Basque Intelligence Service Section 3

Office of the Legal Attaché Buenos Aires, Argentina August 12, 1944

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VIA DIFLOMATIC COURIER FOUCH

Director.

BASQUE ORGANIDATION: Re: Argenting - Administrative.

Dear Sir:- D67468

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 20. 1944, stating it is satisfactory to use the services of the subject organization according to terms previously outlined in a letter to the Bureau.

Dr. De IEGERTH, head of this organization in Argentina, recently requested that the monthly amount paid to him be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 (U.S.) per month. He was advised that this request would be transmitted to Mashington, and that the decision must be made there. He was told that in connection with this request it would be gavisable to submit a detailed list of expenditures presently being made by him in connection with investigations for this office and a further detailed explanation be made as to how he proposed to mend the additional sum. He has indicated an unvillingness to do this and has submitted only a general statement as to investigation rerformed to date and his proposal for increasing investigative facilities in the future. Dr. De LASARTE stated that he does not wish to reveal details concerning his organization for security reasons, thinking that the information might possibly fall into other hands enroute to Washington or here.

It is known that De LASARTE proposes renting at least two more offices for our investigative purposes but other details concerning how he intends to spend the increase are unknown. Inasmuch as the information being submitted by this organization has not yet reached the value of \mathcal{Z}_{i}^{2} , 600 per month, it is recommended that the increase not be granted.

There are being forwarded with this FetteB two Tenvelope's containing private correspondence between D\$2 AUC 30198 pd JUSE 1.0

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De AGUIRRE in New York City, and also forwarding to the latter copies of menoranda containing information which has been given to this office. It is requested that these envelopes be forwarded to De AGUIRRE.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS E. CROSBY Legal Attaché

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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina

August 14, 1944

Director, FBI

FERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL VIA DIPLOLATIC AIR COURTER FOUCH

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION,
Argentina Administrative

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are two envelopes sent by the representative of the Basque organization in Argentina to President José A. de squirre in New York City. They contain copies of memoranda which have been submitted to this office and also contain one letter each of a personal and administrative nature.

It is requested that these envelopes be forwarded to Fresident Aguirre.

Very truly yours,

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Francis E. Crosby, Legal Attaché

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July 25, 1944.

VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUC

Director, FBI

BASQUE ORGANIZATION RE: Chile - Administrative

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 3, 1944, in connection with the above matter.

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This is to advise that the writer has contacted and has delivered the letter forwarded with the Bureau communication of May 3. In connection with financial arrangements, the writer was advised that the organization in Chile had been receiving \$400 per month, forwarded by the Basque Government in exile, but that during recent months this has not been sent. That this money is no longer being sent is, no doubt, due to the change in financial arrangements which was mentioned in the Bureau letter. The writer advised that he was ready to continue the financial aid but he would first like to have some idea as to expenditures said that he so that a reasonable sum could be arrived at. would, of course, be glad to receive any amount which the writer might think could be expended, but it was evident from his manner that he would be disappointed if he were not to continue receiving the \$400 monthly or . substantially that amount. It did not seem to the writer that the breakdown as to expenditures of the organization in Chile showed a necessity for an amount that large considering that this money is reimbursement for actual expenses of the organization. However, in view of the Bureau's desires in this matter, it is felt that rather than cause any hard feeling between the Basque leaders and this office, it would be well not to be too exacting in demanding an accounting. Accordingly, the writer intends to reach an agreement calling for the expenditure of \$400 or somewhat less per month and the writer will endeavor to tactfully review the manner in which this money is being spent toward the end of eliminating any unnecessary expenditures.

With regard to the usefulness of this organization as informants, it should be stated that there is a fairly large Basque Colony in Chile and

used locally in connection with Communist matters and maritime matters, but it has been noted that their information is usually rather sketchy and not thorough. In their favor it must be said that the Basques appear to be sincere and their reports are not written for mercenary purposes.

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This office is presently awaiting the arrival of Dr. JOSE MARIA DE MASARTE, Chief of the Basque Intelligence Service in South America, who is understood to be coming to Chile from Argentina. The Burday will be further advised concerning conversations had with Dr. SARTE.

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

August 10, 1944

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Director, FBI

BASQUE ORGANIZATION ' CHILE - ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Santiago letter of July 25, 1944 in connection with the above-captioned matter. This is to advise that the writer has been in conference with and it has been decided that since the Basque Organization during June and July had been expecting to receive its quota of \$400.00 per month, this sum be paid for those two months. The amount to be paid in the future will be determined on the basis of a trip which a member of the Office of the Legal Attaché will make in the company of a Basque Agent throughout the South of Chile.

During this trip the various Basque local representatives will be contacted and the value and performance of each such representative will be estimated. It is felt that after this trip is completed a new figure can be arrived at which will be a fair reimbursement to this organization for its intelligence activities. At present since no member of the Office of the Legal Attaché has ever made a comprehensive survey of Basque Intelligence coverage, it is most difficult to state whether or not the funds heretofore utilized by the organization have been effectively and efficiently used in the intelligence coverage or not.

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Very truly yours

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHR

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

August 8, 1944

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Director, FBI

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Re: Basque Organization URUGUAY ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

learned that Dr. Jose Maria de Lasarte, Chief of the Basque Intelligence Service in Buenos Aires, was planning a trip to Montevideo and Santiago in the near future. The Buenos Aires Office informed this Office by cable dated July 10,

On July 12, 1944, Sr. de Lasarte was interviewed by the writer. He advised that his Organization had in the past been in close collaboration with the Office of the Military Attache in Montevideo and that he was desirous of establishing contact with the Office of the Legal Attache with a view toward developing close working relations in the future. Sr. de Lasarte advised that for the present it was desirable that contact be maintained with the Military Attache but that he was hopeful that close collaboration could be worked out between his Organization and this Office.

On the following date, Sr. de Lasarte introduced the writer to

as ascertained that

In conversations with it was ascertained that he presently has numerous potential contacts in which up to the present time have not been fully exploited because of lack of financial resources. It is noteworthy that

INDEXECTS RECORDED 64-23/19-66 Arrangements were made wherehy, ill receive 300 Urumuyan Desos approximately \$155 U.S.) per month as an experimental basis for investigative will apposited in the state of purposes in connection with this office. this sum to Basques who are in his employ. This arrangement, whereby will receive 300 pesos per month, is on a temporary basis, however, subject

By letter from Buenos Aires to this Office dated June 7, 1944, it was 1944, that de Lasarte was proceeding to Montevideo within the next few days.

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change should future developments indicate the desirability of an increased or diminished amount.

In view of the existing contacts of the it is contemplated that he will be assigned to work on the following general topics:

- 1. Communist activities in Uruguay
- 2. Political developments in Uruguay with particular emphasis on the activities of the Herrerista Party as they figure in the case entitled REVOLUTIONARY PLANS FOR LATIN-AMERICA SPONSORED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
- 3. Political developments in Argentina

With regard to the third topic, the possibilities will be explored for having this Organization develop an information channel from Argentina to Uruguay which could function effectively in the event an emergency arises. This arrangement would, if possible, supplement that worked out between the Buenos Aires Office and the Basque Organization in that city.

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ork in will be handled and supervised by and the confidential symbol to be used in and his Organization in future reports will be

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Very truly yours,

Legal Attache

cc Buenos Aires Office

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHÉ

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MEXICO CITY

August 28, 1944

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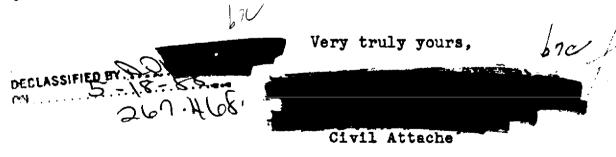
RE: BASQUE ORGANIZATION
Mexico-Administrative

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 18, 1944, concerning arrangements for the cooperation of the above-captioned Organization with this office.

