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sinking of a Cuban vessel as claimed by OSAC, which translation is included in the body of this report, was furnished by Lieutenant ROGERS. He advised the translation is, in fact, an intercept made by the Foreign Information Broadcast Service. (S)(u)

The following sources were contacted concerning OSAC, with negative results:

Born Nov. 12, 1917

Source of Information JUAN MACHADO on 6/16/64 Cardenas, Cuba

MM 492-S on 6/17/64 Juan Aurelio Mesa Rodriguez

[MM 639-S on 6/26/64.] (S)(u)

Juan M. Rodriguez

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With respect to the identity of JUAN MESA, it appears he is identical to JUAN MESA RODRIGUEZ, who as of June, 1963, resided at 1868 S.W. 13th Street, Miami, Florida, and who was reported to the Miami Office at that time to be operating a short wave radio station at that address. [Contact was made on July 16, 1963 with [redacted] of CIA, Miami, at which time he advised that JUAN MESA RODRIGUEZ was of operational interest to his agency; was residing at 1868 S.W. 13th Street with his family, and was out of the country as of July 16, 1963, and not expected to return until July 24, 1963. This information is set forth in Miami file 105-7969.] (S)(u)

Efforts to locate a file on JUAN MESA in the files of U.S. INS, Miami, have thus far met with negative results. MESA, as described by MM T-1, is a man in his early 40s, who had a radio business in Cuba and who speaks Spanish and English fluently.

On July 13, 1964, POLLY ANDREW, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Coral Gables, Florida, advised

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that telephone #444-8751 had been listed to JUAN M. RODRIGUEZ at 1868 S.W. 13th Street, Miami. This phone was disconnected on June 6, 1964 and a new telephone, #238-6863, listed to RODRIGUEZ at 9910 Pan American Drive, Perrine, Florida. Mrs. ANDREW stated RODRIGUEZ had indicated his employment as "U.S. Government Public Relations" and a reference as MAURICE SHORAGO, telephone HI 8-8320.

The above was furnished to SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, Jr.

It is to be noted that MM T-1 of this report is an officer in the anti-CASTRO organization, Frank Pais Revolutionary Movement (FPRM). He has advised that in addition to being personally acquainted with JUAN MESA, MESA has sought to include him in the activities of OSAC, because the FPRM has considerable Cuban exile man power, which MM T-1 states have various skills which might be utilized by OSAC. One such person is "PEPE" JUNCO, whom MM T-1 states is proficient in setting up remote control apparatus.

MM T-1 has stated he has the impression that considerable financial support is being received by OSAC from American citizens, and he is not clear as to the motivation. He stated that he also has the impression that the operations of OSAC are being conducted through liaison with CIA. [He stated he is aware that JUAN MESA in the past has worked closely with CIA.] (S-1)(S)

He also advised that at the meeting of OSAC in the Miami area on the night of July 8, 1964, MESA made a telephone call to the telephone number HI 8-1100, which is the telephone of BERNARDO BARKER. BARKER, according to MM T-1, is believed by Cubans to be an agent of CIA. (S-1)(S)

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~~NELSON RODRIGUEZ~~. RODRIGUEZ operates a black compact car, believed of English make.

On July 13, 1964, MM T-1 accompanied Agents in an attempt to locate the home where the OSAC meeting of July 8, 1964 occurred. MM T-1 pointed out the house, located at the southwest corner of Douglas Road and Stewart Avenue, in Coconut Grove, Miami. MM T-1 stated he believed this was [a CIA "safe house,"] because (S) no one seemed to live there, although it was furnished and contained several telephones.

Also on July 13, 1964, MM T-1 pointed out the residence at 743 Sistina, Coral Gables, Florida, as the home at which he believed one of the American attorneys was dropped off after attending the meeting at the house in Coconut Grove.

The September, 1963 telephone directory lists ~~MELVIN N. GREENBERG~~, an attorney with office in the duPont Building, Miami, as resident at 743 Sistina, Coral Gables. Fla.

In addition to the foregoing, MM T-1 advised that he believes that Cuban exile ~~ENRIQUE CASADO CUERVO~~, Bureau file 105-68231, Miami file 105-8032, may be working with OSAC out of Puerto Rico. He said he deduced this inasmuch as there had been reference by JUAN MESA to ARGELIO (LNU), the friend of CASADO. Fla.

No LNU It is to be noted that the Miami file on ~~CASADO~~ reflects he has a close friend named ARGELIO GONZALEZ, and also that CASADO had a boat named the ESCATUTA. The Miami file further reflects that ENRIQUE CASADO as of June, 1964, was residing at Las Flores, #300 Santurce, Puerto Rico.

