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FROM: PARA. 1 - CUBA, HAVANA
PARA. 2 - PANAMA, PANAMA CITY

DATE OF INFO: 10 & 24 AUGUST 1959

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF DOMINICK BARTONE

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1. A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE, WHO IS OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FIDEL CASTRO RUX, PRIME MINISTER OF CUBA, HAS REPORTED THAT ON 10 AUGUST 1959 MAJOR WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN MET WITH A GROUP OF CUBANS OPPOSED TO CASTRO'S REGIME IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF DOMINIC E. BARTONI, 4236 CHASE AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH. PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE MORGAN, LEONIS (FNU) FROM PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE IN CUBA, RAMON MESTRE, AND ANTONIO MENDOZA. DURING THE MEETING MORGAN WAS GIVEN \$10,000 IN CASH BY MESTRE AND MENDOZA FOR USE AGAINST CASTRO. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT. IN MARCH 1959 AN UNTESTED SOURCE REPORTED THAT ONE DOMINIC BARTONE, ALSO KNOWN AS NICK BARTON AND DESCRIBED AS A PROSPEROUS AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO, WAS TRYING TO SELL SOME GLOEMASTER (C-74) AIRCRAFT TO THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY AIR FORCE AND HAD BEFRIENDED MORGAN. THE DOMINICK BARTONE MENTIONED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM DATED 6 AUGUST 1959, YOUR FILE NUMBER 105-70973, CONSULTING MORGAN, DOMINIC E. BARTONI, DOMINIC BARTONE, NICK

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BERTON, AND THE DOMINIC BERTONE MENTIONED BELOW ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME PERSON.)

2. ON 24 AUGUST A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT DOMINIC BERTONE (SIC), WHOSE OFFICE IS IN THE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING IN MIAMI, HAD SENT A LAWYER TO PANAMA WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF CASH TO OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT IN THE PANAMA CITY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL CITY BANK. THE BANK DID NOT ACCEPT THE DEPOSIT IMMEDIATELY, BUT A DECISION WAS EXPECTED BY 26 AUGUST. BERTONE'S LAWYER WAS PRESSURING THE BANK TO ACCEPT THE ACCOUNT. (SOURCE COMMENT. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FUNDS THAT BERTONE'S LAWYER TOOK TO PANAMA ARE CONNECTED WITH WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN.) (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT. MORGAN PUBLICLY DECLARED IN HABANA THAT HE HAD RECEIVED \$75,000 FROM THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES FOR USE AGAINST CASTRO. THE FUNDS SENT TO PANAMA CITY MAY BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT DECLARED BY MORGAN AND WHAT HE ACTUALLY RECEIVED.)

3. THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH TWO IS SENSITIVE AND CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN DEVELOPING LEADS ON THIS MATTER.

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