Verdad de España~~ (Truth of Spain) sometimes but not recently.

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Buenos Aires, Argentina
July 8, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: ~~EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS~~
Argentina Administrative

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau wire number sixty-four dated July 6, 1944, requesting my detailed recommendations concerning operations in the event of eventualities arising from the diplomatic situation presently existing between the United States and Argentina precluding the use of American citizens in Argentina for our operations. The following plans have been evolved:

All confidential files and all files in the Central Information Office will be burned in the event of a break in diplomatic relations. In this connection, an extra incinerator is being acquired. Certain confidential material of an immediately useful nature would be sent by courier to Montevideo, Uruguay, if this were possible. At the present time it does not appear that a break in relations is eminent, and accordingly no material is being shipped to Montevideo beyond the normal courier traffic.

However, at the first indication that a break is eminent, a beginning will be made in sending confidential material of a useful nature to Montevideo. It will not be possible to send a great volume of our material to Montevideo, but a substantial portion can and will be sent if it becomes necessary to do so.

All undercover men in this territory will be ordered either to Montevideo or to Santiago, Chile.

All clerical employees will be sent either to Santiago or to Montevideo. If no other course is feasible, they will be instructed to return to the United States.

All employees who are here in the open but whose names have not been furnished to the Foreign Office as regular accredited Vice Consuls will be sent either to Montevideo or to Santiago if travel to Montevideo is impractical. In this connection, it should be mentioned that

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Director re Emergency Communications

Buenos Aires, July 8, 1944

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since the First of March no relations have been maintained with this government, and accordingly, no employee arriving since that date has been accredited to the Foreign Office.

All Bureau equipment having an intrinsic value which can not be destroyed will be sent to Montevideo. Any technical equipment which can be sent to Montevideo or to Santiago by courier will be handled in that fashion. All code material will be burned.

The man handling informants under the plan set out below in this letter will be sent to Montevideo if that is possible; if it is not possible, the man will be sent to Santiago. The following men have been designated to handle informants, at least through a first contact, and the reorganization of all work if it becomes necessary to work outside of Argentina:

[REDACTED] b7c

The Bureau will recall correspondence with this office concerning the matter of emergency communications and the continuance of the Bureau's work in the event that the presence of Bureau representatives in Argentina becomes impossible. Specific reference is made to my letter of March 31, 1944, and to Bureau letter of April 13, 1944.

The plan proposed is that if at all feasible to do so, the above-named seven agents would proceed to Montevideo where, at various times after their departures, they would be contacted by their respective informants. The details of the contacts are as follows:

[REDACTED] The only informant who has been contacted from Montevideo is JOSE de LASARTES who is the head of the local Basque Intelligence organization. De LASARTES would head the entire Basque Organization and would make occasional trips to Montevideo in the event of [REDACTED] leaving. Specifically, de LASARTES has been told that within six days after [REDACTED] has failed to keep an appointment with him, de LASARTES should go to Montevideo and report to the Hotel Alameda in Montevideo.

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Director to Emergency Communications Bureau, July 9, 1944

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The Montevideo and Santiago offices have been furnished with a copy of this letter. They have also been furnished with a copy of the informant material which would be necessary to identify the informants in the event contact between the agent and his designated informants became impossible.

In the event it is impossible for Bureau personnel to go to Montevideo, it is expected that the Montevideo office will make the contacts in the above designated places with the informants representing particular agents. Material has been furnished the Montevideo office to identify the informants they are expected to contact. It will be possible to notify the Montevideo office of the place and date of the anticipated contact.

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In the event the informants find travel to Montevideo is extremely difficult or impossible, they have all been instructed to go to Santiago one day after the day they should have gone to Montevideo.

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For the information of the Santiago and Montevideo offices for use in contacting the informants, the following pass-words are set out. These pass-words are to be used only in the event that the agent

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Director of Emergency Communications

Buenos Aires, July 8, 1944

handling an informant is inaugurated for whatever reason and the informant must be contacted by some other person.

De LARAKIE, who is handled by [redacted] will need no pass-word. He will go to either Montevideo or Santiago, depending upon travel facilities, and go to the office of the Legal Attaché.

For representatives meeting with [redacted] or [redacted] the pass-word will be "Saludo de Arturo."

The pass-word for [redacted] will be "Recuerdos de PPTI."

For [redacted] the pass-word will be "Así que vino de Rosario."

For [redacted] the pass-word will be "Ha visto recientemente al amigo [redacted]"

It is repeated: if it becomes necessary for someone other than the agent who is presently handling these informants to contact these informants, the contact should be made by use of the pass-word which corresponds to the particular informant. The informants have all been instructed to memorize their particular pass-word and to receive anybody giving the pass-word in the same way they would receive the agent who has been handling them.

I will be grateful for any comments or suggestions which the Bureau may be good enough to give to improve the arrangements which have been made as outlined in this letter.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby,
Legal Attaché.

cc
Montevideo
Santiago

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RE: ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMERGENCY
COVERAGE AND OPERATIONS IN
ARGENTINA

Background

CONF. INT. S. I. S. Argentina

You will recall that diplomatic relations between Argentina and the United States as well as other Allied nations have been very tense for the past several months, and that the Bureau has received confidential information from the State Department to prepare for any eventuality, including war. It appears most likely that the United States may break diplomatic relations rather than continue in a non-recognition status as at present and that, therefore, all United States diplomatic personnel, including of course the Bureau's representatives may be removed from Argentina.

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The SIS Division has, of course, been carefully following the situation for the past several months and has been preparing plans for operations in the event we do not have any SIS representatives actually in Argentina. In addition consideration has been given to the State Department's statement that there may be a possibility of war with Argentina.

It is obvious that all United States citizens will be persona non grata in Argentina even in the event of a diplomatic break only and that it will be necessary that our coverage in Argentina be maintained through Latin American informants. Coverage, of course, would necessarily consist of the informants we already have in Argentina and who would be willing to be loyal to us and continue their operations and of informants we could send into Argentina from other Latin American countries. To utilize these informants will involve setting up means of communications and a central office or offices in near-by countries in order that the efforts of the informants may be coordinated on the scene.

The most obvious place from which to operate against Argentina would be Montevideo, Uruguay. It is only 125 miles from Montevideo to Buenos Aires and naturally it is only a few miles from Buenos Aires to Uruguayan territory. There is a number of travel facilities between Argentina and Uruguay, including clandestine means. However, in the event of an actual war, there is no doubt that the first act by Argentina would be to invade Uruguay and capture Montevideo, which is at the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. The Uruguayans have practically no Army and Navy, and this would not be too difficult for Argentina who has a well equipped and well trained Army and Navy. This would probably happen before the United States forces could possibly get to the scene.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Bureau Personnel and Files

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The Legal Attache at Buenos Aires has advised that all Embassy personnel have been instructed to maintain their personal affairs in an up-to-date order so that they could leave immediately without any embarrassment. The undercover men have all been instructed to anticipate a possible emergency and to perfect their knowledge of their secret means of communication. All personnel in Argentina has been requested to familiarize itself with all possible means of transportation out of Buenos Aires. Each representative has been instructed that at all times he is to have in his possession or on his person no documents, papers, or evidence of any kind which would connect him with the Bureau's work. The Buenos Aires Office has available a motor boat which can be used to smuggle personnel to Uruguay. This boat has been used in the past for the transportation of fugitive informants from Argentina. Any personnel traveling to Uruguay by this means would go to the town of Nueva Palmira and immediately establish contact with Legal Attache Martin in Montevideo.

