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FROM	Chief of Station, JMWAVE		ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN ASSURE CLOSING
SUBJECT	Operational/TYPIC/MHSPAWN/AMOT Directorship, Finances and Activities of the Cuban Exile Newspaper Mundo Americano, Published in New York		ABSTRACT
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1. The following information on the Cuban exile newspaper Mundo Americano, published in New York, was submitted by the AMOTs in EE-4463 of 16 November 1965. The information was obtained during October and November by AMOT source [redacted] who works in the offices of the Mundo Americano (Cuban Exile Newspaper).

Investors

2. One of the principal investors in the Mundo Americano is Jose LOPEZ Vilaboy (201-215815), who was President of the Compania Cubana de Aviacion (Cubana Airlines) and owner of the newspaper Manana In Cuba. From 1952 to 1958 LOPEZ was a henchman of ex-Cuban President Fulgencio BATISTA Zaldivar. LOPEZ contributed the sum of \$40,000, however, it is believed that these funds are not LOPEZ' own money since it is rumored that he is not in a good financial position at present.

3. ^{FR} Manuel GARCIA del Busto (201-353892) and a group of persons trusted by Rolando MASFERRER Rojas (201-042669) and Serafin R. PEREZ Carril (201-294538) contributed \$75,000. These three persons currently have financial control of the newspaper. *Cubotyped in newspaper (Mundo Americano)*

4. During September 1965, the newspaper suffered a financial crisis and one of the persons who put up money at [redacted]

Attachments:

1. Photo of "Jimmy" HW
2. Copy of AP cable HW
3. Mundo Americano version of cable HW
4. Editorial praising JOHNSON's action HW
5. Articles by Rolando MASFERRER Rojas attacking CIA HW
6. Mundo Americano attack on SOMOZA family HW

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that time was an American citizen named "Jimmy", who controls the "bolita" game in Brooklyn, New York. A photograph of "Jimmy" is forwarded as Attachment No. 1. As this photograph was removed from the private files of the newspaper and source could be traced through it, it is requested that it be given careful handling in order not to compromise source.

5. The following persons are in charge of the newspaper's operations:

General Manager: Ceferino R. PEREZ Carril (on 19 September 1965 replaced by Francisco CASADO Remedios, aka "Frank", who was one of LOPEZ Vilaboy's trusted men).

Editors: Jose LOPEZ Vilaboy (Director) Manuel GARCIA del Busto (Vice-President)

Executive Editor: Rolando MASFERRER Rojas

Assistant Editor: Jose M. PEREZ (one of LOPEZ Vilaboy's trusted men of Puerto Rican. Has not been working for the newspaper since 19 September 1965.)

Advertising Director: Frank MALDONADO (Homosexual)

International Policy: Armando CRUZ Cobo (has stated he worked for KUBARK in Venezuela and Peru) Jesus GONZALEZ Scarpetta Luis E. POU Enriquez

Local Policy: Juan Angel BRAS

Chief of Staff: Enrique PIZZI de Porras (one of BATISTA's most trusted men) Carlos Rene CABRERA Vazquez

Social News: Wilfredo MORAN Beole

Sports: Ricardo G AMENOCAL Beole

Shop (Press): Carlos DIAZ-VERSON Rodriguez

Format: Pedro YANEZ (member of the New York Executive of the MIRR, connected with the purchase of armament for the MIRR)

Circulation: Facundo POMAR Soler (one of most trusted men of Eusebio MUJAL Barniol. Leader in the Cuban Labor Confederation in Exile)

Photography: Mario ZAYAS Rodolfo ANADAL Tarafa

Most of the other persons on the payroll are linotypists and typesetters who draw wages prescribed by the Union. Source estimates that there are 30 employees in addition to the Directors.

