

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: (COINTELPRO)

PUERTO RICAN GROUPS

SECTION 5 (204-263)

105-93124



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOTICE

THE BEST COPIES OBTAINABLE ARE INCLUDED IN THE REPRODUCTION OF THE FILE. PAGES INCLUDED THAT ARE BLURRED, LIGHT OR OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO READ ARE THE RESULT OF THE CONDITION AND OR COLOR OF THE ORIGINALS PROVIDED. THESE ARE THE BEST COPIES AVAILABLE.

105-93124

Puerto Rican

see 5 (204-263)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM :

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

PURPOSE:

To recommend that authority be granted to the San Juan Office to mail an anonymous letter to selected members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) denouncing its cooperation with [REDACTED] the President of the Liga Socialista Puertorriqueno (LSP), which is a militant Marxist independence group.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED], a key figure and Security Index subject of the San Juan Office, was formerly an officer of the NPPR who was expelled in 1943 by Pedro Albizu Campos because of his communist activities. In recent months, [REDACTED] has been a featured speaker at NPPR ceremonies and a merger of the LSP and NPPR is currently being considered.

The proposed letter emphasizes that the NPPR is dishonoring the memory of Albizu Campos by cooperating with [REDACTED] a communist who he personally dismissed from the party. In this regard it is noted that Albizu Campos although a militant independentist was a strong Catholic and adamant in barring communists from the NPPR.

ACTION:

EX-108

REC-63

The attached letter is being sent to San Juan approving the mailing of the suggested anonymous letter.

Enclosure
100-93124
JAN 10 1967

1 - 100-335202 (Juan Antonio Corretjer)

TWK:bjr (7) EJR

CONTINUED - OVER

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Wick _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Memorandum J. F. Bland to W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
105-93124

San Juan is cautioned to insure that the letter will be prepared and mailed in such a manner that it cannot be traced back to the Bureau.

not *WFB*
WFB *J*

12/14/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReSJlet, 10/27/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of a letter, in the Spanish language, proposed by the San Juan Office, to be furnished to selected Movimiento Pro Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) members; and a copy of a past issue of "Carta Semanal."

As the Bureau is aware, the MPIPR is presently engaged in an island-wide battle in an attempt to defeat the plebiscite proposed for Puerto Rico on 7/12/67. In this connection, it is believed that a letter that will be set out subsequently in this airtel, should be sent to selected group of individuals in the MPIPR and NPPR. It is the objective of the San Juan Office in setting out this letter and setting it in the form which would lead people to believe it emanated from "Carta Semanal," to cause a greater schism between these two parties and disrupt any plans for unification that they may have had to defeat the upcoming plebiscite.

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. - 2) (RM)
- 1 - New York (RM) (105-32872)
- 1 - San Juan

KIN:baf

(6)

The letter is made up containing indirect referrals to the NPPR and the San Juan Office is of the belief that, inasmuch as the MPIPR has made referrals of this kind, that the NPPR was inactive and did not have any members, the members of the NPPR who will receive this letter will be convinced that the letter emanated from one of the leaders of the MPIPR.

The enclosed letter, as previously noted in referenced letter, was of a confidential nature and this lends itself to be more readily accepted inasmuch as this letter is not supposed to have been exhibited to other than the two parties concerned.

The following is a translation of the communication which the Bureau's Document Section is requested to prepare:

"Brothers:

"During this hour of our great struggle, we must wage war against the plebiscite completely unified. We must accept the assistance of all parties, no matter how small or inactive they may have been in the past.

"To assist in this unity, I am publishing a letter from JACINTO RIVERA PEREZ, President of the NPPR, to JUAN MARI BRAS as follows: (The letter of 9/14/66 will be inserted at this time).

"In order that the MPIPR can present a unified front against the plebiscite, we must have a big heart and be willing to forgive past indiscretions made by other parties.

"Remember that everyone may help, if for no other purpose than to increase our number, during this war."

The Document Section is requested to prepare this letter using as many similarities as possible as to paper and mimeograph, as the enclosed "Carta Semanal."

If the Bureau approves this tactic, the Bureau should request the Document Section to immediately prepare 150 copies of the proposed letter and forward same to the San Juan Office for secure mailing. If tactic is approved, New York should furnish the San Juan Office with limited mailing list of both MPIPR and NPPR members in New York City.

SJ 105-3353 Sub 1

Bureau authority is hereby solicited to put this tactic into effect and the Bureau is requested to have the Document Section prepare these letters as rapidly as possible, in order that the San Juan Office will be able to issue these letters at a time when the plebiscite issue is before the entire island of Puerto Rico.

Hermanos:

En esta hora de lucha sin cuartel, debemos unir nuestras fuerzas para luchar contra el Plebiscito. Debemos estar resignados a aceptar la ayuda de todos los grupos, no importa su tamaño o cuan activos hayan sido en el pasado.

Como contribución a esta unión, estoy publicando una carta dirigida a Juan Mari Bras por Jacinto Rivera Perez, Presidente del Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueño, como sigue:

"a 14 de septiembre de 1966

"Lcdo. Juan Mari Bras
Secretario General Interino
Movimiento Pro Independencia
Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

"Estimado Juan:-

"Acaba de llegar a mis manos tu carta, fechada el día 12 de los corrientes con carácter de 'entrega personal', misión que dejó desempeñada nuestro mutuo amigo, Carlos Padilla Pérez.

"Es cierto que el Partido Nacionalista de Puerto Rico ha hecho reserva de la Plaza de la Revolución de Lares para llevar a cabo los actos conmemorativos que tradicionalmente celebramos en esa efemérides nacional.

"Honradamente, no pasó por mi mente el que el MPI esperara una invitación nuestra para la celebración del Grito de Lares. Como es sabido, el Partido Nacionalista siempre invita a toda la nación a dicha celebración. El MPI, como organización y sus miembros como puertorriqueños amantes de nuestra independencia, nunca han estado excluidos de esa invitación y menos podrán estarlo en estos momentos en que el patriotismo de los puertorriqueños pasa por pruebas que pueden ser determinantes para el futuro de nuestra Patria. Comoquiera que la Comisión Política del MPI, según comunicación de fecha 17 de marzo de 1966 al Partido Nacionalista, no tomará parte en actos en que el MPI no haya sido parte organizadora, y habida cuenta de que ésta fué la contestación que recibió el Partido Nacionalista al hacerle una invitación al MPI para la conmemoración de la Masacre de Ponce el 21 de marzo de 1966, en este caso nos abstuvimos de hacer una invitación especial ya que la celebración del Grito de Lares la auspicia el Partido Nacionalista.

"La actitud del Partido Nacionalista de Puerto Rico ha sido y es de buena fé en todo lo que atañe a la defensa de nuestra Patria. Si no fuera así a estas alturas ya habría dejado de existir. No pueden olvidarse las expresiones de perdón que el Maestro Don Pedro Albizu Campos tuviera aún para sus enemigos gratuitos y encontrándose ya él perdiendo fuerzas físicas. En enseñanzas de esa clase se basa la fortaleza inquebrantable del Partido Nacionalista, fuerza que mantendremos hasta tanto se proclame la Independencia Nacional, fecha en que el Partido Nacionalista se convertirá en bagaje histórico de la Nación Puertorriqueña.

"Hablándote en el tono franco y sincero como he procedido en toda mi vida, desco en este momento decirte que me ha extrañado sobremanera el acontecimiento que sigue: Recordarás que antes de tu último viaje a Estados Unidos tuvimos una entrevista de una hora provocada por un mutuo amigo que se encontraba de visita en Puerto Rico. Recordarás que en ese momento me dijiste que tan pronto regresaras me llamarías para que continuásemos conversando en torno a los problemas que tanto nos afectan a todos los que luchamos por la defensa de nuestra independencia. Regresaste, no me llamaste y consideré que tus ocupaciones no te habían permitido llamarme. A los pocos días de tu regreso yo me ví precisado a ausentarme a Nueva York por unos días. ¡Cuál no sería mi sorpresa al enterarme allá que en un acto en sala cerrada que celebró el MPI, y al cual fueron invitados varios nacionalistas, incluyendo al Presidente de la Junta de N. Y. y a la Secretaria, estos tuvieron que abandonar la sala en medio de tu disertación pues no pudieron soportar los ataques que tú hiciste al Nacionalismo! Digo que esto me extrañó precisamente de ti y luego de haber tenido la conversación que sostuvimos. Si esto hubiera ocurrido sin nosotros haber tenido aquella conversación no me hubiera extrañado, pues como te he dicho varias veces algunos miembros del MPI han hecho ataques públicos al Nacionalismo tanto en publicaciones como en actos del MPI. Como recordarás, ese es uno de los temas que te he venido tratando desde la primera vez que conversamos. Sigo sosteniendo lo que te dijera en nuestra primera entrevista. La unión está hecha en el pueblo

patriótico nuestro. El pueblo, indiscutiblemente, está demostrando sensatez y patriotismo. Es tiempo ya de que el patriotismo se entienda en la vía del valor y el sacrificio, como nos dió el ejemplo el Maestro. Se requiere valor y sacrificio para llegar a la altura a la que las actuales circunstancias demandan del patriotismo. Quiero decirte que el Nacionalismo está en esa disposición.

"Respecto a los actos de Lares el 23 de septiembre, deseo decirte que no podemos fijar hora exacta para su terminación. Las organizaciones que tomarán parte son varias y no creo podrá terminarse a las cinco. El año pasado recuerdo se terminó de noche y no había tanto invitado. De todos modos no está en nuestro ánimo entorpecer actos que ustedes u otra organización defensora del ideal quieran llevar a cabo. No es necesario decir que la reunión patriótica ideal a realizarse en Lares es lo más deseable, hecha posible un día por una fraternal revisión de actitudes y opiniones.

"No tengas la menor duda de que en el acto que el MPI celebrará ese día habrá la concurrencia de muchos nacionalistas. Siento no poder acompañarles personalmente, por razones de decoro que tú, como hombre de honor, fácilmente puedes comprender.

"Con mis mejores deseos de éxito me es grato quedar,

"Sinceramente,
(Fdo.)

Jacinto Rivera Pérez

Para que el MPIPR pueda presentar un frente unido contra el Plebiscito, nos urge tener un gran corazón y estar dispuestos a pasar por alto imprudencias pasadas cometidas por otros grupos.

Sería bueno que todos nos unieramos por el momento para aumentar nuestras filas durante esta guerra.

Cordialmente

FBI

Date: 12/14/66

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReSJlet, 10/27/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of a letter, in the Spanish language, proposed by the San Juan Office, to be furnished to selected Movimiento Pro Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) members; and a copy of a past issue of "Carta Semanal."

As the Bureau is aware, the MPIPR is presently engaged in an island-wide battle in an attempt to defeat the plebiscite proposed for Puerto Rico on 7/12/67. In this connection, it is believed that a letter that will be set out subsequently in this airtel, should be sent to selected group of individuals in the MPIPR and NPPR. It is the objective of the San Juan Office in setting out this letter and setting it in the form which would lead people to believe it emanated from "Carta Semanal," to cause a greater schism between these two parties and disrupt any plans for unification that they may have had to defeat the upcoming plebiscite.

4 Bureau (Encs 2) (RM)
1 - New York (RM) (105-32872) REC 30
1 - San Juan
EDM:baf
(6)

ENCLOSURE

EX-104

105-93124-205

1-11-67

BEG-17-1960

Approved: C. D. A. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

SUBV. CONTROL

The letter is made up containing indirect referrals to the NPPR and the San Juan Office is of the belief that, inasmuch as the MPIPR has made referrals of this kind, that the NPPR was inactive and did not have any members, the members of the NPPR who will receive this letter will be convinced that the letter emanated from one of the leaders of the MPIPR.

The enclosed letter, as previously noted in referenced letter, was of a confidential nature and "this lends itself to be more readily accepted inasmuch as this letter is not supposed to have been exhibited to other than the two parties concerned."

The following is a translation of the communication which the Bureau's Document Section is requested to prepare:

"Brothers:

"During this hour of our great struggle, we must wage war against the plebiscite completely unified. We must accept the assistance of all parties, no matter how small or inactive they may have been in the past.

"To assist in this unity, I am publishing a letter from JACINTO RIVERA PEREZ, President of the NPPR, to JUAN MARI BRAS as follows: (The letter of 9/14/66 will be inserted at this time).

"In order that the MPIPR can present a unified front against the plebiscite, we must have a big heart and be willing to forgive past indiscretions made by other parties.

"Remember that everyone may help, if for no other purpose than to increase our number, during this war."

The Document Section is requested to prepare this letter using as many similarities as possible as to paper and mimeograph, as the enclosed "Carta Semanal."

If the Bureau approves this tactic, the Bureau should request the Document Section to immediately prepare 150 copies of the proposed letter and forward same to the San Juan Office for secure mailing. If tactic is approved, New York should furnish the San Juan Office with limited mailing list of both MPIPR and NPPR members in New York City

SJ 105-3353 Sub 1

Bureau authority is hereby solicited to put this tactic into effect and the Bureau is requested to have the Document Section prepare these letters as rapidly as possible, in order that the San Juan Office will be able to issue these letters at a time when the plebiscite issue is before the entire island of Puerto Rico.

SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

1/5/67

Director, FBI (105-93124) — 205

1 -

1 - Mr.

EX-104 GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

Reurairtel 12/14/66.

The Bureau appreciates the interest and enthusiasm exhibited in preparing and submitting the counterintelligence measure set forth in reairtel; however, after giving it careful consideration the Bureau is of the opinion that it should not be utilized. It is felt that this measure could possibly have the effect of furthering the aims and purposes of the independence groups.

While it is not possible to approve your suggestion in this instance, you should continue to give this program your continued attention.

TWK:rdh (5)

NOTE: San Juan proposed utilizing a letter written by the President of the NPPR to the Secretary General of the MPIPR on 9/14/66 as a counterintelligence tactic. It desired to mail this letter with a short note written in a condescending manner ostensibly from the MPIPR to independentists in Puerto Rico. Although this tactic could possibly cause some ill-feeling between the two organizations, it is felt that added publicity to the letter from the head of the NPPR more than counterbalances any possible good that could come otherwise.

MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 1/13/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

ReBulet, 12/13/66.

On 12/4/66, the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR New York Junta (NYJ) underwent a reorganization. Former dissident Nationalists assumed the principal positions on the Board of Directors and former prominent members of the Board were elected to lesser positions.

On the surface, this would appear to indicate that the previous dissension between the 2 major factions has been resolved; however, the distrust between these factions is so deep rooted that a strong possibility exists that dissension will again erupt.

An indication of this disharmony is the lack of attendance by the current NYJ leadership at a special dance held by [REDACTED] in NYC within a week of the reorganization. [REDACTED] will be recalled, previously held the [REDACTED] of the NYJ and was replaced on 12/4/66 by [REDACTED]. While the dance organized by [REDACTED] was not for NPPR purposes, it received the support of most active Puerto Rican independentists because the profits therefrom were to be given to [REDACTED] a fellow independentist, who had sacrificed money and time to promote the cause of independence in NYC through picketing demonstrations.

The NYO suggests that counterintelligence techniques aimed at reopening the schism between the previously disputing parties be held in abeyance until the exact direction of their relationship becomes known. Based on past experience, this should occur in a reasonably short period of time. It is felt a counterintelligence technique aimed at a specific target to gain a specific objective will prove more effective than a general technique aimed at the entire membership and/or leadership.

2-Bureau (RM)
2-New York
(1-100-7689) (NPPR) #44

REC-82
EX-103

18 JAN 16 1967

RKS

51 JAN 23 1967

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SUBV. CONTROL

NY 105-32872

It is felt that the working together of these 2 factions will soon reopen old wounds and the NYO will then be in a position to know at whom to direct a specific technique.

The NYO continuously alerts its sources operating in the Puerto Rican pro-independence field to report every/ incident personality conflict. The NYO will remain alert to take advantage of every such conflict which presents itself.

F B I

Date: 1/10/67

transmit the following

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124) CONFIDENTIAL
FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub-1)
SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

Classified By 6080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification 6/2/77
Indef

Re Bureau letter to San Juan, 1/5/67;
San Juan letter to Bureau, 12/19/66.

Referenced Bureau letter granted Bureau authority to prepare and mail an anonymous letter. For information of New York, this letter, purportedly from an old Nationalist, is highly critical of the growing cooperation between the NPPR and [redacted] as evidenced by [redacted] a featured speaker at NPPR ceremonies, laudatory remarks concerning [redacted] by [redacted] and an indication that a merger of the LSP and the NPPR is being considered. The letter points out that [redacted] personally dismissed [redacted] from the NPPR because of his communist activities and refers to the traditional NPPR anti-communist stance. The letter further points out that [redacted] is obviously attempting to do what he could not do while [redacted] lived - take over the NPPR.

(2) Bureau (105-93124) (RM)
(1) New York (105-32872) (RM)
(1) San Juan (105-3353 Sub-1)
EG:vaf
(5)

REC-3

EX-103

JAN 12 1967

CONFIDENTIAL

Sent M Per

SUBV. CONTROL

62 JAN 10 1967

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 1/16/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

in _____

AIRTEL

(Priority)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN

ReSJairtel 1/10/67.

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR)-
NY Junta has no official headquarters or meeting place.

[REDACTED] is a well known, old line NPPR
member who has resided at [REDACTED]
for the last four to five years.

The NYO suggests the following names of persons
to receive an anonymous letter:

[REDACTED]

Classified By 6080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification 5/31/77

Indef.

REC-19

105-93124-208

- (2) - Bureau (RM)
- (2) - San Juan (105-3353) (RM)
- (1) - New York

EX-104

JAN 17 1967

KS:efc
(6)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SUBV. CONTROL~~

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 2/9/67

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1)

SUBJECT: ~~GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO~~
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 1/16/67
SJ airtel to Bureau, 1/10/67
Bulet to San Juan, 1/5/67
SJ let to Bureau, 12/19/66.

On instant date, San Juan mailed copies to selected NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO (NPPR) members in Puerto Rico and New York City of anonymous letter for which Bureau authority was granted in referenced Bulet.

Brief handwritten paragraphs requesting the addressee's cooperation in this matter were added to most of the letters in order to "personalize" them. These additives were carefully phrased and tailored to individual backgrounds. It is expected that they will enhance prospects of positive results.

Mailing was under secure conditions; paper and envelopes were purchased at a Woolworth's store; typewriter used in preparing multilith was a mechanical one containing Spanish language symbols; envelopes were hand addressed.

LEADS:

SAN JUAN OFFICE

Will report any results of this letter to the Bureau

NEW YORK OFFICE

Will furnish any results of this letter to Bureau and San Juan.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - New York (105-32872) (RM)
1 - San Juan
FEG gjk

(5)
FEB 17 1967

FEB 13 1967

SUBV. CONTROL

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

March 20, 1967

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE

FOR PUERTO RICO

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

San Juan, by letter dated March 14, 1967, recommends that a press release over the signature of the Director be prepared concerning the underground force of Juan Mari Bras in Puerto Rico. Mr. Tolson noted, "I doubt the wisdom of this."

Juan Mari Bras is the founder and dominant leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, which is the largest of the militant groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico. A plebiscite is scheduled to be held on July 23, 1967, in which the people of Puerto Rico will express their preference for independence, statehood, or a continuance of the commonwealth form of government.

San Juan states that the issuance of the press release would serve the dual purpose of informing the violence-prone element in Puerto Rico that the authorities are alert to their activities and of possibly swaying those members of the independence element who are opposed to communism from participating in violent acts.

Attached is an airtel to SAC, San Juan, advising him that the Bureau does not concur with his recommendation since it could be construed as an attempt by the FBI to influence the outcome of the plebiscite and embroil us in a local political situation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel in line with above be approved.

Enclosure

105-86754

1 - 105-93124

TWK:sbg (8)

2 MAR 24 1967

DUPLICATE YELLOW

105-93124-

NOT RECORDED

167 MAR 24 1967

3/20/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

105-93124

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PEN

Reurlet 3/14/67.

The Bureau does not concur with your recommendation concerning the press release over the signature of the Director concerning the underground force of Juan Mari Bras. It is noted that such a press release could be construed as an attempt by the FBI to influence the outcome of the plebiscite and could embroil us in a local political situation.

1 - 105-3353 Sub 1

1 - 105-93124

TWK:seq (11)

NOTE:

See memorandum 3/20/67, same caption, prepared by

TWK;seq.

ORIGINAL FILED IN 105-66754

DUPLICATE YELLOW

20
53 MAR 28 1967

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

3/14/67

SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PRN

San Juan has previously furnished Bureau with an outline of the underground organization of JUAN MARI BRAS and has shown its financing and control by Cuba. In casting about for disruptive measures which could possibly minimize the influence of this group and neutralize its effect upon the outbreak of major revolt, San Juan has formulated the following plan which is being set forth for the Bureau's consideration.

A carefully worded Bureau press release in the form of a "Message to the People of Puerto Rico" over the signature of the Director could be issued simultaneously to the Puerto Rican Spanish language newspapers at the time deemed most propitious by the Bureau. This message would emphasize the FBI's neutral position with regard to the Puerto Rican political scene but would point out the Bureau's responsibilities in the Internal Security field. Thereafter, the message would generally contain the following:

For several years, the FBI has been concerned with the extent of influence and control by Cuban communism, with its policy of exporting violent revolution to other Latin American countries, over a certain segment of the Puerto Rican independence movement. We have watched with concern the build-up of a highly efficient Cuban-trained underground network in Puerto Rico, composed of "cells," members of each cell theoretically being unaware

- Groups Seeking Independence*
Puerto Rico
- 3 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 105-93124) (Counterintelligence Program)
2 - San Juan
(1 - 105-3353 Sub 1) (Counterintelligence Program)

CB:lla

(5)

105-93124
NOT RECORDED
100 MAR 23 1967

ORIGINAL FILED IN

SJ-105-3353

of the identities of other cell members. A substantial number of these cell members have been trained in Cuba in sabotage and guerrilla warfare and have thereafter returned to Puerto Rico to resume their daily routines, quietly waiting to receive the word from Cuba through their leader to initiate their campaign of killing and terrorism. This campaign will be conducted under the guise of the struggle for Puerto Rico's independence but will have as its actual purpose the furthering of the aims of communism in Latin America. Through this campaign of violence and terrorism, assisted and abetted by the communist government of Cuba, this group will be, in effect, attempting to impose its will upon the Puerto Rican people without their consent. Not content with legal and peaceful means to further their aims, this secretive group hopes to create sufficient clamor and confusion on the political scene through violence and terrorism to leave the false impression with the United Nations that the vast majority of the people of Puerto Rico are being subjugated by the United States Government. In this way, they hope to create a favorable climate for the submission of their pro-independence proposals to the United Nations.

The FBI is well aware of the extent and purpose of this underground group, the identities of its officers and individual "cell" members, as well as their targets and overall plan of operation. Proper authorities stand ready to take swift, appropriate action upon the first sign of violence and sufficient measures will be employed to halt this terrorist campaign and protect the people of Puerto Rico from the irresponsible actions of this fanatic group.

The honorable people of Puerto Rico, regardless of their political affiliations and desires concerning the future status of this great island, should be wary

SJ 105-3353

of blindly following the policies of those who, under the guise of seeking independence, advocate violence, and should carefully consider the issues at stake and consequences which would result from such action. Above all, the people of Puerto Rico should avoid being duped into unconscionably furthering the aims of international communism in Latin America.

Issuance of the above press release would serve a dual purpose - that of informing this violence-prone group that proper authorities are alert to their activities and plans and stand ready to summarily deal with any attempt at violence, and that of alerting those in the independence camp to the Cuban communist direction of an organized plan of violence and possibly sway them to oppose any violent action which otherwise they may have supported. In this connection, it is noted that the MPIPR has an estimated active membership of 1300, while it is believed fully twice this number can be mobilized from among active members, inactive members and sympathizers, a large percentage of which may oppose any violent course initiated and directed by Cuba.

While issuance of the above message by the Director may never become necessary, it could be prepared in advance and released if necessary at a time believed appropriate by the Bureau. It may well be that issuance of such a message at the proper time could serve as a severe deterrent to any action by MARI BRAS' underground group.

Bureau's comments regarding above plan would be appreciated.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum **CONFIDENTIAL**

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124) DATE: 4/13/67

FROM : *cbj* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 SUB 1)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

Re San Juan letters to Bureau dated 12/19/66,
1/10/67, and 2/9/67; Bureau letter to San Juan dated 1/5/67;
New York airtel to Bureau dated 1/16/67; and New York
letter to Bureau dated 3/22/67.

Set out below are additional results of San Juan
counterintelligence letter regarding attempt of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to take over the NPPR.

The February, 1967, edition of "El Intransigente",
official NPPR publication, carried a lead editorial by
Editor [REDACTED] (Bufile 100-8184) attacking
the writer [REDACTED] "anonimo" (anonymous letter) and setting
out several [REDACTED] anecdotes purporting to
show that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the support of adherents of all
political and religious beliefs in the independence struggle.
The editorial concluded with a statement that the writer
of the anonymous letter should know that no one in Puerto
Rico should discriminate against another Puerto Rican, no
matter who the other is, or what his beliefs are.

This editorial began on the first page of text and
was continued for almost another complete page, indicating
by its length and plea for unity the importance attached
to the "anonimo" by NPPR officialdom. The net result, of
course, is greatly increased publicity of the controversy, as
"El Intransigente" is widely circulated in the independentist
community.

REC-3

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Info) (RM)
1 - San Juan

FEG:pb

(4) by [REDACTED]

Exempt from GDS, Category 3
Date of Declassification Indefinite

59 APR 24 1967

EX-103

APR 17 1967

EX-104

REC-72

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBV. CONTROL



5010-108

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

CONFIDENTIAL

§ 105-3353 SUB 1

It is noted that [REDACTED] in 1938 was sentenced to 5 years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, for his participation, with several other NPPR members, in the 1937 attempted murder of Federal Judge [REDACTED] Puerto Rico. He continued NPPR connections until 1959 when he [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], now deceased but then NPPR President, founded APU. [REDACTED] was APU Treasurer and after several years [REDACTED] in an intraparty struggle against [REDACTED] which culminated in the 1963 resignation from APU [REDACTED] to found the LSP. APU merged with the MPIPR in December, 1965, and [REDACTED] is currently the

3 Bmw
Medina
Ramirez

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

J 105-3353 SUB 1

[redacted] of the [redacted] Mission of the MPIPR. [redacted] an accountant, currently employs [redacted] (File 100-374868), NPPR President preceding [redacted]. Prior to the NPPR General Assembly last month, information was received that an attempt would be made to have [redacted] reelected President. This was [redacted] by a decision that the Party would have to unify behind the [redacted] leadership. It is felt that identification of [redacted] as the letter's author will have to place also a [redacted] of suspicion on his close friend and employee, [redacted] thereby deepening the rift between the present leadership in the Party and [redacted] faction. (1)

It is further noted that [redacted] is an [redacted] [redacted] and his identification as the letter's author serves to further exacerbate the strained relations between the MPIPR and the NPPR. The passage in the anonymous letter citing an insulting description of [redacted] by JUAN MARI BRAS was inserted to possibly implicate an MPIPR member as the writer of the letter. U

Regarding the effect of the letter on [redacted] relationship with the NPPR, it is noted that at the [redacted] principal NPPR activities since the mailing of the letter, the [redacted] NPPR General Assembly and the Ponce Massacre commemoration, [redacted] spoke but was not a featured speaker and made no allusions to NPPR - LSP unification, nor did he mention his vision of a Socialist Puerto Rico, a stock item in previous such speeches by [redacted] and the basis of the letter's charges against him. Further, at preceding NPPR major activities several of [redacted] LSP underlings had made speeches and had made the [redacted] grace as a body, arrayed in LSP uniforms. Not only was [redacted] the only LSP speaker at the two recent NPPR major activities but members of his LSP were conspicuous by their absence. [redacted] noted that [redacted] left the NPPR General Assembly [redacted] following his perfunctory speech. Obviously, [redacted] is treading lightly and taking pains to reduce any impression that he is trying to take over the NPPR. 4

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/17/67

ATTENTION PHOTO LAB

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

SUBJECT:

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO.
IS-PRN

(OO-SJ)

Enclosed are six, 100 foot rolls of 16 MM Tri-x film.