The Office of the Legal Attache is equipped with an incinerator of considerable capacity. In the event the files of the office could not be removed to Uruguay as diplomatic luggage, all records would be destroyed by fire. It has been estimated that the burning of the confidential records of the Legal Attache would require some three or four hours. In the event of extreme emergency, cipher pads, code books, personnel files, administrative files, informant files, Legal Attache files and the Central Information Office files would be burned in this order.

Operations from Montevideo, Uruguay,
and Santiago, Chile

Arrangements have already been made with the Legal Attache for the handling of the trusted informant groups in Argentina from Montevideo, Uruguay. The Legal Attache in Montevideo is fully informed in the matter, and a number of cover addresses have been procured in Montevideo for possible use. Special Agent [redacted] who formerly operated in Argentina under cover, has been retained in an undercover capacity in Montevideo, Uruguay, for the purpose of collaborating in the direction of the operations against Argentina and to assist in the handling of the informants.

The informants in Buenos Aires have been contacted and arrangements made with them for the activities in the event of an emergency. It was arranged that if the emergency arises they will proceed to Montevideo, Uruguay, where they will contact the agent who has been handling them in Argentina at a certain specified hotel within one week. In the event these agents are not available in Uruguay, they have been furnished with a password which will be utilized in making an emergency contact with our representatives in Montevideo. We have six different

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The most important informant group we have in Argentina who have assured us that they have intentions to operate and that they will assist the United States is the Basque group. Jose Galarza, the head of the Basque organization in Argentina, has received similar instructions as set forth above for getting in touch with our offices in Santiago, Chile, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. There are several hundred thousand Basques in Argentina, many of whom are in key positions, and they have assured us that they will be able to continue to operate in view of any emergency and that the Basques, most of whom have Argentine citizenship, will be able to travel in and out of the country. *8-11*

The Legal Attache in Montevideo, Uruguay, has been endeavoring to persuade lines of his own into Argentina for some time, and he has completed what appears to be very satisfactory arrangements. [REDACTED]

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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina
February 21, 1946

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Classified by ~~SP1 AGT/RE~~ EMERGENCY INFORMANT COVERAGE FOR
Declassify on: OADR 11-19-87 ARGENTINA
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Dear Sir:

270-935

Reference is made to your radiogram number 792, dated February 14, 1946, entitled as above, requesting that arrangements be made for a system whereby contact can be maintained with informants in Argentina should there be a severance of diplomatic relations between Argentina and the United States. It was requested that arrangements be made with couriers for contact with Montevideo, Uruguay, and Santiago, Chile, for telephone calls and passwords. Each has been furnished by those offices.

There is hereto attached for the information of the Bureau and Montevideo and Santiago a memorandum on each of the active Confidential Informants now being used by the Buenos Aires Office.

The following is a tabulation of the informants who will be contacted by the use of couriers:

INFORMANTS HANDLED BY SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RE: **BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA**

Head, **JOSE MARIA DE LASARTE**
Brasil 410, 7th Floor, Apt. C
Telephone 26-3281

Asst. [REDACTED]

Asst. [REDACTED]

Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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Information is furnished on nationalist activities, Communist activities, political, religious, and other miscellaneous matters. Squad of 3 investigators and tail men at our disposal. Contacts on all Spanish boats on Argentine run. Contacts in Mar del Plata, Bahia Blanca, Provinces of Salta and Jujuy, Rosario, and others. ~~u~~ u

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Contact had primarily with Lasarte and [REDACTED] by pre-arranged telephonic appointment. ~~u~~ u

Remuneration - \$2,000 (U.S.) per month in Argentine pesos at current rate of exchange. ~~u~~ u

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Previously handled in Buenos Aires by [REDACTED] originally cultivated by [REDACTED] ~~u~~ u

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File No: 40-14311

Re:

Antonio de Irala

Date: _____
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1-2	4/9/42	4 documents - 2 incoming + 2 outgoing	(0) 6	(0) 0	b7c Subject request are Scoped - not included in this review
3	4/12/42	San Antonio Report	(0) 7	(0) 0	100-101074-8x Prev. released 10/22/86
4	4/30/42	FBIHQ Letter	(1) 1	1	b7c
4	4/9/42	War Dept - Army Da.	(0) 1	0	Referred
4	4/19/42	FBIHQ Letter	(1) 1	1	Referred
4	-	Memorandum (Encl 6)	(1) 1	1	b7c
4x	8/19/42	FBIHQ Letter to State	(0) 3	0	100-101074-9x Prev. released 10/22/86
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6	8/20/42	memo to Ladd	(0) 3	0	100-101074-9x2 Prev. released 10/22/86
7	9/3/42	WFO Report	(2) 2	2	b2 b7c b7d
8	9/3/42	San Antonio Report	(0) 4	0	100-101074-9x3 Prev. released 10/22/86
9	9/12/42	Expd Permit	(0) 2	0	Scoped b7c Does not pertain to your subject

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Re: *Jose Antonio Capone*
Jose Maria Capone
Antonio de Luca

Date: _____

(month/year)

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9	11/3/42	FBI letter to state	(1)	1	—
10	11/3/42	FBI letter to state	(1)	1	—
10	4/1/42	Ext Permit	(2)	0	Refused
11	12/5/42	FBIHQ letter to DOJ-Revised	(1)	1	—
11	12/1/42	DOJ - Wm. John's Unit	(1)	0	Refused
12	11/24/42	WFO Report	(2)	2	b2 b7c b7d
13	4/19/43	FBIHQ letter to state	(2)	2	b7c Refused <i>Refused</i>
13	3/6/43	Ext Permit	(2)	0	Refused
14	3/25/43	Wm. Dept - WFS Doc.	(2)	0	Refused
14 (Encl.)	3/23/43	Wm. Dept. Doc.	(1)	0	Refused
15	12/24/42	Consent Doc.	(2)	2	b7c
16	4/28/43	FBIHQ letter	(1)	1	b7c

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Jose Antonio Aguirre
Jose Maria Lasso
Antonio de Sola

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18	7/1/43	FBIHQ letter to State	(4) 4	3	b1 b2 b7c b7D
18	5/25/43	Exit Permit	(10) 2	0	Referred
19	7/1/43	Memo to Ladd	(1) 1	1	—
20	1/18/44	FBIHQ letter to State	(3) 3	3	b7c b7D
20	12/23/43	Visa Application	(10) 7	0	Referred
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22	12/30/44	INS Doc.	(10) 1	0	Referred
23	1/31/45	Visa Application	(10) 4	0	Scoped b7c Do not your subjects
24	2/14/45	Exit Permit	(10) 2	0	Scoped b7c Do not your subjects
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
FROM: SPECIAL AGENTS
IN DIVISION

RE: JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE
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Aguirre was formerly president of the Basque Provinces. He and several of his associates are apparently interested in an independent Basque State. The information which is available at the present time is contained in the following reports and memoranda, copies of which were transmitted to the Division of Records on November 20, 1942:

Report of Special Agent W. P. Jones, dated September 3, 1942, at Washington, D. C., entitled "TELESFOR GORDON ORTIZ de URRUELA; et al; INTERNAL SECURITY - S."

