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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

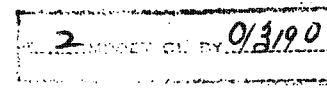
FROM : John H. Waller  
Inspector GeneralSUBJECT : Jack Anderson Reference to 28 November  
1963 CIA Cable

1. The Operations Group of CI Staff has provided a copy of the cable about which you inquired. A copy is attached at Tab A. It is a dissemination of a report by a British journalist stating that a man named Ruby was in Cuba in 1959, where he visited an American gangster-gambler named "Santos," who was living luxuriously in jail. This dissemination was based on a 27 November 1963 cable from London, a copy of which is attached at Tab B. A follow-up cable from London on 29 November commented on the source of the story, raising a question as to his reliability. A copy is at Tab C. A more detailed statement about the man is contained in a report passed to the FBI on 12 December 1963, a copy of which is at Tab D.

2. On 7 January 1964 the FBI provided CIA with a report that Jack Ruby did travel to Cuba in 1959; a copy is at Tab E. On 30 January CIA provided additional information to the Bureau on this subject; a copy is at Tab F.

3. The following points of coincidence are probably of interest to Senator Baker: Jack Ruby did travel to Cuba in 1959, as stated in the report that gave rise to the present query; the name "Santos" is also the given name of Trafficante, although it is not clear that these are the same persons. While there are reservations about the reliability of the source of the report which gave rise to the present question, we are not in a position at this time to evaluate it definitively. It is noted that the description of "Santos" as living in luxury in a Cuban prison is similar to a version also reported in a 16 May 1974 story in the Outlook Section of the Washington Post.

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4. As you may know, an Agency task force has been conducting an in-depth study of all information relating to issues surrounding the Agency's support for the Warren Commission investigation. This study has been underway since early July and, because of the detailed nature of the review, may require as much as another two months if it is to be completed with the thoroughness that we believe necessary.

John H. Waller

Attachments:  
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\*\*Wilson claimed he knew "Ruby" while in Cuba 1957-59, and could identify Ruby from a clear picture.

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TO: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S. J. Splich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: WILSON, Carlos John  
(aka WILSON-HUDSON, John  
WILSON, John Hudson)  
DOB: 29 December 1916  
POB: Liverpool, England

Reference: OUT 85657, 28 November 1963

1. A usually reliable source, whose information was evaluated as "possibly true", reported on 8 August 1961 the following information concerning one Carl John WILSON Hudson.

a. WILSON, a Spanish citizen of British descent residing in Chile, was a contact of one Bert SUCHAROV, a suspected Soviet agent, in Santiago, Chile.

b. It had been ascertained that WILSON had arrived in Chile on 28 January 1939 from Buenos Aires, bearing Spanish passport No. 7, issued in Buenos Aires on 4 January 1939 and visaed (tourist) by the Chilean Consul in that city on 25 January 1939. He held Chilean carnet 1.824.595 (Santiago) and resided at Calle Arturo Medina 4207, Santiago.

c. Further background data revealed that WILSON was born in Liverpool, England, on 29 December 1916. In July 1936 he had left his studies at Oxford University in England to enlist as a volunteer in the Spanish Loyalist Forces, whereupon he acquired his Spanish citizenship.

d. Subsequent to his arrival in Chile, WILSON in his capacity as a journalist had opened a one-man crusade against the British Government, in violation of restrictions placed on such activities by foreigners in Chile. He had been, in addition, masquerading under various nonexistent titles as a result of which the Chilean Government on 16 May 1939, at the request of the British

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Embassy, issued a decree (No. 2344) ordering his expulsion from Chile. Later, however, the decree was rescinded as a result of WILSON's pleas, his state of health and his promise to discontinue his misrepresentation and other illegal activities.

e. In spite of his promises, WILSON had continued these activities, numbering among others an anti-Fascist campaign which he had associated with a "Universal Peace Movement" to be brought about by the elimination of all leading world powers. WILSON also had frequently posed as a British RAF captain and had worn the corresponding uniform.

f. The strange mannerisms exhibited by WILSON were attributed to a mental illness, and following WILSON's second outburst, the British Ambassador presented another request for his expulsion. Again, however, following various explanations by WILSON to the British Embassy and on the renewal of his promise to refrain from further activities of a similar nature, the case was dropped.