The photo lab is requested to develop instant film and return same to San Juan Office.

2- Bureau (RM) (Enc. 6)

1- San Juan

(3)

AJC

ENCLOSURE
Det. to
San Juan
4/24/67 jk

RECEIVED
DEVELOPED
PRINTED
ENLARGEMENTS
CORRECTED
INSPECTED

RE

105-93124-

NOT RECORDED

17 APR 19 1967

W

ack Meek det
Film dev.
4/24/67 jk

RECEIVED
SUBV CONTROL



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

April 24, 1967

Director, FBI

105-93124-

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
IS-PRN

(00-SJ)

Reference is made to your communication dated 4/17/67
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

transmitting

In accordance with your request ☒ film has been developed
☐ enlargement(s) made
☐ positive copy made
☐ print(s) made
☐ slide(s) made
☐ negative(s) made
☐ Photostats made

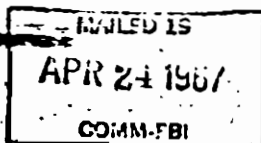
The above is ☒ attached

☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail
☐ REA Express

✓ R. D. Galt - 740 942

K. J. [Signature]

BL [Signature]



Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

22 MAY 1967
MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT ☐

468 54 2 22 64 .25
L

FBI

Date:

4/25/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Wick	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353, Sub 1) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(Subversive Control Section)
(OO: SJ)

The Puerto Rico independence groups, in an abortive effort to bring the matter of the proposed political plebiscite scheduled in Puerto Rico for July 23, 1967, to an abrupt halt, have during the recent past, by extensive travel of various members, sought to have the question of Puerto Rico's "colonial" status adjudicated by the United Nations Committee of 24. This matter was heard before the Committee sitting in its entirety on April 19, 1967, and the Committee by a vote of 15 to 8 voted to adjourn the discussion without setting a new date for further debate in this matter.

It is to be noted that local representatives of the various pro-independence groups have issued a plethora of press releases, when originally the Committee agreed to hear their plea that the Puerto Rican question be placed before the United Nations; however, when the matter was shelved on April 19, 1967, the press releases emanating from this same group regarding the United Nations action were minimal.

③ Bureau (105-93124)

54 New York (105-32872) (RM) (INFO)

2 San Juan (105-3353)

RM: rth (6)

REC 29

105-93124-2128

18 APR 27 1967

SUBV. CONTROL

Approved: _____

Sent _____

M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

SJ 105-3353Sub 1

The San Juan Division plans to reactivate the "Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI" and remind the members of the MPIPR as well as the other independentists organizations of the failure of the group before the United Nations as well as the expenses involved in sending representatives to New York and South America, as well as the expenses involved in the traveling of members of the FUPI behind the iron curtain.

The text of the proposed is as follows:

"DESPIERTA BORICUA, DEFIENDE LO TUYO (Wake Up
Puerto Ricans, Defend What Is Yours)"

"We have been sleeping long, but not deeply and our eyes have been opened again by the failure of our 'jumping grasshoppers' to convince the United Nations to 'liberate' Puerto Rico.

"Are we to continue paying for the pleasure trips of JUAN MARI and CARLOS PADILLA (who is he) to South America when Professor GONZALEZ GONZALEZ in New York must beg money in order to survive? How can we afford the pleasure trips of FATTY PEREZ and henchman, RUBEN ALVAREZ to Manchuria, when each edition of 'Claridad' reminds us to pay our quotas? We are not rich enough to afford sending JUAN MARI to New York every week so that he may return in failure from begging the United Nations to hear our plea for independence.

"We are now without effective leadership, as JUAN MARI has proven himself without influence in matters vital to Puerto Rican independence matters before the United Nations, and we are also certainly on the road to bankruptcy (ask the Financial Commission). All we are left with is Puerto Rican pride, the desire for unity in striving for independence and the ability to vote. The recent effort of our leadership to boycott the voter-registration laws was, as it always has been, a failure.

"We are no nearer to independence now than we were in Ponce in 1959, we are poorer and older, but we hope wiser. Wake up Puerto Rico, make use of the vote! "Grupo Pro-Usa Voto Del MPI."

As has been done in the past, we propose to mail this leaflet from post offices in outlying areas to various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence community and also to select independence leaders not necessarily affiliated with any particular groups.

SJ 105-3353Sub 1

~~It is~~ believed that this letter represents an opportunity to capitalize on the failure of the various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence groups to achieve any success in their concentrated effort before the United Nations and also to again bring to the attention of the rank and file of the MPIPR the amateurish direction of their leadership.

Bureau authority is solicited to immediately put the proposed counterintelligence tactics into effect.

5-2-67

1
1

airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

From: Director, FBI ^{REC 29} (105-93124) - 212

EX 109

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

Reurairtel 4-25-67.

The Bureau concurs with you that the refusal of the Committee of 24 of the United Nations to take up the so-called colonial status of Puerto Rico offers an excellent opportunity to utilize a counterintelligence measure to discredit the leaders of the independence movement and particularly Juan Mari Bras. It appears, however, that your proposed anonymous letter as it stands might provoke Mari Bras into taking violent action to overcome this defeat in the eyes of his followers.

It might be desirable to blame the communist bloc and particularly Cuba for the failure in the United Nations and to criticize Mari Bras and the others for isolating the Puerto Rican independence forces from the democratic countries. This would imply that Mari Bras erred in aligning the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico with the communist countries but would not directly attack his leadership.

Your comments concerning the above are solicited. If you concur with the above, submit a proposed letter for anonymous mailing in line with the Bureau's observations.

TWK:ah (5)

FBI - 102:ICE

NOTE: Puerto Rican independence groups in an effort to block the plebescite scheduled in Puerto Rico for 7-23-67 sought to have the Committee of 24, which handles colonial matters in the United Nations take up the colonial status of Puerto Rico. This was defeated 4-19-67. San Juan proposes to anonymously mail a letter to the independentists in Puerto Rico attacking the leadership and stating that Mari Bras has proven himself to be without influence in vital Puerto Rican independence matters.

MAY 2 - 1967

COMM-FBI

for _____
back _____
by _____
mer _____
labon _____
red _____
t _____
e _____
ren _____
livan _____
val _____
rtter _____
e _____
m _____
ady _____

62 MAY 10 1967

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

gfr wlt twt

FBI

Date: 5/4/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

REGISTERED

(Priority)

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)(P)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
(OO:—SJ) IS-PFN

As the Bureau is aware, during the recent past, GIL GREEN, Chairman of the NY District, CPUSA, went to Puerto Rico and while there contacted members of the "independentista" community.

- 105-3353-Sub 1
- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)(RM)
 - 2 - San Juan (105-3401)(MPI)(Enc. 2)(RM)
 - (1-105-3353)(GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO)
 - 1 - NY 105-39139 (MPI)(Att. 1)(44)
 - 1 - New York (Att. 1)(44)

EH:acs
(8)

EX-113

REC-40

105-93124-215

DECLASSIFIED

Classified by

Exempt from GDS, Category

Date of Declassification Indefinite

MAY 1967

6/17/67

SUBV. CONTROL

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

On 5/1/67, [REDACTED] was identified as an individual who had participated in an MPI sponsored picket of the US Mission to the UN, NY, NY, on 4/12/67. U

[REDACTED]

On May 1, 1967, SAs of the NYO, FBI observed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

American colonialism in Puerto Rico and on the plebiscite proposed for July 23, 1967. U

The NYO feels that additional activities showing closer cooperation between the CP, USA and the MPI could have extremely unfavorable effects on attempts of the Bureau and local law enforcement agencies to curtail illegal independence activity in Puerto Rico. As the Bureau is acutely aware the introduction of a large and wealthy Moscow dominated organization into the independence struggle at a time of crisis could result in disastrous complications.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A with its long history of Soviet directed subversion would serve as an excellent conduit for such aid. In addition, the effects of a concerted effort by its numerous front groups and propaganda machinery directed toward Puerto Rican Independence would afford the MPI with a means of advertising in both the continental US and throughout the world. The results of such a campaign are obvious.

[REDACTED]

EXL

NY 105-32872

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The NYO feels that a directed effort to disrupt any union should be instituted. An initial effort would be a letter which has been prepared for translation into the Spanish language and dissemination by the SJO to the MPI membership through its mailing lists. The aim of the letter is to educate the majority of MPI members to the direction of the MPI by the CP, USA. It is felt that resentment against control by a non-Puerto Rican element would be a natural reaction for these fiercely nationalistic people.

In addition the letter is intended to embarrass MPI leadership by suggesting a "sell-out" and by making it appear that the MPI representative [redacted] was made to appear ridiculous through his role in the May Day ceremonies.

It is felt that the cooperation between the two groups will grow if not curtailed.

Bureau authority is requested to have the letter translated and mailed under secure conditions to MPI members in San Juan Division and in NY Division, by the SJO.

The letter enclosed purports to be an anonymous letter by a dissident member, aware of the activities taking place in both Puerto Rico and New York.

"Awake Puerto Ricans, Defend What Is Yours" U

The MPI through its leadership has betrayed the struggle for independence. U

A short time ago, a prominent member of the Communist Party of the United States, Gil Green, came to Puerto Rico and through the use of influence and money succeeded in doing what all the agencies of repression of the North American government have failed to do. He corrupted Juan Mari Bras, the maximum leader of the struggle. U

Secret agreements were reached. U

Lcdo. Mari, in return for who knows what, agreed to place the cause of independence second to the "party line" of the CPUSA. U

It is no secret that during recent days, Lcdo. Pedro Baiges Chapel, using the pennies of the "jibaros," went to New York and spoke at the CPUSA May Day celebration held there on the first of May. It is no secret that Baiges spoke in English, and badly, either ashamed of his language and culture or anxious to ingratiate himself to the North Americans. It is no secret that Baiges spoke about the goals of the Communist Party and not about the struggle taking place on the Island. It is no secret that many Puerto Ricans present at the ceremony, because of a desire to hear a leader from their country, burned with shame as Baiges made a fool of himself. U

What is a secret, is the story of Baiges' other activities in New York, the story of how he avoided his people, of how he went to cocktail parties at the homes of wealthy communists in the suburbs of New York, of how they gave him only "promises," after he had entertained them and ~~eatered to them and promised to support first of all the Communist Party, USA.~~ Insert U

What has happened to the fight? Is even our ^{struggle} ~~dying~~ for independence to be controlled by North Americans and from the United States? Are we indeed a lost people engaging in a hopeless struggle? U

Committee Against Foreign Domination
of the Fight for Independence

Insert

U he had attempted to ingratiate himself with them and entered to their typically North American opinions about Puerto Rico

105-93124-213
ENCLOSURE

5/10/67

Airtel

To: SAC, New York (105-32872)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) 213

REC-40-A-113

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReNYairtel 5/4/67 with enclosure thereto.

Bureau believes that the proposed letter may be put to good advantage. However, New York is requested to clarify information set forth in paragraph seven of the proposed letter. This paragraph makes mention of attendance by [REDACTED] at cocktail parties which were held in the homes of wealthy communists. Mention is then made how "he had entertained them and catered to them." It appears that this wording should be clarified and the wording changed since we have mention made of [REDACTED] attending cocktail parties and then we are talking about [REDACTED] entertaining the communists. New York is requested to reword this paragraph for clarification purposes.

The last paragraph of the proposed letter makes mention of "dying for independence." The Bureau believes that in order that more sympathy may not be invoked for the MPIPR cause, the wording mentioned above should be changed from "dying for independence" to "struggle for independence."

Upon receipt of New York reply, further instructions will be issued to San Juan regarding the proposed mailing.

- San Juan (105-3353-Sub 1)

JJD:blj
(6)

NOTE:

New York Office has proposed mailing of anonymous letter in Spanish language to members of MPIPR, militant Puerto Rican independence group. Proposed letter is aimed at informing MPIPR members of recent information showing apparent attempts by Communist

NOTE CONTINUED PAGE TWO

MAY 10 1967

COMM-FBI

TELETYPE UNIT

Airtel to SAC, New York
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE CONTINUED:

6:16 green
Party to aid the MPIPR. [REDACTED], CP leader, recently made a trip to Puerto Rico in connection therewith and one of the MPIPR leaders spoke at the Communist Party May Day celebration in New York City on 5/1/67. Anonymous letter infers that MPIPR may be placing the Communist Party ahead of the MPIPR fight for independence. It is believed that the suggested anonymous letter will be most beneficial and may help us in preventing a further interjection of the Communist Party into the Puerto Rican independence picture. However, clarification from New York is needed before we authorize the mailing.

FBI

Date: 5/8/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: *excopy* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353-Sub 1) *P*
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
(OO: San Juan) IS - PRN

Re San Juan airtel 4/25/67, and
Bureau airtel 5/2/67.

The comments of the Bureau with regard to this matter are appreciated and the San Juan Office is in agreement with the Bureau's suggestion to blame the Communist bloc and Cuba for the failure in the United Nations and to criticize MARI BRAS and others for isolating the Puerto Rican independence forces from the democratic countries.

The reference in the proposed letter being submitted by the San Juan Office to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are references to three famous Puerto Rican patriots. *Barbosa*

De Diego ③ - Bureau (105-93124) (RM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Info) (RM)
2 - San Juan (105-3353, Sub 1)
RAM:bab
(6)

De Hostos

REC-16 EX-103

105-93124-21-1

C.C. Wick

MAY 10 1967

[Signature]
SUBV. CONTROL

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

SJ 105-3353, 1

The San Juan Division, through utilization
of the Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI proposes the
following leaflet:

"DESPIERTA BORICUA, DEFIENDE LO TUYO"
(Wake Up Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours)

"We have been sleeping long, but not deeply and our eyes have been opened again by the failure of our 'jumping grasshoppers' to convince the United Nations to 'liberate' Puerto Rico.

Let us now be men enough to admit that we have successfully defeated our hope of having the United Nations hear our plea for intervention. We have chosen the wrong course, let's admit it.

We are not Communists, so why have we sought the aid of Cuba, Russia, Poland and Bulgaria? We are God-fearing people, steeped in the tradition of De Hostos, De Diego and Barbosa, and we have no need of a Castro, Guevarra and other Cuban hoodlums.

Many years have passed since we were born in Ponce, however we are further away from our independence now than we were then. Wake up Puerto Rico, make use of the vote!

Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI"

We propose to mail this leaflet from post offices in outlying areas to various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence community and also to select independence leaders not necessarily affiliated with any particular groups.

Bureau authority is solicited to immediately put the proposed counterintelligence tactic into effect.

5/11/67

Airtel

1
1
1

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353-Sub 1)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) — 214
REC-16

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN
EX-103

Reurairtel 5/8/67.

Authority granted to prepare proposed letter in Spanish language and to mail it as set forth on page three of referenced airtel.

Preparation and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions to protect the Bureau as the source. Advise the Bureau of any information coming to your attention regarding the mailing of this letter.

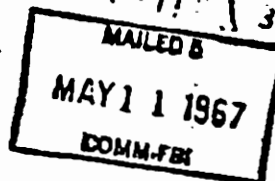
1 - New York (105-32872)

JJD:sjs (7) *hp*

NOTE: San Juan has proposed mailing of anonymous letter in Spanish language which points up the recent defeat suffered by independence groups at the United Nations. The United Nations Committee of 24, which handles colonial matters, did not take up the colonial status of Puerto Rico as sought by independence groups. Anonymous letter makes mention of the alignment of independence groups with some of the Soviet bloc countries and Cuba, and the letter points up the mistake of

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

1478
MAY 15 1967



NOTE CONTINUED PAGE TWO

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Airtel to SAC, San Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE CONTINUED:

the independence groups aligning themselves with these countries who have failed to help the cause of Puerto Rican independence.

San Juan proposes to mail the letter to various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence community and also to selected independence leaders who are not necessarily affiliated with any particular groups. San Juan's proposal has definite merit and should aid us as a disruptive tactic within the independence organizations.

Y 1 1967
11:00
15
ENCODED MESSAGE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

NR 1 12:53 AM URGENT 5-11-67 CRT

TO DIRECTOR (105-93124) AND NEW YORK (105-32872)

(NEW YORK VIA WASH)

FROM SAN JUAN (105-3353) (IP)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO IS-PRN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED MAY TEN
LAST, THAT [REDACTED], USING THE NAME

[REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK
VIA EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT NINE TWO EIGHT AT ELEVEN TWENTY FIVE
P.M. (AST) MAY TEN LAST. [REDACTED]

IS INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM SUBJECT OF SAN JUAN OFFICE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT READILY IDENTIFIABLE DUE TO NUMEROUS REFERENCES SAN JUAN
INDICES. PURPOSE OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN. OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE POLICE
OF PUERTO RICO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD PUERTO RICAN FLAG IN
LUGGAGE.

NEW YORK COVER SUBJECTS THROUGH APPROPRIATE SOURCES AND ATTEMPT
TO ASCERTAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP.

SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED LOCALLY. NEW YORK SHOULD ADVISE
SECRET SERVICE NEW YORK.

END ACK PSE GA

REY RELAY

FBI WASH DC

REC-1
MAY 12 1967

RELAYED TO

105-93124-215
5-9-67
NY, FBI

15 1967

FBI

Date: 5/11/67

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN

ReNYairtel, 5/4/67, with enclosure thereto and
Bureau airtel to NY, 5/10/67.

The NYO agrees with the Bureau's conclusion that information set forth in paragraph seven of the proposed letter should be clarified. In including in the letter the words "he had entertained them and catered to them," the NYO was attempting to show that while at the cocktail parties concerned [REDACTED] had made attempts to ingratiate himself with his hosts at the possible loss of his dignity. It was the intention of the NYO to subtly show the undermining of dignity which is so important to the P.R. male.

In light of the Bureau's request to clarify the strike letter two alternative wordings are hereby suggested:

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - San Juan (105-3353) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York

EJH:smv
(6)

C.C. Wick

EX-109

REC 31

18 MAY 12 1967

SUBV. CONTROL

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

1. The phrase in question could be replaced by the phrase "He had been entertained by and catered to by them." It is felt that this wording would result in no possibility of the reader misunderstanding the letter since it would fit in with the mention of [redacted] attending cocktail parties sponsored by the Communists. However, it is also felt that it would not have the affect originally desired by the NYO of subtly undermining [redacted] dignity.

2. As an alternative wording the NYO suggests that the wording in question be replaced by the phrase "he had attempted to ingratiate himself with them and catered to their typically North American opinions about Puerto Rico." The NYO feels that this wording would present no problem regarding clarity and would tend to achieve the affect originally desired.

The NYO is of the opinion that the observation by the Bureau of the possibility that sympathy might be evoked by the phrase "dying for independence," is correct and that the phrase should be changed to read "struggle for independence".

5/16/67

airtel

1
1

To: SACs, San Juan (105-3353 SUB 1)
New York (105-32872)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) 216

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO REC 31
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION) EX 109
IS - PRN

ReNYairtel 5/4/67 with enclosure thereto and
NYairtel 5/11/67.

Authority granted for San Juan to translate the
anonymous letter submitted as enclosure to reairtel 5/4/67 and
to mail it to MPIPR members including members of the
New York Mission. The preparation and mailing should be
handled under the most secure conditions to protect the Bureau
as the source.

The Bureau believes that the alternative wording
as set forth on page two of reairtel 5/11/67 should be
utilized in the second last paragraph of the anonymous letter.
Accordingly, line five of this paragraph should read "gave
him only promises after he had attempted to ingratiate himself
with them and catered to their typically North American
opinions about Puerto Rico and promised to support first of
all the Communist Party, USA." The word "dying" in the first
line of the last paragraph of the proposed letter should be
changed to "struggle."

San Juan and New York should advise the Bureau of any
information coming to their attention regarding the mailing
of this letter.

MAILED 24
MAY 18 1967
COMM-FBI

Tolson
DeLoach
Mohr
Wick
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Tele. Rm.
Holmes
Gandy

J.D.BRR
(3)

3 00 PM '67

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

WUYS

60

WAT

18

TELETYPE UNIT

5 MAY 18 1967

Airtel to SAC, San Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE:

New York Office has proposed mailing of anonymous letter in Spanish language to members of MPIPR, militant Puerto Rican independence group. Proposed letter is aimed at informing MPIPR members of recent information showing apparent attempts by Communist Party to aid the MPIPR. Gil Green, CP leader, recently made a trip to Puerto Rico in connection therewith and one of the MPIPR leaders spoke at the Communist Party May Day celebration in New York City on 5/1/67. Anonymous letter infers that MPIPR may be placing the Communist Party ahead of the MPIPR fight for independence. It is believed that the suggested anonymous letter will be most beneficial and may help us in preventing a further interjection of the Communist Party into the Puerto Rican independence picture. We asked New York to clarify certain proposed wording in anonymous letter and this clarification is set forth in NYairtel 5/11/67. Changes in the wording in the proposed anonymous letter more clearly points out the point we are trying to get across here.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124) DATE: 5/17/67

FROM : *e Depp* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353-SUB-1) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN
OO: SAN JUAN

Dy 17

Re Bureau airtel 5/11/67.

On instant date, San Juan mailed copies to selected members of the independentist community in Puerto Rico of anonymous letter for which Bureau authority was obtained in referenced Bureau airtel.

Although copies of this anonymous letter were not sent to persons residing within the New York Division, it is anticipated that some comments may be made regarding it by members of the MPIPR, New York Junta and the New York Office is requested to remain alert to this matter and advise any results obtained by this letter to the Bureau and San Juan.

Mailing of this anonymous letter was made under secure conditions and the paper and envelopes used were from stock readily available at local stationery stores.

LEADSAN JUANAt San Juan, Puerto Rico:

Will report any results of this letter to the Bureau.

REC-52 EX-103

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Info) (RM)
1 - San Juan
EJM:pb

MAY 19 1967

6 MAY 25 1967

SUBV. CONTROL

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 6/8/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PRN

The Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Pro Independence Movement) (MPIPR) (Bufile 105-75715) presently consists of two groups, the MPIPR and the MPIPR Youth, each of which maintains their own slate of officers, although they share the same meeting halls, printing facilities, etc.

There have been recent indications that [REDACTED] (Bufile 105-76456; San Juan file 100-6329), [REDACTED] of the MPIPR Youth, has been having personal difficulties with the various top leaders of the MPIPR, who receive such "spoils" as are available to MPIPR leaders, while the MPIPR Youth does most of the work.

[REDACTED] of the MPIPR Youth, has a personal following, and the San Juan Office feels that if [REDACTED] can be split from the MPIPR at this time, enough of the MPIPR Youth members would be sufficiently confused and disgruntled to effectively neutralize the MPIPR during the critical period just prior to the plebiscite scheduled for July 23, 1967.

- ST-110 REC 46/05-93 124-218
- (3) - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 105-93124) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
2 - San Juan
(1 - 105-3353 Sub. 1) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

HJB/jms

(5)

9 JUN 11 1967

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

RECORDED COPY FILED IN

SJ 105-3353

[REDACTED] has no personally owned automobile, and depends on friends for transportation. [REDACTED] (Bufile 105-75686; San Juan file 105-3318) generally provide [REDACTED] transportation to and from the MPIPR meetings held on Thursday nights.

[REDACTED] who drives a 1963 Chevrolet 4 door Sedan, Motor Number [REDACTED] Puerto Rico plates [REDACTED] JUAN MARI BRAS (Bufile 105-292, San Juan file 100-4785).

The San Juan Office proposes an informant report be drawn up containing information known to [REDACTED] in his handwriting, or typewritten with a sufficiently lengthy postscript to eliminate doubt as to the source of the information. This report would then be placed in [REDACTED] car later on a night [REDACTED] has been in the car.

[REDACTED] encountering this informant report would almost assuredly bring the matter to the immediate attention of [REDACTED] JUAN MARI BRAS.

An additional bonus of this proposal would be the counter charges brought by [REDACTED] and his close followers against [REDACTED].

If the Bureau is in accord with the San Juan Office on the desirability of implementing this plan, it is requested the Laboratory advise if they have sufficient handwriting samples to prepare a report or lengthy postscript in [REDACTED] handwriting.

Upon favorable reply by the Bureau, the San Juan Office will forward the desired informant report, and will request the Detroit Office to obtain master keys to [REDACTED] car.

The Bureau is requested to give this matter expeditious attention in view of the short time available before the July 23, 1967, plebiscite, and the desirability of creating a complete split in the MPIPR prior to the plebiscite.

6/16/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)
From: ST-110 REC 46
Director, FBI (105-93124) - 2/8

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - PRN
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

Reurairtel 6/8/67.

The Bureau does not believe that the technique suggested in referenced airtel should be utilized at the present time. You are encouraged to review this matter in an attempt to come up with another counterintelligence plan which might be utilized against [REDACTED]

Secure prior Bureau authority before initiating any counterintelligence action in this matter.

1 - 105-76456 (Silen)

JJD:vjr/sjs
(6)

NOTE:

[REDACTED], a Security Index subject, is leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico Youth. San Juan [REDACTED] has proposed an informant report be drawn up either in [REDACTED]'s handwriting or typewritten and planted in another subject's car thus indicating that [REDACTED] might be an FBI informant.

JUN 16 1967
COMM-FBI
also _____
eLoach _____
Mohr _____
Wick _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Rm. _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

19

56 JUN 22 1967

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

105-76456-501
IN OFFICE FILED IN

6/22/67

Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReSJairtel 6/16/67 a copy of which is enclosed for the information of the New York Office. San Juan should note that the Bureau has a separate file for the Counterintelligence Program dealing with groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

In accordance with San Juan's suggestion as set forth in referenced airtel, a cartoon will be prepared by the Exhibits Section and 225 copies thereof will be forwarded to the San Juan Office. This work will be completed as soon as possible in order that San Juan may handle the mailing prior to the time of the plebiscite on 7/23/67. The cartoon will be prepared on unwatermarked commercial grade paper.