The Basque have been submitting reports regularly in duplicate with the request that a copy of each report be furnished to President JOSE ANTONIO de AGUIRRE in New York City. In accordance with this request there are being enclosed herewith, for transmittal to President AGUIRRE, copies of these reports numbered from one through thirty-six and a personal letter from the local Basque Organization.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Field Division for the information and attention of Mr. Jerome Doyle.



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New York Field Division

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New York, N. Y. August 16, 1944 Director, FBI 61C Attention: Doar Siri On August 14, 1944, AUTONIC TRALA conferred with Jerome Doyle of the New York SIS office. Mr. IRALA advised that about August 1, 1944, a Basque named told IRALA that He stated also that ere not know of the Bureau's organization in Mexico City and consequently, turned over the foregoing is called to the attention of the Bureau so that U the Civil Attache in Lexico, D.F. might be aware of the information It was likewise suggested that if it is at all possible, a copy of this information be forwarded to the New York SIS office for the information of the Basque Delegation in New York City which is very interested in the political plan of the Communist Party. WHELE SHOWN E. E. CONROY RECORDED

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Date:

August 28, 1944

To:

The American Embassy Mexico, D. F.

From:

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

Communist activities in Mexico

Mexico - Subversive Activities

The following information was received in confidence from Antonio Irala, representative of the Basque Delegation in New Yorkal

hand named

Informant advised that about August 1, 1944, a Basque

stated that

It is desired that you make appropriate inquiry in an attempt to verify the reported delivery of the information in question to In the event that the incident is verified through inquiry by your office, a report in the matter should be furnished to the Bureau with two extra copies being supplied.

(Based on New York Field Office letter 8-16-44 re Basque Organization - Mexico)

Communications Section Mailed August 30, 1944

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Office of the Legal Attaché Buenos Aires, Argentina August 22, 1944

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Basque Organization Argentina administration

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an envelope received from the head of this organization in Argentina for transmission to President Aguirre in New York City.

This envelope contai ψ s' copies of investigative memoranda submitted to this office.

It is suggested that if President Aguirre is not interested in receiving copies of all information submitted by his organization in Argentina to us, he so indicate in a letter to his representative in Buenos Aires.

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Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby, Legal Attaché.

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

August 11, 1944

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Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

This material has been examined in Santiago and pertinent portions have been translated and are included in the files of this office.

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Very truly you

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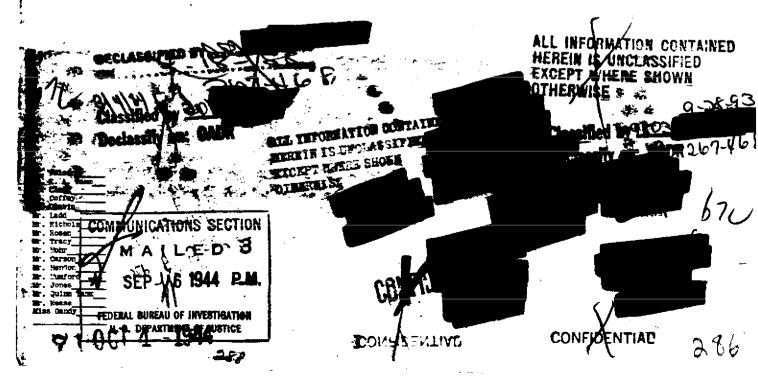
From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Pederal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Reference is made to your letter of Avenut 11, 1868.

Arrangements have now been completed by the Bureau whereby these reports might be handed directly to the Basons beadquarters in New York City by a Bureau representative.

It was noted that the material being sent to the Basque headquarters was examined by you and pertinent portions were translated for inclusion in the files of your office. It is suggested that when translations are made of these communications that an appropriate number of copies be made and ferwarded to the Bureau for incorporation in the Bureau's files.



OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY August 15, 1944

> PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURTER

Director, FBI

BASQUE ORGANIZATION URUGUAY ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

, who is presently in collaboration with this office, has requested that the enclosed material be forwarded to his principals in New York City by pouch.

It is therefore requested that the enclosed data be furnished to the officials of the Basque Organization in New York City and that they be advised that the material was furnished by

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Very truly yours,

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Director, FBI

Re: The Basque Organizati

prepared a statement which included the salaries of four full-time investigators at 400 pesos monthly, a chief investigator of the group at 600 pesos monthly, the expenses of maintaining a head-quarters office and the operations expenses of the organization all of which totalled approximately 750 U.S. dollars. insisted that such payment would be necessary in order to continue the operations of the organization which the Basques had maintained for the past year.

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The explanation and approach of JAUREGUI was that regardless of what this office pays his organization, he is sincerely disposed to cooperate wholeheartedly and place the services of the Basque group at the demand of this office. He explained, however, that he has built up an investigative organization and in order to continue to function effectively he must continue to receive a substantial monthly allowance. Nevertheless he stated that he would cooperate with this office to the fullest extent possible even if no payment whatsoever were received, but that in such case he would have to completely disband his investigative unit, meaning that the men previously used as investigators would have to seek legitimate employment to earn a living.

In view of the known value of the Basque cooperation with the Bureau on a hemispheric scale in general and the possible potential value to this office in particular, a liberal financial compromise was made with thereby avoiding any argument or disappointment on his part and obtaining from the very outset his wholehearted enthusiasm and interest in working exclusively with this office. He was advised that this office could not pay him the monthly sum of \$750 Dout that (monthly salaries totalling approximately \$500 would be paid to his group in the following allotment: 500 pesos each to the chief of the group and 300 pesos each to the four full-time investigators, making a total of 2200 Mexican pesos monthly. was also advised that he would be paid all expenses of a headquarters meeting place and other necessary expenses directly incurred in connection with the work assigned. It is likely that the expenses of this group, when it reaches full-scale operations, will \



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Director, FBI

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Re: The Basque Organization

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increase the total payment by this office to approximately the \$750 monthly allowance. It was agreed () that this financial arrangement would be effective as of August 1, 1944, and that it would only continue for a probationary period of three months, after which time this office would decide whether or not the work of the organization was worth the expense and would reserve the decision to make any changes in the group or any reduction or modification of the salary payments. This agreement has bee fully discussed and understood with both

These are the only two Basque representa tives that have been contacted by this office and the operations of the entire group will be supervised through these two individuals.

The names of the four investigators are and advises that of these four, one is directly connected with the Communists, one with the Sinarquists, one with the Falangists, and the fourth is well informed on port activities and shipping matters. Full details of the background, associations and potentialities of and the five above mentioned associates are bein furnished the Bureau in an appropriate informant letter.

It will be noted that the letter from President AGUIRRE to advised that the latter, in order to explain that he would now work exclusively for this office, was at liberty to inform representatives of other American organizations that he was carrying out instructions sent by AGUIRRE in

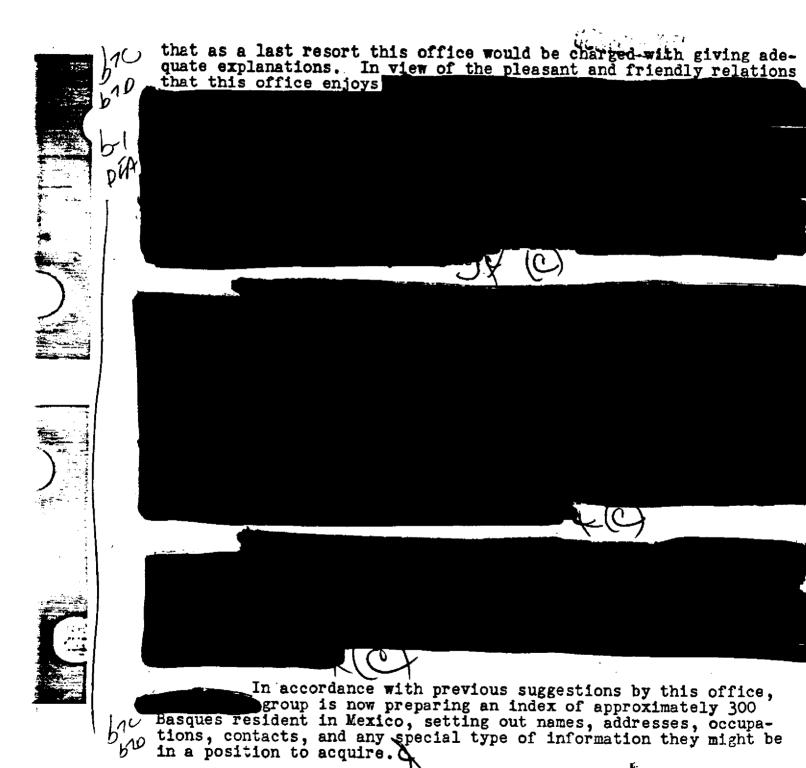
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Re: The Basque Organization



