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On 12/24/70, SA PATRICK W. MURRAY contacted the following sources familiar with some aspects of Cuban activities in Puerto Rico, with negative results, regarding subject:

SJ 492-S  
[ SJ 613-S ]  
[ SJ 627-S ] (u)  
[ SJ 666-S ]  
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For the information of the Bureau, during interview of RUBEN CASAL CAMPOS, San Juan file 105-13033, on 2/10/71, whose name was also brought up in connection with this matter, CASAL CAMPOS indicated that he did know this subject, and that BARANDELA, along with other unidentified subjects had gone to Miami, Florida, with the intention of obtaining backing for an expedition into Cuba. CASAL stated that they were unable to do this, and has returned to Puerto Rico. He could not, or would not, furnish employment or address for the subject. He stated that BARANDELA was connected with "NINO" DIAZ previously.

A review of San Juan indices reflects a reference to a (FNU) BARANDELA in San Juan file 105-5955, Bufile 105-110055, and reported in Miami LHM, dated 10/23/69, in that this (FNU) BARANDELA was working with "NINO" DIAZ attempting to collect money for the Ejercito Libertador de Cuba (ELC) (Cuban Liberation Army). San Juan indices further contain various references to a Captain RAUL BARANDELA ESTEVEZ, having had various contacts with the ELC throughout the 1960s.

It is pointed out to the Bureau that in Miami report, dated 5/18/62, entitled "Ejercito Libertador de Cuba, IS-Cuba," Bufile 105-110055, Page 6, a list of the names of followers of HUBER MATOS and naval guards who escaped from El Morro prison, and on 10/16/60 arrived in the United States, contains the name Captain RAUL BARANDELA ESTEVEZ, as well as RODOSVALDO LLAURADO RAMS, DIONISIO SUAREZ ESQUIVEL, and ROBERTO COBAS ALVAREZ.

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[The previously furnished DIA report indicates the names of the four individuals who told a friend that they were going to Cuba, were purportedly, ex-Captain JOSE BARANDELA, ex-Lieutenant (FNU) LLAURADO; ex-Captain MACEO, and DIONISIO SUAREZ. (C) In Miami report dated 6/13/62, in the same file, Page 7, during interview of ROBERTO COBAS ALVAREZ at Miami, Florida, he advised that he is known as Lieutenant MACEO, and was a member of the ELC.

It would appear likely that the above individuals are identical with the individuals contained in DIA report, number 5 705 0052 70. (C)

San Juan indices further reflect that RAUL BARANDELA ESTEVEZ was the subject of San Juan file 25-23163, during 1967, for failure to register for the draft within six months after entry into the United States. BARANDELA has INS Alien Registration All 879 354, and is reflected as having been born 4/28/34 at Oriente, Cuba. He is listed as having entered the United States at Miami, Florida, on 5/1/61. P.R.

Contact with established sources at San Juan, Puerto Rico, has failed to indicate that the ELC is currently active, or that there are any groups currently formulating plans for an attack on the regime of FIDEL CASTRO.

UACB, no further action being taken in this matter by San Juan.

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