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TO : DIRECTOR FBI (105-212014) | DATE: 4/1/75

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SAC SAN FRANCISCO (100-69267) (P)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES

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INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACION
MEXICO-AZTLAN (IIMA), aka
Comite de Mexico y Aztlan

COMEXAZ
CIA
EM - IIMA

CLASS. & EXT. BY
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 4-1-95

Title is being changed to add the aliases COMEXAZ and CIA as revealed by investigation.

Re SF rep of SA GENE L. BURGE, 8/23/74; SF let, 11/12/74, entitled "RUBEN PALACIOS PEREZ, aka, SM - VB (Bufile 100-465592, SF File 100-70401)".

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies and the San Antonio Office two (2) copies of an LHM dated captioned as above.

This communication and the enclosed LHM are classified confidential in order to protect the identities of SA T-1 and SA T-2.

The U. S. Government records mentioned in the enclosed LHM are the records of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

The Special Agent observing IIMA headquarters was SA GENE L. BURGE.

On 9/23/74, FLETCHER NATHAN, Intelligence Detail, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 450 Golden Gate Avenue, advised he was unable to find any record of the Subject organization as having filed for tax exemption status.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
- 2 - San Antonio (105-4677) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - San Francisco (RM)
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1 cc-Let + LHM - Mexico
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The Bureau is requested to furnish one copy of this communication and the enclosed LHM to Legat, Mexico for information, in view of the contacts made by ROBERTO PEREZ DIAZ in Mexico. (c)

SOURCES

Identity of Source

Location

SF T-1 is
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SF T-2 is
SF 2231-E

170-1650A

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LEADS

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. *Will, through available sources or indices check, determine the nature of the Mexican-American Unity Council.

(2) Will follow and report on any pertinent IIMA activities.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will, at IRS, determine the tax exemption status of IIMA, inasmuch as it has been reported subsequent to 9/23/74 that IIMA has such status.

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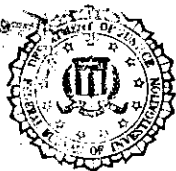
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District Director
INS
Portland, Maine

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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San Francisco, California

April 1, 1975

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The confidential material contained herein is indicated by a (e).

This investigation is predicated upon information indicating the Instituto De Investigacion Mexico-Aztlan (IIMA) (See Appendix) is engaged in activities which could involve violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), and 2385 (Advocating the Overthrow of the U. S. Government).

MEXICO CUBA
TEXAS

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~~Ruben Palacios Perez~~, Howard Hotel, Oakland, California, advised on November 27, 1974 he was born August 20, 1935; that he is an alcoholic, has used hallucinatory drugs on several occasions, had been a heroin addict for several years, and was currently being treated under the methadone program at Oakland, California; that he had been arrested many times on charges such as burglary, petty theft, possession of drugs, and drunk.

AKA
JOSUE ROBERTO PEREZ 10-21-80
CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RJD/mrc
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
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Date of declassification: Indefinite

JOSUE R. PEREZ

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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During 1969, he was attending Merritt College in Oakland, California, where he worked on "~~El Rocho Che~~", a Chicano magazine whose staff was made up of militant Chicano activists in the San Francisco Bay Area. The magazine was in existence for about one year, 1969 to 1970.

"El Pocho Che", according to its Volume I, No. 1, dated July, 1969, is a monthly national/international movement magazine. This edition was dedicated "To Fidel in the spirit of the 26th of July". ~~Roberto Perez Diaz~~ is listed as a member of the Editorial Staff and Ruben Perez is listed as a member of the staff.

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TEXAS

~~Roberto Perez Diaz~~ is Director of IIMA, a past National Committee member of the Venceremos Brigade (VB) (See Appendix), and the founder of IIMA on February 8, 1971. He has traveled to Cuba on several occasions.

