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in Miami and why he placed toll calls to her in New York.

Will ask Mrs. TAAFFE why NAPIER contacted RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO and RODRIGUEZ TAMAYO at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel, New York City, in July, 1959, his relationship with ESTEBAN VENTURA, and why NAPIER was in New York in 1959 with RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO.

Will ask Mrs. TAAFFE if she directed subject to make inquiry concerning the Raquet Club, North Bay Village, Florida, and report information developed to her. If so, for what purpose she gathered intelligence information concerning activities of four nationals in the United States.

MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will recontact PSI RICHARD B. JAFFE for information concerning present connections between subject and ROLANDO MASFERRER.
2. Will contact former City Judge HERNANDEZ and attorney NORMAN HOFT for any information they have concerning subject.
3. Will instruct MM 639-S to allow RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO to introduce him to NAPIER so informant will be in a better position to report on activities of subject. (X/m)
4. [Will carefully select someone in the Cuban Consulate or a representative of the Cuban Government, who is friendly to the United States, to contact concerning subject. Will notify Bureau before such a contact is made. (X)

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5. Will recontact MM 639-S for descriptions, serial numbers and disposition of guns given to RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO by subject. (X)(u)

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

MM T-1 is [MM 679-S*] (S)

Instant report, page 6.

MM T-2 is FRANK WATERSON, Security Officer, State Department, Miami, Florida (by request).

Instant report, page 7,8,18,19

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MM T-3 is PSI RICHARD B. JAFFE, PSI (UD)

134-370-Sub A-9.

MM T-4 is [MM 639-S] (X)(u)

134-238-Sub A-267

MM T-5 is WALLACE SHANLEY, U. S. Customs Agent, Miami, Florida (By request)

Instant report, page 18

MM T-6 is JOHN EK, Gun Dealer, Seminole Gun Shop, 3214 N. W. 54th Street, Miami, Florida (By request).

Instant report, page 16.

EK is registering as an agent of the Cuban government.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report, and "T" symbols have been utilized only in those instances where identity must be concealed.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The Intelligence Unit of the Miami Police Department comes under the supervision of Captain LEE NAPIER. The Intelligence Section has been investigating matters relating to Cuban revolutionary activities during the past two and one-half years, and has made several seizures of guns and a number of arrests relating to violations of local ordinances. It is possible that some of NAPIER's contacts with Cuban revolutionists have been of a legitimate nature pursuant to his official duties.

U. S. Customs, Miami, has advised that NAPIER has, in different ways, tried to get information from U. S. Customs, both in Washington, D. C., and Miami, Florida, concerning anti-TRUJILLO groups. They have refused to give him any information, suspecting that he would transmit this information to the Dominican Republic.

AL TARABOCHIA, Deputy Sheriff, Intelligence Unit, Dade County Department of Public Safety (formerly the Sheriff's Department), advised that the Intelligence Unit does not trust or cooperate with NAPIER.

Miami Office contacts NAPIER only on certain matters within his jurisdiction, and then with great circumspection, and considers most information furnished by NAPIER as being self-serving and not within the realm of verification.

It is noted that RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO has, on several occasions, desired MM 639-S to be introduced to NAPIER. The Special Agent handling MM 639-S has instructed informant,

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Synopsis:

FLORIDA
In 1956 Director, Crime Commission, advised that subject, Lieutenant in the Miami Police Department, was then associated financially with the Southern Armored Truck Service, Miami. Item appeared in "Miami Herald" Newspaper in 1/56, stating subject, Captain in Miami Police Department, came under scrutiny and was long-time controversial figure in Miami Police Department. Acting Cuban Consul, Miami, representing CASTRO regime, in a news article in 1/59, implied subject was working for BATISTA. Anonymous letter received by Justice Department accused subject of receiving \$700.00 a month from former Cuban Consul in Miami under BATISTA Government. GILBERTO FERNANDEZ, Major in July 26 Revolutionary Movement, described subject to ROY KAYTON, arms dealer, as "very nice" and that they went to a night club together. ~~3~~ Former Cuban Consul under BATISTA (u) regime denied ever having paid money to subject. In early 1959, subject reportedly went to Dominican Republic as guest of General TRUJILLO. There is rumor and gossip that subject being paid by Dominican Republic for information concerning anti-TRUJILLO activities. On 5/22/59, JOSEPH C. LIQUORI, member of subject's Miami Police Department Intelligence Unit, was arrested by U. S. Customs attempting to export arms. Subject sent Miami Police Department officers out of their jurisdiction to watch Cuban Air Force planes being repaired

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It is to be noted that Mr. EDUARDO HERNANDEZ was the Cuban Consul General in Miami during the BATISTA regime in Cuba, and up to January 1, 1959, when the BATISTA government collapsed and FIDEL CASTRO took over the Cuban government and is presently Prime Minister.