Report of Special Agent E. P. O'Neill, dated August 12, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, entitled "TELESFOR GORDON ORTIZ de URRUELA; et al; INTERNAL SECURITY - S."

Report of Special Agent E. P. O'Neill, dated September 3, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas, entitled as the report of Special Agent W. P. Jones.

A memorandum dated July 9, 1942 regarding Jose Antonio Aguirre, Manuel de la Sota, Spanish Basques.

A copy of the translation of a letter dated March 3, 1942, addressed to [redacted] and [redacted] Havana, Cuba by Aguirre has also been transmitted to the Division of Records

since it somewhat clarifies Aguirre's attitude in connection with this matter. This letter was intercepted by the Office of Censorship and made available to the Bureau.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ It would be appreciated if you would examine this material and advise
Mr. Clegg _____ whether the activities of Aguirre and his associates constitute a violation of
Mr. Glavin _____ the Espionage Acts or of any other Federal Statute and what
Mr. Ladd _____ further investigation you feel would be desirable under the circumstances.
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Date:

To:

Brigadier General Hayes A. Kromer
 General Staff
 Chief, Military Intelligence Service
 War Department
 Washington, D. C.

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

Subject:

Referred

The attached memorandum reflects the information appearing
 in the files of this Bureau concerning the above individuals.

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MEMORANDUM

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With reference to Jose Maria Lasarte Arana, this Bureau has been confidentially advised that one Jose Maria Lasarte Arana arrived at Brownsville, Texas from Mexico, D. F. on July 27, 1942. He reportedly lacked a valid quota immigration visa and was detained temporarily following which he was admitted to the United States for sixty days. An informant advised this Bureau that Arana, together with Telesforo Monson Ortiz de Urruela and Antonio de Arala y Arala was traveling to New York for the purpose of conferring with Jose Antonio Aguirre, former President of the Basque Republic, relative to the organizing of the Basque people in South American countries into counterespionage groups to aid the United Nations' war effort.

Arana reportedly stated that his address while in this country would be 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and that his occupation was that of a lawyer. It was further reported that Arana was traveling on a Basque passport and that he was a citizen of Spain.

Additional information was received reflecting that Arana lived in Spain until 1937, at which time he went to France. After considerable traveling in France and Morocco, Arana allegedly arrived in Vera Cruz, Mexico during May, 1942 aboard the "S.S. Nyassa".

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. 100-9910

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/3/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/26/42	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY--S
TITLE TELESFORO MONZON ORTIS de URRUTIA; ANTONIO de IRALA y IRALA; JOSE MARIA LASARTE ARANA			b7C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of subject ANTONIO de IRALA y IRALA having been notified to the Secretary of State as an agent of a foreign government.			
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REFERENCE:	Report of Special Agent [redacted] made at San Antonio, Texas, August 12, 1942.		
DETAILS:	AT WASHINGTON, D. C.		
<p>Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, caused a search of the records to be made which revealed that the subject, ANTONIO de IRALA y IRALA has not been notified to the Secretary of State as an agent of a foreign government.</p>			
<div style="text-align: center;">PENDING</div> <div style="float: right; text-align: right;">b2 b7D</div>			
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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will conduct an investigation of records at the Special War Policies Unit of the Department of Justice to determine if subject ANTONIO de IRALA y IRALA has registered as an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended (McCormack Act).

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TO: VISA DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

November 3, 1942

In connection with the below entitled exit permit applicant case the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following information.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

ATTENTION: MR. WALKER

TITLE: SELESTRO MONZON ORTIZ DE URUGUAY,
Exit Permit Applicant;
MARIA JOSEFA DE CANUZA DE MONZON,
VALENTIN AGUIRRE, MANUEL INCHAUSTI,
ANTHONY FERNANDEZ, JOHN ZARAL, JOSE
ANTONIO AGUIRRE, Associated Persons.
PASSPORTS AND VISAS

The files of this Bureau reflect that information concerning the above-captioned exit permit applicant was furnished the State Department on August 19, 1942; therefore, no further search is being made at this time.

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TO: VISA DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

November 3, 1942

In connection with the below entitled exit permit applicant case the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following information.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: MR. MEYER

TITLE: JOSE MARIA LASARTE ARANA,
Exit Permit Applicant;
MARIA ISABEL SOSE DE LASARTE,
VALENTIN AGUIRRE, MANUEL INCHAUSTI,
ANTHONY FERRANDEZ, JOHN ZABAL, BASQUE
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To: Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith
Chief, Special War Policies Unit

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

Subject: Antonio de Irala

Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 1, 1942, your reference JES:MY, in which you requested to be furnished with investigative reports or a summary of the information available regarding this individual.

You are advised that copies of the following investigative reports in the case entitled "Teleforo Monzon Ortiz de Urruela; Antonio De Irala y Irala; Jose Maria Lasarte Arana; Internal Security - S," were forwarded to the Division of Records on November 30, 1942:

Report of Special Agent E. P. O'Neill dated September 3, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas.

Report of Special Agent W. P. Jones dated September 3, 1942, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent E. P. O'Neill dated August 12, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas.

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REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-24-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-20-42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CHRISTOPHER MONZON ORTIZ de GUERRA; ANTONIO de IRLA y IRLA; JOSE MARIA LASARTE IRLA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C Custodial Detention

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ANTONIO IRLA IRLA registered with the State Department in October, 1938, as an Agent of the Government of Euskadi, Spain; registration ceased upon his departure from the United States in April of 1939.

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 3, 1942, at Washington, D. C.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential National Defense Informant [REDACTED] known to the Bureau, advised Agent that subject has not registered with the Attorney General under the new Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended; that, however, subject registered with the State Department on October 22, 1938, registration #168, and made the following declarations in his Registration Statement dated October 10 and sworn to by him on October 20, 1938, before MILDRED G. AHRENS, Notary Public:

That subject's name is ANTONIO IRLA IRLA; that his principal business address was Hotel New Weston, 31 East 49th Street, New York City; that his foreign principal was the Government of Euskadi, Barcelona; that the nature of his business was to contact

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Spanish Basques in this country on behalf of the Spanish Basque refugees of the Spanish Civil War, and to procure aid for said refugees;" that the registrant is serving voluntarily without any compensation and without any contract; that he the registrant, of Spanish nationality, was admitted to the Port of New York on August 19, 1938, as a temporary visitor with passport visaed by the American Consul at Paris, France, on August 2, 1938.

The file reflects no Supplemental Registration Statement which would have been due in April, 1939. In addition, the file reflects a letter to the State Department, dated April 26, 1939, from RAYMON DE LA SOTA, Secretary of the Basque Delegation in the United States, advising that IRLA had departed for France. The State Department thereupon concluded that subject's name will no longer be carried in the list of registrants under the Registration Act of June 8, 1938, as amended.

The files of the Special War Policies Unit reflect no subsequent information relative to IRLA.

