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# Memorandum

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SUBJECT: FRANK CHAVEZ, aka  
IS - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - CUBA

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities and complete background investigation required by Section 107C of the Manual of Instructions will be conducted and Bureau will be requested to authorize recontact with subject as a PSI.

A. Subject resides at 30 Doncella Street, Punta Las Marias, Atlantic View, Puerto Rico. He was born 12/1/26 at Albuquerque New Mexico, is a US citizen, and is of the white race. There is no information to indicate subject is in poor health. He is the Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Union Local 901, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

B. Subject married DORIS VIERA at the home of ARTURO R. ESPAILLAT in the DR at the end of 1960. She is of the white race and is not employed. (Free info. syndicate of dom. workers in sale)

C. In July, 1960, the SLTDE was attempting to institute a boycott against the DR, but this never materialized in view of the opposition by Teamsters. The opposition to the picketing of Dominican Ships included the arrival of RAFAEL ABREU, the ship owner and a reported Intelligence Agent of TRUJILLO. ABREU personally paid workers to unload the vessel. With ABREU was CHAVEZ who attempted to persuade them to discontinue their activity. CELESTE ANTONIA MATOS GONZALEZ, former courier for the SIM, has stated that in July, 1960, she was ordered by the Secretary of the SIM Functionary, ARTURO ESPAILLAT, to travel from the DR to SJ to deliver a letter to subject. After going to San Juan, she contacted CHAVEZ at his office and made arrangements to deliver the letter. CHAVEZ sent a reply which MATOS carried to the Secretary of ESPAILLAT. Several hours later she was instructed to return to San Juan and verbally tell CHAVEZ to go to the DR. She recalled that CHAVEZ departed for the DR that date.

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ROLANDO AUGUSTO ~~HERRERA~~ PEREZ, a reported SIM Agent, presently in Puerto Rico, has advised that he met CHAVEZ at the home of ESPAILLAT in the DR. He claims that ESPAILLAT indicated that CHAVEZ might get HERRERA a better job. HERRERA met CHAVEZ on six or seven occasions in Teamster Office.

POPR developed info that HERRERA and CHAVEZ in contact very often during November, 1960, relating to a shipment given the code name "Pedal Pushers" the exact nature of which is unknown but believed to be firearms, bombs, artifacts and related equipment.

POPR reported on January 16, 1962, that on 7/20/61 he learned that CHAVEZ was planning to bring ESPAILLAT to Puerto Rico as he had been threatened with death by persons in the DR.

POPR on 5/10/61 learned that CHAVEZ had met with CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS and his brother for the purpose of presenting an idea for US intervention against the Castro Government.

D. Not applicable.

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G. CHAVEZ has been interviewed on a number of occasions after he contacted the SJO and stated he had information of interest. During interview attempts will be made to determine if CHAVEZ was, in fact, acting as an agent for the Government of the DR. Also, his dealings with ARTURO ESPAILLAT and other Dominican Governmental Officials, past and present will be delved into.

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