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Miami files reflect that ~~NELSON IGLESIAS~~
~~CATALA~~, born July 18, 1939 in Cuba, [was the subject of
 a name check request by CIA, Miami on November 30,
 1961,] at which time IGLESIAS resided at 2220 S.W. 27th
 Terrace. ~~(S)~~ (u)

On July 20, 1964, INS record pertaining to
 NELSON ADOLFO ~~IGLESIAS~~, A12 094 498, born July 18,
 1939 in Cuba, reflected his occupation as Seaman, and
 his employment as Marine Engineering and Training
 Corporation, 315 N. Krome Avenue, Homestead, Florida.
 Only the annual address report card submitted in
 January, 1964, was available on IGLESIAS, and his INS
 file is believed located in New York City. *INS INFO REMAINS UNCLASS*
per their let. DTD. 2-18-98 SLD/KSR

On July 20, 1964 inquiry was made at the
 Homestead, Florida, to locate the Marine Engineering
 and Training Corporation, [and it developed that this
 is an apparent front utilized by CIA] It was determined
 that [Attorney JIM ~~McDONALD~~, with office at 286 S. Krome,
 Homestead, receives mail for this company. F12. (S)

[~~McDONALD~~] (S) was absent from his office, but when
 reached by telephone, he requested to know the nature
 of FBI interest in NELSON IGLESIAS. It was pointed out
 that interview of IGLESIAS was desired in connection
 with the Cuban situation. He requested that if any
 problem existed that he be apprised inasmuch as NELSON
 was an employee of the corporation and [McDONALD] an
 officer in the corporation. Mr. [McDONALD] stated
 IGLESIAS would be out of town for a couple of days.

It is noted that Mr. [McDONALD] (S) according to
 Homestead RA CHARLES P. KELLY, is a former [Legal Officer] (S)
 from the Homestead Air Force Base, and is now retired.

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(S) [McDONALD] (S) is in the [law firm] (S) together with (S) [BOB SHUPACK] who works from the [law firm] (S) office in North Miami; [TOM MAXEY] (S) who works from the [law firm] (S) office at Coral Gables, and [GENE SHORT] (S) who works with [McDONALD] (S) at Homestead.

At 4:45 PM on July 20, 1964, RAY DuBOIS, CIA, Miami, called the Miami Office and asked to speak to SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR. This call occurred approximately 10 minutes after SA O'CONNOR had talked with (S) [Attorney JIM McDONALD] by telephone at Homestead, Florida. Mr. DuBOIS was telephonically contacted on the evening of July 20, 1964 by SA O'CONNOR, at which time he advised CIA has an operational interest in NELSON IGLESIAS, and in the Marine Engineering and Training Corporation. (S) (X) (X)

It was pointed out to Mr. DuBOIS that IGLESIAS is evidently involved in OSAC. Mr. DuBOIS advised he had no knowledge of such affiliation by IGLESIAS but that it would not be the first time a party of CIA interest became involved in some side operation, ending up on the Cuban beach, resulting in charges against CIA. (S) (X) (X) (u)

Mr. DuBOIS was requested to advise if possibly the "controlled" actions of IGLESIAS might, for publicity purposes, be attributed in the past to OSAC. It was pointed out to Mr. DuBOIS that according to information received in the investigation of OSAC, that some American attorneys are reportedly involved. Mr. DuBOIS stated he would check into the matter and further advise. (S) (X) (X) (u)

On July 21, 1964, Mr. DuBOIS advised that CIA had no interest in OSAC, but requested that the Bureau (S) (X) (X) (u)

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On July 21, 1964, STANLEY SCHACHTER, U.S. Customs, Miami, advised he possessed no information concerning OSAC and he did not know of any boats which JUAN MESA might have an interest in.

On July 21, 1964, Captain JOHN LOWRY, Merrill-Stevens Drydock Company, 1270 N.W. 11th Street, Miami, Florida, advised he is well acquainted with all the vessels given berth in Merrill-Stevens facilities in Miami, but had no knowledge of a boat fitting the description of 75 to 80' which was berthed at 17th Avenue and the Miami River, according to information received from MM T-1 of this report. Captain LOWRY also advised he was not familiar with the name JUAN MESA.

On July 22, 1964, MM T-1 said he believed OSAC may be utilizing MARCELINO GARCIA of MIRR to obtain a bomb or torpedo. He said GARCIA is secretive but apparently has contact with someone, Cuban or American, in the Carolinas whereby he may be able to obtain a bomb or torpedo.

MM T-1 was advised that on July 20, 1964, JUAN MESA and "TONY" ARANGO were interviewed at approximately 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, respectively. MM T-1 said he planned to tell MESA he was visited by an FBI Agent, name unknown, on July 20, 1964, and was worried because of questions about OSAC, although revealing nothing to Agent. This arrangement is believed desirable for protection of MM T-1.

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MM T-1 is PSI ARTURO GONZALEZ GONZALEZ

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