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April 19, 1943

TO: VISA DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

In connection with the below entitled exit permit applicant case the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following information.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

ATTENTION: MR. EIDER

ANTONIO DE IRLA - Exit Permit
Applicant

MANUEL YRCHAUSTI; JOHN ZADAL; MARGARET
JANE KASLEY - Associated Persons
PASSPORTS AND VISAS

ANTONIO DE IRLA
30 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
Applicant

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One Antonio de Irala y Irala has been the subject of certain investigation by this Bureau. It was determined that he together with one Telesforo Munson Artis de Urzuala and one Jose Maria Lasarte Arana arrived at Brownsville, Texas, on July 27, 1942, from Mexico. After a hearing they were excluded by the Immigration officers for a lack of necessary documents but were admitted on August 3, 1942, upon instructions from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, office. All three of these individuals were reported to be attorneys travelling on Basque passports or identification cards en route to New York City to confer with Jose Antonio Aguirre, former President of the Basque Republic, relative to organizing the Basque people in South American countries into counterespionage groups to aid the United Nations war effort. Urzuala, the Basque Minister to Madrid, was reported to have fled to France during the Revolution and was interned, arriving in Mexico during November, 1941. Irala was reported to be Secretary to Aguirre in New York City for approximately six months during 1938, and was registered with the State Department. He returned to France during January, 1939, and came to Mexico with Arana on May 22, 1942. Arana advised that he was proceeding to New York City at the request of the McCarrack Act on October 22, 1938, as an Agent of the Government of Basque and described his business as being to aid Spanish Basque refugees. It was also determined that a letter dated April 25, 1943,

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was addressed by the Secretary of the League delegation to the State Department
advising that Krula had returned to prison. (40-1111)

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Basque Group Discusses Possibility of Democracies Emerging With Franco
NEW WEEKLY PUBLICATION PROPOSED.

Basque Group Discusses Possibility of Democracies Emerging With Franco.

Writer states that he does not wish to let the subject of addressee's Nov. 13rd. letter go without the requested comment because (quoting translation) "In 'political affairs', at times, the exhausted acquires unexpected vigor, and...who knows whether we shall (not) have to occupy ourselves anew (perhaps with greater inquietude than that felt up to now) with the consequences arising from the interest of certain deluded parties (iluso) in swamping democratic emotions there where every force has been employed to destroy them."

In writer's opinion, Franco cannot resist Hitler's designs, not only because such attempt would be labelled "failure" but because only the destruction of the democracies can guarantee his continuance in power.

Writer states that it is for this reason that he qualifies as, deluded, those who cherish the vain hope of overcoming Franco's feeling of self preservation and his imperialistic appetites with tempting tid-bits.

Writer states that this is his opinion today in view of the efforts Hitler is making to preserve his position in North Africa, in its relation to the position of Spain; that later, there is a possibility that Franco may swing over upon seeing that the progressive successes of the democracies are approaching final victory. Writer asks, however, whom Franco and his followers could interest then, or who would dare or be imprudent enough to attempt to ingratiate him and his followers with the People. Writer adds that any one who would accept such a solution is not one of those sworn into writer and addressee's group (Mestres "Ondaris") to die in the struggle against the enemy of our country, against the monster who ordered German aviators to the destruction of Barcelona, etc.

Writer states that although he is not a man of finicky scruples, he does respect scruples which are inspired by efficacious action in the service of one's country and that if writer's group accepted

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DR. DON JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE,

30 FIFTH AV.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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A compromise with Franco, they could be sure of the People's failure to understand it, since the People's language is that of faith, faith in Justice, faith in the destiny of the fatherland, faith in Liberty....

Writer states that if the unfortunate situation should arise and "war diplomacy" should lead the Democrats into collaboration with Franco or his men, the situation would be accompanied by circumstances not visible at present, but that, however, writer's opinion is that no collaboration of any kind is advisable with "the present situation in Spain."

Writer states that the program of writer and addressee's group should be that of unity among themselves even at the cost of whatever sacrifice, that their Paris program is valid for today and for the future. Writer feels that instead of yielding, however, doctrinal points to allied groups, that it is necessary to force these to assume a share of the responsibility of guaranteeing at the end of the war a united group of "powerful capabilities" to the exclusion of all risk of separatism. Writer believes that thus, even Nabarra's case will be solved.

II. New Weekly Publication Proposed.

Writer states that Telesforo will probably have previously communicated writer's activities. Writer believes that the era of cordiality has begun and that writer's group intends to publish a weekly wherein all will be called upon to collaborate and to establish a greater responsibility.

Salutation of letter is "Dear President and Friend."

Examiner's Note: Writer has previously interceded with addressee to attempt release of a third party's blocked funds. Addressee is President of the Basque Government-in-exile. Telesforo referred to may be Telesforo De Monson, active in Basque affairs in Mexico. The case of Nabarra may refer to a possible reluctance of Nabarra to break with Franco thus reducing Basque influence. Addressee is in receipt of frequent communications from the Delegation of the "Partido Comunista De Euzkadi" (i.e., Basque Communist Party), Zandesia 15 - B, Mexico, D. F.

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United States Department of Justice
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April 28, 1943.

Director, FBI

RE: THOMAS FORD WATSON GATES de URRUTIA;
ANTONIO de IRALA y IRALA;
JOSE MARIA LASARTE ARANA
CUSTODIAL DETENTION (S)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent [redacted] at San Antonio, Texas, dated August 12, 1942 and September 3, 1942 in which is set forth an interview with the subjects at the time that they entered the United States at Brownsville, Texas, as well as the departure of subjects URRUTIA and ARANA on August 20, 1942 at Brownsville, Texas by Pan-American Airways. The information set forth in these reports is principally that the above captioned individuals were destined to go to New York for a conference with JOSE ANTONIO de AGUIRRE, President of the Basque Republic, who, according to the above report dated September 3, 1942 left the United States at Brownsville, Texas on August 18, 1942.

There appears to be no allegation of any subversive activities by these persons nor any other basis on which to predicate an investigation at the present time. Therefore, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, no further investigation in this matter will be conducted by this Office and the case will be considered closed.

Very truly yours,

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- a) BASQUE PRESIDENT'S instructions in the event of FRANCO entering the war on the AXIS side.
- b) Possibility of co-operation with the CATALANS, GALICIANS and SPANISH DEMOCRATS.
- c) BASQUE policy in regard to religion, future status as a free country, etc.
- d) Text of GABON manifesto.

Extract from covering letter:-

Enclosed I am sending for your information a copy of a letter which the LENDAKARI (Exonote: JOSE ANTONIO de AGUIRRE) is sending to TELESFORO and also the current GABON manifesto. You will gather from these what our most pressing problems are at this time, and also get an idea of how things are going.

I expect you will receive several Euzko Deiyas which I sent by some friend in which there are accounts of the LENDAKARI'S trip through SOUTH AMERICA. We also gave instructions in BUENOS AIRES to have these sent to you by air. We were unable to send the press cuttings from the countries through which he passed, as we first thought of doing, because some from different places have not yet arrived."

(signed) ANTONIO DE IRLA.

(signed) ANTONIO DE TRALA.

Copy of Letter to TELESFORO

translation:- "On account of Jose Mari's forthcoming journey you will have to settle the question of the secretaryship of the governing council set up there. You must think of a substitute. It seems to me that if you could find someone completely trustworthy among those who have patriotic sentiments it would be better perhaps that the person elected should not belong to the P.N.V. (Partido Nacional Vasco). You will understand the reason for this. But since you can discern the position better over there leave everything in your hands.

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The consequences of FRANCO's speech. The situation has cleared up considerably through GENERAL FRANCO'S last speech. This speech contains an expression of policy which is the following: If HITLER wishes to pass through SPAIN on the way to GIBRALTAR and NORTH AFRICA he will encounter no obstacles.