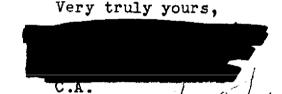
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Director, FBI

Re: The Basque Organization

Investigative work and leads have already been assigned this group and the initial reports indicate a potential coverage of considerable value of local subversive activities. The information is being re-checked in various instances to verify and substantiate the truth and value of the Basque reports. This information will be properly reported to the Bureau. Likewise, the Bureau will be kept regularly advised of all pertinent developments in the relations and contacts of this office with the Basque group.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Field Division for the information and attention of Mr. JEROME DOYLE.



cc - New York Field Division
 Attention: Mr. Jerome Doyle

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Mexico, which will contain their names, addresses, occupations, contacts, and the type of information they are in a position to acquire. Supervision of the Basque group has been turned over to Assistant Civil Attache

It is believed that due to the prominence of the Basque group in Mexico they can be of substantial help to the Civil Attache, particularly with reference to Communist activities; it is therefore believed that the proper action has been taken in this matter by the Civil Attache.

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The matter will be followed in order to see that full value is obtained from these Basque informants.

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

L-9/6/44 64-23119-73 RIG INFORMATION CONTAINED Excert 3 L INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS VICLASSIFIED The American Embasay EXCEPT VALERE SHOWN Mexico, D. F. otherwise J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation Subject: Basque Organisation Reference is made to your letter of August 18, 1944, concerning the arran ments that have been made to utilise the Basque Organisation in Mexico in connection with the work of your office. The Bureau approves of the arrangement set forth, bu desires to point out that your arrangements should be made in accordance with the w of the Basques to you in Mexico, and not on a basis of their value throughout Latin America, as this matter will be settled in each country separately. Jana 2 Classified Res Class by 2503 Doclassify on: OADA 3670 DIA heiter Declaratly on: OADR ALL INFORMATION CONFAIRES Crein is a to CALTERN orthografia 🚉 erona 🔄 IMPRISE COMMUNICATIONS SECT Coffe Glavir Ladd CATEG Quinn Te

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY August 31, 1944

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURTER

Director, FBI

RE:

BASQUE ORGANIZATION Uruguay Administrative 267-468,

Dear Sir:

in Montevideo, who is presently in collaboration with this office, has requested that the enclosed material be forwarded to his superior in New York City by pouch. The material is addressed to Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LEKUBE).

It is therefore requested that the enclosed data be furnished to Sr. AGUIRRE in New York City and that he be advised that the material was originally furnished by

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Office of the Legal Attach6
Buenos Aires, Argentina
August 18, 1944

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AISX COURINA FOUCH

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION;
Argentine - Administrative.

PERSONAL & CONFIDERATION

Dear Sirt-

Reference is made to a cable sent to the Montevideo Office from this office on July 10, 1944, advising that Dr. De LASARTE, head of subject organization in argentina, would arrive in Montevideo during that week to establish contact between your office and the local Basques in Uruguay.

Since his return. De BASARTE has made several inquiries as to receipt of news from your office on how cooperation between the Basques and your office is progressing. It appears that he understood while in Montevideo that such information would be forwarded to this office.

It is accordingly requested that any information which may be given to De LASARTE regarding this natter be sent here.

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Very truly yours,

FRANCIS'E. CHOSBY 64-5 Legal Attaché

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Dates

September 15, 1944

To:

Mr. Francis E. Crosby The American Embassy

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

BASQUE ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

For your confidential information, there is enclosed a group of letters which represent photostats of those transmitted by the Basque representative in Buenos Aires to his superior in New York utilizing your office as a means of transmittal.

In the event that you deem nothing of value is contained in these letters, you may destroy them at your discretion. Coffes

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

September 16, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

DIRECTOR, FBI

BASQUE ORGANIZATION Mexico Administrative Mexico File #4-0-1

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter in the captioned 2 67468 matter dated August 28, 1944, furnishing duplicate copies of investigative reports prepared by the local BASQUE INTELLIGENCE OF GANIZATION for delivery to BASQUE President JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE in New York City.

In accordance with the request of the BASQUE there are being enclosed herewith, for transmittal to President AGUIRRE, copies of reports numbered from 37 to 81, which have been furnished by the local BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION and which information is properly reported to the Bureau.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Field Division for the information and attention of Mr. Jerome Doyle.

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Very truly yours,

Civil Attache

Enclosure CC - Mr. Jerome Doyle New York Field Division

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September 14, 1944

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Director, FBI

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Re:

BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CUBA - ADMINISTRATIVE

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 15, 1944, which transmitted to the Bureau for ultimate forwarding to the President, JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE, a report prepared by the Basque Government in exile, which represented the sum total of efforts

in exile, which represented the sum total of efforts along Intelligence lines during the 2½ months from June 1st to August 15, 1944, during which time he was on the payroll of this office.

As the Bureau was advised, the original of this report is being retained in the Habana Office, in order that any useful information contained in it might be integrated into reports concerning Communist activities in this country.

There are attached hereto two letters prepared by which he desires be transmitted to DR.

JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE, President of the Basque nation in exile:
There are also attached to this letter, translations of letters of August 29th and September 5th.

The Bureau's attention is invited to certain statements made by in his letter of August 29th, specifically:

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Director, FBI

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Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CUBA - ADMINISTRATIVE

It is emphasized that no statement was made directly or indirectly to by me or any member of my staff which could possibly afford him the opportunity of claiming that this office was the author of the first sentence quoted above.

aggrandized opinion of his own worth and capabilities are epitomized in his unabashed statement that

basis for which was undoubtedly the report transmitted with my letter of August 15th. The report, as the Bureau probably observed, contained no new or valuable information relative to Communist operations in Cuba, or the history of the movement in this Republic.

It is suggested that the

Director, FBI

9-14-44

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CUBA - ADMINISTRATIVE

Bureau may desire to point out to President AGUIRRE its policy in connection with the furnishing of information to other Governmental agencies, and the undesirability of Basque representatives maintaining contact with other agencies of the U.S. Government.

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Very truly yours,

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for purpose of setting a time for the appointment in the above-mentioned office.

Reliability: This individual is believed to be

absolutely reliable.

Compensation: \$400 monthly will be paid to this

individual

Handled By: Special Agent

Comments: None Drop Boxes: None

Very truly yours

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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

September 13, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

BASQUE ORGANIZATION RE: URUGUAY ADMINISTRATIVE

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Basque Intelligence Service Section 4

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Montevideo, September 13, 1944

Mr. Jose Antonio de Aguirre Lekube. New York

My dear President and Friend:

I am attaching with this notes numbers 87 to 100, inclusive.