1 - New York (105-32872) (Enclosure)

JJD:sjs
(6)

105-93124-311
JUN 22 1967

REC 31
NOTE: The cartoon mentioned above is being prepared by the Exhibits Section pursuant to approval of memorandum to Mr. Sullivan, 6/20/67, in caption matter.

JUN 21 1967
COMM-FBI
Isa
Loach
Mr
ick
asper
alioham
enrad
elt
ale
neen
Sullivan
avel
rotter
eie. Room
ames
andy

51 JUN 29 1967

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 6/26/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
Counterintelligence Program
(Subversive Control Section)
(IS - PRN)
(OO: SJ)

ReButel to San Juan and New York, 5/16/67, and NYairtel to Bureau, 5/11/67.

The counterintelligence letter which is the subject of referenced communications has had dramatic results which, upon analysis, indicate that the disruptive purpose of the letter is being achieved.

In the June 11, 1967, issue of "Claridad," the official organ of the MPIPR (the target organization), [REDACTED] has written a lengthy article occasioned by the letter.

[REDACTED] as the Bureau is aware, is the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the MPIPR, a key figure of the San Juan Office and a delegate to the Tri Continental Conference, which was held in Havana, Cuba, in January, 1966. [REDACTED] is considered one of the most likely candidates to assume the mantle of power, if and when JUAN MARI BRAS, current MPI Secretary General, steps down.

In the article mentioned above, which [REDACTED] captioned, "Another Committee of the C.I.A.," he warns the membership that the "Committee Against Foreign Domination of the Struggle for Independence" is the latest weapon of the notorious Central Intelligence Agency. [REDACTED] labels the statements made in the letter "calumnies" and complains of its widespread distribution.

2 - Bureau (RM) ST-116
1 - San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1) (INFO) (RM)
1 - New York

ETH:jaw
(4)

51 JUL 12 1967

JUN 28 1967



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

NY 105-32872

In an extended comment on past "C.I.A." tactics, [redacted] reviews the history of the "Grupo Pro Uso Voto del MPI", an earlier counterintelligence device originated by the SJO. [redacted] complains of how hundreds of persons associated with the MPI were bombarded with letters from the two Committees and how the letters changed in tone from mild policy statements to vicious attacks upon MPI leaders, in which the "Sinister" committees accused them of all manner of treason. [redacted] then assures the membership that despite all this, the MPI electoral strike, which was the target of past letters, was a success. (As the Bureau is aware, the MPI suffered a serious defeat in its strike against the 1954 elections since the largest percentage of voters in the history of Puerto Rican elections was recorded that year.)

Turning to the letter in question [redacted] takes each of the charges made in the letter and insists that they are not true, dwelling particularly on the alleged "secret meetings" with the CP, USA; control of the MPI by the CP, USA; alleged agreements between the CP, USA and MPI; and, a sellout by MPI leaders corrupted by the CP, USA. [redacted] ends his comments in a series of invectives against the CIA.

Analysis of the Above

1. It is the opinion of the NYO that the subject's letter has thoroughly disturbed MPI leadership. The usual tactic of the organization is to not respond to attacks by its adversaries, feeling that attacks which do not seriously affect the operations of the MPI are better ignored. It is unusual, to say the least, that the MPI would give space and extensive space at that, in its official organ for such a purpose. In addition, the fact that [redacted] whose credentials are set forth above, would be chosen to write a refutation is significant.

2. Factors mentioned in [redacted] refutation further indicate that the weight of the letters impact was strongly felt. Apropos of this is the admission by [redacted] that "hundreds"

NY 105-32872

of MPI members have received counterintelligence letters, that is to say, that the coverage is wide spread and known to be so by MPI leadership. It is felt that references in [redacted] refutation to character assassination show that the NYO's attempt to embarrass [redacted] mentioned in the letter did not go unnoticed by the MPI.

3. At a time when revolution and violence is a distinct possibility in Puerto Rico, the creation of an impression that the CIA is operating in Puerto Rico against the MPI is a welcome result. The NYO is of the opinion that this impression may well act as a further deterrent toward violence.

4. In summary, confusion has been created in the rank and file, and MPI leadership has had to counter with a refutation. The leadership itself, which is of course more sophisticated, has, nevertheless, made a serious analytical mistake about the origin of the counterintelligence letter and will be more cautious with operations as a result. The widespread effect of this measure and the overall counterintelligence program of San Juan and New York has thus been tactfully admitted by the MPI. In addition, the security precautions taken by the SJO in preparing and mailing the letter have proven completely effective as evidenced by MPI leader's belief that the CIA is at the heart of the operation.

Additional results will be reported as received.

Memorandum

6/29/67

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
SUBVERSIVE CONTROLS SECTION
IS-PRN
(OO:SJ)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 6/26/67 and NY airtel to Bureau,
5/11/67.

The NYO has recently come into possession of the following information considered pertinent to the recent counterintelligence letter captioned "COMMITTEE AGAINST FOREIGN DOMINATION OF THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE":

Analysis

The NYO feels that the MPI's preoccupation with secrecy and the outrage at its violation in connection with aid from the CP, USA indicates that the above mentioned counterintelligence measure struck a sensitive nerve in a most timely manner. The illusions to a pact with the CP, USA mentioned in the letter were, as the Bureau is aware, fiercely denied by [redacted] Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the MPI in the organizations official newspaper "Claridad". It is not unlikely that the NY Mission received instructions to be careful in not publicizing financial aid from the CP, USA lest it cause unfavorable comment by members or non members of the MPI who received the counterintelligence letter.

- 2- Bureau (Rm)
1- San Juan (INFO) (Rm)
1- New York

Classified by 609
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

CONFIDENTIAL REC 32

ST-105

JUN 30 1967

1 SUBV. CONTROL

57 JUL 12 1967

EJH:mmh (4)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland

DATE: 6/20/67

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Wick _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____PURPOSE:

To recommend the preparation of a cartoon by the Exhibits Section of the Administrative Division depicting an attack by members of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (LSP) on a Mission of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR). The LSP and the MPIPR are militant Puerto Rican independence groups. The cartoon is designed to cause discord between these two organizations and will be sent anonymously to members of various independence groups in Puerto Rico.

BACKGROUND:

ST-104

REC-75 105 15124-223

San Juan Office has received information that

[REDACTED], has accused

[REDACTED] of being a coward. [REDACTED] and other members of the LSP have entered an MPIPR Mission and threatened [REDACTED] with bodily harm unless he proved or retracted his statement about [REDACTED].

On one recent occasion members of the MPIPR Mission were armed with firearms and knives when [REDACTED] and other LSP members came to the Mission and blows were exchanged between the two groups. San Juan Office has suggested that a cartoon be drawn up showing [REDACTED] standing in the doorway of the Mission with indistinct figures standing behind him. Confronting [REDACTED] would be a caricature of [REDACTED] with a machete bearing a Red Chinese slogan. The LSP is known for

105-93124

"ENCL BEHIND FILE"

JJD:sjs /
(8)ENCLOSURE
379

CONTINUED - OVER

JUL 6 1967

Memorandum from Mr. J.F. Bland to Mr. W.C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105,93124

its pro-Red Chinese views. [REDACTED] the LSP leader, would be shown behind [REDACTED] pushing him towards [REDACTED]. Under the cartoon there would be printed in Spanish the slogan "[REDACTED] b, You Have Two Weeks to Prove or Retract Your Statement That [REDACTED] is a Coward."

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed that this cartoon will be of great assistance as a disruptive tactic in the Puerto Rican independence groups. This is most important at the present time since these groups are attempting to unite against a plebiscite which is to be held in Puerto Rico on 7/23/67. At that time the Puerto Rican people will vote for statehood, independence, or a continuation of the present commonwealth form of government.

The preparation of a suitable Red Chinese slogan such as "Down with Imperialism" has already been discussed with the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section of the Laboratory. The Exhibits Section should coordinate the preparation of the cartoon with the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section. Since the plebiscite is to be held on 7/23/67, it is believed most important that the cartoon be prepared as soon as possible to allow for mailing prior to the time of the plebiscite.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the preparation of the above-mentioned cartoon by the Exhibits Section be approved for mailing to members of the Puerto Rican independence groups in Puerto Rico or to persons sympathetic to these organizations. If approved, 250 copies of the cartoon on unwatermarked commercial grade paper should be prepared. Photographs of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been forwarded by San Juan for utilization in preparation of the cartoon.

7/5/67

Airtel

~~MAIL ROOM~~

1
1

To: SACs, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1) (Enclosures - 225)
New York (105-32872) (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 222

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ST-115

ReBuairtel to San Juan 6/22/67, copy of which
was furnished to the New York Office.

Enclosed for San Juan are 225 copies of the
cartoon mentioned in referenced airtel. One copy is en-
closed for the information of the New York Office. The
translation of the Chinese characters in the cartoon is
"Down With Imperialism."

Authority granted for San Juan to mail the
cartoon to members of or persons sympathetic to the
Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, the Liga
Socialista Puertorriquena, and the Nationalist Party of
Puerto Rico. The mailing should be handled under the
most secure conditions to protect the Bureau as the
source.

San Juan and New York should advise the Bureau
of any information coming to their attention regarding the
mailing of this letter.

JJD:sjs
(8)

389

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

MAILED 28
JUL 5 1967
COMM-FBI

sen
Leach
hr
k
per
Hobbs
ered
ll
de
see
ilvan
rel
letter
de. R
olmes
andy

Airtel to SACs, San Juan
New York

RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE:

Pursuant to approval of memorandum [REDACTED] to Mr. Sullivan 6/27/67, cartoon involved was prepared for mailing to members of certain independence groups in Puerto Rico. Cartoon is aimed at causing discord between two of the groups since San Juan has learned that the head of one of these has been called a coward by a member of the second group.

FBI

Date: 6/16/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

CONFIDENTIAL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) SUB-1

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

00:35

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies
of photographs, one each of _____
and _____

During May 1967, the source advised that
members of the MPIPR Mission were armed with firearms
and knives when _____ and other LSP members came to the
Mission and _____ and the LSP members were met at the
door by "guards" where blows were exchanged.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - San Juan
EDM:lge
(5)

CONFIDENTIAL

Classified by _____
Exempt from GDS, Category _____
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

M Per _____

62 JUL 12 1967

SUBV. CONTROL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following is a suggestion for a flyer to be sent through the mails to members or persons sympathetic to the MPI, LSP, and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR), and it is believed this flyer will further the conflict between the groups there by diverting their energies from the issue of the upcoming plebiscite.

In this flyer, it is suggested a cartoon showing [redacted] standing in a doorway marked "Mission [redacted] with indistinct figures standing behind him inside the doorway. Confronting [redacted] RENTAS should be a caricature of [redacted] with an up-raised machete bearing the markings of the Red Chinese in position as if to strike [redacted].

In this cartoon should also be a caricature of [redacted] crouching behind [redacted] as if in fear, with one hand indicating that [redacted] is pushing [redacted]. Under the cartoon should be printed in Spanish, ([redacted] You Have Two Weeks to Prove or Retract Your Statement that [redacted] is a Coward.") [redacted] Tienes Dos Semanas Para Verificar O Echar para Atras En Tu Declaracion de que [redacted] Es Un Cobarde.)

It should be noted that [redacted] figure should be depicted so that his left hand is in evidence inasmuch as his left hand is deformed having no fingers and only a small appendage for a thumb.

The above flyer could possibly result in the widening of the difficulties between the LSP and MPIPR in Puerto Rico and could also have a definite effect on the NPPR, by causing that group to refrain from becoming involved in the controversy and lessening the cooperation between the groups.

Bureau's comments regarding the above suggestion would be appreciated.

W. B. A. 20 AM. 12

RECEIVED COMBUD

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SJ 105-3353

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In order to take full advantage of the above-described altercations between MIPR-LSP members, it is felt that this flyer must be distributed in the very near future. The Bureau is therefore requested to expedite its comments and/or approval of this counter-intelligence measure.

LABORATORY DIVISION
FBI

APR 2 8 44

RECEIVED - COMBAT

APR 12 1 31 PM '61

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FBI

Date: 6/26/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRMAIL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
(If nonly)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-6675-)

FROM: *edg* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
IS - PRN

The various groups advocating independence for Puerto Rico have greatly increased their activity with the approaching Plebiscite scheduled for July 23, 1967, to determine the future political status of Puerto Rico. The Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Pro Independence Movement (MPIPR) (Bufile 105-75715), as the largest of the pro independence groups, has placed an increasingly heavier workload upon their printing facilities, publishing pamphlets, and publications containing editorial attacks of, and planned demonstrations against, the scheduled plebiscite.

The San Juan Office proposes that a chemical agent, available to the Bureau, be placed in the printers ink, which, activated by the heat of the presses, will emit a strong odor and prohibit the use of the presses.

- 4/26/67*
- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 105-93124) (Counterintelligence Program)
 - 2 - San Juan
 - (1 - 105-3353 Sub 1) (Counterintelligence Program)

JJC:ckg
(5)

Classified by *6098*
Exempt from GDS, Category *2*
Date of Declassification Indefinite

REC-9

EX 103

JUN 28 1967

Wick

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF _____
DATE *6-27-67*

C

105-93124-284

7-5

JUN 28 1967

JUN 28 1967

JUN 28 1967

JUN 28 1967

JUN 28 1967

CONFIDENTIAL

The San Juan Office feels that this technique will be effective in neutralizing the attempts by the MPIPR to obtain a popular following in their campaign against the plebiscite by denying their use of this press at time they need it most.

The Bureau's suggestions are solicited.

2
CONFIDENTIAL

3A 7400

6/30/67

Airtel

1
1

REC-9

SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 224

GROUP SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PRN

Reurairtel 6/26/67.

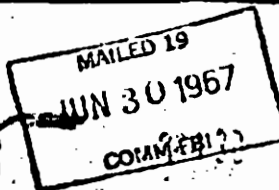
Careful consideration has been given to the counterintelligence technique set forth in referenced airtel. However, the Bureau does not believe it feasible to authorize the implementation of this technique. Your interest in forwarding this suggestion is appreciated.

JJD:sjs
(5)

NOTE:

San Juan has suggested that a chemical be placed in the ink used by the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico to print its various pamphlets and publications. San Juan indicated that the proper chemical would be activated by the heat of the presses and emit an odor.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



59 JUL 1 3 12 67

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

WHT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Wick _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan ☒ _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 7, 1967

FROM :

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

PURPOSE:

To recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail an anonymous letter to members of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) in Puerto Rico and New York City. The MPIPR is a militant Puerto Rican independence group.

BACKGROUND:

In May, 1967, we authorized San Juan to mail the MPIPR members an anonymous letter which pointed up apparent attempts by the Communist Party (CP) to interject itself into the Puerto Rican independence picture. In sending this letter it was indicated that it emanated from the "Committee Against Foreign Domination of the Fight for Independence," which is a fictitious organization. This anonymous letter served as a very good disruptive factor and caused an MPIPR official to write a lengthy article in the MPIPR publication attempting to refute it.

Our New York Office has now learned from an informant that the CP recently sent \$500 to the MPIPR in Puerto Rico through the New York Mission of the MPIPR. The New York Mission attempted to keep this contribution secret but was unsuccessful in so doing and apparently MPIPR members in

Enclosure sent 7-10-67 REC 39 05-92124-1

105-93124

EX-115

JUL 11 1967

CONTINUED - OVER

JJD:vjr (6)

51 JUL 14 1967

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
105-93124

New York City learned of the action by the CP. A member of the Executive Board of the New York Mission was reportedly removed from her position on the Board because of statements she made regarding the CP donation.

The New York Office has now recommended the preparation of another letter by our San Juan Office which would be aimed at revealing the CP donation to MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City. It is hoped that the letter will cause dissension within the MPIPR, embarrass the New York Mission for failing to keep the donation a secret, and embarrass the leader of the MPIPR by inferring that he is utilizing the money for his own use.

OBSERVATIONS:

It appears that New York's suggestion has definite merit and will be most useful to us in causing internal strife in the MPIPR.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached airtel will be directed to San Juan authorizing it to mail the letter under secure conditions to MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City.

"Awake Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours"

We are grateful to Lcdo. [REDACTED] for explaining to us in the Claridad that the MPI has not surrendered to the Communist Party of the United States. His denials, although vehement enough and interesting enough, do not seem to change the facts which are known to the hierarchy.

We have said before that Lcdo. Juan Mari Bras, the maximum leader of the struggle, had sold the revolution to the Communist Party. Now the Communist Party has sent \$500.00 in the strictest secrecy to Mari Bras, which is probably only one payment for his loyalty.

So secret was the payment, that when [REDACTED] of the Mision Vito Marcantonio in New York remarked about it, she was immediately removed from the Executive Board. This is strange since she was just recently elected by the members of that mission to the Executive Board.

It is difficult to understand why such violent action should be taken against this dedicated fighter for independence, as [REDACTED] certainly is. If the Communist Party directed this act, then our point has been proved, that the North Americans are now in charge of our revolution. Or it may be true that Lcdo. Mari Bras ordered this punishment. Is he afraid that his North American partners will no longer send him this pocket money? Is he afraid that there will be a diminishing in his personal comforts, his first class travel to New York, to South America and who knows where else? How much more money has he secreted, money that is needed so badly in our struggle?

Committee Against Foreign Domination
of the Fight for Independence

105-73124-205

~~ENCLOSURE~~
ENCLOSURE

FBI

Date: 6/30/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)⁹³¹²⁴
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN
(OO: San-Juan)

ReSJlet to Bureau, 6/29/67, Buairtel to SJ and
NY, 5/16/67, and NY airtel to Bureau, 5/11/67.

Enclosed is a proposed counterintelligence
letter designed to augment the original "Committee Against
Foreign Domination of the Struggle For Independence" letter
which was the subject of referenced communications.

As the Bureau was advised in NY letter of 6/29/67,
the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) -
New York Mission (NYM) recently expelled a member of the
Executive Board for talking about \$500.00 given the NYM
by the CP,USA, which was to be sent to Puerto Rico under
a veil of secrecy.

The enclosed letter is intended to augment the
damage done to the MPI by its predecessor and in addition
to:

93124-
(3-Bureau (105-66754) (Enc. 3) (RM)
2-San Juan (105-3401) (MPI) (Enc. 2) (RM)
(1-105-3353) (GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PR)
1-New York (105-39139) (MPI) (44)
1-New York (105-32872) (44)

REC 6

EX 101

5JH:eac
(8)

ENCLOSURE

Approved

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

JUL 1 1967
SUBV CONTROL

NY 105-32872

1. Embarrass JUAN MARI BRAS, MPI Secretary General, by suggestions of his dishonesty.
2. Embarrass the NYM by exposing their failure to keep confidential a secret assignment.
3. Restate CP, USA influence over the MPI.
4. Cause dissension between MPI-NYM and MPI in Puerto Rico.

If approved by the Bureau, it is suggested that the San Juan Office again prepare a letter in Spanish to be distributed to MPI rank and file. It is anticipated that the same success achieved by the SJO in its careful preparation and dissemination of the first letter will be the result of a second attempt to disrupt the MPI by use of the "Committee Against Foreign Domination of the Struggle For Independence."

"Awake Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours"

We are grateful to Lcdo. [REDACTED] for explaining to us in the Claridad that the MPI has not surrendered to the Communist Party of the United States. His denials, although vehement enough and interesting enough, do not seem to change the facts which are known to the hierarchy.

We have said before that Lcdo. Juan Mari Bras, — the maximum leader of the struggle, had sold the revolution to the Communist Party. Now the Communist Party has sent \$500.00 in the strictest secrecy to Mari Bras, which is probably only one payment for his loyalty.

So secret was the payment, that when [REDACTED] of the Mision Vito Marcantonio in New York remarked about it, she was immediately removed from the Executive Board. This is strange since she was just recently elected by the members of that mission to the Executive Board.

It is difficult to understand why such violent action should be taken against this dedicated fighter for independence, as [REDACTED] certainly is. If the Communist Party directed this act, then our point has been proved, that the North Americans are now in charge of our revolution. Or it may be true that Lcdo. Mari Bras ordered this punishment. Is he afraid that his North American partners will no longer send him this pocket money? Is he afraid that there will be a diminishing in his personal comforts, his first class travel to New York, to South America and who knows where else? How much more money has he secreted, money that is needed so badly in our struggle?

Committee Against Foreign Domination
of the Fight for Independence

105-10124-226
ENCLOSURE

CARTA SEMANAL

DEL

MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO

1966 ---- AÑO DEL CENTENARIO DEL APOSTOL JOSE DE DIEGO ---- 1966

Año VI - Río Piedras, Puerto Rico - a 6 de diciembre de 1966 - Núm. 284

Alerta

NO SE PUEDE PERMITIR LA IMPOSICION
DEL PLEBISCITO COLONIALISTA

A pesar de la manifiesta oposición de los más diversos sectores de la sociedad puertorriqueña, incluyendo amplios sectores del propio partido de gobierno, la administración colonial acaba de enviar a su legislatura un proyecto de plebiscito ordenado por Washington para buscar de alguna forma dar visos de legalidad al régimen.

Sin haber estado radicado aún el proyecto, ya la oposición al plebiscito comenzó a manifestarse por todas partes. Pero de todos los sectores del pueblo, son los luchadores de la independencia los que con mayor vigor y con plena autoridad moral nos oponemos a él. Y si nos oponemos al plebiscito, mucho menos podemos permitir que se incluya en esa maniobra fraudulenta a la independencia por encima de la radical negativa de sus legítimos portavoces.

Nuestra militancia debe estar alerta y bien preparada para responder a cualquier llamada de movilización que tengamos que hacer para detener este fraude.

El Movimiento Pro Independencia estará preparado para movilizar todos sus recursos contra esta nueva burla colonial.

ADELANTE LA EMULACION EN LA VENTA DEL ALMANAQUE PUERTORRIQUEÑO

El anuncio de la emulación en la venta del Almanaque Puertorriqueño de 1967 ha despertado gran interés tanto entre misiones como entre militantes. Algunos compañeros se han enfrascado en una verdadera carrera, solicitando diariamente más almanaques. Hasta el momento están al frente en ventas por individuo los siguientes compañeros: primero: Luis Escribano, (2) José A. Quiles, ambos del área metropolitana, y (3) Antonio Molina, de Carolina.

La Comisión de Finanzas anunció que dará dos premios en la venta de almanaques: uno a la misión y otro al militante que más vendan. Para tales efectos, a medida que van solicitando más almanaques, las misiones deben ir informando los nombres de aquellos de sus militantes que más se destacan en la venta junto a las cantidades que éstos han vendido. Debe entenderse que los almanaques que no hayan sido pagados no serán contabilizados para fines de esta competencia fraternal.

Es importante también que todos los militantes recuerden que es necesario vender todos los almanaques antes de fin de año, puesto que los que no se hayan vendido para esa fecha con toda probabilidad serán material perdido.

.....
MENSAJE ESPECIAL A LA MILITANCIA DEL SECRETARIO GENERAL, "COMPAÑERO" JUAN MARI BRAS, EN LA PAGINA DOS.
.....

El domingo

REUNION DE SECRETARIOS DE ZONA

El próximo domingo, 11 de diciembre, se reunirán en nuestras oficinas nacionales los Secretarios auxiliares de Organización. La reunión comenzará a las 10 de la mañana y en ella se tratarán asuntos de extraordinaria importancia, entre ellos la celebración del Sexto Seminario Nacional de Dirigentes y las posibilidades de efectuar movilizaciones de emergencia relacionadas con el proyectado plebiscito colonial.

Mensaje a la Población

A MOVILIZARNOS PARA DERROTAR EL PROYECTO DE PLEBISCITO

El proyecto de plebiscito Hitleriano, presentado en las Cámaras Legislativas coloniales debe ser derrotado. El pueblo puertorriqueño puede derrotarlo con su protesta. El pueblo no quiere ese plebiscito, porque sabe que el mismo constituye una ofensa a su dignidad y una maniobra para imprimirle legitimidad al colonialismo.

Ya empieza a manifestarse por todos sitios la oposición popular al proyecto. Las fuerzas independentistas todas lo combaten. Aún dentro del Partido Popular, se han manifestado dos grupos distintos en contra del plebiscito colonialista: Vanguardia y los 24 intelectuales y profesionales. Ambos grupos reflejan una creciente insatisfacción dentro del partido de gobierno por la ebección cada vez más insoluble de su jefe político, Luis Muñoz Marín, y las posiciones cada vez más colonialistas que ha adoptado la colectividad. El Congreso Anti-colonialista repudió el proyecto. El Colegio de Abogados ha impugnado la festinación del proceso y solicitado, -- como primera providencia -- que se extiendan por tiempo razonable las vistas públicas sobre el mismo para darle tiempo a someter un enjuiciamiento del proyecto a la luz de los requisitos mínimos aprobados por el Colegio en años pasados al pronunciarse sobre nuestro problema constitucional.

En fin, ya va tomando cuerpo la protesta cívica contra este nuevo atroce de la maquinaria burocrática colonial. Nos corresponde a nosotros como vanguardia impulsar esa protesta hasta que alcance la fuerza necesaria para paralizar a la burocracia en su empeño de aprobar a toda prisa el plebiscito.

La táctica muñozista consistió en acelerar todo el trámite legislativo para aprobar el proyecto antes de finalizar la sesión extraordinaria de las cámaras, que termina el día 15 de diciembre. POR eso han señalado vistas para los días jueves, viernes y sábado de esta semana. Intentan celebrar estas vistas pro forma. Su propósito es aprobar el proyecto el lunes o martes de la semana que viene. Si no pueden aprobarlo entonces, tendrá que quedarse para la sesión ordinaria de enero, y mientras tanto crecerá la oposición al plebiscito y el pueblo se movilizará y se consolidarán las fuerzas patrióticas.

Tenemos que exigir que se extiendan las vistas públicas, y parar este proyecto. Toda la militancia debe movilizarse hacia las vistas en el capitolio viernes y sábado, para escuchar nuestros planteamientos en las mismas y articular la presión popular que detenga el nauseabundo entregamiento de estos legisladores-sellos de goma.

Nuestros dirigentes en toda la Isla deben trabajar intrasablemente en los próximos horas para conseguir que el liderazgo del pueblo: líderes obreros, dirigentes del pequeño comercio, campesinos, jóvenes, estudiantes, intelectuales y dirigentes de organizaciones de todas clases envíen telegramas a la Legislatura pidiendo ser oídos en las audiencias. Deben movilizar a nuestra gente hacia el capitolio. No importa los sacrificios que hoy que hacer, hoy que meter al pueblo en el capitolio. Que la presencia del pueblo se deje sentir sobre los legisladores pusilónimos que pretenden desconocer a su pueblo y pasar por encima de su mandato. Todavía hay tiempo para evitar que este proyecto se apruebe. Todavía podemos salvar a Puerto Rico de la ignominia de un plebiscito colonialista, inmoral, indecoroso e indecente.