1) Because the present SPANISH regime desires his victory.
2) Because the people are so demoralized they will not be able to oppose him. (If the ALLIES in NORTH AFRICA encounter difficulties, how can one expect an unarmed people to perform miracles?) Although a propaganda founded on strategic reasons attributes SPAIN with intentions of neutrality, FRANCO'S declaration in which not once does he use the word neutrality, is sufficiently clear to dissipate any hopes of this sort. Nor is it any use to maintain that the SPANISH situation has in any way changed, especially as the speech was made after the exchange of letters with PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. The disparity is evident and it is ridiculous to try to make out anything different. Officially SPAIN has made a change through FRANCO'S speech by declaring its doctrinal adherence to the AXIS. But it all indicates that whatever the reasons there are certain elements who would like to preserve the present "status quo", the type of persons who are always ready to meet DARLANS and come to terms with them, although by doing so the objects of the struggle are weakened and nations end by collapsing. I am pleased that this hampering attitude which has always existed has manifested itself now, and not at the end of the conflict which would have been very dangerous. The contrary reaction which this attitude is producing is a very good sign. Nevertheless, I can assure you that no-one has confidence any longer in FRANCO, who is considered and has been classified as an enemy of the ALLIED cause. It is a matter which was bound to develop in this way. It is necessary, however, to keep in mind the balance on the other side which is represented - as it was previously in MUSSOLINI'S ROMÉ - by the large number of people, among them many of high principles, but generally misinformed, who believed FRANCO to be a saviour of the people, as MUSSOLINI was considered to be: it is an anti-liberty agitation. One must not forget the enormous influence of CATHOLICISM in this country, now placed in an equivocal position - as is happening in SOUTH AMERICA - for having supported FRANCO with political influence from the pulpit. And in such a way that it conveys an absolutely false idea on the religious aspect of the struggle. All this cannot be changed in a day, it is too firmly rooted in the wide-spread places from which it derives its influence. Here, if these forces joined with others which emanate from the LATIN countries and even from the VATICAN itself, they would constitute through fear of the collapse of what are termed the CATHOLIC countries, a powerful force which if it does not conform to the unstable and discredited present position of the SPANISH State, is anxious to pursue its policy in environments which respond to its ideal and needs. In regard to the intrigues of the monarchist elements in SPAIN and elsewhere as we view them from here, events will prove how difficult it is to pin one's faith on something that has neither been recorded nor is the will of the people. I am in a position to tell you that this possibility diminishes daily. Even FRANCO himself has expressed his opinion in this respect sufficiently clearly to give the supporters of a monarchist restoration no hope.

Comments on Sr. ALAMAN'S Writings. I do not know whether I am wrong in my criticism of Sr. ALAMAN'S articles which I have read with interest, but I seem to notice in them excellent intentions. One needs to find out what he is driving at, to interpret many things gradually, because the accumulation of past prejudices cannot be uprooted all at once. For example, in one of them he happens to say inappropriate things about the language. He makes an error very usual in these SPANISH-AMERICAN authors, which is to identify ecumenical or catholic concepts with SPAIN. Here, for example, separatism and even autonomy by some are considered as something contrary, even to CATHOLICISM, on account of the confusion of ideas to which I refer. Nevertheless, Sr. ALAMAN shows a clear and determined desire, although perhaps not altogether happy in its mode of expression, to separate them. For this reason I believe that I should clear up the points - I am sure that you must have done so yourself - by saying: The BASQUE people, the BASQUE nation, EUSKADI, is an active member of Western Christian civilization. That is ecumenical value. It is this taking of a determinate Christian position which has drawn attention to the BASQUES' case. The question of whether or no the BASQUES should belong to the SPANISH state has not the same fundamental importance as their belonging to the Western Christian Community. This is the case in regard to BELGIANS, FLEMISH, DUTCHMEN, PORTUGUESE, ENGLISHMEN and AMERICANS of all classes. What would be Sr. ALAMAN'S advice to us if COMMUNISM or something similar were established in SPAIN? He would put forward in such a case:

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an certain, the concept of civilization defined above. Very well then, in the sudden SPANISH change from one extreme to another the case can be explained. Because it is a question of taking things in turn.. In this case, if EUSKADI proclaimed its independence, what would Sr. ALAMAN say to us?

I do not know if I am writing clearly. I am not trying to write a polemic - as you understand - I am only in this way pointing out the wide field of action which we have at our disposal, but cultivating the right type of man like ALAMAN, good friends like GRENGOIRE, preparing them for the conflict which is drawing near, and succeeding here as over there and everywhere, in creating through similar friends a favourable environment which will guarantee the success of our activities. An atmosphere similar to that of the year 1931 - which will return - with moral support from AMERICA, such as the IRISH had in the year 1921, are of fundamental importance when considering the future. The important thing is that they should respect us - like Sr. ALAMAN and so many others - later will come knowledge and with that support. Therefore, if you succeed in attaining such an environment as the writer of the articles indicates, it seems to me that you would have achieved an enormous success. The effects of such an action will be tremendous. The important thing is that we are now causing a certain amount of interest. A few years ago no-one knew that we even existed. Now we take our place in the world, small in comparison with the rest, but with a certain universal value in our nation that attracts attention. It is here, abroad, that our battle is being waged, at the same time as we are pushing forward unfalteringly with our aims.

As I seem to detect your influence creeping in to these articles, I congratulate you and my only wish is that you should be the future guide of our true friends. I believe that GRENGOIRE might be an admirable person in this respect, because he will know how to deal with a potential Christian who is not necessarily a SPANIARD.

You will have seen that in his speech GENERAL FRANCO, in referring to CRISTOBAL'S friends makes some points which coincide with my ideas. For this reason I believe that the occupation of SPAIN by the ALLIES is not only a strategical necessity, but also a necessity for the sake of order. You will understand what I mean without need of further explanation.

Important consequence and firmness of position. I would like you to take note of the following - Directly FRANCO finds himself involved in the war - the moment HITLER gives orders for it - following my usual custom I will issue a proclamation in the name of the BASQUE government, defining our position once and for all. In it I will give a brief history of the war in EUROPE, the condemnation of the STALIN-HITLER pact, JAPANESE aggression etc. No-one has more consistently maintained a more definite and loyal place on the ALLIES' side than we have. We must not lose sight of the way the SPANISH democrats, who were divided at that time, kept silence, still less of the adverse position of the COMMUNISTS, inexplicably tied to the effects of the STALIN-HITLER pact. Our position gives us authority to: 1) Speak in our own name 2) Call upon CATALANS and GALICIAN DEMOCRATS to agree to the joining together of our forces for protesting and taking action against the common enemy and 4) By means of a proclamation hold or propose the holding of a ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE at which a future programme should be drawn up, with the most suitable and elastic proposals which it is possible to obtain under the circumstances. If our plans should be frustrated through bad faith or an intransigent attitude the way will still be open for us to take reasonable action. Does my idea seem good to you? and to all of you? I should like to have your opinion and advice. It is most important also from this time on, for us to prepare all friendly AMERICAN authors for that moment, so that they hold themselves in readiness to support our action on the lines that it is authoritative, and also by raising the practical point that SPANISH democrats are of no account without the BASQUES and CATALANS. We should keep every avenue open, because once again SPANIARDS will want to oppose the BASQUE and CATALAN question. The moment has arrived when a combination of different nationalities should take the place of the old central form of government, by means of discussion, agreement and pact.