Ruben Perez advised that during 1970, Roberto Perez Diaz, who was very active in recruiting people to go to Cuba with the VB, convinced him he should go to Cuba. Roberto Perez Diaz had indicated to him his stay in Cuba might be indefinite, indicating he might be contacted by someone there for additional training. At the suggestion of Roberto Perez Diaz, he had assumed the identity of ~~Josue Roberto Perez~~, who was born July 18, 1940 and had died when he was two or three years old. Josue had been a cousin of Roberto Perez Diaz. At about this time, he and Roberto Perez Diaz went to San Antonio, Texas where they met a man who provided money to help people travel to Cuba.

Ruben Perez went to Cuba and worked with the VB. He was personally taken on tours by a black Cuban on two occasions and was shown various universities, mental institutions, and factories. He was then hospitalized because of his narcotics withdrawal symptoms and after this, the Cubans paid no more attention to him because of his narcotics addiction.

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U. S. Passport No. B260584 under the name Josue Roberto Perez born July 18, 1940 at Gonzales, California, was issued on February 11, 1971 at San Francisco, California.

U. S. Government Records
4/23/71

Josue R. Perez, U. S. Passport No. B260584, was one of a group of U. S. Citizens, members of the Fourth Contingent of the VB, who returned to the U. S. on the weekend of May 30, 1971. (S) (C)

[SF T-1
6/11/71] (C)

Personal observations by a Special Agent of the FBI on several occasions from February 23, 1974 to January 29, 1975 shows IIMA's Oakland, California headquarters continue to be located at 3210 East 14th Street, where the directory lists them as IIMA News Indexing Service, Comite de Mexico y Aztlan (COMEXAZ) Resource Library. (C)

IIMA meetings are held at 3210 East 14th Street, Oakland, on a weekly basis, attended by between approximately six to twelve members. They have been having political education classes on such subjects as the history of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, the "Communist Manifesto", Lenin's "What is to be Done", and MAO Tse-tung's "Little Red Book". The members also continue to work on the COMEXAZ's news clipping service. (C)

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7/17/74-2/18/75] (C)

Roberto Perez Diaz advised the members of IIMA he had taken a trip to Mexico from June 23 to July 8, 1974 to cover the "V Festival of Chicano Theatres" for IIMA and Jacinto Trevino College, and to get in touch with people who had shown themselves to be interested in IIMA. (C)

Jacinto Trevino College, Mercedes, Texas, established in 1969, was the first all Chicano university in the United States.

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The "V Festival of Chicano Theatres", held in Mexico City from June 24 to July 7, 1974, was sponsored by El Teatro Nacional de Aztlan (TENAZ) (The National Theatre of Aztlan), a national organization of theatre groups in the U. S. and Centro Libre de Experimentacion Teatra y Artistica (CLETA) (Free Center of Theatrical and Artistic Experimentation), a national organization of theatre groups in Mexico. The theme of the festival was "One Continent, One Culture".

Roberto Perez Diaz described his contacts in Mexico as follows: (C)

~~CLETA~~
~~Sullivan No. 43~~
~~Mexico 4, D.F. (C)~~

~~Rodolfo de Leon~~ *Poland*
~~General Prim No. 95~~
~~Mexico 6, D.F.~~
Telephone: 535-6683 (C)

De Leon is an architect interested in the Chicano movement who studied in Poland and who has agreed to send material to IIMA. (C)

~~Rene Aviles Fabila~~
~~Lopez Cotilla No. 1810-601~~
~~Mexico 12, D.F.~~
Telephone: 524-3424 (C)

Aviles Fabila is a writer, a member of the PCM (Mexico Communist Party), works at Fondo de Cultura Economica (Economic Culture Fund), a publications house partially owned by the government. He is sub-director of public relations and has agreed to send books to IIMA without charge. (C)

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~~Pedro Reyner~~
~~Rocqueta No. 233~~
~~Lomas de Bazares~~
~~Mexico 10, D.F. (C)~~

Reyner is a member of the PCM and a friend of Aviles Favila. (C)

~~Lic. Emilio Portes Gil~~
~~Emilio Castelar No. 151~~
~~Mexico 5, D.F. (C)~~

He was President of Mexico from 1928 to 1930. He is very "anti-Gringo" and has written about the Chicano problem. Roberto Pedro Diaz met him through Pedro Reyner. (C)

