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4. During the Spring of 1954, the Communist Party of the United States set up an organization called "Pueblo Libre de Cuba, Inc." The purpose of this organization is to raise money to finance a revolution against Castro. The following individuals have identified as being involved with "Pueblo Libre":

a. Douglas F. Hull.--Hull is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Levy, Galtsoff, Goldberg, and Hill. This firm has its principal office at 45 South Street, New York, New York (Long Island), New York (Tel: 20 7-6000), and a branch office in Manhattan (300 Seventh Avenue (Tel: CH 4-6670)).

b. Mrs. Kate Taffo.--Our source did not further identify Mrs. Taffo. She is, according to another source, a lady who has been involved in running arms to Cuba and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

5. At about the time that "Pueblo Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Dan Wax, who represents himself as a "retired New England shoe manufacturer now living in Florida". Wax interested himself vociferously in "Pueblo Libre" and at the same time alienated Hull, Taffo and our source. In consequence, the "Pueblo Libre" people have never done anything with that corporation, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Wax and do not wish to get involved with him. In answer to the inquiry as to the reason for their mistrust of Wax, the source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They don't trust him. Consequently, "Pueblo Libre" has remained a paper organization; no money has been raised through it.

6. Our source stated that Hull and Mrs. Taffo both grow suspicious because of the fact that Wax is not only a shoe manufacturer but also a Communist Party member. They are not interested in "Pueblo Libre". They want the new corporation to be dedicated to the halting of the spread of Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere and they want it to have various subcommittees. The

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informant would be organized to overthrow Cuba. Surprisingly, these would be a group of 1000 men, and source and his two colleagues had had a conversation directed solely at Cuba is too narrow and that a wider appeal will attract more support. Establishing the wider appeal, of course, the great purpose of the new organization is to overthrow Castro. Success in the overthrow of the Western Hemisphere is of the nature of starting a country to start in their eyes. This movement is the only means for the freedom to fight about "Patria Libre", which is directed only towards Cuba.

7. Our source and his friends have everything ready to go, but need money. The source wished to make a start by getting Sanchez, Varona, and Bergues to sign a political alliance and to publicize the said alliance by means of a press conference and subsequent publicity devices. The money, of course, would be used to finance the revolution against Castro.

8. Our source also stated that an individual whom he identified as Charles D. Reeves is putting up the money to make a political movie starring Noel Chirac, Bino Lora, and others. The source told that Reeves is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Company.

9. Finally, our source told him that from the outset of the entire affair he has discussed it in detail with Mr. Frank (?) O'Brien, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City. Mr. O'Brien may be reached at LE 5-7700, Extension 202.

10. We would appreciate MI Division comments regarding any interest in the above proposal. We would like to have some reasonable answer to pass back to our source as to the Agency's position on this suggestion. Please contact Mr. Robert S. Travis, CE/CS, Support Branch, Extension 2140, for further information on this matter.

11. Thanks very much.

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SOURCE: (per request to H. H. by Index)

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Contact Division
FOR : Support Branch

DATE:

FROM : Chief, New York Office
SUBJECT: New Haven Resident Agency - John H. Mitchell

SUBJECT: Possible Political Operation in Cuba

1. John H. Mitchell, Jr., of the New Haven Resident Agency, has now advised the possibility of a political operation in Cuba. He has indicated that he has been in contact with a source who has been active in the area of political operations in Cuba for the last three months. Mitchell has indicated that this source has a different name than Frank H. Mitchell, Jr., who has been active in the area of political operations in Cuba for the last three months. Mitchell has indicated that this source has been active in the area of political operations in Cuba for the last three months. Mitchell has indicated that this source has been active in the area of political operations in Cuba for the last three months.

2. Mitchell feels that what follows could be one of two things. First, it could be part of a political operation which the Agency has already launched. Mitchell would not want it to sound a bit like this. If it is indeed an operation, Mitchell would want it to sound a bit like this. If it is indeed an operation, Mitchell would want it to sound a bit like this. If it is indeed an operation, Mitchell would want it to sound a bit like this. If it is indeed an operation, Mitchell would want it to sound a bit like this.