I hope that, once FRANCO is involved in the war, our position may have a great influence on the writers of central or rightist tendencies, because it will be easier for them to align themselves with us than with those of frankly leftist policies. This has

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been the case of the NACION and PRENSA of BUENOS AIRES which by supporting us are finding an admirable way of taking their stand about the war and political conflict in SPAIN, and at the same time remaining in the international democratic field. We must not lose sight of the fact that a large and influential press has always been and can be very misleading. In affording them this opportunity, we acquire a powerful ally and strengthen our own action, and at the same time, bestow an incalculable benefit on the cause of DEMOCRACY. My last journey has proved me right in thinking this. There is no need for us to enlarge more fully on these points; the necessity for this important backing for the BASQUES' HOUR (la Hora Vasca) is of fundamental importance. Each one of you, whatever country you are in, will know how to reinforce and amplify these arguments with others.

Here, I am confident that we have - if this turns out as I hope it will - an environment for action which in the Catholic field or under Catholic influence may assume proportions which I hardly dare calculate. But in any case of the greatest importance. Its influence will also be felt in other spheres, not doctrinal but political.

Our history, our unsullied democracy and advanced social standards, should be arguments enough to impress those AMERICAN democratic elements which for some time past have been aligned with Republican elements - with the absolute necessity to respect the will of the people. It would be a good thing to remind them of their own action a century ago, and that history repeats itself.

If the CATALANS have managed to achieve unity by then, it would not be out of place to publish our combined aims in one memorandum, or in two parallel memoranda, pointing out that they are being published according to a previous understanding and agreement, as I thought of doing with PI I SUNYER according to a memorandum which you have. But as I do not know if they will be able to settle things in a way which will give them this authority, the only thing I can do is to go on preparing for that eventuality. Inform the CATALANS about my ideas on this subject and in a discreet way enlighten them on my views which I expect they will understand.

I should like your opinion and advice on all these questions. Let me have them frequently because on account of the present situation it is essential to maintain a more regular and frequent correspondence.

Other matters: Everything is going well. JOSE MARI'S mission is daily attaining more success. The chief of the STEER COMPANY visited me to thank me for some other very important work recently accomplished at RAMON'S. There is now absolute confidence in us, as I had hoped, and this is bearing excellent fruit. And before that we were also congratulated very effusively by the firm of TADIZKIDE for some splendid work done by GAPATE. This should help us to follow the road we have taken, which we consider right, necessary and useful.

On my last trip to WASHINGTON I had several important interviews. In all of them I was treated with kindness. They were with distinguished persons belonging to the most important Government Departments, in both the Home and Foreign Service, including the General Staff. I had the satisfaction and honour of lunching in his own office at the Capitol in WASHINGTON with Vice-President WALLACE, who invited me with his customary kindness.

Our compatriots are fully aware of the momentous times in which we live and I hope they will continue to do their part in the splendid way in which they have begun. CUBA heads them all with more than forty thousand OGERLEACS. A fine example.

A few days ago we invited the ex-PRESIDENT of COLOMBIA, Dr. SANTOS, to a BASQUE dinner. He is the man to whom we are so much indebted, and who had as MINISTER of EDUCATION that great friend of ours, Dr. ARCINIEGAS.

We have now started to issue a series of weekly invitations to my house, to personages of different nationalities and organisations, in order not to lose touch with useful friendships and acquaintanceships we have already made to make fresh ones. In this respect, although it might be taking advantage of our excellent friend PATKO'S goodness, I think that his house might be an important centre over there for these very necessary parties and social invitations. You may remember that this was one of the things I recommended when I was there.

I heard through a letter from JULIO JAUREGUI of your plans for holding entertainments in that magnificent hall belonging to the MEXICAN society. Carry on with this, for many have come to know our people through dancing and singing, especially if, as you tell me, the PRESIDENT of the REPUBLIC will be present at the gatherings. We must go on extending

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and doing propaganda in the splendid way in which it has been done up to now. I have great confidence in you and in your enthusiasm. It is what is done regularly that counts. When the appointed day comes the huge extent of what has been achieved will be realized. I feel satisfied as far as AMERICA is concerned. But there is still much to do, and we will do it.

Do not let yourself be eclipsed by RAMON who wants to present this Christmas an ERESOINIA of 150 voices and dancers, and to organize a rally of some thousands of BASQUES, knowing he can rely on the support of the government, as well as on the encouraging fact that a son of BASQUE parents, Dr. AMEZAGA, a great friend of mine, has been appointed PRESIDENT of URUGUAY.

A bulletin will shortly appear here, written in ENGLISH, which will give to some important centres in this country and representatives of other nations, an idea of our opinions. We want to make it very simple, but useful and practical. We will send you some copies.

I leave the organization and internal workings of the Governing Council entirely to you. A complete census of the BASQUES and those of BASQUE origin is a piece of work of urgent necessity and definite importance, and at the same time may considerably increase your own activities. Attack the problem with decision and enthusiasm, giving the delegations the most helpful guidance you can, and asking me for whatever support you need. It is an opportune moment, when one considers the present and the future. Do not forget to give the occupation, industries and profession of each one because this classification may lead to other important jobs in the future of a financial nature. This letter is long and I will end it. Write soon with your opinions and suggestions. Tell me if the question of GOMZALO is being gradually solved or if you prefer a rapid and complete solution.

Greetings to all, with the usual warm affection. May you remain united, firmly united.

P.S. Having forgotten to allude to the GABON manifesto which I am enclosing, I am going to copy what I said to RAMON about it in the letter which I wrote him: 'I have thought much about it. The programme part has been drawn up as a result of the predominant BASQUE way of thinking which I noticed on my last trip. On this basis allowances are made for all possibilities, no link is destroyed. It avoids the narrow view, but closes no doors. On this basis we can carry out projects planned by you and elaborated by some of our good authors. It is possible that the COMMUNISTS may not be in line with it, but this will not harm us. They must be reminded of the construction of the U.S.S.R. On the other hand, I think that the democratic sector in general will accept it with enthusiasm. The corollary to these ideas are those contained in the letter to RAMON, principally when I ask for advice on my plan for the manifesto and its contents, at the moment when FRANCO or SPAIN may become involved in the war. Send me your opinion immediately. You will understand that they are two distinct things, one, the GABON manifesto which you will publish as soon as possible in EUSKERA and SPANISH, and the other, the manifesto in the name of the BASQUE government, the chief points of which are in the letter to TELESFORO, to be published on the day already mentioned. I believe that with these instructions and the comments in the enclosed letters, I have touched upon all the problems which are exercising our minds at present.'

(Summary of GABON manifesto)

TO ALL BASQUES

Although passed once more in exile, the feast of GABON this year is distinguished by growing optimism and hope of victory.

This optimism must be tempered with a sense of responsibility, and a recognition of the of the long hard struggle still before us. This will not, however, shake the resolution of the BASQUE people, whose very existence has always been preserved by the gallant struggles of its sons.

The history of the BASQUES has been characterized by difficulties. But the people have remained loyal since we emerged from the shadows of pre-historic times.