On March 26, 1959, Mr. HERNANDEZ advised that Captain LEE NAPIER of the Miami Police Department had never been employed by him in any capacity whatsoever, and that at no time had he ever given NAPIER \$700.00 as a salary or for any other purpose.

Mr. HERNANDEZ stated that at no time had he ever employed any police officer of the Miami Police Department or of any other police agency in the United States.

Mr. HERNANDEZ stated any statement to the contrary was absolutely false and without any foundation whatsoever.

Mr. HERNANDEZ continued that while he was Consul General during the BATISTA regime, he did receive considerable information from time to time relating to illegal smuggling and other revolutionary-type activities on the part of Cuban exiles then residing in the Miami area, and that he did furnish this information to appropriate federal agencies in the Miami area, and that as a result, many arrests and convictions were obtained by federal agencies during the past few years in Miami.

Mr. HERNANDEZ stated that over a period of several years, he has received anonymous threats from time to time, and that since January 1, 1959, he has received several additional threats, to which he has become accustomed, but that at no time has he ever received any threats that had any relation whatsoever to Captain NAPIER.

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Mr. HERNANDEZ stated during the time he was Consul General, on only two occasions had the Cuban Consulate received any assistance from the Miami Police Department, and that on neither of these occasions was assistance requested. He explained on one of these occasions, which arose in 1957 when a group of Cuban exiled demonstrators began to march from Bayfront Park, Miami, to the Cuban Consulate, carrying banners and placards, the Miami Police Department attempted to stop this unlicensed march. Two officers were severely beaten. The march was broken up, and a considerable number of demonstrators were arrested by the Miami Police Department. An incident was thus avoided at the Cuban Consulate.

The second incident occurred when Mr. HERNANDEZ was at the Seaboard Railroad Station in Miami with the family of a Cuban official who was departing for Washington, D. C. A large group of threatening Cuban demonstrators appeared on the scene, some reportedly with guns, and the Miami Police Department rushed police to the scene to avoid an incident. A considerable number of these demonstrators were also arrested by the Miami Police Department.

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MM T-1, on March 17, 1959 advised that ROY KATON, a Miami gun dealer, contacted GILBERTO FERNANDEZ, who had reportedly served as a major in the July 26th Revolutionary Movement. FERNANDEZ disclosed that he had gone to a nightclub with LEE NAPIER on the previous night and described NAPIER as being "very nice". KATON then remarked "They are very nice--they will take care. The only thing you have to see what you can do. If you can do anything with us, we'll work with you 100%. You can count on that." MM T-1 was unable to furnish more information about this conversation, and was also unable to clarify it. (S) (U)

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MM T-4 said he subsequently talked to RODRIGUEZ who said that NAPIER was very friendly and told him that if he ever got into trouble, to call him and he would do everything he could to help him. (X)(u)

RODRIGUEZ said that at times, NAPIER has called at his (RODRIGUEZ') residence and asked his advice prior to performing some official act. RODRIGUEZ gave as an example the time when ESTEBAN VENTURA first entered the United States in 1959, NAPIER came to RODRIGUEZ and said VENTURA was in the United States illegally and that he could arrest VENTURA and have him deported. He asked if this was what RODRIGUEZ wanted, and RODRIGUEZ said "No". NAPIER did not have VENTURA arrested. (X)(u)

RODRIGUEZ also said that NAPIER offered to give RODRIGUEZ as much protection as he was able to give regarding RODRIGUEZ' revolutionary activity. (X)(u)

On December 19, 1959, MM T-4 advised that at about 2:00 a.m. that day, RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO was contacted by an individual who stated he had a method of shipping guns to Cuba and that RODRIGUEZ should immediately obtain what guns he could for this shipment. (X)(u)

RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO immediately made a telephone call to Captain NAPIER and stated that he needed some more "candy". Because of the early hour, it appeared that NAPIER was uncertain as to who was calling him, whereupon RODRIGUEZ stated he wanted more "candy", the same type that NAPIER had previously delivered to RODRIGUEZ at a motel. RODRIGUEZ told NAPIER he needed the "candy" before 6:00 a.m. (X)(u)

At about 3:30 a.m. on December 19, 1959, NAPIER arrived at the residence of RODRIGUEZ COUCEIRO in a Chevrolet automobile, was met by RODRIGUEZ outside the house, whereupon NAPIER opened the trunk of the automobile and gave a box containing 19 revolvers to RODRIGUEZ. NAPIER immediately left. No money exchange between NAPIER and (X)(u)

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