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Possibly because of this loosely structured control over JURE, the CIA had the day-to-day activities of the group closely monitored by an individual identified only by the cryptonym, ^(AMTAUP/1) (AMTAUP/2). (Rogerio Cineros) was in frequent contact, ^{especially} with (AMTAUP/2) and ~~was~~ readily confided in him. (Cineros) conversations were ^{then} duly transmitted to the CIA on ~~JURE~~ plans to infiltrate one of their members ~~into the CIA~~, regarding such subjects as: Ray meeting with Robert F. Kennedy in 1963 (CIA/DDO Ray I Cable to Dir from JMWAVE, Sept 11, 1963); Ray's negotiations on behalf of JURE (CIA/DDO Ray II, Cable to Dir fr JMWAVE 11 Oct 63) Secret JURE meeting (CIA/DDO Ray III - Dispatch to Chief, Spec. Affairs from CS/JMWAVE 21 Oct 63); Allegations that Gov. of P.R. was purposely sidetracking an FBI, INS investigation of illegal arms possession by JURE in P.R. (CIA/DDO Ray III, Cable to Dir fr JMWAVE 30 Jan 1964); JURE animosity toward Artimo & MRR (Vol VIII ^{Cable to Dir fr JMWAVE, 3/7/64})

JURE training bases - (III) Call to Dir, JMWAVE Apr 26, 1964)
to name a few.

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For whatever reason, ^{no} (AMTAUP/2) reports shows up in any file review which might have offered some clue as to why Cineros Ray & Cineros failed to accomplish their half of the mission at ^{Roncador} Regela Cay on the ~~during the time periods scheduled (first) for~~ Nov 23 and then ^{on Nov 18,} ~~changed to~~ ^{at the last minute} Nov 25, 1963, ~~just~~ moved up two days. CIA ~~stated~~ said Ray was involved in the infiltration plan and doubted his story as to why he could not complete the mission (CIA/DDO XI Cable fr. Director to JMWAVE, Dec 3, 1963)

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Move operations to Costa Rica ^{draft} (p. 9) and
^{established a guerrilla}
^{training base in Venezuela.} (CIA/DDO Ray Vol XII, Cable to Div. from
SMWAVE, Jan 31, 1964 - Intelligence Info. Cable, Feb. 4, 1964)

Ray began to formulate plans for
his infiltration into Cuba in March 1964
(CIA/DDO Ray Vol XIII, Cable to Div. fr. SMWAVE, Mar 28, 1964)
and made plans to turn MRE over to Rogelio
Cineros in his absence. (CIA/DDO Ray Vol XIV Memo for
Chief, WH Division, Apr 14, 1964 from Alfonso Rodriguez,
Subj: My meeting with Ray on 13 April 1964) His
plan did not reach fruition ~~and~~ and Ray and
his group were arrested by the British near
Cayo Largo and taken to Nassau for a short
detention. (CIA/DDO Vol XV, Cable to Director from SMWAVE,
June 3, 1964). Ray's failure. The failure of Ray's
infiltration attempt and resultant publicity
brought his prestige among the Cuban exile
community to a "near-absolute low point." (CIA/DDO
Ray Vol XV, Cable to Director from SMWAVE, 10 June 1964)
^{In addition to Ray's loss of}
^{credibility} ~~adding to his~~ ^{credibility} troubles, ~~was~~ the
^{U.S. Treasury}
embarrassing revelation by the FBI that
MRE had illegally purchased \$50,000 worth
of arms from a California company which
were confiscated in a raid on that company
in California ^{in May 1964} (CIA/DDO Ray Vol XIV, memo for Record,
May 20, 1964 from Samuel Halpern, Subj: MRE purchase
of arms) caused the CIA considerable embarrassment
(ibid) The agency denied knowledge of
the arms purchase when queried by Revenue

Compounding

For these reasons, his background was questioned
by the State Dept ^{some in} ~~the Miami CIA office~~ (
CIA/DDO Ray VOL I, memo to WH Chief from Acting Chief, WH,
9/27/60, Subj: State Approval to Include Manuel Ray Puyo
into the FRD Complex) and the Miami CIA Office (CIA/DDO
Ray VOL I, Cable from MASH to WH/9, 9/29/60) when, in
the summer of 1960 he was actively being
recruited by the CIA in Havana to become a
member of the FRD, a newly formed anti-Castro
organization sponsored by the CIA (etc)

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Another episode in May served to compound the problems of JURE.

Rogelio Ceneros had ^{obligated} invested \$50,000 of JURE money for the purchase of weapons by an El Monte Calif. ^{arms} manufacturing company, ~~and~~ to be shipped to Florida. ~~so informed~~ (CIA/DDO Ray XIV, Memo for Record May 20, 1964, from Samuel Halpern, Subj: JURE Purchase of Arms.) ~~California authorities & the~~ ~~FBI~~ The FBI in the course of investigating the mfg. company, asked the CIA if they had any knowledge of this purchase, ^(ibid) which was illegal ~~that~~ under U.S. laws. Working under the autonomous ^{operations} guidelines, the CIA denied any involvement and advised JURE to make use of one of their L.A. connections to facilitate the shipment outside the U.S. (ibid)

officials and because of the autonomous nature of its relationship with JARE, did not make any attempt to stop Revenue's investigation (Ibid) This combination

This combination of events led a special group within the CIA to cancel any monies to Ray until he ceased all activities from the U.S. mainland, (CIA/DDO Ray VOL XV, Memo for Record, 29 June 1964 from Alfonso Rodriguez Subj: Establishment of Base Abroad, Manuel Ray Rivera). A final payment of \$75,000 was made to JARE at the end of 1964 and JARE books were closed at the CIA, (CIA/DDO Ray file VOL XVII)

(Autonomous Operations Operating Plan)

(CIA/DDO, Ray Vol XVIII, Memo for Record, draft, Sept 22, 1964, Alfonso Rodriguez)