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On my last trip to AMERICA I was encouraged by the way in which the BASQUES in exile remain loyal to their country and its traditions.

The BASQUES are once more striving for the preservation of their heritage. They have frequently been betrayed by their leaders, but this time nation and leaders are united in a common struggle, with a common aim, and they will remain united till that aim is achieved.

The BASQUE government made this proclamation under the tree of GERNIKA at the time of its constitution. As government and people we will accomplish our end, will defend our noble heritage.

Those who are influenced by foreign conceptions cannot understand nor grasp the fact that we are faced with the problem of existence or non-existence. There are countries which are never confronted with this danger, even then, like the SPANISH democracy, they find themselves temporarily impotent. Their very opponents preserve their national customs and characteristics. But other PENINSULAR nations, among them our BASQUE nation are threatened with annihilation. So we are fighting not simply for a concept but for our very life.

This the BASQUES understand, and all over the world they are uniting in a way that has never before been known in history. They realise that their native land is in danger. Our aim can be summarised as follows:

- 1) To save the BASQUE nation.
- 2) To recover its national liberty and power of self-government which guarantees its existence and peaceful development.
- 3) To fight beside the other PENINSULAR nations, especially the CATALANS and GALICIANS, against the dictatorial regime in SPAIN, and to co-operate as closely and harmoniously as possible with SPANISH democracy, for the complete restoration of everything.
- 4) To lend all aid, including armed force, to the UNITED NATIONS, whose cause we have never ceased to support since the beginning of the war.
- 5) To restore after victory a peace based on tolerance, liberty and pardon, burying hatred and repudiating the suppression of personal liberty in the free land of the BASQUES.

Our adversaries are passing through their most critical hour. By his definition of the totalitarian state, GENERAL FRANCO has made it amply clear, even to those who wish to disregard it, that he stands for the destruction of liberty, and for violence, and that, to the endless shame of CHRISTIANITY, he has set himself up as one of the main springs of CHRISTIAN civilisation.

No-one has fought against this absurd ideology as we have, nor so effectively against the totalitarian regime in SPAIN. We have caused more disasters to GENERAL FRANCO'S government than all the cannon at the front. We have conquered prejudices and destroyed calumnies, converting persons who, as a result of ignorance, false propaganda and outworn convictions, were inclined, especially in AMERICA, to favour the advocates of violence and oppression.

I have often said and I will repeat, especially to you my compatriots, that we are not prompted by hatred but only by love of Justice and what rightfully belongs to us. We therefore consider EUZKADI as a country for all BASQUES, irrespective of any distinctions or differences.

We must not forget that we are the guarantors of the future - that we hold the only guarantee for establishing peace and freedom in our country. The fight begun in 1936 will not end for us until our country is free, and every day we press on towards that end with fresh hope and zeal.

Many BASQUES are performing their duty, without acclaim or indiscreet publicity. Their acts range from spiritual adhesion and preparation for the appointed day, to sacrifices of personal effort and property. We thank them for the increasing contributions of this year, for with expanding work our needs expand accordingly. No-one should

The manifesto ends with an exhortation to all BASQUES to remain loyal to each other, their customs and traditions, and to maintain the stand they have taken in the cause of right and freedom - For if they do this they cannot fail to triumph.

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Der 43116/42 (R)
ANTONIO DE IRLA
(writer of covering letter).

Former BASQUE diplomat whose evacuation from FRANCE was facilitated by the BASQUE PRESIDENT.
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for whom he appears to be acting as a political secretary.

ber: 29382/42 (R)
(addressee)

Appears to be one of the BASQUES

ber: 21468/42 (R)
TELESFORO

TELESFORO DE MONZON, former Secretary of State in EUZKADI. Remained in MEXICO in order to protect the Basque interests in the J.A.R.E. funds.

Tri: 20510/42 (R)
RAMON
(who appears to be organising
a Christmas rally of BASQUES).

Possibly RAMON DE ALDASORO, vice-president of the BASQUE NATIONAL COUNCIL and leader in the ARGENTINE.

Jam: 3167/42 (R)
GARATE

JOSE MARIA GARATE, Head of the BASQUE DELEGATION in VENEZUELA.

ber: 6780/42 (R)
PATKO

Reference to PATKO'S firm

ber: 43220/42 (R)
JULIO JAUREGUI

BASQUE representative on the J.A.R.E. in Mexico.

ber: 3010/43 (R)
PI I SUNYER

CARLOS PI I SUNYER, nominated President of the CATALAN NATIONAL COUNCIL.

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ATTENTION: MR. MEYER

ANTONIO DE IRLA - Exit Permit
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JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE; MANUEL DE LA
MOTA; RUTH MEILLER - Associated Persons
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ANTONIO DE IRLA
30 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
Applicant

Certain investigation has recently been conducted concerning one Antonio de Irla E Irla in a Foreign Travel Control and Registration Act matter. Irla was interviewed when he arrived at Miami, Florida, on March 29, 1943, from Havana, Cuba, aboard a Pan-American Airways plane. It was ascertained that he was travelling on a United States non-immigrant visa issued at Mexico, D. F., on July 16, 1942. This document showed that Irla was born on May 8, 1909, at Bilbao, Spain; his legal residence was shown as Mexico City, and his address in the United States was listed as c/o Basque Delegation, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. The purpose of his trip was indicated as being to confer with Jose Antonio Aguirre of the Basque Government and to act as his private secretary. The proposed duration of Irla's stay in the United States was indicated as approximately one year. The visa also indicated that Irla entered the United States at Brownsville, Texas, on July 27, 1942.

There was an additional notation on the visa to the effect that Irla was legally admitted to the United States at Brownsville on September 15, 1942, for six months by direction of the "Central Office." It was also indicated that this period was subsequently extended to one year by the "Central Office." Irla was in possession of a letter from the Immigration and Naturalization

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Inspector in charge, advising him that an exclusion finding made by the Board of Special Inquiry at Brownsville, Texas, had been sustained on August 15, 1942, but he had been allowed to enter the United States, and the "Central Office" had granted an extension of six months and had subsequently extended his stay until September 2, 1943. It was reported that because of this rather confusing letter the Immigration authorities at Miami detained Irala for a Board of Special Inquiry on the grounds "Doubt of Status."

Upon interview Irala advised that he was born of Basque parents in Bilbao, Spain, where he resided until after Franco's Army had conquered the country. He stated that he had been employed as an industrial lawyer. He stated that on or about August, 1937, he was employed as general secretary by Jose Antonio Aguirre, then President of the Basque Republic. Irala said that after the arrival of Franco's troops he fled to Paris, with the Basque Government in exile, and continued to work as an employee of that Government. According to Irala, when the Germans arrived in Paris in June, 1940, he fled to unoccupied France and remained there until April, 1942. Irala stated that inasmuch as his name appeared on a list given to the French Government by Franco he was not permitted to leave France. However, through the office of Archbishop Spellman of the Basque Delegation in New York and Buenos Aires, Irala's departure was arranged by the Petain Government. He arrived in Mexico in May, 1942, and was issued an American visa in July, 1942. Irala stated that he was employed by Aguirre as a secretary, but he actually was an agent and employee of the Basque Government. He stated that his connection with the Basque Government was not official but that the purpose of his work with Aguirre was to assist Aguirre in administering the Basque Government affairs. It was stated that the purpose of Irala's trip to Cuba was to secure any and all information he could concerning Cuba and South America which would be of interest to his own Government. It was reported that Irala was evasive and nonspecific as to his exact activities.