El factor determinante es la lucha. Con una lucha bien articulada y firmemente desarrollada, pararemos el plebiscito AHORA. Eso es nuestra función. Tal es el objetivo del momento para el MPI. Así lo acordó la Comisión Política. Así lo instruímos a toda la militancia. VENCEREMOS.

¡ DESPIERTA BORICUA: DEPIENDE LO TUYO !

Fraternalmente,

JUAN MARI BRAS
Secretario General Interino

TODOS DEBEMOS ESTAR BIEN PREPARADOS PARA EL

SEXTO SEMINARIO NACIONAL DE DIRIGENTES DEL MPI

Los días 20, 21 y 22 de enero será el Sexto Seminario Nacional de Dirigentes del Movimiento Pro Independencia, que discutirá los aspectos fundamentales de nuestra Tesis Política, con miras a su más completa reevaluación.

Debido al tema a discutirse, este Seminario de Dirigentes será uno de los más importantes celebrados hasta ahora por el Movimiento. En consecuencia, todas las misiones centrales deben estar debidamente preparadas para el mismo, discutiendo cuidadosamente de antemano el cuestionario sobre la Tesis que fuere distribuido recientemente. Aquellas misiones que necesiten cuestionarios adicionales deben solicitarlos sin mayor dilación a la Oficina Nacional.

De la misma forma, las misiones deben seleccionar sus delegados al Seminario tomando en cuenta que sean éstos verdaderos portavoces de la misión, dispuestos y preparados para participar activamente en las discusiones expresando los puntos de vista de la misión.

El Seminario se celebrará en el Campamento Yuquiyá, de Luquillo. Los delegados deberán pagar una matrícula de \$10 para cubrir los costos de materiales impresos, hospedaje y comidas. En aquellos casos en que el delegado no pueda pagar dicha cuota de su propio pecunio, la misión deberá ocuparse de pagar la misma.

Cada misión central tendrá derecho a enviar al Seminario el doble de los delegados con que cuente en la Misión Nacional. Las misiones patrióticas participarán en la reunión de la misión central bajo la cual trabajen para la elección de los delegados de la misma. La Juventud elegirá 25 delegados, los cuales deben ser representativos de los núcleos juveniles en toda la isla. De la misma forma, la Secretaría de Acción Femenina tendrá derecho a diez delegadas.

El Sexto Seminario Nacional de Dirigentes constituirá, sin duda alguna, uno de los eventos más trascendentales en la vida de nuestro Movimiento.

=====

Ineludible deber de todos:

CAPACITARSE PARA ELEVAR LA LUCHA PATRIOTICA

Durante la última semana de enero comenzará simultáneamente en todas las capitales de zona el Curso Básico de Capacitación Política del MPI destinado a proveer a nuestros activistas con una sólida preparación ideológica que eleve nuestro nivel de lucha. Será deber de todos los activistas tomar este curso y asistir regularmente a todas las sesiones del mismo. En el curso tienen que matricularse todos los dirigentes, desde el nivel nacional hasta las misiones patrióticas. De la misma forma, para el curso no se requiere preparación escolar previa, por lo cual nadie debe sentirse cohibido de tomar el curso por el hecho de tener poca preparación académica.

CURSO DE LA JUVENTUD El curso que venía preparando la Juventud del MPI, por ser de un nivel más avanzado, será integrado en su parte fundamental a la segunda parte del Curso Básico del MPI (las últimas cinco lecciones). Seguidamente, será ofrecido en su forma íntegra como un curso de seguimiento, que sólo podrán tomar aquellos que hayan aprobado el primer curso.

Capacitarse plenamente para elevar el nivel de nuestra lucha es un deber fundamental de todo activista del MPI. Por lo tanto, tienen que imponerse la meta de aprobar este curso todos nuestros dirigentes y activistas, quienes luego estarán en condiciones de transmitir estos conocimientos a sectores más amplios.

Las misiones deben, pues, iniciar de inmediato una campaña para matricular a su militancia en el Curso Básico de Capacitación Política, de tal forma que los que vayan a tomarlo hagan los preparativos con tiempo para estar en condiciones de trasladarse una vez en semana a la cabecera de zona a tomar el curso. Empieza así un período de preparación y estudio en el MPI y la consigna debe ser que todos los militantes estén totalmente enfrascados en ese proceso. ¡A prepararse todos, a capacitarse todos, a estudiar todos!

Al seleccionar su nueva directiva, la Misión Central Ramón Medina Ramírez, de Santurce, eligió director al joven Néstor Nazario, del Barrio Obrero, quien se inició en la lucha patriótica en las filas de la FEPI. Es el director más joven entre los dirigentes del MPI.

COMENTARIOS

Salud hermanos:

Acá inter nos, cuidado que pasan cosas que parecen cosas. Hace unos días se cayó o dejaron caer en la vecindad de Vieques una bomba de hidrógeno. Nos enteramos por la prensa del remoto Oeste y ni por esas a nadie se le movió una tripa. Y en verdad la cosa era seria. Naturalmente que luego vino el mentís oficial. Se dijo que era de jugando, que si patatín que si patatán. Pero a mí que me registren porque se me ha metido en la chola que el asunto tenía mucha miga.

Imagínense uds. todo lo que han hecho hasta hoy las fuerzas armadas de "la gran nación" del combo de Combas y e santo habito por espantar a los viequenses de su amada isla sin poder lograrlo. Obviamente esta vez han cambiado de método a ver si se enteran. Desde luego nos hemos enterado pero a través de la prensa cosa que parece haber endemoniado a las grandes fuerzas armadas de la "gran nación" que a la hora presente soñaban no quedaría ni el mas mínimo viequense que no hubiese salido disparado huyendo lleno de pavor por aire, agua o fuego de la pequeña Isla. Se pensaba, además, posiblemente, que la alarma hubiese contagiado a los otros puertorriqueños del mismo pánico y enseguida del pepitazo cundiera el "sal pá" fuera de no te meneas." Sin embargo no fue así y la pobre gente siguió sin enterarse aunque se lo dijera la "gran prensa". Sabio instinto de pueblo que trasluce algo singular, a saber: que ésta última "grande", digo "prensa", no sirve sino para comunicar grandes mentiras y callar verdades grandes.

Tal comportamiento ha servido para inquietar ahora (volviendo la oración por pasiva) a las "fuerzas armadas" las cuales decidieron utilizar otra arma secreta. Y así ha sucedido, porque después de muchas consideraciones, consultas y pestes, han dejado caer sobre la población entera al mago de las finanzas intacto, es decir, tal y como había actuado siendo Secretario del Senado Académico de Jaime Benítez en su Casa de Estudios. Llegó, decimos, con sonrisa plácida, que ha hecho sonreír a muchos en pre-Navidad con las muelas de atrás.

No negamos que esta arma haya dejado sentir sus efectos demoleedores en ciertos círculos tenebreros, pero como a la par se anunció que permanecería en el hotel gratis de donde le será fácil salir bajo su augusta palabra luego luego, la gente ha entendido que más que arma mortífera (que lo es) sería amenaza a la vista por sí las moscas. Se dijo que sus efectos atómicos estarían allí bajo control. Valga.

Aprovechando este medio susto vino el gordo pelizco de Las Mareas que fue donde la fuerza de la Phillips entorchó el rabo. Y no les gustó porque la marejada que subió por poquito se trajo o embarranca algún lacayo a sueldo. Enseguida empieza la explosión de otra gran bomba en las alturas de Utuado-ajuntas. Se trata, desde luego, del atraco mayor de que se tenga memoria en tierra nuestra. Se trata de un robo a mano armada con el permiso de su Mercá "el retirado". Aquí ha sido donde el MFI soltó los controles del chanchullo y por ahí andan los efectos demoleedores de piquetes y protestas.

Más de cuatro han abierto sus paraguas sin pensar que es fuego graneado el que viene de arriba, de las alturas. Esto hace pensar en el himno pentecostés Inc. que dice algo así como "Manda fuego, Señor manda fuego".

Es entonces cuando Udall, Aspinall, et. al, dicen que el Morro y todo nuestro haber histórico les pertenece porque sí. A todo lo cual, el gobierno colonial, sin culminar, et al, no dice ni San Pascual sálvenos del berengenal y de la llovizna termónuclear.

Y como si fuese poco, como éramos pocos, parió la abuela. En medio del terrible desconcierto y horribles pufaladas, después de furtivas visitas a Fortaleza, ¡cataplú!, nos disparan "democráticamente" el Plebiscito.

Ya todo el mundo en Puerto Rico, empezando por los abogados (y Dios nos coja confesados) etc., etc. deben por muerte la farsa plebiscitaria. Hace ya tiempo la habían despellejado y puesto en tiras al sol. Nadie había pensado que el pajarraco tuviese más vidas que un gato. El mismo Mogul "retirado" se había hecho el sueco siendo noruego. Pero... cuando Ud. vende su alma al diablo, Satanás viene a cobrarle siempre, aunque la vieja no quiera. Y así ha sido. La orden es de Washington y a prisa. La campaña emepista mundo afuera le ha pisado callos al Imperio. En la primavera sonará desde el ámbito de las Naciones Unidas el caso amargo de Puerto Rico, víctima de chanchullos y despojos. El Imperio le pide a sus lacayos que caminen como chéveres. Y éstos han empezado a renquear. No importa que el pueblo les diga que no hacen el ridículo. Y es el pueblo justamente quien tiene la palabra. Pero, cuidado si para esto trajeron al Mago de marres, es decir, para administrar el plebiscito? Cuidado, cuidadito.

Cordialmente,

FRANCISCO MANRIQUE CABRERA
Director General

SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

3/14/68

Director, FBI (105-93124) - 247

EX 101
 GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 (RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
 IS - PRN

Reurlet 2/27/68 setting forth a counterintelligence proposal which your office feels would give rise to the possibility that there again exists within the Federation of University Students (FUPI) a dissident faction which will severely disrupt and discredit the FUPI campaign to boycott the 1968 elections for the Independence Party of Puerto Rico (PIP) candidates, in addition to causing serious factional disputes among the FUPI rank and file. You point out that there exists within FUPI a querulous faction which disapproves of FUPI sponsoring a campaign to boycott the above-mentioned elections.

It is not clear to the Bureau how the mailing of your proposed flyer to selected members of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR) and FUPI will accomplish your desired aims inasmuch as the faction you speak of is already known to FUPI and probably the MPIPR, and even if not known to the MPIPR, it appears doubtful that they would be too concerned. The Bureau agrees that your flyer may disrupt the campaign and discredit FUPI in the eyes of those not connected with FUPI or the MPIPR, but to accomplish this your flyer would have to be directed to members of PIP-Youth and other university students.

The Bureau desires that you reconsider your proposal in light of the above observations and submit your views and recommendations.

The Bureau would like to point out that the counterintelligence program in your office has been most productive and effective and your efforts in this area

are appreciated.

62 MAY 13 1968

62 MAR 19 1968

62 MAR 19 1968

62 MAR 19 1968

62 MAR 19 1968

62 MAR 19 1968

62 MAR 19 1968

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

7/10/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

To: SACs, San Juan (105-3353)
New York (105-32872)

REC 6-
From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 226
EX 101

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReNYairtel to the Bureau 6/30/67 with enclosure
thereto.

Authority granted for San Juan to translate the
letter submitted as enclosure to referenced airtel and to mail
it to Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico members
including members of the New York Mission. The preparation
and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions
to protect the Bureau as the source.

San Juan and New York should advise the Bureau of any
information coming to their attention regarding the mailing of
this letter.

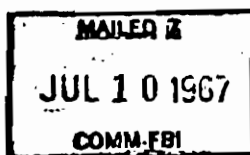
JJD:skr/vjr.
(10)

NOTE:

FBI
REC'D DE LOACH

See memorandum [redacted] for Mr. W. J. Sullivan,
dated 7/7/67, captioned as above, prepared by JJD:vjr.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



59 JUL 10 1967 TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 11, 1967

FROM : [REDACTED]

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Classified By 6080

Exempt from GDS, Category 2

Date of Declassification 6/3/77

PURPOSE:

To advise you of significant results achieved as a result of counterintelligence action taken against the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) in Puerto Rico and the Communist Party (CP). The MPIPR is a militant Puerto Rican independence group.

BACKGROUND:

In May, 1967, we authorized our San Juan Office to mail MPIPR members an anonymous letter which pointed up apparent attempts by the CP to interject itself into the Puerto Rican independence picture.

OBSERVATIONS:

EX-115

REC-41

105-93124-217

A follow up on this previous counterintelligence action has been approved. This highlights money donated by the CP to the MPIPR. It is expected that this will cause further dissension within MPIPR ranks and be detrimental to the CP.

ACTION:

For information.

54 JUL 19 1967

105-93124

JJD:clb (6)

CONFIDENTIAL

Tolson ✓
DeLoach ✓
Mohr ✓
Casper ✓
Callahan ✓
Conrad ✓
Felt ✓
Gale ✓
Rosen ✓
Sullivan ✓
Tavel ✓
Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holmes ✓
Gandy ✓

J. DeLoach
all
Indef

F B I

Date: 8/29/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

From: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) Sub. I

Subject: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
Counterintelligence Program
(Subversive Control Section)
IS-PRN

Re: Buairtel dated 7/5/67

On 7/25/67, [redacted] a member of the Movimiento Pro Independencia Puertorriquena (MPIPR) was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI in Ponce, Puerto Rico. [redacted] among other things, indicated that he wished to report "a terrible threat to the MPIPR".

[redacted] displayed a sheet of yellow, letter sized paper on which was imprinted a characterization of a threat to the Ponce Mission. Three figures appear one standing in the doorway of the "Mision 21 de Marzo". The second figure stands outside the doorway brandishing a machete with a label bearing what appears to be Chinese characters. The third figure cowers behind the second. A caption in Spanish says [redacted] you have two weeks to prove or retract your statement that [redacted] is a coward." According to [redacted] the character in the doorway is [redacted]

The person with the machete is a member of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (LSP) (name not known) who came to the Mission during May, 1967, and threatened [redacted] concerning a statement made by [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] of the LSP, is a coward. The third figure appears to be [redacted]

3-Bureau

1-San Juan (105-3353)

GFC:ldr

(4)

Classified By 6080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification 6/6/77

EX-103

REC 18

105-93124-229

SEP 4 1967

SUBV. CONTROL

Approved: _____

Sent _____

M

Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

57 SEP 11 1967

July 24 1967

[REDACTED] again on 8/2/67 reported that the same cartoon was generating distrust and confusion among MPIP and Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (LSP) members in Ponce, Puerto Rico and that several such members believed that their groups had been infiltrated by "agents".

SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

10/16/67

Director, FBI (105-93124)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReBuairtel to San Juan and New York dated 7/10/67.

San Juan and New York should advise as to any
information they have received regarding the counterintelli-
gence measure which was utilized in reairtel.

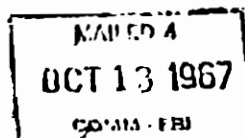
2 - New York (105-32872)

JJD:ebb
(6)NOTE:

By airtel 7/10/67 San Juan was authorized to translate
and mail a letter which was intended to be a counterintelligence
measure against the MPIPR, a Puerto Rican independence group.
We have not received any data to date as to any tangible
results.

REC-25/15-93124-230

OCT 16 1967



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Mr. Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

62 OCT 19 1967

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 10/17/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1) (P)
SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN

Re San Juan report of [REDACTED]
9/28/67, and Bureau airtel to San Juan,
10/12/67, both captioned, "MOVIMIENTO PRO
INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR), IS-PRN".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New
York are two copies and one copy respectively of a
cartoon depicting JUAN MARI BRAS, [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED]

As noted in referenced Bureau airtel, the
MPIPR youth secretariate has been dissolved and
[REDACTED] has been dismissed as [REDACTED] after
he allegedly attempted to create a faction within the
MPIPR and dismiss [REDACTED] from his position as
MPIPR [REDACTED] and other leadership
positions. On one occasion, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] very nearly
came to blows over the situation. MARI BRAS has
established a commission to control MPIPR youth activities
until the next national assembly of MPIPR youth in
November, 1967.

3-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
1-New York (105-32872) (Info) (RM)
2-San Juan
AGG:ver
ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

14 OCT 20 1967

Approved: Bishop

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

RASH AT SEA

Since [redacted] dismissal, the San Juan Office notes he still exerts considerable influence in fact, if not in name, over a segment of MPIPR youth. In that connection, the enclosed cartoon is submitted as a proposed counterintelligence measure which is entirely self-explanatory to the rank and file membership of the MPIPR as follows:

Fat and complacent maximum leader MARI BRAS blissfully leads the MPIPR and the Puerto Rican independentist community beneath the control and domination of the Cuban communist government as depicted by the caricature of FIDEL CASTRO on the flag upraised in the hand of MARI BRAS. MARI BRAS' principal henchman and lieutenant [redacted] acting as axman for his chief, destroys [redacted] the true Puerto Rican revolutionary and leader of the militant MPIPR youth, this depicted by the broken staff of the Puerto Rican flag held in [redacted] hand and the falling JMPI banner. The caption, MUERTE DE REVOLUCIONARIO BORINQUENO (death of a Puerto Rican revolutionary) merely strengthens the connotation that a true Puerto Rican and pursuer of true independence has fallen.

The San Juan Office proposes to reproduce approximately 200 of these cartoons exactly in the rough form as those enclosed in order to add to the authenticity by amateurish appearance. They will be reproduced on plain unwatermarked paper on our xerox copier and mailed under secure conditions to selected members of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico and New York City with emphasis on the younger group.

It is believed this measure will have the two-fold effect of deepening the rift in MPIPR leadership and quite probably actually creating a dissident faction within the MPIPR under the leadership of [redacted] thus creating distrust and confusion both in the inner circle of leadership and the rank and file membership. No possibility of any adverse results of the cartoon can be foreseen.

SJ 105-3353 Sub 1

Bureau authority is hereby solicited to immediately put this measure into effect, noting maximum results will be achieved if the technique is utilized prior to the pending assembly of MPIPR youth scheduled for November, 1967.

MUERTE DE REVOLUCIONARIO BORINQUEÑO



- Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- Mr. T. E. Bishop
- Mr. G. C. Moore

10/24/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

To: SACs, San Juan
New York ^{BEC} 11

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 231

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

ReSJairtel to the Bureau 10/17/67 and enclosures thereto.

Authority granted for San Juan to reproduce the cartoon which was submitted as an enclosure to reairtel and to mail it to Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) members in Puerto Rico and New York City. The preparation and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions to protect the Bureau as the source.

With regard to the mailing of this cartoon to MPIPR members in New York City, the Bureau has received no information which would indicate that the MPIPR in New York City is aware of the dispute involving [REDACTED]. If this is so, it appears the receipt of the cartoon by MPIPR members in New York City would not have too much impact. Accordingly, New York should suairtel to the Bureau and San Juan with its observations regarding the above so that San Juan can be guided accordingly as to whether or not the cartoon should be mailed to MPIPR members in New York City.

San Juan and New York should keep the Bureau advised of any information coming to their attention regarding the mailing of the cartoon.

JJD:ebb
(10)

NOTE:

See cover memorandum same caption, dated 10/23/67, prepared by JJD:ebb.

55 NOV 2 1967 TELETYPE UNIT

FBI

Date: 10/23/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 (SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
 IS - PRN

Re SJ airtel, 10/10/67.

It should be noted that [REDACTED] was a Speaker at an anti-Viet Nam demonstration held in NYC on 8/6/66. A large number of organizations participated in this demonstration. As the purpose of the leaflet attached to re SJ airtel is to embarrass JUAN MARI BRAS, NYO feels that 2 copies of the leaflet, if approved, should be mailed from Puerto Rico to the blow organizations, with several exceptions. It is hoped that the leaflet will be passed along within each organization, thus being more effective than a wide mailing to specific individuals.

- 3- Bureau (RM)
 2- San Juan (105-3353)(Sub I)(RM) EX 109
 9- New York
 (1- 100-148916) (YAWF)
 (1- 100-147372) (PLP)
 (1- 100-97078) (S.W.P.)
 (1- 105-39139) (MPI)
 (1- 100-137309) (WWP)
 (1- 100-133479) (YSA)
 (1- 105-2168) [REDACTED]
 (1- 105-32960) [REDACTED]

REC-58 105-93124-232

12 OCT 24 1967

RKS:ptp
(10)

C. C. Bishop

RACIAL INT. SECT.

53 NOV 2 1967

Approved:

Sent

M

Per

64 Special Agent in Charge

AIRTEL

NY 105-32872

The organizations are:

Youth Against War and Fascism
58 W. 25th St.,
NYC

Progressive Labor Party
PO Box 808,
Brooklyn 1, NY

and

Room 617
1 Union Square West,
NYC

Socialist Workers Party
873 Broadway,
NYC

Movimiento Pro Independencia
336 E. 13th St.
NYC

Casa Puerto Rico
186 E. 14th St.,
NYC

Workers World Party
46 W. 21st St.,
NYC

Young Socialist Alliance
Room 532
41 Union Square West
NYC

The below persons, members of the Nationalist
Party of Puerto Rico in NYC, should receive one copy each:

AIRTEL

NY 105-32872

[REDACTED]
Bronx, NY

[REDACTED]
Bronx, NY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore *HC*

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

1 - Mr. C. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. W. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. T. Bishop

DATE: October 23, 1967

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
 1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

Tolson _____
 DeLoach _____
 Mohr _____
 Bishop _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan ☒ _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

HC Moore

PURPOSE:

To recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail an anonymous cartoon to members of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) in Puerto Rico and New York City. MPIPR is militant Puerto Rican independence group.

BACKGROUND:

The MPIPR youth secretariat has been dissolved and the [REDACTED], has been dismissed after he allegedly attempted to create a faction within the MPIPR and dismissed [REDACTED] from a position of leadership in the MPIPR. [REDACTED] are both included in the Security Index. Reportedly, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] nearly came to blows over the above-mentioned dispute and a commission has been established to control MPIPR youth activities until the next national assembly which is to be held in November, 1967.

To exploit this situation, a cartoon (attached) has been prepared by the San Juan Office. It shows Juan Mari Bras, leader of the MPIPR and a Security Index subject, with a flag in his hand. In the middle of the flag is shown the face of Fidel Castro. Behind Juan Mari Bras is [REDACTED] who is shown sticking a dagger into the stomach of [REDACTED]. Over the cartoon is the slogan "Death of a Puerto Rican Revolutionary." This is printed in Spanish in the cartoon. The revolutionary referred to, of course, is [REDACTED]. San Juan proposes to reproduce 200 of these cartoons on its Xerox copier and mail them under secure conditions to selected members of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico and New York City with emphasis on young members.

Enclosures *sent 10-25-67*

140 105-93124

80 JJD:ebb 1067
 (6) ENCLOSURE

CONTINUED - OVER

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
105-93124

OBSERVATIONS:

It appears San Juan's suggestion has definite merit and will be most useful in causing internal strife in the MPIPR. This is most important at the present time since, as noted above, the national assembly of the MPIPR youth is scheduled for November, 1967. In addition, it is most important that we take all measures possible to disrupt the MPIPR since its activities of late have become more militant and its young members were involved in recent student riots in Puerto Rico.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the attached airtel will be directed to San Juan authorizing it to Xerox the cartoon it has prepared and mail it under secure conditions to MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City.

Wds
100
OK
H
✓
h

MUERTE DE REVOLUCIONARIO BORINQUEÑO



195-98124-3133

FBI

Date: 10/27/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReBuairtel 10/24/67.

NYO sources familiar with the MPI have not reported that the dispute involving [REDACTED] is known to rank and file MPI members in New York. It can be concluded that the MPI-New York Mission would follow policies as dictated by JUAN MARI BRAS.

NYO recommends that several copies of the proposed cartoon be mailed to the following:

Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York, N.Y.

Casa de las Americas
876 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

One copy should be mailed to:

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
c/o Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York City

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were closely associated with [REDACTED] will be New York delegate to forthcoming MPI Youth National Conference in November, 1967.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)
5 - New York
(1 - 105-39139)(MPI)(#44)
(1 - 97-2525)(MPI)(#44)
(1 - 105-76015)(MPI)(#44)
(1 - 105-85326)(MPI)(#44)
(1 - 105-32872)(MPI)(#44)

RKS:IM

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

RACIAL INT. SECT.

EX 103 REC-1 105-93124-234

20 OCT 28 1967

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 10/27/67

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub I)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReBulet to San Juan 10/16/67.

San Juan has received no comment regarding counterintelligence measure mentioned in referenced communication other than mention by [REDACTED] that he had received a "well prepared letter" obviously from an independentista group seeking to undermine the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), or perhaps even from the CIA.

San Juan remaining alert for all developments which may arise from above measure and will keep Bureau advised accordingly.

2-Bureau (RM)
2-New York (105-32872) (RM)
1-San Juan

GJC:jfe (5)

275

REC-76

EX 106

NOV 1 1967

RACIAL INT. SECT.

5 NOV 7 1967

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 10/10/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (Sub. I) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE-CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN *RACIAL INTELLIGENCE*

Enclosed for the Bureau is one (1) copy of a handbill distributed by the "Comite Pro Defensa De Sixto Alvelo" (Sixto Alvelo Defense Committee) during 1966, along with a Xerox copy of same (minus certain printed portions) substituting in the body a self-explanatory letter written in the Spanish language with an English translation attached.

One Xerox copy of this handbill with English translation attached is enclosed for the New York Office.

These handbills are being forwarded to the Bureau for consideration in being used in our Counterintelligence Program.

REC 55

EX 104

3 OCT 12 1967

"ENCLOSURE ATTACHED"

- ③ - Bureau (Encl. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Info.) (Encl. 1) (RM)
1 - San Juan
R/G/jms
(6)

53 NOV 29 1967

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED]

San Juan feels the preparation and mailing of the proposed handbill to independence groups and newspaper media located in Puerto Rico and New York under the name of the "Sixto Alvelo Defense Committee" would afford the Bureau an opportunity to capitalize on this matter to the extent it will cause embarrassment to JUAN MARI BRAS, the MPIPR, and to FUPI, in trying to justify [REDACTED] actions. Further

[REDACTED]

SJ 105-3353 Sub I

consideration is being given to mailing a copy of the proposed handbill to Radio Havana since they afforded [REDACTED] radio publicity during the early stages of his case.

Should the Bureau approve this proposal it would require that the handbills be prepared at the Seat of Government to approximate as closely as possible the form, type and color of print of the enclosed handbill distributed by the Sixto Alvelo Committee during 1966. The last line on this handbill was purposely deleted since San Juan is not positive of the current mailing address being used by the Committee. To afford proper coverage 200 copies of the proposed handbill would have to be printed so as to provide 100 for New York and 100 for San Juan.