3. One of Mitchell's cleared sources, recently provided him a brochure written by Dr. Carlos Manuel Sterling, was not to be further identified here. The source enclosed with the brochure a series of reports from US newspapers dealing with Sterling's activities and public pronouncements since his arrival in the US. The brochure in question demonstrated the ways in which Fidel Castro has publicly violated the Cuban Constitution of 1940, which has never been revealed to Mitchell, according to Mitchell's understanding) and of which Sterling was the main author. The source reported in a covering letter that he had been contacted by Sterling's activities without fee for a period of two months, and that Sterling had been active in Cuba. He also stated that Sterling had been active in Cuba. He also stated that Sterling had been active in Cuba. He also stated that Sterling had been active in Cuba.

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38. The source told Mitchell's source early in 1960 an unidentified individual set up a special account in the name of Frank Robinson, New York City. The purpose of this fund was to finance the above mentioned special committee and publicity campaign. Mitchell's source was then approached by a man named C. L. Rice. Rice is an oil and natural gas driller and geologist and has an office at the following address: 20 Broad Street, New York, New York (Tel.: DA-4-1449). Rice's role throughout has been to administer the special account mentioned above. The account, incidentally, amounted to US\$5,000. Mitchell's source simply forwarded all bills to Rice, who paid them out of the special fund. When the money ran out, the source's activities on behalf of Marquez came to a halt.

39. During the Spring of 1960, the source and some friends set up an organization called "Puebla Libre de Cuba, Inc.". The purpose of this organization is to raise money to finance a revolution against Castro. The following individuals are identified as being involved with "Puebla Libre".

- a. Douglas P. Null. Null is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Levy, Gutzman, Goldberg, and Null. This firm has its principal office at 45 North Station Plaza, Great Neck (Long Island), New York (Tel.: HU-7-6010) and a branch office in Manhattan (363 Seventh Avenue (Tel.: CH-4-6670)).
- b. Mrs. Kate Taffe. Mitchell's source did not further identify Mrs. Taffe. She is, according to another source of Mitchell's, a lady who has been involved in running arms to Cuba and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

40. At about the time that "Puebla Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Dan Wax, who represents himself as a "retired New England shoe manufacturer now living in Florida". Wax interested himself vociferously in "Puebla Libre" and at the same time alienated Null, Taffe, and Mitchell's source. In consequence, the "Puebla Libre" people have never done anything with that corporation, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Wax and do not wish to get involved with him. ~~Wax has insisted~~ the reason for their mistrust of Wax, the source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They don't trust him. Consequently, "Puebla Libre" has remained a paper organization; no money has been raised through it.

41. Mitchell's source stated that Null and Mrs. Taffe both know Aureliano Sanchez Arango and Antonio Varona. They and Mitchell's source want to set up a new corporation, forgetting about "Puebla Libre" and Wax, with a wider ostensible aim than that of "Puebla Libre". They want the new corporation to be dedicated to the halting of the spread of Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere and they want it to have various subcommittees. The subcommittees would be geographical in nature. Thus, not surprisingly, there would be a subcommittee for Cuba.

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Finally, Mitchell's source told him that from the outset of the entire affair he has discussed it in detail with Mr. Frank (P) O'Brien, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City. Mr. O'Brien may be reached at IE-5-7700, Extension 202.

Mitchell told his source that he would submit the information and the proposition for funds and let him know the reaction. Please inquire of WH Division, (a) whether or not they are interested in financing the proposed operation, or (b) whether or not the mysterious US\$5,000 came from them in the first place or, alternatively, the whole thing is their property. If alternative (b) is the case, Mitchell's source is clearly unwitting. Please advise Mitchell whether or not he should tell his source that CIA is not interested in his proposition or that CIA is interested in the first place without letting him in on the secret, or what. Mitchell's source is not involved in this whole thing and wishes to discuss it with you. Please so advise John H. Mitchell, of the New Haven Resident Office, and please let him make the arrangements, subject to approval for his usual... Thank you very much.

J.H. [Signature]

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