Regards and a hug,

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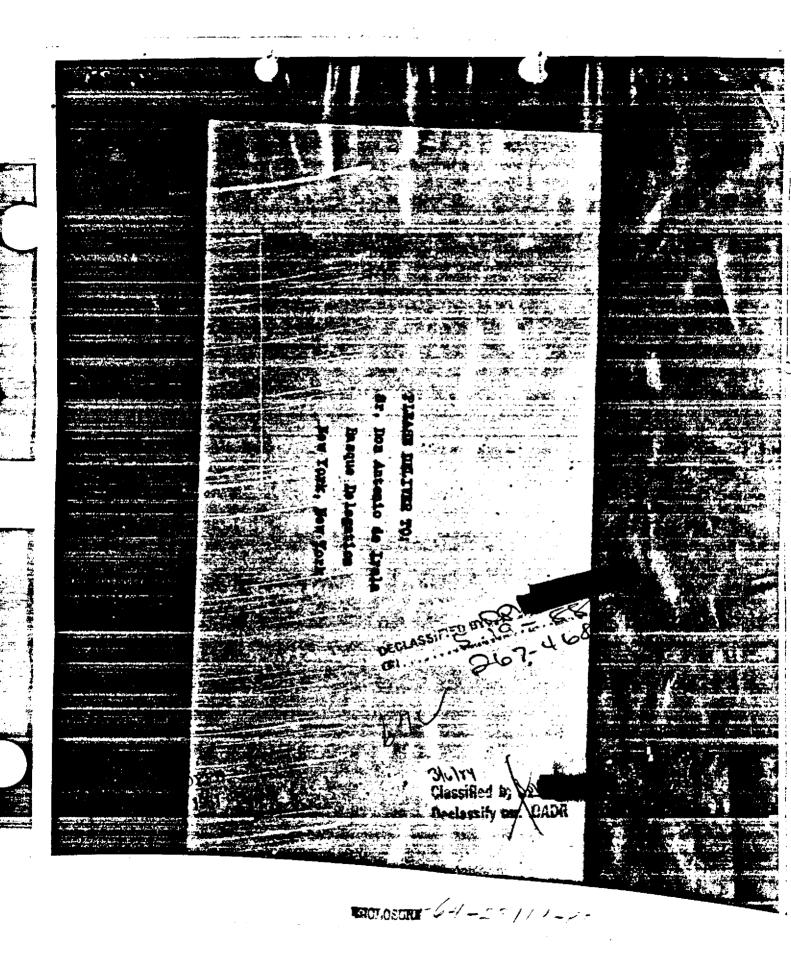
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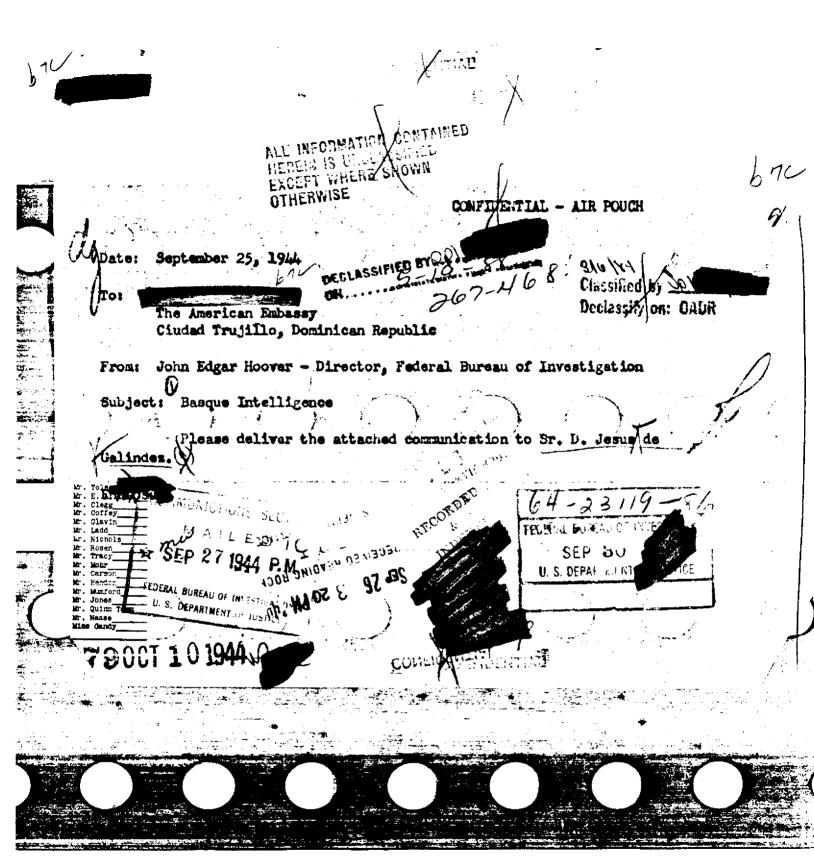
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Date: September 25, 1944

To: Mr. Francis E. Crosby
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Director, FBI

BASQUE ORGANIZATION ADMINI STRATIVE

Dear Sir:

At the request of there are attached hereto a number of communications and numerous copies of investigative reports for transmittal to Basque President JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE in New York

Very truly yours,

A copy of this letter is being forwarded herewith in order that the Bureau may transmit it the New York Field Division for the attention of Mr. JEROME DOYLE.

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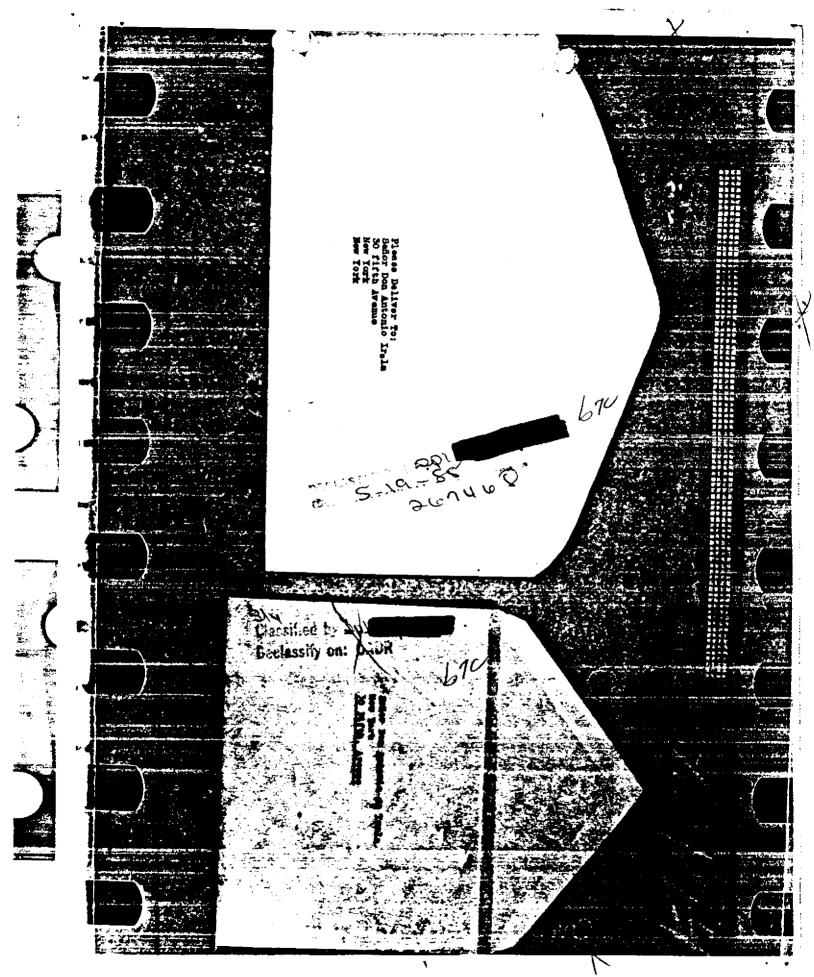
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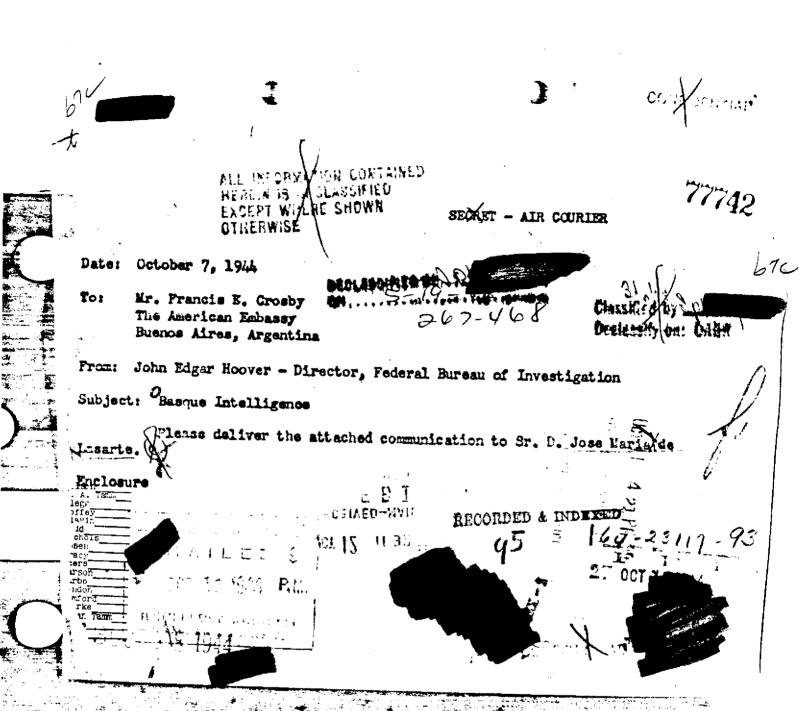
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To:

American Embassy Bogota, Colombia 367468

From:

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization in Colombia
Administrative Matter

copies of a translation of a letter and a report dated July 8, 1944, signed by of the Basque Organization in Columbia to Dr. Jose A. Vda Lguirre, President of the Basque Government, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

This material has been obtained from a highly secret source and you should treat the information contained therein in a highly confidential manner. The information should not be discussed with persons other than Bureau amployees.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER - DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Basque Organisation PREMAT

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The material forwarded by your effice (Nonthyideo File No. 113-35) for the Basque representative, Antonio de Aguirre Lekube in New York, has been photographed by the Bureau as a precautionary measure.

For your attention there are being forwarded berewith Miotographic sopies of this correspondence. It is suggested that you carefully review this material to determine if there is any information therein which might prove useful for your purposes. In the event the material has no value in your opinion, you are authorised to destroy it. Photographic copies are being retained in the files of the Bureau.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the Legal ttache at Buenos Aires, Argentina in the event you subsequently have occasion to use this letter as a reference in correspondence with the Legal Attache in that eity regarding the Basque organization, in so far as such pertains to the photographic seques cutlined herein.

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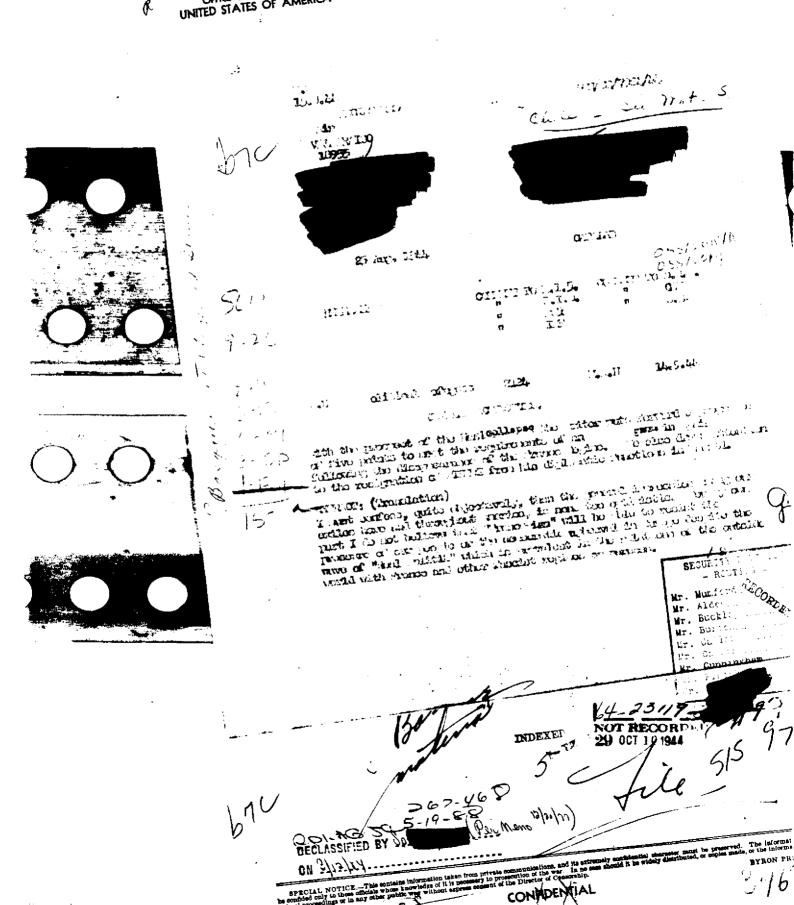
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I feel however, that the danger of felling for the time being under provisional regimes which would not be lacking in support, both within and without the country, would compet us to subordinate doctrinary aspirations to measures of public security of importative urgancy. The following points are therefore in my opinion of capital importance;—

1. The Unity of the Catalans.

I do not everlook the fact that this would have to be lessed on a fur-reaching revival, difficult to achieve out-of-word. Nevertheless the special characteristics of the Spanial problem for which no automatic solution might be found with the Mark collapse - the reverse of what will happen in the countries at war - impose upon the nacessity for "speed" above mything clse.

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- In an entente with all Sparish descents fighting against frusco-ism; and opposed to my possible "pseudo distatorial" regimes which are the greatest danger at the memori. I lose fished not have to furnish sweets of our unwavering rationalist outlook, but I have at importate pointer which parmit me to believe that we shall find any external support. You will know best what amport you have. I understand from hearsay that you are counting upon reasonable clearing in the federal problem of Spain. I insist however that from here I cannot detest them. In other respects also the Spanish problem, taken as a whole, is travers as moments of such delically as to make it inadvisable to slignate the sympathies of our friends the Spanish liberal whom we need, or to run the risk of facilitating through lack of unity on our part the establishment of regimes totally inacceptable both from the Catalan and the liberal democratic point of view.

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4. Unity has not to be static on dynamic - 1.0. directed forunds goving in all fields."

I have every confidence in the Catalana citizen
I even believe that when the hour of peace strikes
we chall have friends and adversaries as well. But
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have to plan, as they expect of us, and if we are not
prepared to act our problems are likely to be overlooked.

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Everything possible should be done to take our axiles shed that his fenigres - sho-earn-their break-abroad and the have greater hopes of returning to their native land than they have stoneth to fight.

I also think that, unless you hold some masker-word, which I have not the scans of knowing from here, an immediate unders which should be arrived at. It is more important that you should survive and that our volues of experience and a truly removating spirit should survive that to contines ushelding policies which are ever receding further from each other without concrete adventage.

I do not ignore the diversity of factors which some into play. I sai in correspondence with friends everywhere and an uphelding the policy you may perhaps have read in "Germaner" - the Cabalan review in Chile - which has the virtue of sine-rity and of saying what I think without fear of "compromising attitudes" which is enother of the drawbacks of our exile. For me personally and the welcome I find there. I am desirous to continue in.