It is requested the Bureau give expeditious consideration to this proposal as mailing of the handbill by New York and San Juan should be somewhat contemporaneous with [REDACTED]'s reclassification date.

Any comments New York may have with regard to this matter are solicited.

11/3/67

Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) — 236

EX 104

REC 55

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

ReSJairtel to the Bureau 10/10/67 and NYairtel to the
Bureau 10/23/67. ✓

Careful consideration has been given by the Bureau
to the suggested counterintelligence measure set forth in
reSJairtel; however, the Bureau does not believe that this
counterintelligence action should be approved at this time.

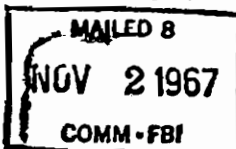
1 - New York (105-32872)

JJD:ebb
(5)

NOTE:

San Juan has suggested the preparation of a handbill
which would point up compliance by a Puerto Rican independence
subject with Selective Service regulations. He previously, due
to his fight against Selective Service laws, had become a
rallying point for other Puerto Rican youths.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



NOV 2 1967

NOV 20 1967

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

ga
gm

Sub 2 - 808 3 St

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : *Chapman* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1)

DATE: 11/13/67

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

R. C. Buttram
C. D. Kennedy
(re CP, Puerto Rico)

Re San Juan report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 10/25/67, captioned "PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PCP); IS - C."

As set out in the cover pages of referenced report, the PCP continues attempts to ingratiate itself with the MPIPR and to identify MPIPR actions and goals with its own, hoping ultimately to greatly increase membership through recruitment of MPIPR members. As a matter of fact, three current PCP Central Committee members were recruited from the MPIPR approximately one year ago and retain MPIPR membership. In addition, the two newest PCP members, accepted into the Party on 9/16/67, are MPIPR members, one of these being a leader of the MPIPR Mission at Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

In the past such PCP proselytizing has been countenanced by the MPIPR, that organization being aware of the debilitated condition of the PCP. However, a recent development within the MPIPR portends a possible change in relationship between these organizations. On 10/22/67, an assembly of MPIPR members from all San Juan metropolitan area missions was held. The letter announcing this assembly indicated that one of the assembly topics would concern the possibility of the MPIPR adopting a Marxist-Leninist outlook. In addition, the 10/27/67, issue of "Carta Semanal", MPIPR weekly newspaper, set out that the MPIPR Political Commission, prior to the adoption of a new MPIPR political thesis at the Sixth National Assembly in December, is studying six themes, one of which is "Should the science of Marxism-Leninism be adopted as a guide for MPIPR action?"

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE.

- Bureau (RM)
- New York (105-32872) (RM)
- San Juan

FEG:zhc
(5)

Classified By 6080 *EX 106*
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification 6/6/77

REC-74

18 NOV 15 1967

RACIAL INT. SECT.
CONFIDENTIAL

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



5010-108-01

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SJ 105-3353 Sub 1

Regarding the above, it is noted that the MPIPR since its inception has welcomed all who desire independence for Puerto Rico, regardless of ideological convictions. At the same time, MPIPR leaders, cognizant of the basic antipathy of Puerto Ricans, predominantly Roman Catholic, to Communism, have consciously avoided, at times through public statements, any direct, overt linkage of the MPIPR to communism. As little as a year ago, the words "Marxism-Leninism" would have been anathema in any MPIPR publication or public statement. In view of the proximity in time, it is felt that this possible new MPIPR direction may have been suggested to, or forced upon, MPIPR Secretary General JUAN MARI BRAS during his attendance at the Latin American Solidarity Organization (LASO) Conference in Havana, Cuba, 7/31 - 8/8/67.

It is further felt that MARI BRAS and his leadership associates, realizing the disruptive potential inherent in MPIPR adoption of the Marxist-Leninist ideology, are attempting, through a display of general membership "discussion" at MPIPR zone assemblies of the "possibility" of adopting a Marxist-Leninist outlook, to gauge membership reaction to such a radical step prior to the Sixth National Assembly and to give the impression that inclusion of this ideological outlook in the new thesis would reflect membership consensus rather than imposition by the leadership.

The SJO feels that the above situation can be exploited by means of a counterintelligence letter, purportedly written by an anonymous veteran MPIPR member. This letter would alert MPIPR members to a probable Communist takeover of the organization in light of certain recent events. By means of emphasis on the imminence of a Communist putsch within the MPIPR and an emotional appeal to combat same, it is felt that a considerable rank and file reaction to such a takeover would be generated, thereby frustrating any plan to adopt a Marxist-Leninist viewpoint in the new MPIPR thesis and causing considerable embarrassment to MARI BRAS in his capacity as MPIPR maximum leader and in his carefully cultivated relationships with Cuba and with the CP, USA, which latter organization reportedly is furnishing, through MARI BRAS, free Stateside legal counsel to a number of youths, mainly MPIPR members, currently awaiting trial at San Juan for their respective refusals to be inducted into the Armed Forces. Further, reaction to an alleged Communist takeover of the MPIPR could result in defections from that group and create an atmosphere of dissension and distrust with long range weakening effects. It is also felt that this letter will inhibit further PCP attempts to recruit within the MPIPR.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SJ 105-3353-Sub 1

The following draft of a proposed letter is therefore being submitted for Bureau approval:

"MPI Members,

" We have reached a turning point in the independence struggle. We are growing in numbers and strength. It is obvious to all that the United Nations will soon consider the matter of Puerto Rican independence, following which the United States will be forced through diplomatic pressures to grant that which has been our right since the first 'Grito' (shout) of Lares. It is at this point, then, that the Communists, as they have done in so many other nations, plan to seize control of the liberation movement for their own purposes. This is not an idle statement. There is proof. Were not recent zone assemblies ordered to consider the possibility of MPI adoption of a Marxist-Leninist viewpoint? Is there not a plan to force adoption of Marxism-Leninism as the basis for the new thesis to be announced at the National Assembly next month? And is it a secret that the leader of the Fajardo Mission has joined the Communist Party along with several of our Youth from the metropolitan zone? What is happening?

" There can be only one explanation. These strange events have occurred since the return of 'Licenciado' (lawyer) MARI BRAS from the OLAS Conference. It appears obvious that FIDEL somehow, perhaps by means of blackmail, convinced our leader that the victory for independence in Puerto Rico must be a Communist victory. Is it not the strategy of the Communist jackals to inject themselves into independence struggles for their own purposes when victory is in sight, when true

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SJ 105-3353-Sub 1

"patriots have worked and fought, been imprisoned and even died for the ideal while Communists watched silently and hid their cowardice?

" We must not allow the Communists to steal our victory. What have we gained if we exchange JOHNSON for FIDEL or MAO TSE TUNG? We are Puerto Ricans and Christians, not Communists who hate GOD and owe loyalty to foreigners. We are inspired by the philosophy and deeds of DON PEDRO, not those of foreigners MARX and LENIN. Puerto Rico must be preserved for the Puerto Ricans, for our children and their children, forever.

" Only Licenciado MARI BRAS has the power to end this Communist threat before it is too late. He must publicly identify Communist Agents and withdraw his support from them. Only in this manner can he remove the stain from his patriotic honor. Any mistake can be forgiven if there is repentance.

" I have done my duty by alerting fellow members to the Communist infiltration. I regret only that I must remain anonymous as I have grown old in the struggle and do not wish to be a figure of controversy. All of us, young and old, must protest the emergence of the Communist vermin. If we succeed, the MPI will go forward in unity to the final triumph. If we fail, the Communists will gain control of our organization, cause disunity and do irreparable harm to the independence struggle. Awake! Defend what is yours!

"Un Empeista y Puertorriqueno Verdadero
(An MPI member and true Puerto Rican)"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The "Grito de Lares" mentioned in the first paragraph of the above letter is an independentist catchphrase referring to an abortive Puerto Rican uprising 99 years ago at Lares.

[REDACTED]

The statement that several "Youth" ("Juventud"-MPIPR Youth Group) joined the PCP concurrently with [REDACTED] is false but this will not be known to the readers of the letter. There recently was a split in the MPIPR Youth between the "radical" element led by [REDACTED] and the predominant "conservative" element. Many have long considered [REDACTED] "hardliner", pro-Red Chinese [REDACTED] a communist or communist sympathizer and the allegation in the letter, being non-specific as to names and not therefore susceptible to proof or disproof regarding individuals, may be construed as a reference to [REDACTED] and several cohorts.

PR

Pedro Albizu Campos The reference to [REDACTED] in the letter is to [REDACTED], deceased Nationalist leader, who is revered by all independentists. [REDACTED] was

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SJ 105-3353-Sub 1

vehemently anti-Communist and expelled any Nationalist who joined the Communist Party.

If approved by the Bureau, the above letter will be translated into idiomatic Spanish and mailed to selected MPIP members in Puerto Rico and New York City. These letters should be mailed prior to December 1 in order to stimulate a reaction in advance of the Sixth National Assembly mentioned above.

New York is requested to furnish the names and addresses of not less than five nor more than ten influential MPIP - NYM members. Include the address of [REDACTED] representative, as he is known to feel strongly that the MPIP should carefully avoid a pro-Communist line, such being repugnant to the average Puerto Rican.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

11/22/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To; SACs, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)
New York (105-32872)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 237
REC-122

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

ReSJlet 11/13/67. ✓

Authority granted for San Juan to prepare the anonymous letter suggested in relet and to mail it to selected Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico members in Puerto Rico and New York City. Preparation and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions to protect the Bureau as the source.

San Juan and New York should advise the Bureau of any information coming to their attention regarding the mailing of this letter.

JJD:ebb
(10)

NOTE: See cover memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 11/21/67, captioned same, prepared by JJD:ebb.

REC'D - 2111 AM

NOV 21 3 08 PM '67

53 NOV 28 1967

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

304 - 808 D St.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : [REDACTED] *len*

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. Sullivan

DATE: November 21, 1967 *WCS*

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Purpose is to recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail an anonymous letter to selected Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) members in Puerto Rico and New York City. Letter will point up communist influence in MPIPR, which is the most militant of the Puerto Rican independence organizations.

BACKGROUND:

The two newest members of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico (PCP) are also MPIPR members and one of them is a leader of a MPIPR Mission. The PCP is continuing its attempts to ingratiate itself with the MPIPR and is achieving some success as evidenced by the fact that the MPIPR Political Commission is considering whether or not the science of Marxism-Leninism should be adopted as a guide for MPIPR action.

In the past, Puerto Ricans have reacted adversely to communist influence in the independence movement and San Juan feels that the latest communist attempts may have resulted from Cuban pressure on Juan Mari Bras, leader of the MPIPR.

OBSERVATIONS:

San Juan suggests the mailing of an anonymous letter purportedly written by a veteran MPIPR member. It will point

Enclosure *sent 11-22-67*

105-93124

62 NOV 28 1967

(6)

EX-108

NOV 27 1967

CONTINUED - OVER

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

Up communist attempts to seize control of the Puerto Rican
Independence movement; suggest that Castro influence on
Juan Mari Bras is the reason for attempted communist
inroads and call for repudiation of the communists by
Juan Mari Bras. We feel that this counterintelligence
technique is an excellent idea and should be approved.

ACTION:

If approved, the attached airtel will be directed
to San Juan authorizing it to prepare the anonymous letter
(in the Spanish language) and to mail it under secure
conditions to selected MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and
New York City.

gmm

W-77

~~OK~~
OK.
\$

✓

ds

FBI

Date: 11/8/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (Sub. 1)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS- PRN

Re San Juan airtel to Bureau dated 10/10/67;
Bureau airtel to San Juan dated 11/3/67.

[REDACTED], voluntarily appeared at the office of the FBI, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He advised that he had become disenchanted with the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) since he realized that it was now functioning as a communistic organization, serving neither the people of Puerto Rico nor the United States. He also indicated that additionally he no longer cared to be associated with the MPIPR for personal reasons and intended to serve in the U.S. Army.

[REDACTED] recently arrested by Bureau Agents for violation of Selective Service laws and had been awaiting trial together with several other Puerto Rican youths, all primarily members of the Federacion de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) or MPIPR for similar violation.

REC-48

105-93124-239
D. W.

- (3) - Bureau (RM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Info.) (RM)
1 - San Juan
GFC:jms
(5)

15 NOV 27 1967

Approved: _____

Sent _____

M

Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

SJ 105-3353 Sub 1

JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MPIPR is attempting to use these individuals as test cases to determine the legality of Selective Service laws as applied to Puerto Ricans.

[REDACTED] stated that this matter had caused him considerable anxiety and he believed that it was having a similar effect upon several of the other MPIPR and FUPI members so involved; particularly since it is felt that MARI BRAS may not be depended upon for the necessary support should an adverse court decision be rendered against these defendants who now stand in the position of offering themselves as sacrifices to the policies of the MPIPR.

San Juan, when the above is taken into consideration in connection with the counterintelligence measure set forth in referenced San Juan airtel, believes that the ramifications are twofold:

1) A strong rallying point and source of cohesion among the FUPI and MPIPR has recently been opposition to the Selective Service laws in Puerto Rico. The counterintelligence measure proposed, viewed in the light of information provided by [REDACTED] could prove to be extremely pertinent at the present time and could destroy all confidence in MARI BRAS and his organization in their positions as would be companions or violators of the law. MARI BRAS' position could evolve into a source of embarrassment to the MPIPR and their policy of opposition to Selective Service should further difficulties such as [REDACTED] occur.

2) The counterintelligence measure if effective could remove a potential source of embarrassment to the Bureau in that the MPIPR, in connection with the arrests of its members for Selective Service violations constantly seeks to ascribe political motives to such and is continuously searching for means of embarrassing the arresting Agents, and consequently the Bureau, at the time arrests are made. The San Juan Office has always been extremely circumspect in these matters, however, it is felt that an effective counterintelligence technique could possibly be instrumental in decreasing potential for embarrassment in this regard.

SJ 105-3353 Sub 1

In view of the above, the counterintelligence measure suggested in referenced airtel is now a very timely step to take. For this reason San Juan requests that the Bureau reconsider this matter in the light of these new developments and authorize San Juan to employ this counterintelligence measure.

Information copy is being provided New York in view of their continuing interest in this matter.

- Mr. Gale (Attn: [REDACTED])

11/24/67

Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) — 239

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

ReSJairtel 11/8/67. ✓

Since the Selective Service case on [REDACTED] is still pending at the present time, the Bureau does not believe that the counterintelligence measure suggested in SJairtel 10/10/67 should be approved. Your letter 6/9/67 regarding [REDACTED] San Juan file 25-19489, indicated that he was being carried as a delinquent with the local Selective Service Board because his case had not been referred back to the Board by the United States Attorney's Office for final action by the local Board. In your report 10/31/67 regarding [REDACTED] San Juan file 105-7706, you indicated that the documents filed by the subject with the local Selective Service Board entitled him to a reclassification from 1A to 3A. The report indicated that the local Board expected to render a decision in this matter on 10/17/67.

The Bureau feels that your suggested counterintelligence measure has definite merit and when the Selective Service case on the subject is resolved, you should advise the Bureau under captioned matter if you still desire to follow through with the suggested counterintelligence measure.

1 - New York (105-32872)

1 - 25-518228 (Alvelo)

1 - 105-147298 (Alvelo)

JJD:ebb

62 NOV 28 1967

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

RECORDED COPY FILED IN

Airtel to SAC, San Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

Two copies of this airtel are attached for your files 25-19489 and 105-7706 on Alvelo.

NOTE:

[REDACTED] a Security Index subject, has been one of the leading figures among Puerto Rican youths in defying Selective Service laws. San Juan received information that he submitted certain forms to his local Board and the filing of these forms constitutes to some degree a recognition by him of the authority of the Board. San Juan feels that we should publicize his compliance to cause dissension within the ranks of independence groups and in particular, among those youths who are defying Selective Service laws.

This matter was discussed with the Special Investigative Division which is handling the Selective Service case on the subject and it feels that the counter-intelligence measure should not be considered until the Selective Service case is resolved.

Mr. Dunn

11/29/67

Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Your Weekly Intelligence Summary dated 11/22/67 told of a meeting on 11/12/67 between Juan Mari Bras and members of the Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (FUPI) Executive Committee. According to information received by your office, Mari Bras accused three of the members of attempting to cause a split between FUPI and the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR). Reportedly, one of the three members called Mari Bras a liar and Mari Bras responded by slapping this individual in the face. Reportedly, a letter was sent by the FUPI Executive Committee to Mari Bras asking for an apology regarding his actions at the meeting.

REC 30

You should give consideration to possible counterintelligence action regarding the above-mentioned matter if this can be done without jeopardizing your sources. Secure prior Bureau approval for any counterintelligence measure.

JJD:ebb
(4)

EX 101

19 NOV 29 1967

NOTE:

Mari Bras is head of MPIPR, militant Puerto Rican independence organization. FUPI is a university student independence group. There has been dissension between MPIPR and FUPI recently and we have been attempting through counterintelligence measures to further exploit this situation.

MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOV 28 1967

COMM-FBI

son
Arch
hop
per
on
rad
on
lives
11-
a. Room
by

127-408 1301
127-408 1301

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872) (P*)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

DATE: 11/29/67

ReSJlet 11/8/67. ✓

The New York Division suggests that the San Juan Division mail the counterintelligence letter, as set forth in relet, to the New York subjects set out below:

New York City

Queens, New York

c/o Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York City

New York City

Queens, New York

c/o Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York City

It should be noted that the first four persons above are not currently active in the affairs of the New York Mission of the MPI. They are "older generation" MPI members who maintain a fraternal sympathy for the organization. On the other hand, and are extremely active in the New York Mission.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - San Juan (105-3353)(Sub 1)
- 7 - New York (#44)
 - (1 - 105-40519) (#44)
 - (1 - 105-42963) (#44)
 - (1 - 105-51138) (#44)
 - (1 - 105-59145) (#44)
 - (1 - 105-53045) (#44)
 - (1 - 105-76015) (#44)

EX-103

REC-69

13 NOV 30 1967

RKS:IM 33 DEC 7 1967
(11)

RECEIVED



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 12/6/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub-1) (P)

SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) SECTION
INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Re Bureau airtel, 11/24/67. ✓

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following listed items:

1. Letter dated 11/6/67, bearing letterhead "Comite Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriquena", soliciting membership and/or financial support in said organization.
2. One xerox copy of aforementioned letter, substituting in the body, in Spanish (English translation attached) wording considered appropriate to San Juan's counterintelligence proposal.

C. C. - Elshop For information Bureau, SIXTO ALVELO RODRIGUEZ (Bufiles: 105-147298 and 25-518228) was reclassified from I-A to III-A (fatherhood) by LB 5, Aibonito, Puerto Rico, on 10/18/67. A closing report, under SSA, 1948, was forwarded to the Bureau on 12/4/67, containing this information.

3-Bureau (Enc. 2) **ENCLOSURE**
1-New York (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
2-San Juan

(1- 105-7706)

HJC:ver

REC-34

105-93124-242

DEC 7 1967

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

ed:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

RACIAL INT. SECT

SJ 105-3353 Sub-1

It is to be noted the Comit  Alvelo, until recently, called themselves the "Comite Pro Defensa SIXTO ALVELO". Items previously forwarded the Bureau along with the proposal in question referred to that name. Since the Comit  has officially changed their name to the "Comite Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriquena", any material prepared by the Bureau in connection with this proposal should carry the new name.

Since ALVELO's Selective Service delinquency has been resolved, the Bureau is requested to reconsider adopting San Juan's proposal, using as an example enclosure item (2).

Information copy New York, along with one xerox copy item (2).

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth
Box 1438, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00938

Dr. (female) Piri Fernandez de Lewis - President
Engineer Gerardo Navas - Vice President
Professor Eve Scott - Secretary
Miss Carmen Vazquez Arce - Asst. Secretary
Dr. Rafael Navarro Cadiz - Treasurer

Telephone nos:
723-6967
766-4305

Voting Members:

Mr. J. Antonio Alvarado
Lcdo.* Ruben Borros
Dr. Hector Davila Alonso
Mr. Jaime Ferrer
Lcdo. Carlos Gallisa
Dr. (female) Isabel Gutierrez Del Arroyo
Dr. Manuel Maldonado Denis
Mr. Rene Marques
Mrs. Josefina M. Perez
Lcdo. Ivan Ramos
Lcdo. Jorge Segarra Olivero
Mr. Jose Antonio Torres Martino
Mr. Armando Torres Vega
Dr. (female) Sylvia Viera
Dr. Raul Yumet

November 6, 1967

Distinguished Friend and Compatriot,

We are honored in inviting you to become a member, if you are not already one, of the Avelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth, an organization which is the successor to the Committee for the Defense of Sixto Alvelo. We also earnestly point out to former members the necessity of their moral support and material contributions.

* Individual with university degree, possibly an attorney

This committee has assumed the responsibility of continuing to watch over the defense of Puerto Rican youths charged before the Federal Courts with alleged violations of the Obligatory Military Service law. These cases transcend the boundaries of parties or groups, because the very life of our youth is at stake here.

After the triumph obtained in the case of Sixto Alvelo and his friends, new accusations have been brought against other youths in the establishment of a new tactic by Federal authorities. During October of this year discussion was begun in court concerning first motions of the new cases.

Court defense is very expensive. The services of Rabinowitz and Boudin, the same American lawyers who defended Sixto Alvelo, have again been obtained. These lawyers specialize in cases being tried in U. S. Federal courts involving Civil Rights, political and constitutional matters. They, plus the Puerto Rican lawyers who lent their services free of charge in the Alvelo case, along with other lawyers who have joined the case, will handle the defense.

In addition to paying the legal fees of the American lawyers, we have to bear the expenses of an orientation campaign for Puerto Rico. This campaign is of extraordinary importance inasmuch as the defense calls for a series of fundamental questions will most likely be precedent-setting in regard to the subjugation of Puerto Ricans to the laws of Obligatory Military Service.

Every Puerto Rican must be made aware of these cases because they symbolize the thousands who have faced or are now facing the trap of violating their consciences or suffering five years imprisonment. Then the civic spirit of our people will know the gravity of the situation now being experienced by our youth in its resolute struggle against the blood tribute being tyrannically imposed against us.

All of us must know that in the modern world there is no other metropolis which may impose Obligatory Military Service on its territories or colonies. During Spanish rule we were never forced into this inequity. Today we are the exception.

Equate this economic contribution with aid for the defense of youths of military age which we could have in our own families. Put yourself for a moment in the position of father or mother, wife or relative of one of these youths and you will be better able to understand the sorrow and anxiety involving each of these cases.

We want you to share with us the responsibility which we have assumed in seeing that justice is done and the right of conscience is respected. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Cordially,

/s/ illegible - President
/s/ illegible - Vice-President
/s/ illegible - Secretary
/s/ illegible - Asst. Secretary
/s/ illegible - Treasurer

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth
Box 1438, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

Dr. (female) Piri Fernandez de Lewis - President
Engineer Gerardo Navas - Vice President
Professor Eve Scott - Secretary
Miss Carmen Vazquez Arce - Asst. Secretary
Dr. Rafael Navarro Cadiz - Treasurer

Telephone nos:

723-6967

766-4305

Voting Members:

Mr. J. Antonio Alvarado
Lcdo.* Ruben Berros
Dr. Hector Davila Alonso
Mr. Jaime Ferrer
Lcdo. Carlos Gallisa
Dr. (female) Isabel Gutierrez Del Arroyo
Dr. Manuel Maldonado Denis
Mr. Rene Marques
Mrs. Josefina M. Perez
Lcdo. Ivan Ramos
Lcdo. Jorge Segarra Olivero
Mr. Jose Antonio Torres Martino
Mr. Armando Torres Vega
Dr. (female) Sylvia Viera
Dr. Raul Yumet

November 6, 1967

Distinguished Friend and Compatriot,

We are honored in inviting you to become a member, if you are not already one, of the Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth, an organization which is the successor to the Committee for the Defense of Sixto Alvelo. We also earnestly point out to former members the necessity of their moral support and material contributions.

* Individual with university degree, possibly an attorney.

This committee has assumed the responsibility of continuing to watch over the defense of Puerto Rican youths charged before the Federal Courts with alleged violations of the Obligatory Military Service law. These cases transcend the boundaries of parties or groups, because the very life of our youth is at stake here.

After the triumph obtained in the case of Sixto Alvelo and his friends, new accusations have been brought against other youths in the establishment of a new tactic by Federal authorities. During October of this year discussion was begun in court concerning first motions of the new cases.

Court defense is very expensive. The services of Rabinowitz and Boudin, the same American lawyers who defended Sixto Alvelo, have again been obtained. These lawyers specialize in cases being tried in U. S. Federal courts involving Civil Rights, political and constitutional matters. They, plus the Puerto Rican lawyers who lent their services free of charge in the Alvelo case, along with other lawyers who have joined the case, will handle the defense.

In addition to paying the legal fees of the American lawyers, we have to bear the expenses of an orientation campaign for Puerto Rico. This campaign is of extraordinary importance inasmuch as the defense calls for a series of fundamental questions will most likely be precedent-setting in regard to the subjugation of Puerto Ricans to the laws of Obligatory Military Service.

Every Puerto Rican must be made aware of these cases because they symbolize the thousands who have faced or are now facing the trap of violating their consciences or suffering five years imprisonment. Then the civic spirit of our people will know the gravity of the situation now being experienced by our youth in its resolute struggle against the blood tribute being tyrannically imposed against us.

All of us must know that in the modern world there is no other metropolis which may impose Obligatory Military Service on its territories or colonies. During Spanish rule we were never forced into this inequity. Today we are the exception.

Equate this economic contribution with aid for the defense of youths of military age which we could have in our own families. Put yourself for a moment in the position of father or mother, wife or relative of one of these youths and you will be better able to understand the sorrow and anxiety involving each of these cases.

We want you to share with us the responsibility which we have assumed in seeing that justice is done and the right of conscience is respected. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Cordially,

/s/ illegible - President
/s/ illegible - Vice-President
/s/ illegible - Secretary
/s/ illegible - Asst. Secretary
/s/ illegible - Treasurer

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth
Box 1438, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

Dr. (female) Piri Fernandez de Lewis - President
Engineer Gerardo Navas - Vice President
Professor Eve Scott - Secretary
Miss Carmen Vazquez Arce - Asst. Secretary
Dr. Rafael Navarro Cadiz - Treasurer

Telephone nos:
723-6967
766-4305

Voting Members:

Mr. J. Antonio Alvarado
Lcdo.* Ruben Berros
Dr. Hector Davila Alonso
Mr. Jaime Ferrer
Lcdo. Carlos Gallisa
Dr. (female) Isabel Gutierrez Del Arroyo
Dr. Manuel Maldonado Denis
Mr. Rene Marques
Mrs. Josefina M. Perez
Lcdo. Ivan Ramos
Lcdo. Jorge Segarra Olivero
Mr. Jose Antonio Torres Martino
Mr. Armando Torres Vega
Dr. (female) Sylvia Viera
Dr. Raul Yumet

November 6, 1967

Distinguished Friend and Compatriot,

We are honored in inviting you to become a member, if you are not already one, of the Avelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth, an organization which is the successor to the Committee for the Defense of Sixto Alvelo. We also earnestly point out to former members the necessity of their moral support and material contributions.