~~Luz Maria Espinoza~~
~~Anartado Postal 21-876~~
~~Mexico 31, D.F. (C)~~

She is from Santa Barbara, California and is working with Los Mascarones and is now in charge of implimenting a communications center for Los Mascarones. She told Roberto Pedro Diaz she would like to convert that center into an IIMA office. (C)

Los Mascarones is a theatre group formed in Mexico City in 1968 to present Communist Propaganda. It has traveled in Mexico and the U.S. presenting revolutionary skits and songs.

~~Armando Toba Nunez~~
~~Pitagoras No. 525~~
~~Col. Navarete~~
~~Mexico 12, D.F.~~
~~Telephone: 543-1229 (C)~~

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He is IIMA's "official contact" with the PST
(Workers Socialist Party) (Partido Socialista de
Los Trabajadores). (c)

~~Francisco Ortiz Mendoza~~
~~Alvaro Obregon No. 185~~
~~Col. Roma~~
~~Mexico 7, D.F. (c)~~

He is one of the principal leaders of the PPS
(Peoples Socialist Party) (Partido Popular Socialista). (c)

~~CENCOS~~
~~Medellin No. 33~~
~~Mexico 7, D.F.~~
Telephones: 533-6475 and 533-6476 (c)

Roberto Perez Diaz advised he discussed with
the Director of CENCOS, Jose Alvarez Icaza, about
CENCOS participating in the work of IIMA, but it
was decided that due to lack of personnel, CENCOS
could not participate at the present time. (c)

[SF T-2]
10/24/74 (c)

At an IIMA meeting at their Oakland headquarters
on December 21, 1974, the members decided that they would
get all the people they know to write to congressmen, senators,
the State Department, and others to intervene in favor of
~~Olga Talamante~~, to bring pressure on the Argentine Government
so they will release her. She is a cousin of one of IIMA's
members. (c)

ARGENTINA

[SF T-2]
1/3/75 (c)

Olga Talamante is a U. S. Citizen from Gilroy,
California arrested November 11, 1974 in Argentina
in a police raid on a private residence, where she
resided and where arms and guerrilla propaganda
were located.

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Instituto de Investigacion Mexico-Aztlan (IIMA), also known as Comite de Mexico y Aztlan (COMEXAZ), founded in 1971 at Berkeley, California, is an organization primarily of Chicanos whose common goal is the destruction of capitalism. Several members have traveled to Cuba and Mexico and IIMA maintains contact with Cuban officials and Mexican revolutionaries. Members are engaged in a Marxist-Leninist political education program. IIMA, under the name COMEXAZ, puts out a monthly research publication which is a compilation of newspaper clippings on matters of interest to Chicanos. IIMA is headquartered in Oakland, California. (e)

APPENDIX

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VENCEREMOS BRIGADE

The Venceremos Brigade (VB) was formed in June, 1969, in cooperation with the Cuban Government to show support for a successful communist revolutionary government and to encourage American youth to travel to Cuba in defiance of a ban on travel to Cuba by the U.S. Department of State. The VB seeks participation of subversive people in the United States, based on their support for the communist regime and desire to aid in harvesting agricultural products and construction of housing in Cuba. The VB has stated it will seek to educate people about imperialism and foster a revolution against it. Individual members of the VB have made statements to the effect that the most significant effect of the Brigade would be to build a revolutionary movement in the U.S. around those who go to Cuba. The VB utilizes a questionnaire to screen applicants and recruitment for membership in recent Brigades has favored individuals with subversive backgrounds. It is known that officials of the Cuban Government have played a dominant and decisive role in the formulation of VB policy and in selection of VB leaders and members for recent VB contingents. VB members are known to have been contacted by various hostile intelligence services while in Cuba, and it is known that the VB is being used by these intelligence services for spotting purposes as well as recruiting intelligence agents and support personnel. The VB is currently headquartered in New York City.

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