During May, 1943, it was ascertained that Antonio de Irala E Irala had not filed a registration statement under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended, subsequent to his departure in April, 1939, as an agent of a foreign principal. Further investigation in this matter is presently pending.

(97-1793)

JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE
305 Riverside Drive
New York, New York
Associated Press

The Daily Worker for April 7, 1943, mentioned one Jose Antonio Aguirre, former President of the Basque Republic, as a speaker at a meeting held at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The Daily Worker for April 6, 1943, stated that this rally was organized by the Spanish Section of the Free World Association in collaboration with the New York C.I.O., Industrial Union Council, France Forever, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, the Industrial Workers Order, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Local 6 and 42 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union,

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and all the pre-democratic Spanish speaking organizations in New York. The article reflected that the meeting was attended by some 3,000 people and that speakers who were cheered declared that the Spanish prisoners in North Africa could be free if the United States had given the word. According to the article, the meeting was called to demand the release of Spanish Loyalists and veterans of the International Brigade from North African concentration camps. Confidential informants have advised that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has intensified its campaign for the relief of anti-Fascist prisoners in North Africa. It has been reported that the Daily Worker is actively backing the campaign.

A confidential informant advised that on September 27, 1942, a Dr. Jose Aguirre of New York City, formerly of and President of Basconia, Spain, visited Rosario, Argentina. The informant stated that a complete day of activity was held in Rosario in his honor with full cooperation by English and American groups. It was reported that Aguirre was well received at a banquet and delivered a speech which made quite an impression among the Basques, the tenor of the speech being that the Basques had settled themselves in Argentina and had made themselves respected citizens, and it was their responsibility to continue and foster this reputation.

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Information concerning Jose Antonio Aguirre was furnished on August 27, 1942, in connection with his Feentry permit application.

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Considerable information concerning Jose Antonio Aguirre and the Basque organization was submitted to the Visa Division on August 19, 1942, in connection with the exit permit application of Jose Maria Lasarte Arana.

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MANUEL DE LA ROSA

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July 1, 1943

MR. LADD

RE: ANTONIO DE IRLA
EXIT PERMIT APPLICANT
FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL REGISTRATION ACT

One Antonio de Irala, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City, has made an application for an exit permit stating he wishes to proceed to Mexico and Cuba as a delegate of the Basque Government in exile. Irala states in his application that he has been employed since August, 1942, in New York City as secretary to the President of the Basque Government. He states that he will be absent approximately one month and that he has a tourist's visa, which is valid until the end of July, 1943. He states that his date of departure is uncertain, but that he intends to leave from Brownsville, Texas, via Pan-American Airlines.

This individual is the subject of file No. 97-1793. When interviewed at Miami, Florida, at the time of his entry into the United States on March 29, 1943, he advised that he was employed by Jose Antonio Aguirre, the head of the Basque Government who is in New York City. He said he was employed by Aguirre as a secretary but that actually he was an agent and employee of the Basque Government. At that time he stated that the purpose of his trip to Cuba was to secure any and all information he could concerning Cuba and South America which would be of interest to his Government. Subsequent inquiry has revealed that Irala has not filed a registration statement under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and is not notified to the Secretary of State as an agent of a foreign principal.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm Derogatory information concerning Antonio de Irala and his references is being furnished to the Exit Permit Unit of the Department of State.

Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

SUGGESTED ACTION: In the event it is desired that Irala's exit permit be denied by the Department of State or that granting of the permit be withheld pending further investigation of Irala, it is requested that the Visa and Exit Control Section be advised at once in order that an appropriate request may be made of the State Department.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TITLE: ANTONIO DE IRLA—Visa Applicant
RAMON DE LA SOTA, PETER AQUIRRE—Sponsor
PASSPORTS AND VISAS

ANTONIO DE IRLA
30 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
Applicant

Information concerning the above-captioned applicant was previously submitted to the Visa Division by this Bureau in connection with his application for an exit permit by letters dated April 19, 1943, and July 1, 1943. In the letter of July 1, 1943, it was stated that de Irla was at that time being investigated in connection

with his having failed to register as an agent of a foreign principal under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended. No further investigation of Antonio de Irla has been conducted by this Bureau since the previous letter was submitted and the investigation concerning this matter is presently in a closed status.

Mr. Ladd (97-1793)

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RAMON DE LA SOTA
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Sponsor

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Visa Division, Department of State

DR. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE
Interested Person

The BC Form of Antonio de Arala indicates that he is connected with the Basque Patriotic Movement, and since 1937 has been secretary for the above-captioned individual. Information concerning Jose Antonio de Aguirre has been previously furnished the State Department by this Bureau on August 27, 1942 in connection with his reentry permit application. Additional information has also been furnished in connection with the exit permit application of Jose Maria de Lasarte Arana on August 19, 1942.

In addition to the information already furnished concerning Aguirre, a reliable, confidential outside source has advised that in October of 1942, three Communist writers in Mexico who are apparently affiliated with a Basque Communist organization known as the "Partido Comunista De Euzkadi", communicated with Jose Antonio Aguirre, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. The persons communicating with Aguirre declared themselves in entire agreement with a recent call sent out by the Communist Party of Spain for the national union of all Spaniards. The writer mentioned that the Nazi invasion of Spain has been felt more in the Basque provinces than in any other part of Spain and that, therefore, the Basques hate the invaders more than other Spaniards. According to the confidential source, the writers request Aguirre to issue a call for unity of all Spaniards who desired the downfall of Franco and Hitler. What action, if any, was taken by Aguirre concerning the above request is not known, and no information in this regard has been submitted by the confidential source.

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CENTRO VASCO RENOVOLUNT SOCIETY
Interested Organization

Information concerning an organization having a name similar to that of the above-captioned organization has been previously furnished the Visa Division by this Bureau in connection with the following visa applications:

b7c [redacted] on October 25, 1941. (H-151)
[redacted] on February 21, 1942. (T-7721)
[redacted] on April 18, 1942. (AB-231)
[redacted] on December 8, 1942. (AE-214)

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In addition to the information already submitted, this Bureau was advised by a highly confidential source in August, of 1942 that an officer aboard a Spanish ship communicated with an individual in Mexico whose address was Centro Vasco, Madera #6, Mexico, D. F. This officer is alleged to have stated:

"Now we can communicate during all voyages and I can carry letters to - directly, if you send or else post them from any point in Spain without passing the censor."

The confidential source stated that the Centro Vasco is a restaurant in Mexico where persons can have mail sent to them and that it is also a club composed of Spanish Basques.

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In June of 1943, a confidential source advised that the Centro Vasco, Mexico, D. F. is a Socialist organization founded in 1907. It attracts Basques of democratic sentiments who were attached to the Republic during the Spanish Civil War and are loyal to the separatists' ideas of Euzkadi which is the native name for the Basque provinces which are represented by the president of the Basque government in exile, Don. Jose Antonio Aguirre.

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No investigation of the above-captioned individuals in this letter has been conducted by this Bureau other than as noted above.

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Very truly yours,

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J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

ATTENTION: MR. MEYER

TITLE: ANTONIO VICTOR DE IRALA - Registry
Permit Applicant
PASSPORTS AND VISAS

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