6. Offices of Mundo Americano:

a. Staff and Management: 701 7th Ave. at 47th St. New York, N.Y. Phone: 757-8515

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b. Printing Press: 76 Gerry St.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Phones: -EV 7-4026
EV 7-4025

Circulation and Operational Costs of the Newspaper

7. The newspaper has a daily circulation of 23,000 to 25,000. There are plans to increase circulation to 40,000.

8. Each issue of the newspaper costs between \$2,500 and \$3,000. The printing press is rented for \$2,200 weekly. This rental fee includes the cost of ink, paper and lead for the linotypes.

9. Until September 1965, Mundo Americano banked with the Bankers Trust Company and the newspaper's checks were signed by Ceferino R. PEREZ Carril and Frank CASTRO. During the financial crisis in September 1965, Mundo Americano issued a check in payment of wages to the order of Amado GARCIA drawn against the Bankers Trust Co. This check was returned to GARCIA for insufficient funds. Since early October 1965, payroll checks have been drawn against the Banco de Ponce, 164 East 116 St., New York, N.Y. These checks are signed by Ceferino R. PEREZ and Jose LOPEZ Vilaboy.

Ideology and Control of the Newspaper

10. Mundo Americano is completely under the control of BATISTA oriented groups and its articles and editorials follow the line dictated by these groups. The newspaper attacks the U.S. Government, and especially the CIA, daily. Forwarded, as Attachment No. 2, is a copy of an AP cable, dated 25 October 1965, reporting a statement by the White House Press Chief and J. Edgar Hoover that the news published in the New York Herald Tribune stating that the President had authorized the FBI to gather intelligence abroad is not true. The Mundo Americano published a distorted version of the cable (see Attachment No. 3) and also an editorial praising President Johnson's action against CIA (see Attachment No. 4).

11. Rolando MASFERRER Rojas writes a column in the Mundo Americano using the pen name "Policarpo Pineda", in which he frequently attacks CIA. Copies of MASFERRER's column are attached as Attachment No. 5.

Blackmail

12. On 26 October 1965, Mundo Americano published an article entitled "Opposition to the Dynasty of the Somozas" (see Attachment No. 6). On 2 November 1965, another article appeared on the front page of Mundo Americano reporting that General SOMOZA was gravely ill in a Baltimore, Maryland, hospital. According to conversations overheard by source, after the appearance of these articles, the directors of the newspaper, including Rolando MASFERRER, were summoned to the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington, D.C. At the meeting the Ambassador from Nicaragua pointed out that the news appearing in the paper was false. An argument between the Ambassador and MASFERRER ensued and MASFERRER was thrown out of the meeting. After that, a second meeting took place between the Nicaraguan Ambassador and the directors of the newspaper and since the second meeting, the newspaper has not attacked the SOMOZAs. The directors of Mundo Americano have insinuated that there has been some financial arrangement.

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Inside Struggles

13. When Mundo Americano was first published, Jose LOPEZ Vilaboy had financial control of the newspaper. Currently, however, control is in the hands of Rolando MASFERRER Rojas and Ceferino R. PEREZ Carril. In Cuba, PEREZ Carril campaigned politically for BATISTA and was a Cuban Army Captain during the BATISTA Regime.

14. Since the newspaper was first published, it's policy has been controlled by the group having financial control. Although MASFERRER's and LOPEZ Vilaboy's groups both follow the BATISTA line, LOPEZ is in favor of a soft line and MASFERRER is in favor of a hard line, attacking groups and persons with which he does not agree. Since MASFERRER and PEREZ have obtained control of the newspaper, it has constantly attacked the U.S. Government and the CIA. LOPEZ is not in favor of attacking the U.S. Government, the CIA or the Spanish Government. MASFERRER, however, states that LOPEZ can do nothing about it because he no longer controls the newspaper financially. As a result of the recent shift in power, two of LOPEZ' men, Francisco CASADO Remedios and Jose M. PEREZ, were removed from their positions in Mundo Americano on 19 September 1965.

