

VIA AIR
(Specify Air or Sea Pouch)

DISPATCH NO. ²² HNMA-1137

SECRET
CLASSIFICATION

TO Chief, WED

DATE 23 January 1957

FROM Chief of Station, ¹⁶⁻²² Managua

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational
SPECIFIC EROTOMANIA
 . 02

1. Forwarded under separate cover is copy of a report which RAMSKILL wrote up on subject.
2. ^a EROTOMANIA told the ODACID Chief that he thought RAMSKILL had done a splendid job here.

Denis R. Sorrell
Denis R. SORRELL

Enclosure:
1. As stated above, USC

22 January 1957

Distribution:
3 - Headquarters w/1 encl. USC
2 - Files w/1 encl.

RETURN TO CIA
Background Use Only
Do Not Reproduce

SECRET
CLASSIFICATION

4/P

09391

*Mr. Mandius in
ms. Sulbrath*

SUBJECT: Frank BARRY

Subject seems to be confused as to the actual duties which he will undertake while in Nicaragua, which is not unusual, when one considers that it is necessary to make one's own job after getting in general what the government has in mind. He apparently is in the same position that the writer was on arriving, and spends most of his time waiting to see either the President or Col. SOMOZA, who, unless you know the ropes, and push people aside, are almost impossible to corner at any given moment.

JK

Subject stated that he would be working with this Office and would be in charge of the Presidential protection group. The first step that he wants to take is to separate the Presidential force from the intelligence end of the organization. He states that he would like this group to remain a part of the Office of National Security, but that it should operate separately with a separate budget. This Office has as yet received no communication from the powers that be that BARRY is assigned to this Office or that his specific job is Presidential protection, nor have the President or Col. SOMOZA as much admitted that such a person exists in my presence.

BARRY states that he had a talk with the President on his arrival and that he approached the security problem from the following angle: Since it can be assumed that no country in the Western Hemisphere can exist or progress without the American dollar, and it is a cinch that the average businessman passing through Managua and seeing the amount of military force and weapons would never consider investing anything, the military has to be cut down, and a large plain-clothes security force must be trained. BARRY stated that the President agreed with this in principle.

On 16 January 1957, the writer had the opportunity of talking with the subject informally over some drinks. The subject stated in effect as follows: He has a contract with the Government for six months, but that if he doesn't get more cooperation than he has gotten to date, he is not going to stay. That the security thing was secondary with him, and that he and Davidson (Irving) were "in" on a deal to build a hotel in Nicaragua, and that they already had 80% subscription from a US firm. All that is necessary will be 20% locally, which he believes will not be difficult to raise. He stated that he was also connected indirectly with a real estate firm in Washington who had commissioned him to investigate the mortgage set-up in Nicaragua with an eye to the building of low priced housing around Managua. He stated that Clint Murchison would be here on Sunday to close negotiations on a fertilizer plant to be built in Nicaragua, under the supervision and management of one MARCHAUND, who is apparently in that line in El Salvador. (The Murchison mentioned above is ~~XXXX~~ the son of the old man.)

The writer gets the impression that BARRY is strictly out for the buck, and when he found that the Government already had plain-clothes protection for the President, he was slightly at a loss as to what his job was to be. He has not told me of any definite plans for improving Presidential security, except that he plans to ask the President to use motorcycles in the convoy, and to purchase four convertible sedans with running-boards for transportation of the bodyguard.