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LIMA, PERU

July 1, 1944

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BASQUE ORGANIZATION

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SYNOPSIS:

On 6/9/44 the letter of estructions forwarded by the Bureau to Mr. in Lima, Peru, from

President JOSE ANTONIA DE AGGINGE, representative of the Basque government in exile, New York, was delivered. This letter instructed to cooperate exclusively with the office of the Legal Attache. expressed his willingness and desire to do so. There are approximately 80 Basques in Peru, 36 of whom reside

who was previously contacted by this office in December 1942, is known by the Informant Symbol

COMMENTS:

This office has maintained contact with the Basque organization in Lima, Peru, since 1942. During this time, information furnished by them has not been of particular value. There is set forth in instant report information regarding the scrutiny given the Basque group in Line by the Peruvian Government and, for this reason, together with the fact that they are few in number and not well organized, it is believed they will not develop into valuable informants. It is not recommended that the sum of \$100. (U. S. currency) monthly be expended to them, this being

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was advised that arrangements had been made thereby this office could reimburse him for expenses incurred in investigations on our behalf. However, he stated that such would not be necessary since he was receiving \$100 monthly for his expenses from his organisation in New York.

It is suggested that appropriate arrangements be made with the Basque organization in New York whereby a sum sufficient to meet the Basque administrative expenses in Lima be forwarded them.

This report is being placed in a closed status. However, regular contact will be maintained with the Basque group in Lima and the Bureau will be advised as to their development.

This report is not being made available to the American Embassy in Lima for obtains respons.



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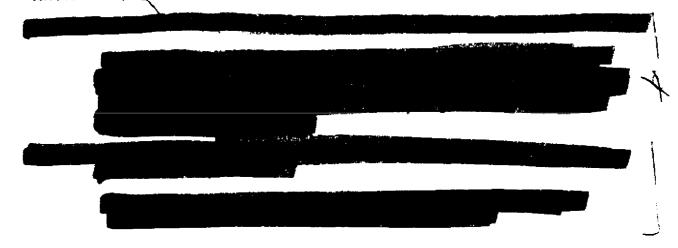
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expressed his willingness and personal desire to cooperate with this office in any menner in which his services could be utilized. He was first an interest of the office in Locember 1942 and his services, which have been continued in past reports in this Office of Informant together with those of which reports in this Office of Informant together with those of which this members of the Bergue shoup, have been employed when the occurrence of that time.

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not it? require meetings inasmuch as the Peruvian Government would immediately quash such and take ratalisatory measures. He explained this by relating that the Peruvian Government considered the Basque Organization Communist because of the Listing belief in the democratic form of government where individual members of sections choose their own political affiliations and creeds and because of the Peruvian principles opposing all despetic forms of government. The Peruvian Government seems to take the view that a Basque or a Spanish Republican will a constantly be either pro-France or, to the other extreme, a Communist. Core a willy be either pro-France or, to the other extreme, a Communist.

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Government of the because of such an attitude on the part of the Peruvian Government of the Basque group are held; neither do they try to make themselves of it solitically since the Feruvian Government would take measures against the end further control their activities. To put it simply, according to the Basque group is so small that they are afraid to have regular meetings, being procidelly assured that retaliatory action would?

the government. Also, advised, the Basques in Peru har political ners not to defend them.

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Description in Lima is in contact with the Basque Delegation in Lima is in contact with the Basques in Arequipe, Ouzec, Serve is Passes, Trajillo, Chiclayo, Piura, Iquitos, Icu, sur Fisco. However, these groups are extremely small, often consisting of no more than two or three individuals. Inasmuch as most of these individuals move from one city to another frequently, the Basque groups outside of Lima are porely organized.

advised that he was acquirent of the cooperation given our organization by the Basque groups in other South American countries, especially in those cities where the Falange is active. He said that his group would endeavor to furnish the Office of the Logal Attache with all information coming to its attention regarding subversive activities. However, he stated that subversive activities were at a minimum in Limm at present owing to the fact that virtually all of the important Axis nationals had been deported for detention in the United States. Too, the Falange was practically non-existent. The Spanish nationals in Para who formarly participated in Falange activities, fearing that restriction activities for which they could be criticized.

in the investigation of Communist activities. He stated that he would try to ascerbile what information he could relative to the Communist organization in Pr.w. However, he felt that it was not strong and that the strongest "People's Farty" on that applies Party.

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October 14, 19 λ recorded (4 - 23) To: the American Rabassy Lim, Peru From: John Rigar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation Subject: Administrative Matters Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated July 1, 1944 at Idma, Peru entitled "Basque Organisation, Peru - Administrative - S" (Idma File Mumber 66-1804). Your attention is directed to previous Buresu instructions which have been reiterated on numerous occasions to the effect that administrative ir. Tolsor matters should be reported to the Bureau by letter. The preparation of reports is close of administrative matters results in a waste of time on the part of the reportby Distribution Agent and the Stemographer, a waste of paper due to the number of copies by Edding Agent and excess whight in the diplomatic pouch due to the number of copies by Rosen prepared, and excess whight in the diplomatic pouch due to the number of copies by Rosen prepared. THE COM MINISARION STO 'Is desired that your office follow these instructions carsorologely to the future. 8 OCT 1-61944 P.M. ir, Jones
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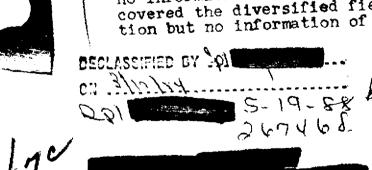
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from this office to the Bureau dated April 25, 1944, entitled "Basque Organization in Venezuela -- Venezuela -- Administrative," in which it was stated that contact had been established with

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This is to advise that, on September 26, 1944, the SS Cabo de Buena Esperanza again touched Venezuela at Puerto Cabello. Contact was made with who was interrogated at length concerning the activities of the crew members of the aforementioned boat to determine the existence of couriers, smugglers, espionage agents and the transportation of radio sets. He was also questioned concerning the past and present contacts made by these crew members, including the ship's officers, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazií.

The information furnished by was entirely. negative. He was also questioned concerning the shipment of machinery, technical equipment, and similar apparatus/ from Spain to South America. He again stated that he had no information indicating such shipments. The interview covered the diversified fields of the Bureau's jurisdiction but no information of a positive nature was obtained.



Very truly yours,

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New York, N. Y. September 27, 1944

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Director, FBI

BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CUBA - ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find a letter addressed to written to him by President AGUIRRE of the Basque Delegation in New York in response to the Legal City. This letter is being written to Attache's letter of September 14, 1944.

Substantially, the letter of President Aguirre's advises that under no circumstances is he to pass on any information to members of the State Department in Havana or to any other Governmental agencies other than the Bureau's representatives. DEPENDED

For the gonfidential information of the Office of the Legal Attache in Havana, ANTONIO IRALA, Secretary, and JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE, President of the Basque Delegation, agreed substantially with the stimate of as set out by the Office of the Legal Attache in Havana, Cuba. They have no faith in him and intend eventually to replace him with another political delegate. The reason he has not been replaced up to now is due to the unimportance of Cuba in the Basques' scheme of things politically. Both conduct is not acceptable these Basque officials requested that if after his receipt of the attached letter and advised by Bureau representatives, they will take further administrative steps with respect to

It is believed that this will meet the needs of the Legal Attache in Havana, Cuba with respect to the above captioned organization.

The foregoing information was brought about due to a conference between Jerome Doyle of the New York SIS office and ANTONIO IRALA, Secretary of the Basque Delegation in New York City.