* Individual with university degree, possibly an attorney.

TRANSLATED BY: *DEA*

December 11, 1967 *JK*

This committee has assumed the responsibility of continuing to watch over the defense of Puerto Rican youths charged before the Federal Courts with alleged violations of the Obligatory Military Service law. These cases transcend the boundaries of parties or groups, because the very life of our youth is at stake here.

After the triumph obtained in the case of Sixto Alvelo and his friends, new accusations have been brought against other youths in the establishment of a new tactic by Federal authorities. During October of this year discussion was begun in court concerning first motions of the new cases.

Court defense is very expensive. The services of Rabinowitz and Boudin, the same American lawyers who defended Sixto Alvelo, have again been obtained. These lawyers specialize in cases being tried in U. S. Federal courts involving Civil Rights, political and constitutional matters. They, plus the Puerto Rican lawyers who lent their services free of charge in the Alvelo case, along with other lawyers who have joined the case, will handle the defense.

In addition to paying the legal fees of the American lawyers, we have to bear the expenses of an orientation campaign for Puerto Rico. This campaign is of extraordinary importance inasmuch as the defense calls for a series of fundamental questions will most likely be precedent-setting in regard to the subjugation of Puerto Ricans to the laws of Obligatory Military Service.

Every Puerto Rican must be made aware of these cases because they symbolize the thousands who have faced or are now facing the trap of violating their consciences or suffering five years imprisonment. Then the civic spirit of our people will know the gravity of the situation now being experienced by our youth in its resolute struggle against the blood tribute being tyrannically imposed against us.

All of us must know that in the modern world there is no other metropolis which may impose Obligatory Military Service on its territories or colonies. During Spanish rule we were never forced into this inequity. Today we are the exception.

Equate this economic contribution with aid for the defense of youths of military age which we could have in our own families. Put yourself for a moment in the position of father or mother, wife or relative of one of these youths and you will be better able to understand the sorrow and anxiety involving each of these cases.

We want you to share with us the responsibility which we have assumed in seeing that justice is done and the right of conscience is respected. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Cordially,

/s/ illegible - President
/s/ illegible - Vice-President
/s/ illegible - Secretary
/s/ illegible - Asst. Secretary
/s/ illegible - Treasurer

Comité Alvelo

Pro Defensa de la Juventud Involuntaria
Apartado 1433, San Juan de los Rios 19955

A. PIRI FERNANDEZ DE LEWIS
Presidenta

ING. GERARDO NAVAS
Vicepresidente

PROF. LVE SCOTT
Secretaria

LA. CARMEN VAZQUEZ ARCE
Subsecretaria

R. RAFAEL NAVARRO CADIZ
Tesorero

VOCALES:

J. ANTONIO ALVARADO
DO. RUBEN BERRIOS
H. CTOR DAVILA ALONSO
JAIME FERRER
DO. CARLOS GALLISA
A. ISABEL GUTIERREZ DEL ARROYO
MANUEL MALDONADO DENIS
RENE MARQUEL
A. JOSEFINA M. PEREZ
DO. IVAN RAMOS
A. JUAN CARLOS OLIVERO
JOSE ANTONIO TORRES MARTINO
ARMANDO TORRES VEGA
A. SYLVIA VILRA
C. RAUL YUMET

Telefonos

725-6737

765-4305

Date

Distinguidos compatriotas,

Sixto Alvelo, simbolo de la lucha en contra del Servicio Militar Obligatorio, le ha pedido a su Junta Local, y ésta le ha otorgado, una resolución para evitarle las pruebas y venganzas por las cuales tendría que pasar, de ser llamado de nuevo a ingresar al Servicio Militar.

Recientemente nos enteramos que Alvelo tomó esta acción, siguiendo los consejos y con consentimiento de su abogado, Juan Mari Bras, el líder máximo del MPI.

Con su acción, Mari Bras y Alvelo han creado la confusión en los mentes de nuestros jóvenes, quienes, por tanto tiempo han respetado a Alvelo por su lucha en la oposición al Servicio Militar Obligatorio.

105 - 93124 - 242

En realidad reconocemos la independencia de los Estados Unidos, pero la denunciamos. No todos los jóvenes de la independencia de Puerto Rico, como nuestros jóvenes siguen el ejemplo de tal parece que Mari Bras y Alvelo, nuestra juventud los siga en su actitud de mayor cooperación en sus relaciones con el Servicio Selectivo.

Esta acción de parte de Mari Bras y Alvelo solo se puede considerar como una traición y traición a la causa por la cual nuestro Comité siempre ha luchado con ahínco; para llevar a la juventud de Puerto Rico de la tendencia imperialista de los Estados Unidos.

Nosotros, los miembros del Comité Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriqueña, denunciamos la acción tomada por Alvelo y Mari Bras para renegar de su responsabilidad hacia nuestra juventud. Otra

vez hacemos un llamado al pueblo de Puerto Rico para que se una detrás de los miembros del Comité y no sigan la indecisa dirección de Mari Bras.

Cordialmente,

Dr. Francisco J. Ferrer
Presidenta

María M. Vial
Vicepresidenta

Eva López
Secretaria

Carmen Fajardo
Subsecretaria

Rafael Hernández
Tesorero

Comité Alve

Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriqueña
Apartado 1438, San Juan de Puerto Rico 00936

DRA. PIRI FERNANDEZ DE LEWIS
Presidenta

ING. GERARDO NAVAS
Vicepresidente

PROF. EVE SCOTT
Secretaria

SRTA. CARMEN VAZQUEZ ARCE
Subsecretaria

DR. RAFAEL NAVARRO CADIZ
Tesorero

VOCAL:

SR. J. ANTONIO ALVARADO
LCDO. RUBEN BERRIOS
DR. HECTOR DAVILA ALONSO
SR. JAIME FERRER
LCDO. CARLOS GALLISA
DRA. ISABEL GUTIERREZ DEL ARROYO
DR. MANUEL MALDONADO DENIS
SR. RENE MARQUES
SRA. JOSEFINA M. PEREZ
LCDO. IVAN RAMOS
LCDO. JORGE SEGARRA OLIVERO
SR. JOSE ANTONIO TORRES MARTINO
SR. ARMANDO TORRES VEGA
DRA. SYLVIA VIERA
DR. RAUL YUMET

Telefonos

723-6967

766-4305

6 de noviembre de 1967

Distiguído amigo y compatriota,

Nos honramos en invitarlo a hacerse miembro, si aun no lo es, del Comité Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriqueña, organización sucesora del Comité Pro Defensa de Sixto Alvelo. Recordamos asimismo, encarecidamente, a los antiguos miembros la necesidad de su apoyo moral y de su contribución material.

Este Comité ha asumido la responsabilidad de continuar velando por la defensa de los jóvenes puertorriqueños acusados ante la Corte Federal por una alegada violación a la ley del Servicio Militar Obligatorio; estos casos trascienden los límites partidistas o de agrupación pues en ello está en juego la vida misma de nuestra juventud.

Después del triunfo obtenido con el archivo del caso de Sixto Alvelo y de sus compañeros, han surgido nuevas acusaciones a otros jóvenes, al concretarse un cambio táctico de las autoridades federales. Durante el mes de octubre de este año comenzaron a discutirse en la corte las primeras mociones pertinentes a los nuevos casos.

La defensa en los tribunales es muy costosa. Se han contratado los servicios del mismo bufete de abogados norteamericanos que defendió a Sixto Alvelo, el de Rabinowitz y Boudin de Nueva York, que se especializa en derechos civiles, políticos y constitucionales ante las cortes federales de los Estados Unidos. Este bufete lleva la representación, junto con los abogados puertorriqueños que han servido gratuita y espontáneamente en el caso Alvelo, y aquellos otros abogados que de igual forma se han integrado a la defensa.

105-93124-242

Además de pagar los honorarios de los abogados norteamericanos, hay que sufragar los gastos de una campaña de orientación por toda la isla. Esta campaña es de extraordinaria importancia por cuanto la defensa plantea una serie de cuestiones fundamentales a la jurisdicción federal las cuales con toda probabilidad sentarán precedentes en lo que respecta a la sujeción de los puertorriqueños a las leyes del Servicio Militar Obligatorio.

Cada puertorriqueño debiera conocer estos casos porque simbolizan a millares que han pasado y siguen pasando por igual encrucijada de violar sus conciencias o sufrir cinco años de prisión. Entonces el espíritu cívico de nuestro pueblo comprenderá la gravedad de la situación por la que atraviesa la juventud en su lucha denodada contra el tributo de sangre que se nos impone tiránicamente.

Todos debemos saber que en el mundo moderno no hay otra metrópoli que imponga a sus territorios o colonias el Servicio Militar Obligatorio. Durante el régimen español nunca se nos sometió a esta iniquidad. Nos toca hoy ser la excepción.

La aportación económica que ahora se haga equivale a una ayuda para la defensa de los jóvenes de edad militar que podamos tener en nuestra propia familia. Sitúese usted por un momento en la posición de padre, o madre, o esposa, o familiar de uno de estos jóvenes. Así podrá comprender mejor el dolor y la angustia que se encierra en cada uno de estos casos.

Sabemos que usted querrá compartir con nosotros la responsabilidad que nos hemos impuesto de que se haga justicia y se respete el derecho de conciencia. Gracias anticipada por su contribución.

Cordialmente,

Viri Fernández de Leiva
Presidenta

Gerardo Masó Roldán
Vicepresidenta

Eve Scott
Secretaria

Carmen Vázquez Ace
Subsecretaria

Rafael Masó Roldán
Tesorero

~~ALVELO COMMITTEE~~

~~FOR DEFENSE OF THE PUERTO RICAN YOUTH~~

Sixto Alvelo, symbol of our youth struggle against compulsory military service has requested and been granted by his draft board a reclassification to avoid the trials and embarrassment he would have had to bear by again being called for induction into the military service.

We have recently learned that this action on the part of Alvelo was done on the advice and consent of his attorney Juan Mari Bras, championed leader of the MPI.

By their actions Mari Bras and Alvelo have created confusion in the minds of our youths who have for so long respected Alvelo for his struggle to resist compulsory military service.

A question of principle is involved since it appears that Alvelo and Mari Bras in actual fact do recognize the authority of the United States Government in Puerto Rico, while at the same time publicly denounce it. Since all loyal advocates of Puerto Rico's independence have called upon our youths to follow Alvelo's example it seems Mari Bras and Alvelo now wish our youths to follow them in promoting a more cooperative attitude in matters involving Selective Service.

This action on the part of Mari Bras and Alvelo can only be looked upon as being an act of cowardice and a betrayal of the cause for which our committee has so loyally dedicated itself; to free Puerto Rican youths from the imperialistic demands of the United States.

We, members of the Alvelo Committee For Defense of the Puerto Rican Youth, denounce the action taken by Alvelo and Mari Bras to free themselves of their responsibilities to our youth. We again call upon the people of Puerto Rico to unite behind the efforts of this committee and not follow

the indecisive leadership of Mari Bras.

~~REMEMBER: FOR QUESTIONS INVOLVING YOUR RIGHTS, CONTACT~~

~~Comité Alvelo
Box 1438
San Juan de PR 00936~~

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth
Box 1438, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

Dr. (female) Piri Fernandez de Lewis - President
Engineer Gerardo Navas - Vice President
Professor Eve Scott - Secretary
Miss Carmen Vazquez Arce - Asst. Secretary
Dr. Rafael Navarro Cadiz - Treasurer

Telephone nos:
723-6967
766-4305

Voting Members:

Mr. J. Antonio Alvarado
Lcdo.* Ruben Berros
Dr. Hector Davila Alonso
Mr. Jaime Ferrer
Lcdo. Carlos Gallisa
Dr. (female) Isabel Gutierrez Del Arroyo
Dr. Manuel Maldonado Denis
Mr. Rene Marques
Mrs. Josefina M. Perez
Lcdo. Ivan Ramos
Lcdo. Jorge Segarra Olivero
Mr. Jose Antonio Torres Martino
Mr. Armando Torres Vega
Dr. (female) Sylvia Viera
Dr. Raul Yumet

November 6, 1967

Distinguished Friend and Compatriot,

We are honored in inviting you to become a member, if you are not already one, of the Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth, an organization which is the successor to the Committee for the Defense of Sixto Alvelo. We also earnestly point out to former members the necessity of their moral support and material contributions.

* Individual with university degree, possibly an attorney.

This committee has assumed the responsibility of continuing to watch over the defense of Puerto Rican youths charged before the Federal Courts with alleged violations of the Obligatory Military Service law. These cases transcend the boundaries of parties or groups, because the very life of our youth is at stake here.

After the triumph obtained in the case of Sixto Alvelo and his friends, new accusations have been brought against other youths in the establishment of a new tactic by Federal authorities. During October of this year discussion was begun in court concerning first motions of the new cases.

Court defense is very expensive. The services of Rabinowitz and Boudin, the same American lawyers who defended Sixto Alvelo, have again been obtained. These lawyers specialize in cases being tried in U. S. Federal courts involving Civil Rights, political and constitutional matters. They, plus the Puerto Rican lawyers who lent their services free of charge in the Alvelo case, along with other lawyers who have joined the case, will handle the defense.

In addition to paying the legal fees of the American lawyers, we have to bear the expenses of an orientation campaign for Puerto Rico. This campaign is of extraordinary importance inasmuch as the defense calls for a series of fundamental questions will most likely be precedent-setting in regard to the subjugation of Puerto Ricans to the laws of Obligatory Military Service.

Every Puerto Rican must be made aware of these cases because they symbolize the thousands who have faced or are now facing the trap of violating their consciences or suffering five years imprisonment. Then the civic spirit of our people will know the gravity of the situation now being experienced by our youth in its resolute struggle against the blood tribute being tyrannically imposed against us.

All of us must know that in the modern world there is no other metropolis which may impose Obligatory Military Service on its territories or colonies. During Spanish rule we were never forced into this inequity. Today we are the exception.

Equate this economic contribution with aid for the defense of youths of military age which we could have in our own families. Put yourself for a moment in the position of father or mother, wife or relative of one of these youths and you ~~will be~~ better able to understand the sorrow and anxiety involving each of these cases.

We want you to share with us the responsibility which we have assumed in seeing that justice is done and the right of conscience is respected. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Cordially,

/s/ illegible - President
/s/ illegible - Vice-President
/s/ illegible - Secretary
/s/ illegible - Asst. Secretary
/s/ illegible - Treasurer

Comité Alvelo
Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriqueña
Apartado 1438, San Juan de Puerto Rico 00936

RA. PIRI FERNANDEZ DE LEWIS
Presidenta

ING. GERARDO NAVAS
Vicepresidente

PROF. EVE SCOTT
Secretaria

SRTA. CARMEN VAZQUEZ ARCE
Subsecretaria

DR. RAFAEL NAVARRO CADIZ
Tesorero

VOCALES:

SR. J. ANTONIO ALVARADO
LCDO. RUBEN BERRIOS
DR. HECTOR DAVILA ALONSO
SR. JAIME FERRER
LCDO. CARLOS GALLISA
DRA. ISABEL GUTIERREZ DEL ARROYO
DR. MANUEL MALDONADO DENIS
SR. RENE MARQUES
SRA. JOSEFINA M. PEREZ
LCDO. IVAN RAMOS
LCDO. JORGE SEGARRA OLIVERO
SR. JOSE ANTONIO TORRES MARTINO
SR. ARMANDO TORRES VEGA
DRA. SYLVIA VIERA
DR. RAUL YUMET

Telefonos

723-6967

766-4305

6 de noviembre de 1967

Distiguado amigo y compatriota,

Nos honramos en invitarlo a hacerse miembro, si aun no lo es, del Comité Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriqueña, organización sucesora del Comité Pro Defensa de Sixto Alvelo. Recordamos asimismo, encarecidamente, a los antiguos miembros la necesidad de su apoyo moral y de su contribución material.

Este Comité ha asumido la responsabilidad de continuar velando por la defensa de los jóvenes puertorriqueños acusados ante la Corte Federal por una alegada violación a la ley del Servicio Militar Obligatorio; estos casos trascienden los límites partidistas o de agrupación pues en ello está en juego la vida misma de nuestra juventud.

Después del triunfo obtenido con el archivo del caso de Sixto Alvelo y de sus compañeros, han surgido nuevas acusaciones a otros jóvenes, al concretarse un cambio táctico de las autoridades federales. Durante el mes de octubre de este año comenzaron a discutirse en la corte las primeras mociones pertinentes a los nuevos casos.

La defensa en los tribunales es muy costosa. Se han contratado los servicios del mismo bufete de abogados norteamericanos que defendió a Sixto Alvelo, el de Rabinowitz y Boudin de Nueva York, que se especializa en derechos civiles, políticos y constitucionales ante las cortes federales de los Estados Unidos. Este bufete lleva la representación, junto con los abogados puertorriqueños que han servido gratuita y espontáneamente en el caso Alvelo, y aquellos otros abogados que de igual forma se han integrado a la defensa.

Además de pagar los honorarios de los abogados norteamericanos hay que sufragar los costos de una campaña de orientación por toda la isla. Esta campaña es de extraordinaria importancia por cuanto la defensa plantea una serie de cuestiones fundamentales a la judicatura federal las cuales con toda probabilidad sentarán precedentes en lo que respecta a la sujeción de los puertorriqueños a las leyes del Servicio Militar Obligatorio.

Cada puertorriqueño debiera conocer estos casos porque simbolizan a millares que han pasado y siguen pasando por igual encrucijada de violar sus conciencias o sufrir cinco años de prisión. Entonces el espíritu cívico de nuestro pueblo comprenderá la gravedad de la situación por la que atraviesa la juventud en su lucha denodada contra el tributo de sangre que se nos impone tiránicamente.

Todos debemos saber que en el mundo moderno no hay otra metrópoli que imponga a sus territorios o colonias el Servicio Militar Obligatorio. Durante el régimen español nunca se nos sometió a esta iniquidad. Nos toca hoy ser la excepción.

La aportación económica que ahora se haga equivale a una ayuda para la defensa de los jóvenes de edad militar que podamos tener en nuestra propia familia. Sitúese usted por un momento en la posición de padre, o madre, o esposa, o familiar de uno de estos jóvenes. Así podrá comprender mejor el dolor y la angustia que se encierra en cada uno de estos casos.

Sabemos que usted querrá compartir con nosotros la responsabilidad que nos hemos impuesto de que se haga justicia y se respete el derecho de conciencia. Gracias anticipada por su contribución.

Cordialmente,

Viri Fernández de Seque
Presidenta

Gerardo Marrero Ríos
Vicepresidenta

Eve Scott
Secretaria

Carmen Vázquez Ace
Subsecretaria

Rafael Marrero Ríos
Tesorero

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 12/27/67

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
IS-PRN

Re: San Juan letter to the Bureau, 11/13/67;
Bureau airtel to San Juan and New York, 11/22/67.

The Counter Intelligence letter as suggested in the San Juan letter dated 11/13/67, and approved in Bureau letter dated 11/22/67, was translated into idiomatic Spanish and mailed under secured conditions on 12/6/67, to selected members of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico and New York, and PCP members in San Juan.

New York should remain alert for any information concerning this letter and advise the Bureau and San Juan.

2-Bureau
2-New York (105-32072)
1-San Juan
RCS:ldr
(3)

REC 18

14 JAN 8 1968



JAN 8 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

12/15/67

Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

REG-34

Director, FBI (105-93124)-242

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 (RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
 INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reurairtel 12/6/67. ✓

Your proposal has been carefully considered. Though we are most anxious to disrupt the activities of Juan Mari Bras and Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), the proposal has a bearing on your Selective Service work. If the letter was mailed and finds support from those receiving it or from those who would hear about its contents, it would in effect encourage continued opposition to Selective Service laws and thus would create additional work for your office in the Selective Service field. Though the letter might cause some individuals to follow the example of Sixto Alvelo and comply with Selective Service requirements, the Bureau feels that there is a much greater chance that the letter would find support and, as mentioned above, encourage opposition to Selective Service laws. Accordingly, your request on this matter is not being authorized.

Your continuing interest in the submission of counter-intelligence proposals is appreciated by the Bureau.

1 - New York

JJD:ebb
(1)

NOTE: For reasons set forth in above airtel, it is believed that we should not authorize the mailing of the proposed letter.

 66 DEC 20 1967
 MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

 MAILED 8
 DEC 14 1967
 COMM - FBI

SAC, New York (105-32872)

1/24/68

Director, FBI (105-93124)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReNYairtel 6/30/67.

New York should sulet and advise of any
counterintelligence measures presently being considered.

JJD:ebb
(4)

EX-103

REC 16/05-75124-244

MAILED 19
JAN 23 1968
COMM - FBI

JAN 23 1968

Director _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Rm. _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

54 JAN 26 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

g-7

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 2/6/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
IS-PRN

ReBulet, 1/24/68.

The principal organizations in the NY area in the Puerto Rican independence movement, at the present time, are the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR)-NY Junta and the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI)-NY Mission (NYM).

Concerning the NPPR in the NY area, the NY Junta consists of about 15 to 18 active members and has never been more divided or wrought by schisms than at present. Two factions exist each with 7 to 9 adherents. The NYO believes that tranquility will return only when one faction is eliminated from Nationalist membership either through resignation or by expulsion by the NPPR- National Board in Puerto Rico. This Division believes that no counterintelligence measure against the NPPR could possibly be as effective as these 2 divergent factions working against each other.

The NYM has an active membership at the present of about 30 individuals under the leadership of [REDACTED]. The NYO believes the NYM at present is drifting. Since the plebiscite in Puerto Rico on 7/23/67, the NYM has had no real issue to propagandize. There have been no public demonstrations for several months, little collaboration with other groups and regularly scheduled meetings have been poorly attended. The NYM has received no or few directions from the National Mission of the MPI.

In view of the above, the NYO presently is not considering a counterintelligence measure against the NYM; however, the NYO will act to this program when the direction or future plans of the NYM become obvious and such measure would logically be productive.

2-Bureau (RM)
1-New York

REC 22

12 FEB 7 1968

RKS
(3)

RACIAL INT. SECT.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 2/27/68

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1)

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
IS = PRN

Re San Juan airtel and LHM to the Bureau dated
2/20/68 and captioned "FUPI, IS-PRN."

As set forth in referenced LHM the youth of the
Independence Party of Puerto Rico (PIP-Youth) are in the
process of organizing a student group which will attempt
to exhort University of Puerto Rico (UPR) students to vote
for PIP candidates in the Puerto Rico elections scheduled
for November, 1968.

To counter the afore-described activity, FUPI
by means of their official publication "Informacion Es-
tudiantil", recently announced that they would sponsor
a campaign to boycott the 1968 elections, and in addition,
sponsor a series of debates between FUPI, PIP Youth and UPR
Student Council representatives. The theme of the debate
is "Puerto Rico Elections of 1968; vote or boycott".

2-Bureau (RM)
1-San Juan
JJG:zhc
(3)

CONFIDENTIAL

MAR 1 1968

Classified by 6098
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

RACIAL INT. SECT.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

San Juan Office feels that the afore-described situation can be exploited by means of a counterintelligence flyer purportedly written by an anonymous committee. This flyer would give rise to the possibility that there again exists within the FUPI a dissident faction which is not in agreement with its current policy, it being noted that the FUPI was recently ravaged with internal dissension that resulted in eleven FUPI members submitting irrevocable resignations.

Further, the San Juan Office is of the opinion that the flyer will severely disrupt and discredit the campaign as well as cause serious factional dispute among the FUPI rank and file.

The proposed text of the flyer is as follows :

"FUPI ERRS AGAIN"

"Recently FUPI announced that it would sponsor a campaign to boycott the 1968 Colonial elections.

"In the past electoral abstention has failed to bring us any nearer to independence, in fact, it has actually aided Populares and Statehooders to retain control of our government. As manifested by the results of the elections in 1964 and the plebiscite in 1967, we are even farther than ever from achieving our rightful place in the family of autonomous Antillean nations.

"Following a traditional line of extremist groups, FUPI has posed as the representative of the independentist feelings of the student body that does not support it, as a legitimate spokesman for the student body of which it represents hardly 2%. And despite the emotional advantage of having independence as the cause it advocates, FUPI has never achieved respectability among the students themselves due mainly to its vociferous use of Communist propaganda.

"Are we to be particularly 'proud' of the activities of our FUPI students who have brought the University such a fine reputation in the eyes of the world? Due to their

-2-
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

efforts the world sees our students as lawless brigands desecrating their University campus, jeering at their Chancellor and finally forcing police action to curb their juvenile antics.

"We have always maintained, as have various members of our group, that the electoral strike campaign is a sterile, useless and cowardly maneuver to a true independentist.

"We will always remain convinced that the only possible way to independence is through the vote. Now is the time for rational students to take inventory of the situation and remove once and for all any doubts about our numerical strength. The ballot is the only solution. Independence is not dead. To the Polls!!!

"El Comit  Contra la Huelga Electoral"

"The Committee against an electoral strike campaign"

If approved, the flyer will be typed in Spanish language on cheap grade paper and mailed to selected MPIPR, FUPI and PIP-Youth members. The flyer will be mailed from an area removed from the Metropolitan San Juan district in a manner that will insure it cannot be traced to a Bureau employee.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Letter to SAC, Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE:

San Juan in relet submitted a flyer to be typed up in the Spanish language on cheap-grade paper to be mailed to selected members of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR), a militant Puerto Rican independence organization; FUPI; a militant Puerto Rican independent student organization; and PIP-Youth.

J 105-3353 Sub I

2. The MPIPR has recently publicly announced its Marxist bent and is reorganizing its political thesis on Marxist-Leninist principles. Many members, including some lesser officers, have voiced their disapproval of this move and point out that it conflicts with the strong Roman Catholic religious beliefs of many Puerto Ricans who favor independence for Puerto Rico.

3. Sources have recently advised of romantic interests between MPIPR Secretary-General JUAN MARI BRAS and member [REDACTED] as well as member [REDACTED]. This, while being a rather open secret, is not common knowledge in the rank and file membership.

Based on the above, the SJO proposes the preparation and distribution of about 250 copies of a leaflet in the Spanish language, the English text of which is as follows:

"Consider, Puerto Rican

"Once more the campaign mounts. Once more the cry is raised that the imperialist elections must be stopped - boycott the electoral farce.

"Very well, boycott we shall, if that is the path to a free Puerto Rico. But is it the path? Enough of this emotionalism. Emotionalism can hide facts for a while, but only a little while.