2. On 7 October 1952, a usually reliable source, whose information was evaluated as "possibly true," submitted the following report concerning one Carlos John WILSON, who is identifiable with the Carl John WILSON Hudson in paragraph 1 above.

a. WILSON stated that he had arrived in Santiago in 1947 and had worked on a special mission for the British Government in Germany, Egypt, and Turkey at the close of World War II. He stated that he had fought with the Spanish Republican forces against Franco. He was violently anti-United States and constantly condemned United States policy. WILSON was of the opinion that England and France would eventually join with the USSR to form a pact aimed at the complete destruction of the United States. He claimed to be an authority on the Balkans, and was a strong supporter of Tito. Tito, WILSON stated, would eventually line up the entire Balkan area with England and France to assist Russia in crushing the United States.

b. WILSON was extremely interested in the

Yugoslav colony in Santiago. He attended a large celebration given by the Serbian Orthodox Society at the Club Ruso in Santiago. On this occasion he had become intoxicated and made bitter remarks against the U.S. While he was intoxicated he made confidential remarks indicating that he was a member of an intelligence service.

c. WILSON had an office on Calle Agustinas 1111, which bore the following designation: "CINURE, Commercial Information." WILSON's business consisted of trade in copper, lead, and sulphur. He stated that he was involved in a secret "deal" in Antofagasta, Chile, in which he planned to ship 15,000 tons of sulphur to Holland.

d. WILSON was in contact with a man identified as Heriberto Springwaller EINICKE, also described as bitterly anti-U.S. EINICKE was believed to have studied in the U.S. between 1922 and 1930. He had later become a colonel in the Nicaraguan Army but had been expelled from the country. It was reported that he spent some time in Bolivia and was closely involved with WILSON in his so-called commercial dealings.

e. WILSON was described as being very intelligent, astute, and well informed on current events. He was extremely sociable, friendly, a very heavy drinker, and a free spender. His physical description was as follows:

Apparent age: 38 years old (born circa 1914)

Build: Medium

color of hair: Brown

color of eyes: Blue-green

face: long, large nose; small, slightly protruding ears; ruddy complexion; small mustache; wears glasses

documentation: UN Press Pass No. 237, issued in Santiago. Pass from the International Police Section of the Chilean Investigation Service authorizing him to enter Los Cerrillos airport in Santiago at any time.

SOURCE COMMENT: Source was of the opinion that WILSON was very probably an intelligence agent, since there was no apparent reason for his great interest in the Yugoslav colony

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in Santiago and since his large income was of questionable origin.

3. A usually reliable source reported 18 June 1959 that Carl John WILSON, British journalist, sent a cable to the British Parliament and to the British Trade Union Federation saying that he had confirmed that the U.S. Military Attaches in the Caribbean were giving military advice to dictators. He protested in the name of humanity, saying that patriots were fighting for their sacred rights to be free citizens and that American volunteers were helping the dictators with the approval of Washington. Source commented that WILSON was planning on accompanying Mario CALERO, Nicaraguan revolutionary who was readying an expedition against Nicaragua from Cuba.

4. Another report dated 26 June 1959 from a usually reliable source stated that Paul HUGHES, an American soldier of fortune, claimed to have at his disposal three aircraft, including one bomber, and planned to launch an attack on Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, during the weekend of 27-28 June 1959. Hughes said that Carl WILSON, a British journalist, and about 65 volunteers would join him in the attack. Source commented that HUGHES also vaguely spoke of possibly bombing Managua for the psychological effect. WILSON said that Castro had no knowledge of HUGHES' plans.

5. United Press International carried the story dated 1 July 1959 from Havana, Cuba, saying that Police had raided a private home in suburban Biltmore the day before and seized a large quantity of arms and arrested three Americans and a Briton. The Americans were identified as Paul HUGHES, an officer in Castro's rebel army; Eiren R. PICHARDO, of Miami, Florida; and Joseph BARDOR, of Los Angeles, California. The Briton was listed as Carl John WILSON.

6. The U.S. Army Attache in Havana, Cuba, reported 30 July 1959 that he had received the following note from Carl John WILSON:

"Salvador ALLENDE, (Communist-sponsored presidential candidate in 1953 and Socialist Party member) brought a letter of definite instructions to Raul Castro (from Chile.) This letter contains instructions from the Kremlin in Moscow and contains the signature of Pablo Neruda of Chile. It deals with definite instructions of anti-American agitation to commence next month in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Cuba, Costa Rica, etc. Raul

Castro is now under instructions of Salvador ALLENDE of Chile."