Office of the Legal Attache Havana, Cuba

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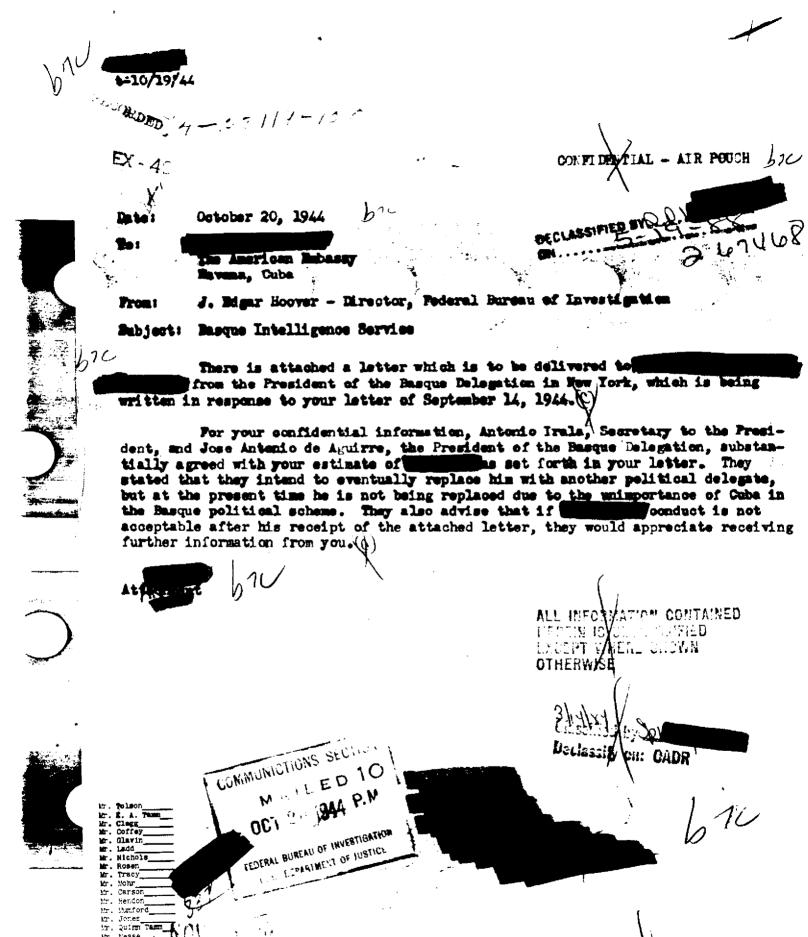
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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHF EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES SANTIAGO CHILE

October 9, 1944

Director, FBI

BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CHILE - ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Santiago radiogram of September 16, 1944 and Bureau radiogram of September 18, 1944 both in connection with the above-captioned subject.

This is to advise that as a result of prolonged discussions with JOSE MARIA de LASARTE, Basque representative, it was agreed that beginning with September 1944 that organization would receive from this office 8,500 pesos per month, this being a reduction from the approximately 12,000 pesos per month which had been paid until recently. Since no payments had been made for four months due to the disorganization of the local Basque representatives and their desire to await the arrival of LASARTE, the past obligations of this office to the Basque Organization were settled for 15,000 pesos or a little bit more than one month's payment under the prior system. This reduced settlement figure was reached when the Basques were unable to show any satisfactory reason why they should receive more during the past few months of their relative inactivity.

The understanding was also reached whereby the sum of 8,500 pesos to be paid henceforward could be adjusted either up or down in keeping with the results obtained. This represents money for salaries of two men fulltime, for all entertainment done in Santiago, and also for certain operational expenses of the Basque Legation which LASARTE considered as the "cover" for operations.

It was also arranged that one of the two Basque Intelligence operators who is supposed to be working full time for this office should contact a Special Agent of this office on a daily basis, thus providing this office with a better idea of the activity or lack of activity of the Basque organization and also provide a means for giving them some apparently much needed instruction in the obtaining of intelligence information.

It was also agreed that the two full time Basque Intelligence Agents would be free to and would be expected to make such trips outside of Santiago as the leads given them might require, and for this they are to be reimbursed for actual expenses paid out They had previously desired a flat sum per month for road trip expenses.

An Agent of this office will shortly make a trip to the south of Chile with t Basque operators in order to become acquainted with their local representatives, and : order to better inform this office of the possibilities of the Basque organization for coverage of small towns in the south. Although LASARTE was, of course, somewhat disspointed at the financial arrangements made, since he had hoped to considerably incres the prior payment of \$400 per month, he nevertheless appeared to understand that this fice was being entirely fair with him, and he also seemed quite grateful for a speciluncheon given him and several of his local executives by this office on the his stay in Santiago.

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY October 10, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION
Administrative

Dear Sir:

montevideo, nas requested that the enclosed material be forwarded to Mr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LEKUBE) in New York City.

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Very truly yours,

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610 October 26, 1944 The American Embassy Montevideo, Truguay J. Edgar Hoover - Mirector, Federal Bureau of Investigation Subject: Basque Organisation - Administrative Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1944, transmitting material for delivery to Jose Antonio de Aguirre in New York Way. You have not indicated whether you have maintained copies of this material, and as to whether it will be Tolsen utilized in connection with future reports. E. A. Clega Tales suggested that in the future you indirecte to the purpose the nature highest the miterial transmitted and as to whether you have copies will be about all sed Roser and whether he appears to be of any value. This would make it uphecessary for the acers Hireau to have the material completely translated after receipt, in order that it Carson Harbo acoust the examined here.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE CARACAS-VENEZUELA

October 10, 1944

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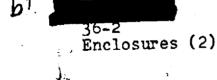
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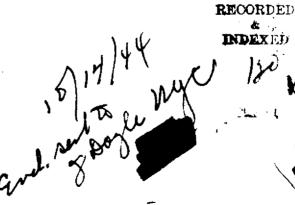
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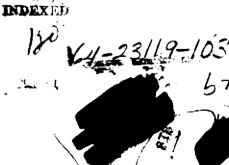
This letter deals with the general conditions in Spain at the present time and a translation of the same is attached hereto for the information of the Bureau.



Very truly yours,







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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE CARAGAS VENEZUELA

October 10, 1944

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Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

RE: BASQUE ORGANIZATION
---ADMINISTRATIVE

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Reference is made to Caracas letter to the Bureau dated August 22, 1944, in the above-captioned matter.

Informant advised this office that, at the present time.

In addition, the Basques are able to investigate any suspicious individual to the western hemisphere to determine if the individual is truly a Spaniard and whether he is using a passport reflecting his true name.

It is felt that such a control would be of great assistance since the Bureau could be informed in advance of the departure of any individuals trying to flee from Europe.

It is suggested that this matter be discussed with the Basques in New York to determine if the information obtained by this system can be made available to the Bureau d

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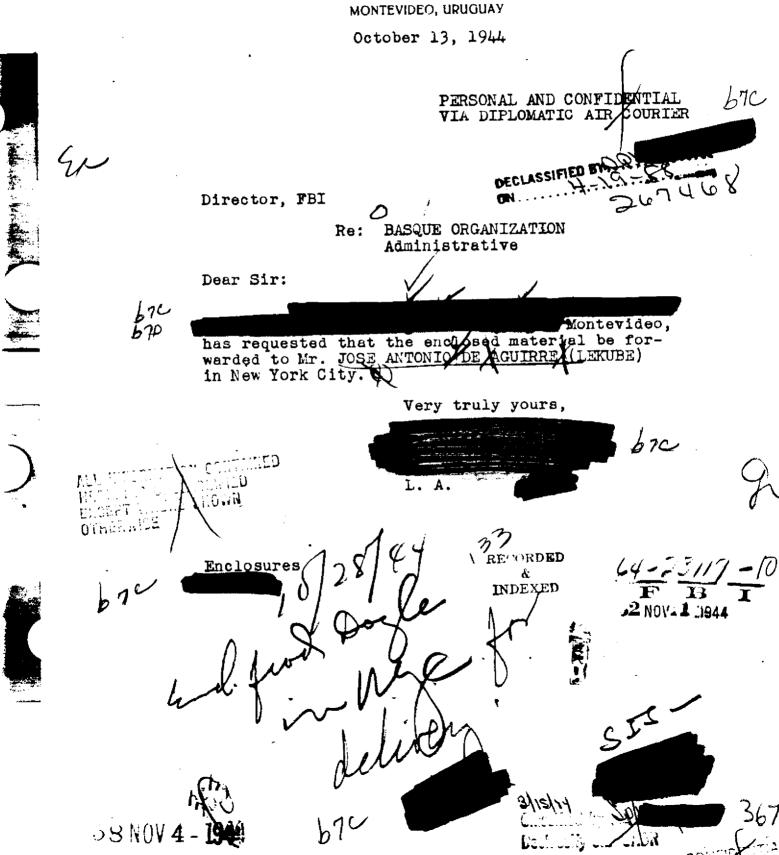
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CONFIDENCE October 26, 1944 erican Babasay Bogota, Colombia HOOVER - DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FROM: SUBJECT: Administrative For your information there are being enclosed her copies of the translation of a communication dated Septe 1944 from the Basque Delegation in Colombia to Mr. Antonio Secretary to the Basque Presidency, New York City ₩. Toleor Mr. Folson Mr. E. A. Tesm Mr. Coffey Mr. Coffey Mr. Glavin Mr. Nichols Mr. Rosen Enclosu Hendor Lamfor Quinn Temm

