Memorandum

TO: Chief, Contact Division

ATTN: Support Branch

FROM: Acting Chief, Miami Field Office

SUBJECT: Cuban Christian Democratic Party

1. We have been informed by [redacted] a Cuban national, and a source of this office, that during a recent meeting of the Cuban Christian Democratic movement in exile, which was held in Miami, it was agreed that factions which had previously broken away would rejoin the original party. It was agreed by all members present that they would concentrate on maintaining unity, establishing a new political orientation and improving relations with Christian Democratic movements of other countries in Latin America.

2. Mr. Ernesto RODRIGUEZ, who is held in high esteem by all members of the party, was elected as new president of the party, replacing Laureano Batista. Members of the Executive Committee consist of Jose Ignacio RASPO, Melchor GASTON, Enrique VILLARREAL, Jorge MANTILLA, Jose Angel ORTEGA, Alfonsogone Mena, Laureano BARRUDA, and Enrique ROD.

3. The new Executive Council will strengthen ties with the Christian Democratic movements in Venezuela, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Mexico. This is stated in Information Bulletin No. 2, issued by the council and dated 13 Sep 62, and is attached.

M/Chavez:

Attachment: Information Bulletin No. 2

cc: TFW, locally