Source, Carl John WILSON, was described as a British subject and free lance newspaperman, who was arrested with Paul HUGHES and who had been in jail ever since. WILSON reportedly wanted to talk to someone. U.S. Army Attache showed the note to the British Charge who agreed to send the Consul to talk to WILSON and advise U.S. Army Attache if WILSON had anything to add to the contents of the note. Nothing further was received.

7. Associated Press datelined 6 July 1959, Havana, carried story about WILSON who said he had begun a seven day hunger strike to protest his arrest and had to be fed intravenously at Cuba's National Police Hospital. Although police denied WILSON was on a hunger strike, a hospital intern said that he was suffering from physical exhaustion brought on by his refusal to eat. According to a 16 July 1959 Havana press report, WILSON's wife, a Chilean named Eliana Bronfman, said WILSON had received a law degree from Oxford University and had fought in the International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War.

8. On 13 August 1959 WILSON walked into U.S. Consulate Kingston, Jamaica, and said he was a journalist who had just been released after 54 days detention in Habana prison. He volunteered information about Cuba and Communist activity in Latin America. On 21 August 1959 the U.S. Consulate in Kingston issued WILSON a single entry nonimmigrant visa. He was carrying British passport 147356 issued in Havana 14 August in the name of John WILSON. He was attempting to get air passage to Miami in order to sell his story to the Miami Herald and then to obtain a new visa from Chilean consulate to return home (UK or Chile not specified but apparently he returned to UK.)

9. U.S. State Department cable from Asuncion, Paraguay, reported 16 December 1959 that John WILSON, correspondent for North American News Service, had informed the Paraguayan Ambassador in London on 14 December that within two days a cargo of 300 machine guns and 200 rifles were to be shipped to Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the direction of Castro. WILSON reportedly showed documents which proved his statement

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and requested remittance for passage to Asuncion to inform fully on the shipment without pay.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

BY LIAISON

Date: January 7, 1964  
To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: JACK L. RUBY  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM  
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Mr. Carlos Villa, 1450 Coral Way, Miami, Florida, furnished to the FBI on December 21, 1963, a letter which had been forwarded to a friend of his named Jose Antonio Juan. Mr. Juan had received the letter from his son living in Cuba.

In the letter received by Mr. Juan from his son the statement was made, "it is known here that Rubinstein was here a little less than a year ago visiting a Mr. Pranski, owner of a shop dealing in tourist articles, located on Prado Street between Animas and Trocadero, opposite the Sevilla Biltmore." The reference to Rubinstein appears to refer to Jack L. Ruby who is presently in custody, Dallas, Texas, on charges of shooting Lee Harvey Oswald.

For your information this Bureau's investigation concerning Jack L. Ruby has developed no information that Ruby has ever been in Cuba except on one occasion in 1959 when he visited there briefly on a vacation trip. Ruby himself readily admits to this trip but has denied any other trips to Cuba or contacts with persons there.

It is requested that, through available sources of your Agency, you develop any information possible relating to the above-quoted statement in an effort to resolve the allegation that Jack L. Ruby has possibly visited Cuba since 1959 and has connections there.

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30 JAN 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S. J. Splich

SUBJECT: Jack L. RUBY  
Lee Harvey OSWALD - Victim  
Civil Rights

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 7 January 1964, subject as above, concerning a report of a visit to Cuba in early 1963 made by Jack L. RUBY, assassin of Lee Harvey OSWALD. This Agency has received a similar report from a source to the effect that RUBY was in Havana in late 1962 or in early 1963. According to this unconfirmed report RUBY was "a friend and customer of a (Cuban) citizen named PRASKIN, owner and manager of a novelty shop for tourists located (in Havana) between Animas and Trecadero, Paseo del Prado, in front of the Hotel Sevilla." Our source stated that the following individual could verify the above information:

Evidio Bernardo PEREIRA Acosta  
DPOB: 12 March 1927, Gral, Carrillo, Las Villas, Cuba  
Member of Brigade 2506

Our latest information concerning the whereabouts of PEREIRA Acosta indicates his address as of September 1963 was:

821 SW 2nd Street,  
Miami, Florida

2. We suggest that your Bureau may prefer to interview PEREIRA Acosta. Our files contain no information on anyone identifiable with PRASKIN. We would appreciate receiving the results of your interview of PEREIRA Acosta. Your Bureau will be advised in the event we receive further information relating to this matter.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

James Angleton

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