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| TO Chief, WED | HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. | | |
| FROM Chief of Base, JMWAVE | DATE | | |
| SUBJECT Operational/JNATE Interview with Dr. Orestes MENESES Garcia | RE. "433" - CHECK BY ONE | | |
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| | NO INDEXING REQUIRED | | |
| ACTION REQUIRED None | INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY | | |

REFERENCES

- On 30 June 1961 AMCHEER-1 interviewed Subject, who claims to direct an underground group in Cuba. Subject is a Cuban, mulatto, stout, and not very learned. AMCHEER-1 doubts that he is a lawyer although he might be a solicitor. He resides at 3855 Brooker Street, near Grand Avenue, Coconut Grove, Miami; phone MI 4-2700. He lives with his sister and a cousin.
- MENESES claimed that two days ago he had talked to Manola RAY and that they had discussed uniting his group to the MRP. He said that RAY had offered him a position in the Executive Committee of the MRP, where he would be under the command of a man called "Eugenio", chief of the underground section.
- MENESES stated that his underground group in Cuba has members in Habana who belong to the construction sector, others in Sagua and Santa Clara who belong to the metallurgic sector, and that another of their members was [redacted] who is a leader of the sugar workers. He said that in Habana he has 8 captains who are chiefs of groups in a cellular organization. He said that he had made contact in Miami with Cesar LANCIS Bravo and Lomberto DIAZ Perez, but that they had not kept their word. (From this AMCHEER-1 deduced that they did not give him money.)
- On a table AMCHEER-1 saw that Subject had just received some mail addressed to Andres GARCIA. Subject said that he received many letters from Cuba at that address, but using many different addressee names.
- Subject claims to be anti-Communist but says that he "does not agree either with the Americans who are a bunch of s.o.b's." He believes that the revolutionaries are the ones who have to overthrow CASTRO and then continue with the work of the revolution, as he believes that most of the laws issued by CASTRO have to be kept, such as agrarian reform, urban reform, nationalization of the leading industries, etc. He said RAY wants to prepare him, as he is preparing other men, to be sent to Puerto Rico to obtain support from the unions and set them against the American Government, which is not acting according to proletarian needs. He said he was in contact with a labor leader called [redacted] and he has a man named [redacted] (fnw) working in Cubana Airlines.
- Subject proposed that AMCHEER-1 act as intermediary with the boys being trained by the latter, so that AMCHEER-1 would indoctrinate them in favor of RAY's interests. However, Subject said if this group, being trained by AMCHEER-1 had

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another source of income, he would offer his services to direct a sabotage department in this group and might even break with RAY if this group had more economic support than the MRP.

7. ANCHER-1 felt that Subject is mostly interested in solving his economic situation. In the second place, he showed himself to be anti-American and in favor of all Marxist laws. He is a shrewd talker and behaves as a Communist-trained individual. He acts like others who have been classified as "bad Communists" but Communists in the end, although they might not even be aware of this themselves.

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