"These are facts:

"1. [REDACTED] and his puppet [REDACTED] in a brilliant display of how to lose the growing influence we were beginning to enjoy in sectors of the people, publicly announced our embracing of the Marxist-Leninist doctrine (without consultation with the majority of us). Thus we have gained the Leninist image, the image of terroristic barbarians, and have lost the respect

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 3/8/68

DM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub I) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
IS - PRN

As the Bureau is aware, the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), with affiliated groups, is planning another electoral strike campaign in which it hopes to influence large sectors of the Puerto Rican electorate to abstain from participating in the Fall, 1968, elections. The MPIPR already is laying plans for the campaign.

The situation as it presently stands in Puerto Rico is as follows:

1. In direct opposition to the above campaign, the Independence Party of Puerto (PIP) headed by its president [REDACTED] is conducting a vigorous campaign to register as many independentist voters as possible to participate in the elections. On 3/4/68, [REDACTED] publicly proclaimed the PIP candidates will receive at least 125,000 votes in the elections. [REDACTED] supported the MPIPR boycott of 1966, and to a lesser extent the previous one in 1964. However, apparently due to open criticism from some MPIPR leaders, he has withdrawn his support.

In that connection, it is noted that as recently as 1956, the PIP was the second most powerful political power in Puerto Rico, but it has since become weakened and split with internal dissension. Efforts to unify the party are in process, and include a youth group on the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) campus to influence students to vote for PIP candidates.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - San Juan

REC-21

ACG:lla
(3)

EX-105

105-93124-218
MAR 13 1968

RACIAL INT. SECT.



5010-108

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SP 105-3353 Sub I

and the hoped for support of the God-fearing people, which the vast majority of Puerto Ricans are.

"2. Our attempts at electoral boycotts, sometimes ridiculous, have all been miserable failures. True, in July of last year, only 60 per cent of eligible voters participated; and true, depending on who interprets the results, it could be said that the 40 per cent abstention represents a 40 per cent vote for independence. But consider this. In any country with a democratic electoral process, it is seldom that as many as 70 - 75 per cent of eligible voters participate. The better educated the people, the more likely they are to vote, and sad though it is, it must be recognized that we are not among the best educated peoples. So, even if we take full credit for 12 - 15 per cent of the non-voters of last year and assume they were influenced by us, this is no staggering success, no repudiation of anything.

"3. There is no denying the desire for independence in most of us, though it may be latent in many. Given the proper impetus, the proper leadership, the desire can be awakened. But the proper impetus is not to be found in the Christ-forsaking Leninist doctrines, but rather, in the guidance and dedication of leaders who are aware of the strong desire of Puerto Ricans for freedom; leaders who see undistorted reality, and who believe in the democratic, not autocratic, exercise of our God-given rights and privileges.

"4. Fifteen short years ago we had our sovereignty within reach and could have attained it by democratic process. In 1952, 125,000 people voted for independence, we put five senators and 10 representatives in the legislature. In 1954,

105-3353 Sub I

"Independentists of voting age numbered 250,000. What happened is clear. Petty ambition spoiled our chances. Selfish leaders, our [redacted] among them, destroyed our unity to satisfy personal vanity. A near mortal blow was suffered.

"5. We have clearly witnessed democracy as practiced in our organization: - What happens to our leaders who question the dictates of a chosen few? - What happens to our youth who dare to question the authoritarian methods of [redacted] and his puppets?

"Wake up Puerto Ricans, the way to independence is clearly not the Marxist-Leninist, anti-Christ way! The way is through our awakening of the independence ideal in the people and our sending them to the polls. The United States would not dare deny us our freedom in the face of adverse world opinion by refusing us our independence when clearly voiced by the majority.

Wake up, Puerto Ricans, before it is too late! Recognize that the nickels and dimes which you have contributed to support electoral boycotts are being adulterously squandered on the [redacted] and the [redacted] by those who collect them in the name of 'Revolutionary Vanguard.' Give of your money, your time, and your sweat, but give in the knowledge that it is for independence, not for the hedonistic life.

"Register and vote.

"Grupo Pro-Usa Voto del MPI"

The above leaflet, in the name of a fictitious group already used with considerable success, while decrying too much emotionalism, will accomplish the fourfold purpose of somewhat emotionally pointing up the anti-religious nature of the Marxist doctrines being advocated.

SJ 105-3353 Sub I

by most of the leaders of the organization; will, while showing the failure of past boycotts, point up the strength and past successes of the PIP through the legal and peaceful electoral process; will plant in the minds of the rank and file the idea of the futility of another costly boycott; and will imply that their hard-earned money is being spent on riotous and immoral living by MARI BRAS and his consorts.

The leaflet will be mailed to members of the MPIPR with attention being given to those known to be more conservative in their approach to independence and who still maintain some semblance of religious and anti-communist beliefs. Members of the PIP will also be included in the mailing, as will selected representatives of news media and security informants.

It is believed the MPIPR leadership will officially credit the PIP with the leaflet and brand it as an attempt to disrupt MPIPR efforts at unity, hence widening the already existing rift between the two organizations. At the same time, since it is common knowledge that some MPIPR members oppose the switch to the Marxist line, it appears likely to create a feeling that the fictitious group actually exists within the MPIPR and thereby cause confusion.

If authority for utilization of the tactic is granted, the Spanish text will be prepared and mimeographed by the SJO on cheap, unwatermarked paper and mailed under secure conditions in the outlying areas of San Juan.

Bureau authority is hereby solicited to put the above tactic into effect.

Mr. C. D. DeLoach
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Mr. T. E. Bishop

3/21/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub I)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124)-248

EX-105 REC-138

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reurlet 3/8/68.

Authority is granted for you to translate into Spanish the letter submitted in relet and to mail it to selected members of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR) and the Independence Party of Puerto Rico (PIP). The preparation and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions in order to protect the Bureau as the source.

Relet did not contain the names of the newspapers or their selected representatives to whom you intend to mail this letter. Authority, therefore, is being denied at this time for the mailing of this letter to the press. You should submit this information to the Bureau upon the receipt of which a determination will be made on your request.

San Juan and New York should furnish the Bureau any information coming to their attention concerning the mailing of this letter.

1 - New York

EMJ:ebb

NOTE

See cover memorandum [REDACTED] to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated March 20, 1968, captioned as above, prepared by EMJ:ebb.

MAILED 3
MAR 21 1968

COMM-FBI

Loach
Mohr
Bishop
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 20, 1968

FROM : Mr. C. Moore

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan ☒ _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Purpose is to recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail a leaflet in the name of a fictitious Puerto Rican group to members of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR), the largest and most militant of the groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rican Independence Party (PIP), a legally constituted political party.

BACKGROUND:

The MPIPR is planning another electoral strike campaign in which it hopes to influence large sectors of the Puerto Rican electorate to abstain from participating in the Fall, 1968, elections. The MPIPR has recently publically announced that it is Marxist bent and is reorganizing on Marxist-Leninist principles. Among the rank and file of the MPIPR including some lesser officers, there has been dissension on this new political thesis. In opposition to the above campaign, PIP is conducting a campaign to influence the independentist voters to participate in the elections.

The San Juan Office has recommended the preparation of a leaflet which would be aimed at influencing the people of Puerto Rico to vote and revealing that the Marxist-Leninist doctrine is an image of terroristic barbarians and not one

105-93124
Enclosure
MJ:ebb
(6)

3-21-68

REC 26

105-93124-249

MAR 26 1968

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

CONTINUED - OVER

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

which the MPIPR should embrace. It is hoped that this leaflet will cause dissension within the MPIPR, will widen the already existing rift between the MPIPR and PIP, and discourage the planned boycott of the elections.

OBSERVATIONS:

It appears that San Juan's counterintelligence suggestion has definite merit which will be useful in causing internal strife in the MPIPR.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached airtel will be directed to San Juan authorizing it to mail the leaflet under secure conditions to selected members of the MPIPR and PIP.

Ed. 7/17
W.C. Sullivan
OK. ✓
H

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 4/3/68

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 - Sub I)

SUBJECT: Groups Seeking Independence for Puerto Rico
Counterintelligence Program
(Subversive Control Section)
IS-PRN

Re San Juan letter to Bureau 11/13/67, and
Bulet to San Juan, 11/22/67.

San Juan Office, to date, has received no
information as to effect of counterintelligence measure
mentioned in relets among groups and individuals at which
directed.

Bureau will be advised of all results as such
become available.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - San Juan

GFC:wtl
(3)

EX-103
105-13124-213

REC 10

APR 8 1968

APR 15 1968

RACIAL INT. SECT.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 4/3/68

FROM : SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
IS - PRN

Re San Juan let to Bureau 2/27/68

Re Bulet 3/14/68

[REDACTED]

On 4/3/68, aforementioned source advised that FUPI, PIP-Youth and University of Puerto Rico Student Council representatives have intensified their respective campaigns regarding the elections in Puerto Rico scheduled for November of 1968.

According to source, PIP-Youth and UPR Student Council representatives continue to exhort students to vote in the election while FUPI continues its electoral strike campaign.

PIP-Youth representatives are exhorting all students to go to the polls and vote for PIP candidates, as that organization is of the opinion independence will only be achieved through the election of their candidate. This is diametrically opposed to the FUPI campaign.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - San Juan
JJC:kp
(3)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REC 10

APR 8 1968

Classified by 100-8
Exempt from GDS, Category 1
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

INT. SECT.



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If directed to selected representatives on the UPR student council, University students, and members of PIP-Youth, the SJO is of the opinion that proposed flyer would be fuel to the campaigns of the aforementioned as well as disrupt and discredit FUPI'S campaign and debilitate the latter's image on the UPR campus.

If text of flyer, as set forth in re San Juan let, is approved in light of aforementioned observations, same will be typed in Spanish language on cheap grade paper and mailed from an area removed from the Metropolitan San Juan district in a manner that will insure it cannot be traced to a Bureau employee.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. C. D. DeLoach
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Mr. T. E. Bishop

SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

4/17/68

Director, FBI (105-93124)-251

REC-126 101

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

ReBulet 3/14/68 and your letters 2/27/68 and 4/3/68.

Enclosed for New York is one copy each of
referenced San Juan letters 2/27/68 and 4/3/68.

Authority is granted for you to translate into
Spanish the letter submitted in relet 2/27/68 and to mail it
to selected members of the University of Puerto Rico Student
Council, university students, and members of the Independence
Party of Puerto Rico (PIP)-Youth. The preparation and mailing
of this flyer should be handled under the most secure condi-
tions in order to protect the Bureau as the source.

San Juan and New York should furnish to the Bureau
any information coming to their attention regarding the
mailing of this flyer.

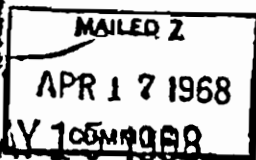
1 - New York (Enclosures - 2)

EMJ:ebb
(9)

NOTE:

See cover memorandum [redacted] to Mr. W. C. Sullivan,
dated 4/16/68, captioned as above, prepared by EMJ:ebb.

Olson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Wick _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Johnston E

WAX T. 100

Memorandum

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan DATE: April 16, 1968

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

gchq

Purpose is to recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail a flyer in the name of a fictitious Puerto Rican group to members of the Independence Party of Puerto Rico (PIP)-Youth and selected representatives of the University of Puerto Rico Student Council and university students. PIP is a legally constituted political party seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

BACKGROUND:

PIP-Youth and University of Puerto Rico Student Council representatives are conducting a campaign to influence the independentist voters to participate in the Fall, 1968, election. The Federation of University Students (FUPI), a militant independence student organization, is planning a boycott in an effort to influence large sectors of the Puerto Rican Electorate to abstain from voting in the above elections.

The San Juan Office has recommended the preparation of a flyer which would be aimed at providing fuel to the campaign of the PIP-Youth to influence the independentists to vote and to disrupt and discredit FUPI's campaign to influence independentists not to vote. Further, this flyer is hoped to further debilitate FUPI's image on the University of Puerto Rico campus.

Enclosure sent 4-17-68
1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

REC 15
5-E. [REDACTED]
105-93124-251X
APR 17 1968

CONTINUED - OVER

EMJ:ebb (6)

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

OBSERVATIONS:

It appears that San Juan's counterintelligence recommendation has definite merit and will be useful in offering ammunition to those attempting to influence the people to vote and to discredit a militant organization of Puerto Rico's youth.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached letter will be directed to San Juan authorizing it to mail the flyer under conditions that will insure it cannot be traced to this Bureau.

ed. WA

wcy/gd

P
✓
G.P.
X

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach ☒
Mr. Mohr ☒
Mr. Bishop ☒
Mr. Casper ☒
Mr. Callahan ☒
Mr. Conrad ☒
Mr. Felt ☒
Mr. Gale ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Sullivan ☒
Mr. Tavel ☒
Mr. Trotter ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Holmes ☒
Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. W.C. Sullivan *WCS* DATE: May 28, 1968

FROM : Mr. R. Wannall *Wannall*

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Memorandum is to advise of positive results achieved against the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) as a direct result of our continuing counterintelligence program. The MPIPR is the largest, most articulate and most militant of the groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

The Bureau had authorized San Juan to mail a San Juan conceived leaflet to members of the MPIPR. Leaflet, which was prepared in the name of a fictitious Puerto Rican group, was aimed at influencing the people of Puerto Rico to vote in the Fall, 1968, elections and revealed that the Marxist-Leninist doctrine is an image of terroristic barbarians and not one which the MPIPR should embrace. It was hoped the leaflet would cause dissension within the MPIPR, would widen the already existing rift between the MPIPR and the Puerto Rican Independence Party (PIP) and discourage the planned boycott of the elections. The PIP is a legally constituted political party in Puerto Rico.



Additionally, a San Juan source has advised the MPIPR leadership has officially attributed the leaflet to the PIP and

105-93124

SSM:ted

(6)

- 1 - Mr. C.D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. T.E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W.R. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. S.S. Mignosa

EX-111

Classified By 6080

Exempt from GDS, Category 2

Date of Declassification 6/6/77

CONTINUED - OVER

REC-1

11 JUN 4 1968

54 JUN 13 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

LATIN-AMERICAN

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
105-93124

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

Above are selected examples of the success of our latest counterintelligence effort against the MPIPR. Further results can be expected.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information. Additional pertinent results will be brought to your attention.

edm
7/24
McShore
17

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

7-25-68

Director, FBI (105-93124)

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

**GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
IS - PRN**

As you are aware, on 7-21-68 the Popular Democratic Party (PDP), the party currently in power in Puerto Rico, turned down the bid of the present Governor, Roberto Sanchez Vilella, for renomination to another term. Sanchez has indicated that in spite of this, he plans to run for office on 11-3-68. Apparently, the party's convention bowed to the wishes of former Governor, Luis Munoz Marin, and nominated Luis Negron Lopez.

This should lead to a lively election period when taken together with the various machinations in which the independentists can be expected to participate.

You should closely follow the activities of the various independence seeking groups to determine their plans concerning this election. Be especially alert to any plans of these groups to take advantage of the current problems within the PDP. Submit pertinent information received in a form suitable for dissemination by most expeditious means warranted utilizing caption most appropriate to information being reported.

SSN:ted *td*
(4)

NOTE:

This type information will be of benefit to the Bureau and to the intelligence community, including the highest levels.

JUL 25 1968

COMM-FBI

REC 37

105-93124-254

8 JUL 26 1968

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

54 AUG - 1 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: AUG 23 1968

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PRN

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above which are suitable for dissemination.

As indicated in LHM, if the Peoples Party (PP) continues its present bent, it could well become an unexpected gift for the Independentist community in Puerto Rico in that it provides a ready-made and powerful vehicle to obtain political power. Although on the surface it appears the party most likely to suffer from the advent of the PP over the short term is the Puerto Rican Independence Party (PIP), the PP could well, in the long term, become a cohesive force uniting the Commonwealth-Sovereignist group with the more open advocates of independence as the PIP and the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR).

This matter being closely followed by the San Juan Office.

LHM being disseminated locally to NISO, OSI, 771st MI-Detachment, and Secret Service.

EX-103

REC-30

105-93124-255

AUG 26 1968

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
3 - San Juan (105-3353)
(1 - 105-) (Peoples Party)

AGG: jmp
(5)

Copy to: CIA/State/RAO
NIC/OSI/ASCI

by routing slip for info.

Date 8/27/68 by 25 m/d

57 SEP 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

AUG 23 1968

GROUPE SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

The August 8, 1968, issue of "El Mundo", a Spanish language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in its political column "Trasfondo", written by Associate Editor Miguel A. Santin, comments in detail concerning the fact that incumbent Puerto Rico Governor Roberto Sanchez Vilella, having failed to secure the nomination as Popular Democratic Party (FDP) candidate for governor in the November, 1968, elections, has accepted the full leadership of The Partido del Pueblo (Peoples Party) (PP) and will be that party's gubernatorial candidate in the coming elections.

The article notes that several key leaders of the FDP, including Senator Jose Arsencio Torres and Representative Luis F. Camacho, all known as "sovereignists" with strong independentist sentiments, have bolted the FDP and are throwing their full support to Sanchez Vilella. Thus the PP, originally formed as pro-statehood in nature, has taken a "sovereignist" slant, and could draw the support of the Independentist community.

The article likewise notes that the PP, through Sanchez Vilella, has free access to the Commonwealth Electoral Fund since, as governor, he is treasurer of this fund.

The August 9, 1968, edition of "El Mundo" in its political column "En Torno A La Fortaleza", written by political columnist Eliseo Combas Guerra, notes the PP, due to both its former pro-statehood slant and its present Independentist cast, has the power to draw votes both from the Statehood Republican Party (PER) and from the Puerto Rican Independence Party (PIP), as well as the "sovereignist" element of the FDP. Hence, it could

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

105-93124-255

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO

represent a major force in the November, 1968, elections.

The August 16, 1968, edition of "The San Juan Star", an English language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article on page one to the effect that the PP will include in its platform a call for a second political status plebescite which will include as one choice commonwealth status "with sovereignty" similar to that of the British Commonwealth countries.

The PDP is the incumbent political party in Puerto Rico.

The FP is a recently formed political party in Puerto Rico presently under the leadership of incumbent Governor Roberto Sanchez Vilella, who bolted the PDP in late July, 1968.

The PER is the Pro-Statehood Party in Puerto Rico.

A characterization of the PIP is attached hereto.

PARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP)

On April 1, 1968, the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, advised
that the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (Independence
Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP) is a former legally constituted
party, which according to its officers, advocates independence
for Puerto Rico through legal and peaceful means.

In the November, 1964, general elections in Puerto
Rico the PIP failed to obtain the five per cent of the popular
vote required to maintain its status as a political party.
The PIP recently completed a successful campaign to secure
the necessary number of valid petitions to be included on
the ballot for the November, 1968, elections.

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

9/11/68

W. R. Wannall

**INCENDIARISM IN PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST**

PURPOSE:

To recommend approval of San Juan's recommendation for counterintelligence move against group which has claimed credit for recent incendiarism in Puerto Rico.

BACKGROUND:

The Camandos Armados de Liberacion (CAL) is a pro-independence group in Puerto Rico which has claimed credit for many of the recent acts of incendiarism. CAL recently directed bulletin to news media and selected pro-independence individuals in Puerto Rico calling for Puerto Ricans to assist in sabotage activities and support CAL.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Investigation by San Juan has revealed pro-independence activists feel that bulletin published by CAL was prepared as a trick by police or Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to expose persons active in incendiarism and allow a wave of arrests of independentists for terrorism.

PROPOSED COUNTERINTELLIGENCE MOVE:

San Juan has recommended a bulletin be prepared purportedly from CAL disclaiming authorship of the plea for assistance and branding it as a police trick as suspected by the aforementioned pro-independence activists. Such a move would cause confusion among the ranks of the pro-independence groups and supporters and would have effect of denying support to CAL by those in fear of arrest by local authorities.

Enclosure

105-103488

EH:brr (7)

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Laboratory (Cadigan)

1 - Mr. Sullivan

CONTINUED - 11 OVER 55 BH, 28

1 - Mr. Wannall

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

105-93124

NOT RECORDED

140 SEP 21 1968

51

SEP 11 1968

105-93124 (Groups Seeking Independence for Puerto Rico)

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: INCENDIARISM IN PUERTO RICO
105-103488

The bulletin would be prepared in format previously used by CAL and would be prepared on a typewriter having suitable Spanish characteristics which should be available to San Juan Office in Puerto Rico.

OBSERVATIONS:

San Juan's recommendation appears to have merit and could result in creating considerable confusion among the incendiaryists who are marshalling their forces for a forthcoming national holiday when they plan additional incendiary acts.

RECOMMENDATION:

San Juan be authorized to proceed with its recommended counterintelligence move.

If approved, attached teletype will be sent incorporating instructions for operation by San Juan.

VIA TELETYPE
SEP 10 1968 *MS*
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

NR 1 4/1 PM URGENT 9-10-68 JEB
TO DIRECTOR (105-103488) (105-93124) (ENCODE)
FROM SAN JUAN (105-5208) (105-3353 SUB I) 5P

INCENDIARISM IN PUERTO RICO; IS - PRN
GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO - COUNTER
INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM; IS - PRN

ON NINE DASH FIVE LAST, SAN JUAN OFFICES OF UNITED PRESS
INTERNATIONAL, ASSOCIATED PRESS, AND SELECTED INDIVIDUALS AMONG
INDEPENDENTISTA ELEMENT IN PUERTO RICO RECEIVED THREE PAGE BULLETIN
FROM COMANDOS ARMADOS DE LIBERACION (CAL), OBVIOUSLY PREPARED BY
REPRODUCTION PROCESS, OUTLINING ACTIVITIES PAST AND PLANNED OF
ORGANIZATION AND EXHORTING PUERTO RICANS TO ASSIST IN SABOTAGE
ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF CAL. AIRTEL AND LHM BEING FORWARDED TO
BUREAU INCORPORATING ABOVE BULLETIN. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT
FEELING EXISTS AMONG PRO-INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS THAT BULLETIN
PREPARED BY POLICE OF PUERTO RICO (POPR) OR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY AND IS TRICK WHICH WILL ALLOW WAVE OF ARRESTS OF
INDEPENDENTISTAS FOR TERRORISM.

END PAGE ONE

105-93124 -
NOT RECORDED
140 SEP 21 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 105-103488

SJ 105-5208-105-3353 SUB I

PAGE TWO

IN ORDER TO CAPITALIZE UPON THIS, SAN JUAN OFFICE PROPOSES THAT LETTER BE PREPARED ON TYPEWRITER SIMILAR TO THAT PREVIOUSLY USED BY CAL AND DIRECTED TO SELECTED ADDRESSES ADVISING THAT BULLETIN NOT ACTUALLY FROM CAL BUT MERELY AN ATTEMPT TO ACCOMPLISH ARRESTS AS STATED ABOVE. LETTER WOULD BE PREPARED IN SPANISH LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS-

COMANDOS ARMADOS DE LIBERACION

COMUNICADO NR. 6

ESTE ES UN COMUNICADO ESPECIAL PREPARADO POR EL CAL PARA ADVERTIR AL PUEBLO QUE NO SE DEJE ENGANAR POR EL LLAMADO "BOLETIN CLANDESTINO DE LOS COMANDOS ARMADOS" PUBLICADO EL CUATRO DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1968. QUEREMOS HACER CLARO QUE EL CAL OPERA CLANDESTINAMENTE Y SOLO, SEPARADO DE OTROS GRUPOS O INDIVIDUOS. ESTE "BOLETIN" NO ES MAS QUE UN DEBIL INTENTO DE LAS AGENCIAS DE REPRESION DEL GOBIERNO COLONIAL PARA HACER QUE EL PUEBLO ACTUE DE MANERA QUE SE HAGA POSIBLE CONTINUAR LA OLA DE ARRESTOS Y DE REPRESION DEL PUEBLO POR LA GESTAPO. NO SE DEJEN ENGANAR Y NO CAIGAN EN LA TRAMPA; EL CAL NO PIDE LA AYUDA DEL PUEBLO, NO SOMOS COBARDES QUE PIDEN AYUDA PORQUE TEMBLEMOS DE

END PAGE TWO

SJ 105-508 105-3353 SUB I

PAGE THREE

MIEDO AL ACTUAR POR NOSOTROS MISMOS.

CONTINUAREMOS COMUNICANDONOS CON EL PUEBLO COMO LO
HEMOS HECHO EN EL PASADO EN LA FORMA DE "COMUNICADOS," NO EN LA
FORMA DE FALSOS "BOLETINES" QUE NO PUEDEN ESCONDER EL SELLO DEL
IMPERIALISMO YANQUI.

ESTE EN GUARDIA. INDEPENDENCIA O MUERTE.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

-----DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1968

TRANSLATION OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS-

ARMED COMMANDOS FOR LIBERATION
COMMUNICATION NR. 4

THIS IS A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION PREPARED BY THE CAL
TO ADVISE THE PEOPLE NOT TO BE TRICKED BY THE SO-CALLED "CLAN-
DESTINE BULLETIN OF THE ARMED COMMANDOS FOR LIBERATION" PUBLISHED
ON NINE DASH FOUR LAST. WE WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE CAL
OPERATES CLANDESTINELY AND ALONE, SEPARATE FROM OTHER GROUPS OR
INDIVIDUALS. THIS "BULLETIN" IS NO MORE THAN A WEAK ATTEMPT BY
THE REPRESSIVE AGENCIES OF THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT TO TRICK THE
END PAGE THREE

SJ 105-5208 105-3353 SUB I

PAGE FOUR

PEOPLE INTO ACTIONS WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE CONTINUATION OF THE WAVE OF ARRESTS AND REPRESSION OF OUR PEOPLE BY THE GESTAPO. DON'T LET YOURSELVES BE DECEIVED AND FALL INTO THE TRAP, CAL DOES NOT SOLICIT THE HELP OF THE PEOPLE, WE ARE NOT COWARDS WHO ASK FOR HELP BECAUSE WE TREMBLE IN FEAR OF ACTING OURSELVES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PEOPLE AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST IN THE FORM OF COMMUNICATIONS, NOT IN THE FORM OF FALSE BULLETINS WHICH CANNOT HIDE THE STAMP OF THE YANKEE IMPERIALIST.

BE ON GUARD. INDEPENDENCE OR DEATH.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

NINE DASH BLANK LAST

DISSEMINATION OF LETTER MAY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING RESULTS- CREATE AN AIR OF UNCERTAINTY AMONG PRO-INDEPENDENCE ADVOCATES AS TO WHICH COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CAL ARE LEGITIMATE, SUPPRESS TENDENCY AMONG RECIPIENTS OF BULLETIN OF NINE DASH FOUR LAST TOWARD FOLLOWING CAL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO CARRY OUT SABOTAGE, PROD CAL INTO RELEASE OF FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WILL FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION.

END PAGE FOUR

SJ 105-208 105-3353 SUB I

PAGE FIVE

FBI LAB HAS SAMPLES OF PRIOR CAL LETTERS AVAILABLE.