15. The following are Station file traces on persons mentioned in this report:

a. Amado GARCIA Torres: QRPLUTO candidate for labor training seminar. Dropped because of his youth and inexperience (UFGA-17332, 26 August 1964).

b. Frank MALDONADO: Probably identical with Francisco MALDONADO Iglesias. WH CE cards indicate that MALDONADO arrived in Guatemala from the Dominican Republic in August 1960 as an agent of TRUJILLO, and contacted Cuban exiles to try to set up the Movimiento Integracion Nacional (MIN), an anti-Castro organization. Subject, who was travelling without documents, was deported from Guatemala to Miami. DBA-19283 of 14 August 1962 reported that Subject, born circa 1928, residing Apt. 13-A, Olimpo Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico, advertising salesman, was anti-Castro and an unpaid informant of the SIM (Military Intelligence Service).

c. Juan Angel BRAS: Subject may be identical with Juan A. BRAS who appears on WH CE cards as residing 729 7th Ave., New York 19, N.Y., in February 1960 and working at Falcon Bron. Co., 101 Maiden Lane, New York, according to information of 10 October 1960. According to the card, BRAS, a U.S. citizen, is considered by Joseph MIRANDA as a top level consultant to the FRD (Democratic Revolutionary Front) and someone worth cultivating by the Agency. He has been active in Cuban affairs since 1932 and was director of public relations and radio for the 26 of July Movement in New York, as well as adviser to Harold Janis, Director of Special Events Voice of America from 1942 to 1948.

d. Enrique PIZZI de Porras is probably identical with Henrique PIZZI de Porras of 1139 Ridgewood Road, West Palm Beach, who is in correspondence with former President BATISTA who is now residing in Madeira. (OPL-719, 13 November 1959.)

e. Carlos Rene CABRERA Vazquez: Former owner and director in Cuba of Radio Aeropuerto and Radio Voz news programs now intervened. Now in New York working for "The Voice of the People" (CONCERT-1

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Report of 8 August 1962). According to a card dated 15 December 1962, Subject was inducted into the U.S. Army.

e. Carlos DIAZ-VERSON Rodriguez, born 21 February 1914 in Havana, is a member of the FRD in Miami (undated card).

f. Pedro YANEZ: Subject, a journalist affiliated with Bohemia Libre, met with members of Libertarios in New York on 28 May 1965 (UFG-7389, 20 July 1965).

g. Facundo POMAR Soler: WAVE files contain the following traces on Subject, in addition to a WH/CE card which contains references to Subject's activities in Cuba as an official of the National Federation of Transport Workers and the Syndiate of Omnibus Aliados.

(1) Probable participant in the formation of a provisional Cuban Government in exile or a provisional council which will seek recognition of the U.S. and Latin American countries. (DBF-80328, 22 June 1961.)

(2) On a list of useable Cuban labor leaders of union prestige. Leader of Transport; a real stronghold in his sector; has never been a politician or held public office. (Undated memorandum, AMICE Personnel.)

(3) CTC leader; excluded from FORDC and unacceptable. (WAVE-5313, 6 April 1961.)

(4) UFG-2872, 21 May 63 contains information regarding Subject's attempts to unify the Cuban exile community.

(5) Cuban labor transport leader in exile and a favorite disciple of Eusebio MUJAL. Has lent himself to all MUJAL's tricks. Has no personal criteria. (AMDENIM-1 report, 29 July 1962.)

(6) Will be a head of a group now being formed called the Obrero Anti-Comunista Internacional (The International Anti-Communist Laborer). (UFG-345, 6 January 1964.)

h. Mario ZAYAS: Possibly identical with Mario ZAYAS Monzon, A 12 834 473, Cuban press photographer. (CK-00246, 29 August 1962.)

16. WAVE files contain no traces identifiable with Francisco CASADO Remedios, Armando CRUZ Cobo, Jesus GONZALEZ Scarpetta, Luis E. POU Enriquez, Wilfredo MORAN Beole, Ricardo G. MENOCAI Beole, Rodolfo NADAL Tarafa, or Jose M. PEREZ.

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