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

October 28, 1944

Director, FBI

BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION ALMINISTRATIVE

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Dear Sir:

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At the request of there are attached hereto, a communication and numerous copies of investigative reports for transmittal to Basque President JOSB ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE in New York City.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Field Division for the information and attention of Mr. JEROMB DOYLE.

Very truly yours,

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New York Field Division

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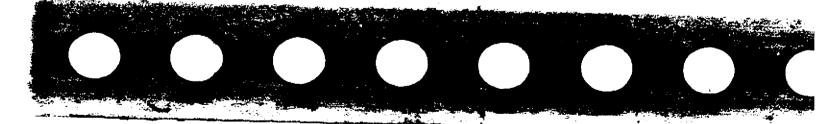
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Office of the Legal Attache
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Director, FBI

Re: D.D. NO ONCANTANION Add.inistrative

Dear Sir:

Attropéd hereto is an envelope to be formarded to Jose Antonie de Tiguirre in Mem York City. It contains memoronda setting forth information and copies have been turned over to this office.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACH EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR. August 31, 1944

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR POUCH

Director, F.B.I.

Dear Sir.

Dear Sir.

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION

El Salvador - Political

Reference is made to Bureau communication dated August 16, 1944 entitled as above, enclosing a communication from E. E. Conrov. Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division, concerning and his relationship with the heads of the BASQUE ORGANIZATION in the United States. Referenced communication stated that had expressed his interest in assisting the Bureau and it was requested that I submit to the Bureau my opinion as to whether I would deem it expedient to follow the suggestion of ANTONIO TRAIA, Secretary of the Basque Delegation in New York City, to take the necessary steps while is in the United States to place him in contact with the Bureau.

In is my opinion that could be of considerable assistance to this office and to the Bureau in investigations of political and related matters in El Salvador and that it would be advisable to accept the offer of the Basque representatives in New York to place in contact with the Bureau and to assist in facilitating his aiding the Bureau.

and talked with him for a short while at the Embassy just prior to his first trip to the United States some ago, but only had an opportunity to say a few words to him. If he is contacted in prior to his return to San Salvador, I suggest that he be given my name and told that I will contact him upon his return here. Naturally, I should like to be advised of the steps taken and the committments made to him by the Bureau in the United States.

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interviews given during his recent visit to El Salvador, spoke very favorably of the United States and of its institutions which he had observed during his stay in the United States.

Very truly yours, L. A. 🗸

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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

November 9, 1944

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Director, FBI

BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION: URUGUAY ADMINISTRATI

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the arrangements previously 67.468 the Basque Intelligence Organization made between the Basque Intelligence Organization representative in Montevideo and the President of same in New York with the Bureau, it is requested that the enclosed report from Confidential Informent be forwarded to Sr. Jose Antonio de Aguirre Lecube, President of the Basque Intelligence Organization, New York City, by safe hand. ()

In this connection, please be advised that a copy of this report has been furnished to the Montevideo Office for information.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE Buenos Aires, Argentina November 10, 1944

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL VIA DIPLOMATIC ATR COURTER POUCH

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith is an envelope containing material to be passed on to President AGUIRRE in New York City. The envelope contains, besides several memoranda of an informative nature, two letters to AGUIRRE. One, believed from deals with proposals for the organization of the Basque Government. The other, from Dr. de LASARTE, deals with Basque propaganda.

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Office of the Legal Attaché Buenos Aires, Argentina November 8, 1944

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURTER POUCH

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA; Administrative.

Dear Sir: -

Forwarded herewith are three envelopes containing material sent by Dr. De LASARTE to Fresident AGUIRRE in New York City. The contents of these envelopes are all copies of investigative memoranda which have been supplied to this office with the exception of one letter to Sr. AUTOLIO De IRALA, Basque Delegation in New York, which is in the envelope marked "l" in pencil.

It is requested that these envelopes be forwarded to the addressee.

FRANCIS E. CROSBY,

Very truly yours,

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Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 10, 1944, entitled "Basque Organization; Uruguay". With the aforementioned letter, the Montevideo office received photographic copies of the reports submitted to the Montevideo Office by Representa-Basque in Uruguay. 7

It is the desire of this office to bring to the attention of the Bureau the fact that when Representative submits information for the Basque representative, ANTONIO DE GUIRRE VICKUBE), in New York City, New York, carbon copies of said reports are submitted to the Montevideo Office by Representative at the same time.

In view of the fact that this office receives carbon copies of the reports submitted by the it is not believed that it will be necessary in the future to forward photographic copies of said reports to the Montevideo Office. (

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE SANTIAGO CHILE

October 24, 1944.

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Director, FBI

BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Bureau letter dated September 6, 1944, captioned as above, there are enclosed herewith several reports received from Basque Intelligence representatives in Santiago together with six copies each of the translation of these reports, which are being forwarded for inclusion in Bureau files

This material was translated in Santiago and copies are being maintained in the office of the Legal Attaché here

Very truly yours,

L.A.

Enclosures

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- AIR POUCH CONFILENCE November 22, 2944 he Imerican Embassy Sentiago, Chile John Edgar Hoover - Director, Pederal Bureau of Investigation From: Subject: Basque Intelligence Service Reference is made to a letter from Santiago to the Bure October 24, 1944, in the above-captioned matter. Reference communication transmitted several reports received from Basque Intelligence representatives in Santiago together with six translations of each of these partial results of each of these partial results and the santiago together with six translations of each of these reputs. 1010 Mr. Tolson OI Mr. E. A. Tame Mr. Clegg Mr. Coffey It is to be hoted that all of these reports, although they were on different subjects, were contained in one memorandum. In the future, you are instructed to shall separate reports of such material. 670 Hendo Quine Tame 74 JAN 8

- AIF COURTER rember 26, 1944 BIL INTO . F. E. Grosby the American Embassy Buenos Aires, Argentina John Edgar Hooyer, - Mrector, Rederal Bureau of Investigation tellinence Basque Organisation in Argentina Puenos Aires, Argentina, by the New York

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Office of the Legal Attaché Buenos Aires, Argentina Lovember 16, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: Basque Creanization in Argentina

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an envelope containing copies of memoranda furnished to this office. The subject organization has requested that these be forwarded to AGUINE in New York.

These memoranda are all investigative.

Very truly yours,

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Francis D. Crosby,

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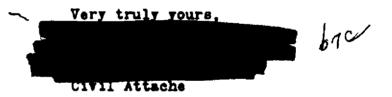
Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE INTULLIGENCE ORGANIZATION AIMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

there are attached hereto, a communication and numerous copies of investigative reports for transmittal to Basque President JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE in New York City.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Field Division for the information and attention of Mr. JEROME DOYLE.



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New York, N. Y. November 8, 1944

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