IF BUREAU AGREES TO PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION OF ABOVE LETTER,
IT SHOULD BE PREPARED ON TYPEWRITER CLOSELY RESEMBLING THAT USED
BY CAL AND UTILIZING THEIR LETTER FORMAT AND ADDING DATE AT
END OF LETTER. ENVELOPES SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED AS FOLLOWS-
CLARIDAD, CALLE NUEVA PALMA 1505, TRAS TALLERS, SANTURCE, PUERTO
RICO; MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO, AVENIDA
PONCE DE LEON 1122, RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO; LIC. JUAN MARI
BRAS, AVENIDA PONCE DE LEON 1122, RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO; COMBATE,
APARTADO 3209, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 00904; PRENSA UNIDA
INTERNACIONAL, P.O. BOX 5315, PUERTA DE TIERRA, PUERTO RICO;
PRENSA ASOCIADA, APARTADO POSTAL 4187, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
00905; [REDACTED], SAN JUAN,
PUERTO RICO 00904; LIBRERIA PUERTO RICO, APARTADO POSTAL 23161,
LA ESTACION DE U.P.R., SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 00931.

SAN JUAN WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT DISSEMINATION TO PRESS
SERVICES NECESSARY IN ORDER TO LEND CREDIBILITY TO LETTER. PRE-
PARATION AND DISSEMINATION MUST ALSO BE MADE IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER
TO ENHANCE CREDIBILITY AND INSURE BEST EFFECT. BUREAU REQUESTED
TO EXPEDITE IF APPROVAL GRANTED. ^{11 11 60} ^{11 11 60}

END

NSM FBI WASH DC

RECEIVED

12/68

CODE

TEL TYPE

URGENT

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Laboratory (Cadigan)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

TO SAC SAN JUAN

105-93124

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-103488) (105-93124)

INCENDIARISM IN PUERTO RICO, IS - PRN; GROUPS SEEKING
INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM,
IS - PRN

REURTEL SEPTEMBER TEN LAST.

AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR YOUR OFFICE TO PREPARE LETTER
PURPORTEDLY FROM CAMANDOS ARMADOS DE LIBERACION (CAL) DENOUNCING
PRIOR BULLETIN PUBLISHED BY THAT GROUP SEPTEMBER FIVE LAST.

TO REALIZE EARLIEST ADVANTAGE FROM THIS MOVE, BUREAU FEELS
BULLETIN SHOULD BE PREPARED BY YOUR OFFICE AND MAILINGS MADE
IN PUERTO RICO TO PERSONS AND OFFICES LISTED AT EARLIEST DATE.
TO PREPARE THIS MESSAGE AT BUREAU LEVEL, ADDRESS ENVELOPES
REQUIRED AND FORWARD SAME TO YOUR OFFICE FOR MAILING WOULD
RENTAIL UNNECESSARY DELAY. TYPEWRITER OF TYPE USED BY CAL IN
PAST NOT AVAILABLE AT FBI LABORATORY. ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE
LOCALLY TO OBTAIN USE OF TYPEWRITER HAVING CHARACTERISTICS
SET FORTH IN BUREAU AIRTEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST WHICH PROVIDED
YOU WITH INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE MAKE OF TYPEWRITER AND

E.H:brf
(8)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

114
SER 25 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 105-103488-363

TELETYPE TO SAC SAN JUAN
RE: INCENDIARISM IN PUERTO RICO
105-103488

STYLE OF TYPE USED IN PAST COMMUNICATION PUBLISHED BY CAL. APPROPRIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY YOUR OFFICE TO INSERT ACCENT MARKS IN THE BODY OF THE BULLETIN AND THE ENTIRE BULLETIN SHOULD BE PREPARED ON A TYPEWRITER HAVING A SPANISH KEYBOARD AND APPROPRIATE CHARACTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH USAGE IN PUERTO RICO. SUCH A MACHINE IS NOT AVAILABLE AT SEAT OF GOVERNMENT. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER REPRODUCTION OF BULLETIN BY AVAILABLE MECHANICAL PROCESSES WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN DISGUIISING ANY OUTSTANDING TYPE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH WOULD VARY FROM THOSE OF THE MACHINE UTILIZED IN THE PAST BY CAL.

ADVISE BUREAU OF DATE BULLETIN IS SENT TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND OFFICES MENTIONED IN RETEL AND FOLLOW REACTION THERETO CLOSELY THROUGH SOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOUR OFFICE. POSITIVE RESULTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED BUREAU BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS WARRANTED.

NOTE:

See memorandum W. E. Wannall to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 9/11/68, captioned "Incendiarism in Puerto Rico, Internal Security - Puerto Rican Nationalist," prepared by ERH:brr.

9/16/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-103488)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-5208) (P)

SUBJECT: INCENDIARISM IN PUERTO RICO
IS-PRM
GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-PRM

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080 *cul*

Re Butel, 9/12/68.

JUN 6 1977

Attempt made 9/13/68, through [redacted] to
Puerto Rico, [redacted] to
determine whether typewriter suitable for use in counterintel-
ligence measure mentioned in retel is available. As Bureau
is aware this typewriter utilizes Royal monoface type, has
no Spanish characters nor accents contained in keyboard, and
due to termination of production is rarely found at present
date. [redacted] has advised that his
company has no such machine available and he has no knowledge
of the location of a similar typewriter in Puerto Rico.

Reproduction of the 9/4/68, Comandos Armados De Lib-
eracion (CAL) bulletin would be self-defeating since it is
this bulletin itself which the counterintelligence measure
seeks to discredit. The measure, in order to be effectively
implemented, must utilize a facsimile of prior CAL communi-
cations, all of which were written in letter form by typewriter
with Royal Monoface type. Copies received by local press
services were carbon copies, not otherwise mechanically
reproduced, thus obviously obviating the use of mechanical
process of reproduction which would allow disguising type
characteristics.

4-Bureau
(105-93124)
3-San Juan
(105-3353) (Sub II)
GEC:ab

105-93124 -
NOT RECORDED
199 SEP 20 1968

54 SEP 25 1968

Classified by 6098
Exempt from GDS, Category
Date of Declassification Indefinite

ORIGINAL FILED IN

105-103488-366

[REDACTED]

SJ 105-5208

In view of above, and since time period already elapsed mitigates against successful operation of measure San Juan taking no further steps to place into operation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 11/14/68

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub I) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
~~(RATIO INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)~~ 2-15
IS-PRN

Since October, 1967, a wave of incendiaryism and bombings has swept Puerto Rico causing damages estimated in the millions of dollars. By means of letters directed to local news agencies a group, self-named the Comandos Armados De Liberacion (Armed Commandos of Liberation) (CAL) has claimed responsibility for these acts of terrorism and has vowed a continuation of their attacks against U. S. owned businesses.

Recent arrests of individuals associated with isolated instances of such incendiaryism and bombing, however, have all been of members or persons connected with the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), the leading pro-independence group in Puerto Rico and, in fact, during the separatists' celebration of Grito de Lares, at Lares, Puerto Rico, on September 23, 1968, JUAN MARE BRAS, MPIPR leader, made specific reference to the CAL in his speech before an assembled throng of seven to eight thousand persons and "saluted" the CAL's endeavors. Thus, it has been well demonstrated to the people of Puerto Rico, including members of pro-independence groups, that the existence of the CAL may well represent the extension of clandestine arm of the MPIPR or at least cellular groups operating within the ambit of that organization.

In order to exploit this situation, the San Juan Office proposes that a cartoon be prepared and disseminated to select targets in Puerto Rico including members, sympathizers or persons affiliated with the MPIPR, Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (Puerto Rican Socialist League) (LSB), and the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR), depicting the following:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - San Juan
- (1 - 105-3401 - MPIPR)
- GFC:cab
- 4)

ST-100

REC-24

16 NOV 18 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SJ 105-3353 Sub I

A "judas goat" bearing the features of JUAN MARI BRAS, leading a group of sheep through a guillotine carrying the label "CIC". The CIC is the Criminal Investigations Corps, the Police of Puerto Rico Agency charged with investigation of incendiarism and bombing and the organization responsible for recent arrests of individuals connected with such activity. Each sheep will bear the name of an individual arrested for complicity in recent terroristic activity. A caricature of FIDEL CASTRO will appear in the cartoon leading MARI BRAS and commenting, "Don't worry MARI some sheep must be sacrificed in each revolution, and anyways, I'll see that you remain safe and well fed."

It is expected that dissemination of this cartoon will accomplish the following results:

Point out the fact and strengthen existing feeling that MARI BRAS and the MPIPR are responsible for the CAL's actions with its resultant property damage, unemployment, and adverse effect on the Puerto Rican economy.

Act as a deterrent to future action of the CAL as a result of the exposure and publication of their identity with the MPIPR.

Renew suspicion that MARI BRAS and his organization are puppets of FIDEL CASTRO, an alliance which is still regarded with distrust and suspicion among even the most staunch advocates of Puerto Rican independence.

Create the impression that MARI BRAS is willing to sacrifice members of his organization while remaining in relative safety and maintaining his own well being

Bureau comments regarding above counter intelligence measure are solicited.

SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub I)

11/26/68

REC-123

1 - Mr. Mignosa

Director, FBI (105-93124) 256

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(LATIN-AMERICAN SECTION)
IS - PRN

EX-102

Reurlet 11/14/68. Bureau feels plan enumerated
in relet is most desirable.

Promptly submit sample of proposed cartoon together
with selected targets for mailing and recommendations of your
office.

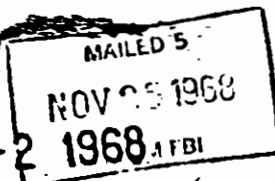
SSM:sed (4) *[Signature]*

NOTE:

Relet solicited comments of Bureau re counterintelli-
gence plot of San Juan.

In order to exploit the possibility that the Armed
Commandos of Liberation (CAL), group that claims responsibility
for recent rash of incendiarism in Puerto Rico, might be the
"action arm" of the MPIPR, San Juan advised of proposal to
prepare cartoon for appropriate dissemination. Cartoon would
in part point out that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of
the MPIPR, and his organization are responsible for the actions
of CAL. Cartoon would also renew suspicion that Mari Bras
and his organization are puppets of Fidel Castro. It is noted
this alliance still is regarded with distrust and suspicion
among even the most staunch advocates of Puerto Rican independence.
Cartoon would also create the impression that Mari Bras is
willing to sacrifice members of his organization while remaining
in relative safety.

Plan appears sound; however, Bureau needs finalized
plan and sample of cartoon prior to approval of same.



MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

olson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
DeLoach _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 12-6-68

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub I) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(Latin American Section)
IS - PRN

Re San Juan letter to the Bureau, 11-26-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) samples of cartoon as per re Bulet. One copy being furnished to New York Office in view of contemplated dissemination in New York area.

San Juan proposes mailing of this counterintelligence measure to the following targets:

Selected members of various Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Pro-Independence Movement) (MPIPR) missions throughout Puerto Rico, members of the Federacion Universitaria Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students Pro-Independence) (FUPI) both in Rio Piedras and Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, leaders and selected members of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (Puerto Rican Socialist League) (LSP) and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR).

It is also proposed that copies of the cartoon be mailed to selected members of the MPIPR and NPPR in New York. San Juan Office also desires to mail a copy of this cartoon to [REDACTED] a daily San Juan Spanish language newspaper. [REDACTED] is an avowed enemy of MARI BRAS and has long attacked the MPIPR in editorials, as well as insinuating connection of this organization with the Comandos Armados de Liberacion (CAL). It is felt that dissemination to [REDACTED] could elicit comment from him and possibly achieve additional exposure for the measure with resultant expansion of the ends outlined in re San Juan letter. Bureau comments in this regard are requested.

- 2 - Bureau (Enclosures 2) (RM)
2 - New York (105-32872) (Enclosure 2) (RM)
2 - San Juan
GFC maj
(6)

REC-50

16 DEC 11 1968

REC-10

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SJ 105-3353 Sub I

Reproduction of approximately 100 copies of the cartoon, exactly in the rough form as the one enclosed, to guarantee appearance of authenticity, will be accomplished on plain unwatermarked paper, by Xerox process. Mailing will be carried out under secure conditions.

Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Sullivan

SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub I)

12/17/68

Director, FBI (105-93124) *257*

1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Mr. Solomon
1 - Mr. Mignosa *J*

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(Latin American Section)
IS - PRN

FILE

Reurlets 11/14/68 and 12/6/68; Bulet 11/26/68.

Authority granted for your office to proceed with counterintelligence measure described in your referenced letters.

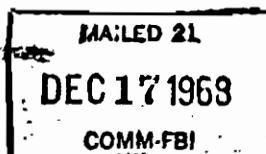
Advise Bureau when mailings completed and follow reaction thereto closely through sources available to your office. Positive results achieved should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

SSM:brr
(9)

NOTE:

See memorandum W. R. Wannall to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 12/16/68, captioned as above, prepared by SSM:brr.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



217
61 DEC 19 1968

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Wey
Wey
Wey
DEC 17 1968

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 12/16/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(Latin American Section)
IS - PRN

ReSJlet, 12/6/68.

If copies of suggested cartoon are mailed to Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) associates in the NY area, this Division believes the below should be directed copies of same:

[REDACTED]

The NYO will remain alert for any reaction to the mailing of this proposed cartoon and will advise the Bureau and San Juan Division accordingly.

- 2- Bureau (RM)
- 2- San Juan (105-3353 Sub I)(RM)
- 6- New York (105-32872)
 - 1- (105-53045) [REDACTED]
 - 1- (105-39139)(MPI)#44
 - 1- (100-7689)(NPPR)#44
 - 1- (105-2168) [REDACTED]
 - 1- (105-1919) [REDACTED]

REC- 51

22 DEC 17 1968

RKS #44
(10)



DEC 24 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 12/16/68

FROM : W. R. Wannall *WRW*SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Memorandum recommends approval of San Juan's proposed counterintelligence ploy directed against Juan Mari Bras and the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR). The MPIPR is the largest and most dangerous of the militant Puerto Rican pro-independence groups and Mari Bras is the Secretary General of the MPIPR. Letter is attached for transmittal to San Juan.

In order to exploit the possibility that the Armed Commandos of Liberation (CAL), group that claims responsibility for recent rash of incendiarism in Puerto Rico, might be the "action Arm" of the MPIPR, San Juan advised of proposal to prepare cartoon for appropriate dissemination. Cartoon would in part point out that Mari Bras and the MPIPR are puppets of Fidel Castro. It is noted this alliance is still regarded with distrust and suspicion among even the most staunch advocates of Puerto Rican independence. Cartoon would also create the impression that Mari Bras is willing to sacrifice members of his organization while he remains in relative safety. Copy of proposed cartoon attached.

Mailings will be made to various pro-independence groups in San Juan and New York and a copy of the cartoon will also be mailed to [REDACTED], a daily San Juan Spanish-language newspaper. [REDACTED] is an avowed enemy of Mari Bras and has long attacked the MPIPR in editorials. Dissemination to [REDACTED] could elicit comment from him and achieve additional exposure for this counterintelligence measure. Mailings will be carried out under secure conditions and plain unwatermarked paper will be used.

ACTION:

If you approve, attached letter will be sent to San Juan authorizing them to proceed with this counterintelligence measure.

Enclosures - 2 *sent 12-17-68*

105-93124

SSM:brr (7)

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Mr. Solomon
1 - Mr. Mignosa

22 DEC 19 1968

79 DEC 30 1968

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Handwritten notes and signatures:
12-17-68
105-93124
254
22 DEC 19 1968
5. my [signature]

FIDEL CASTRO

AIGUNAS OVEJAS TIENEN
QUE SER SACRIFICADAS
EN CADA REVOLUCION. DE
TODOS MODOS, YO VEJARE
PORQUE TU ESTES A
SAIVO Y BIEN ALIMENTADO,

No need to worry Mari, some
sheep must be sacrificed in each
revolution. In any event, I will
see that you are safe and well fed.

JUAN MARI BRAS

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
CORPS (POPR)

ARMED COMMANDOS OF LIBERATION

LOS C.A.L.

These individuals recently arrested
by Police of Puerto Rico (POPR).

AUGUSTO
PLARD FAGUNDO

JUDAS AND THE SACRIFICIAL LAMBS

JUDAS Y LAS OVEJAS
EXPIATORIAS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 1/3/69

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub I) -P-

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(Latin American Section)
IS-PRN

Re Bulet 12/17/68.

Mailing of counterintelligence measure mentioned
in relet accomplished 1/2/69.

New York requested to remain alert for reaction and
to advise Bureau and San Juan of any positive results.

San Juan will also follow as per instructions in
relet.

REC-24

12 JAN 8 1969

100-100-01
②-Bureau (RM)
2-New York (105-32872) (RM)
1-San Juan

GFC:bol
(5)

JAN 10 1969

LATIN AMERICAN



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

F B I

Date: 1/10/69

Following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

TELETYPE

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)(1)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS

PRN

San Juan airtel to the Bureau dated 1/7/69, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau, the Miami and New York offices are nine copies, one copy and two copies each on LHM captioned "Cuban Power" and dated as above.

Miami and New York are being furnished copies of enclosed LHM due to their overall interest in Cuban matters.

() Bureau (RM) (Enc. 9)
1-105-176790 (Cuban Power)
1-105-93124 (Counterintelligence Program)
1-105-75715 (MPIPR)
Miami (Info) (RM) (Cuban Power) (Enc. 1)
New York (RM) (Info) (Enc. 2)

(MARI BRAS)

(MPIPR)

(100-4785)

(100-3353)

(100-3353)

(105-3353 Sub 1)

(105-3353 Sub 2)

znc

(5)

ENCLOSURE

NOT RECORDED
162 JAN 16 1969

54 JAN 23 1969

Sent _____

M _____

Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

350

ORIGINAL FILED IN

It has been determined that the letter received by the Associated Press and set forth in enclosed memorandum has received some publicity in local news media, including radio broadcasts.

In light of the above, the San Juan Office feels the letter affords a unique opportunity to exploit the bombing of a vehicle of JUAN MARI BRAS on 1/7/69, and the publication of the letter in view of current Intensification Program and efforts in the counterintelligence field.

Upon authorization from the Bureau, a letter will be directed in the Spanish language to the Associated Press, the Associated Press and the three leading newspapers in the San Juan area, "The San Juan Star", "El Mundo", and "El Imparcial". The letter will be prepared on a typewriter exhibiting characteristics similar to those in the letter received by the Associated Press and set forth in enclosed LHM. All security precautions will be taken in connection with the writing and handling of this letter.

The letter under consideration is as follows:

"Second Open Letter to the Puerto Rican People:

"As we announced in our previous letter, we will not remain inactive while some pigs, as are the leaders of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR-Puerto Rican Independence Movement), corrupt and destroy the foundation of this democratic society and the peace and freedom which exist here.

"Already the traitor JUAN MARI BRAS has felt the force of our dedication.

"With this act of retribution, we set into motion, without any hesitation, a campaign of action, justified by the subversion of the principles of democracy which have increasingly been under attack by these strident communists.

"With the commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of the MPIPR, we have successfully initiated this campaign whose goal is to stop the advance of the communist groups in Puerto Rico.

"Long live freedom!! Long live Cuban Power!! "

The Bureau is requested to expeditiously give consideration to this matter in order that the full impact of the letter may be realized.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 10, 1969

CUBAN POWER
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to FBI memorandum dated January 7, 1969, captioned "JUAN MARI BRAS, INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST".

On January 9, 1969, [REDACTED] Associated with Juan, Puerto Rico, advised the San Juan (100) of the FBI that on January 8, 1969, she received the following letter written in the Spanish language and undated. The letter translated as follows:

"Open letter to the Puerto Rican People:

"We Cubans who have been viciously exiled from our beloved Cuba have united for the purpose of fighting for one single goal: the liberation of Cuba. With this glorious purpose we declare our solidarity to our brothers in diverse cities of the U. S. who have been able to take the necessary measures to punish those who sympathize with and support the odious tyranny which has extended itself over the beautiful island of Cuba.

"It is a fact that our brothers in the U. S. have felt the punishing force of a shortsighted North American policy, but neither they nor we will bow down to this policy. We accept the challenge and we Cuban Power has come to Puerto Rico. We are our duty and will be able to fulfill it.

I came to Puerto Rico seeking refuge and the generous Puerto Rican people offered it to us.

This contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI and is loaned to your agency for its information and is not to be distributed outside your agency.

105-91174
ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE

In Puerto Rico we have established homes and businesses and we now declare that we will defend Puerto Rico against any person who would destroy the peace and liberty which exist here.

"We will do everything in our power to stop the operations and the advance of the so called Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR-Puerto Rican Independence Movement) and its affiliated organizations because the complete and indisputable truth is that these groups are nothing more than puppets in the hands of the great tyrant of Cuba - pigs who wish to corrupt the foundations of this democratic society.

"Our plan: the liberation of Cuba and the destruction of all enemies of democracy wherever they may be found.

"Long live Cuba!! Long live Cuban Power!!

FBI

Date: 1/28/69

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via A I R T E L

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (89-00) (P)

Groups Seeking Independence For Puerto Rico
ASSAULTING-KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER
(OO:SS)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned "Assaulting-Killing of Federal Officer."

Local dissemination is being made to U. S. Secret Service, San Juan; Naval Investigative Service Office, 10th Naval District; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; Office of Special Investigations, Ramey Air Force Base.

- APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)
DATE 1/31/69
- ① - Bureau (Encl. 5) (RM)
(1-105-188321)
(1-105-175281)
(1-105-182734) (PSO)
6 - San Juan
(1-105-00)
(1-105-00)
(1-105-10822)
(1-105-10822)
(1-105-10822)
(1-105-10822)

cc - State, CIA, ONI, OSI, ACST, JCS, Criminal Div + ISD - info.

cc - retained by S.S. Migration for destruction.

ST-105

105-93124 105-93124 2-5-69

25 JAN 30 1969

REC 27

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JJB:kp
(2)

Classified by 6090
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Per

Approved: *Little*

02 FEB 11 1969

2-28-75 *cdm*

SJ 89-00

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Both of the above-mentioned persons are closely allied with the members of the Partido Socialista Obrero (Socialist Workers Party) (PSO). U

Proper dissemination of the matter has been made to all agents of the San Juan Office and the Police of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. U

LHM is being classified "Confidential" in order to protect the identity of the informant, the unauthorized disclosure of which would logically result in the identification of the informant and thus prove detrimental to the future successful use of the same person. U

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
PRO-PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT (PPR)

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

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

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

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL

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

1 - General Investigative Division
1 - Mr. W. J. Connelley
1 - Mr. S. S. Nigro
2-3-69

Airtel

Classified By 6080 *ew* **CONFIDENTIAL**
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification JUL 6 1977
Indefinite

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

**GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PRN**

Rourairtel and LHM 1-28-69 entitled "Assaulting-
Killing a Federal Officer."

In view of information in re airtel, insure that
all Special Agents in your office are fully briefed concerning
this matter and that every precaution is exercised to insure
Bureau personnel are not lured into any situation where such
a plan could be carried out.

All interviews should be carefully planned bearing
in mind background of subject to be interviewed and his
potential for violence. Conduct all interviews in such a manner
that Agents are in control of situation at all times.

Remind all Agents of current Bureau regulations which
require that except in those few instances in which carrying
a side arm would be a liability, that each Agent must carry
one when out of the office.

Promptly advise the Bureau by most expeditious
means warranted in all cases where Bureau Agents encounter
any type of resistance.

SSM:bkb
(6)

105-93124-261
19 FEB 8 1969

NOTE:

Allen _____
Belmont _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

66 FEB 11 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTE CONTINUED PAGE TWO

Airtel to SAC, Puerto Rico
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NOTE CONTINUED:

[REDACTED]

Pertinent information concerning the above furnished locally by San Juan to the Police of Puerto Rico, Secret Service, and local military agencies. Information being furnished at SOG to State, Central Intelligence Agency, the military, Secret Service, and the Criminal and Internal Security Divisions of the Department.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Domestic Intelligence Division

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/31/69

[REDACTED]

This information has been furnished to Police of Puerto Rico, local military agencies and Secret Service, both locally and at Seat of Government. Agents in San Juan have been advised of the plan.

[REDACTED]

Information in attached will also be furnished to State, Central Intelligence Agency, the military agencies in Washington and the Criminal and Internal Security Divisions of the Department.

TJS:ts

Classified By 6080 Euk
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification APR 6 1977

Indif
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

January 28, 1969

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

ASSAULTING - KILLING OF FEDERAL OFFICER



A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix attached hereto.

In the latter part of April, 1968, a new group called the PSO issued a manifesto in the western section of Puerto Rico as an independence for Puerto Rico group aligned to the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (Puerto Rican Socialist League) (LSP).

CONFIDENTIAL - Group 1

Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

262


105-93124
5-87

105-93124
1-25-71

ASSAULTING-KILLING OF FEDERAL OFFICER

CONFIDENTIAL

A characterization of the LSP
appears in the appendix attached
hereto.



CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX

1

LIGA SOCIALISTA PUERTORRIQUENA
(Puerto Rican Socialist League)
(LSP)

A source advised on January 13, 1964, that the LSP was formed in early January, 1964, by JUAN ANTONIO CORRETJER, who had resigned from a top leadership position in another Puerto Rican pro-independence organization in October, 1963. CORRETJER formed the LSP from a group of young men who were described as being militant, Marxist-oriented and devout followers of CORRETJER.

According to the source, CORRETJER's aim in the formation of the LSP was to have his own organization with the members completely indoctrinated in the theories of Marxism and Leninism. The LSP was formed on the socialistic concept with the purpose of striving for the independence of Puerto Rico with the ultimate goal being the establishment of an independent socialistic type of government for Puerto Rico.

According to records of the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI, POPR), the LSP currently includes about thirty members, mainly in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, metropolitan area, Ponce and Guanica, Puerto Rico. The LSP also has a small group of sympathizers in New York City and maintains fraternal relations with two New York City Marxist groups, the Workers World Party (WWP) and the Progressive Labor Party (PLP).

The LSP has two main publications, the "Correo de la Quincena" (CDLQ) and "Pabellon" both in newsletter format, but also publishes many leaflets, pamphlets and reprints of Cuban Premier FIDEL CASTRO's speeches. In addition, the LSP disseminates the PLP newspaper, "Challenge-Desafio," in Puerto Rico.

LSP leader CORRETJER and LSP members, during the latter part of 1966 and the first part of 1967, have attacked, in public speeches as well as in LSP publications, obligatory military service for Puerto Ricans. The September 24, 1966, edition of "El Mundo," a Spanish-language daily newspaper published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article reporting that during a speech the previous day at an independentist commemoration, CORRETJER had urged Puerto Rican youth to resist obligatory military service by gunfire.

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

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

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

Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in the MPIPR publications. In 1964, the MPIPR adopted a resolution expressing a 100 percent approval of and solidarity with the Cuban revolution. It sent a delegation to the Tri-Continental Conference of African, Asian, and Latin American People, held in Havana, Cuba, during January, 1966, and it maintains a permanent delegate to the Secretariat located in Havana.

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

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

MPIPR

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