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SUBJECT: AMERICO JOSEPH SALEBE, aka IS-R

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Rerep SA RICHARD W. HILL, dated and captioned as above, at NY.

The following information is set forth relative to a proposed interview with the subject.

I. Subject resides at 454 W. 22nd. St., Apt. 4RR, NYC. He is an aviation electrician employed by Lockheed Aircraft Service, International, Inc., NY International Airport, Jamaica, N.Y. He was born September 26, 1921 at Barranquilla, Bolivar or Mompos, Colombia, and was naturalized 5-13-55 SDNY

II. Subject is single.

III. On 1-28-60, ANNETTE SYLVIA EPSTEIN (PSI-protect identity) advised subject had associated with LEONID A. KOVALEV in August or September, 1958.

IV. Subject has been in contact with KOVALEV, YURIY A. MISHUKOV and VADIM A. KIRILYUK, all known Soviet intelligence agents, on various unknown occasions. Subject told EPSTEIN that during the period Summer 1958 - Summer, 1959, he and the above Soviets attended parties given by LIBBY HOLMAN REYNOLDS; SALEBE said that he had introduced the Soviets to REYNOLDS at REYNOLDS request. REYNOLDS is an SI subject of the NH Division.

V. None known.

VI. It is noted that KOVALEV, KIRILYUK and MISHUKOV have returned to the USSR. However, if subject is cooperative he may have considerable potential as an informant or double agent in the future since it would appear that he has been useful to the Soviets in meeting people in the past.

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VII. According to ~~ERSTAIN~~ and ~~BURTON VAN HORN FOREMAN~~ (PSI- protect identity), the latter an admitted homosexual, SALEBE has homosexual tendencies. DENNIS LYNN HARBER (NY 105-37990), SALEBE'S former roommate, has a history of homosexuality and mental illness according to VA Hospital records. However, interview is considered desirable in order to ascertain the nature of the subject's relation with [the Soviets], which cannot otherwise be determined. (S) (X)

VIII. If the subject is cooperative, it is anticipated that the nature and frequency of his contacts with [the Soviets] will be determined, as well as any requests [the Soviets] may have made of him. (S) (X)

XI. SALEBE will be interviewed at his residence. No appointment for the interview will be made. He will be informed that HARBER, his former roommate, advised Bureau agents at Kansas City that FIDEL CASTRO's agents had attempted to kidnap him and that [the Russians] were also after him. In the course of attempting to verify HARBER's allegations, SALEBE will be asked if HARBER knew [any Soviets]. It is noted that on 5-3-59, HARBER telephonically contacted the FBI KCMO Office, stating that he had been abducted by CASTRO's men but had escaped from them. He was interviewed by Bureau agents on 5-3-59, at which time he denied ever having called that office. (S) (X)

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews with security subjects. Care will be exercised to protect the original source in this matter. No direct questions will be asked during the interview which will disclose to the subject [the identity of the official or establishment contacted, the method used in the contact, or the fact that we are aware of the contact.] The interview will be conducted in a manner so that the subject will volunteer the details of the contact. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during initial interview to [direct his activities], but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject [as a potential security informant or double agent]. (S) (X)

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