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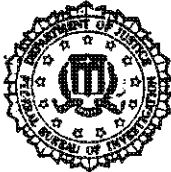
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RE: MAX LESNICK,
Also Known As
Max Edgardo Lesnick-Menendez
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
POSSIBLE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Information was previously reported under date of April 5, 1973, concerning allegations made on February 29, 1973, by MAX LESNICK, publisher of the Spanish language magazine "Replica", Miami, to the effect that RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE had been harassing LESNICK and his publication "Replica". In March, 1973, an anonymous letter in Spanish with an English translation, all contained in one typewritten page was disseminated to a number of individuals and agencies in the Miami area, alleging that MORALES was operating in the United States for "International Communism", is a "double agent who receives orders from Russia", machine gunned a Cuban in Miami, and receives protection from "Mr. DAVIS of the FBI".

Information was also reported that MORALES served as a key witness for the Federal Government in 1968 in the successful prosecution and conviction of ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, JORGE GUTIERREZ ULLA, and seven other defendants for ship bombings, conspiracy and extortion. BOSCH was released from jail on parole on December 16, 1972. GUTIERREZ, who has also been released from prison, is employed as a writer for "Replica" by LESNICK.

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RE: MAX LESNICK

SA ROBERT J. DWYER that he had learned through PILAR ALFONSO some additional information. He then stated that MORALES had disclosed that he is in contact with four individuals, RAFAEL AGUIRRE of the Miami Police Department, RAUL DIAZ of the FBI, [redacted] of CIA and (u) AVELINO FERNANDEZ of Customs (RAUL DIAZ is an officer in the Organized Crime Unit of the Dade County Public Safety Department and is not with the FBI. RAY VELASQUEZ was a former police officer in Miami who is now employed by Gramco, an international investment company by whom MORALES is also employed. AVELINO FERNANDEZ is a Customs agent and former Miami police officer.)

REBOSO said that these four individuals met with MORALES, at which time, MORALES stated "REBOSO is out to get me, but he will have to get DAVIS first". REBOSO said that MORALES plans to leave with RAY VELASQUEZ for South America in two weeks.

REBOSO advised that he had contacted an official of U. S. Customs and ascertained that FERNANDEZ is a Customs agent. He also stated that he had met with U. S. Representative DANTE FASCELL in Washington and also planned to get with Senator Gurney of Florida. REBOSO disclosed that he planned to get with Chief GARMIRE of the City of Miami in order to ascertain who issued a pistol permit to MORALES.

On May 14, 1973, RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE was interviewed by SA CLARENCE P. GRAHAM and SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. MORALES related that he had learned through investigators of another agency that MANOLO REBOSO, MAX LESNICK and TOMAS GARCIA FUSTE, Director of Miami Spanish language

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