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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Contact Division  
ATTN: Mr. J. A. Brown

DATE: 22 May 60

FROM : Chief, Contact Division

SUBJECT: Interview With Volmer Joe, German Patient at UNITED Hospital, Detroit

1. Volmer Joe, born as Vitmerose, L.V., 17 Jan 19, called the Detroit Field Office on the afternoon of 15 Aug 59, and requested an interview. He said he has information as to what "would help us". In response to his request, a SAC called on him this afternoon at the hospital.

2. Physically, Joe gave the appearance of having been down on his back for some time. He is a Venezuelan citizen, and his wife and two children live in Maracaibo. He is a sugar operator of professional background. He arrived in this area in late 1949, in Cleveland on or about 11 August, and has been at the Federal UNITED Hospital since that date. He carries passport no. 250770, re-validated at Maracaibo, Venezuela on 17 Jul 59. Joe has a sister-in-law, Anna Trujillo, whom he describes as a well-known newspaperwoman of Maracaibo, and a member of Union Democrática. The following is the gist of what he said in the course of this two and a half hour interview.

3. Communist-backed Anta Trujillo Movement. Through his sister-in-law, Joe met in 1951 a Venezuelan newspaperman of the name of Pena, a reporter for the Diario del Occidente of Maracaibo. Pena introduced him to people connected with an anti-Trujillo movement, composed mainly of Nicaraguan exiles in Venezuela. Joe makes the impression that they would have employed him, but he found out the movement was backed by the Communist Party of Venezuela, and so he dropped them.

4. Shortly after his meeting with the anti-Trujillists, Joe came in contact with a Professor, Director of the Collegio Jose Martí, and head of the Anti-Communist Movement in Maracaibo. Gonzalez was under the impression that Joe was an ex-Trujillo agent, and expressed an interest in using him to run arms into Cuba, to supply the Castro forces. This was prior to the Batista overthrow of January 1959.

5. Joe took a job in Miami, working on contract on a trekking operation. In April in July 1959, he met a man Jose, who introduced him to Antonio, Director of an anti-Castro group. Antonio took Joe into the group and told him he would like to employ him with his job in the trekking operation. Antonio, according to Joe, was the agent who dispatched the "trekking" operation. Antonio, Director, and Antonio, all of whom were caught and released shortly after their arrival in Cuba. Joe says Antonio and Antonio were sent to Cuba, but a third person was sent in connection of the trekking operation. Joe unavailably. Antonio did not see, however, Antonio and Joe were not. Joe would be certain with the trekking operation and Antonio arrived there, he Antonio the trekking operation and Antonio did not.

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6. Gee's opinion of Miraflores. Miraflores is a migrant, who is only allowed to enter the country by way of the port of Callao. He was a brother of the late President. He was volunteered to the fact he was a member of the group who attacked the Chilean Consul in the Consulate in Lima. He was not received that name, Miller and the group were in the execution of the fact he was a "migrant".

7. When Gee was weighing the deal and he was finally available to enter the Masferrer group. He was a follower of the name of Harry Masferrer, in the company of Miraflores and Miraflores. In Miraflores's opinion and value with a much more prominent name than that of Miraflores. Harry had an office in the same building as the Chilean Consulate, and seemed to act as a translator for Masferrer, as well as a provider of weapons on a small scale. Harry apparently had serious character flaws, since he switched two of the cameras of the Masferrer militia out of 100 each on the pretext of taking their cameras from him to have them cashed for them.

8. Warrior of Russ Masferrer When Masferrer started actively recruiting Americans for his group, he did not make any effort to check them out. Among them were Harry Masferrer, who claimed to be an ex-convict police officer in the service of Castro. The night was in a bar next to the Masferrer task force's barracks at 1001. West with Masferrer, Juan (also known as El Indio) and a former member of the Castro secret police, whom he could not name. There were many other Cubans and Americans as well. Juan was a Portuguese who claimed to have entered the US legally at Key West after jumping the Havana-Hay West Ferry. His nickname derived from his musical talents. He also claimed to have had military experience, but he proved to adopt an military tactics that he later became second in command of the task force. The former Castro secret policeman was in his early 20's, about six feet tall, husky build and claimed to have been a schoolteacher. In the course of the evening at the bar, one of the three - Masferrer, Juan, or the ex-secret policeman - made the remark that, on the occasion of their landing in Cuba, they should break away from the Masferrer group and try to join up with some other. Gee overheard the remark and reported it to the task force leader, though he said he could not identify which of the three had made it. The ex-secret policeman was immediately thrown out of the task force, but Masferrer was also strongly suspected of being the author of the dissident remark. As a result of this suspicion, Masferrer was not allowed to take any firearms with him when the group went into training on No-Mana Key. Gee, however, was allowed to take a .25 pistol. Besides Gee's weapon, the only other firearms at No-Mana initially were a 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 rifle. Masferrer was unable to keep up with the rigorous physical training schedule of the group, and so absented himself from that part of the training. Masferrer stopped the habit of rising early in the morning and going out to hunt in the woods, having managed somehow to appropriate the .22 rifle. Because of his general attitude toward the training, plus the suspicion that surrounded him as the possible author of the dissident remark in the Miraflores bar, an acute bitterness grew between him and the group leader at No-Mana, Harry, also known as El Indio. Harry was a former Batista police sergeant who had been tried and condemned to death in absentia. Harry proposed shooting it out with Masferrer, but Masferrer declined the invitation. Masferrer visited No-Mana once in the company of Harry ---, an ex-C.I. who had served in Havana. Masferrer brought with him a .45 service automatic and a .30-06 rifle. These guns were lost by Masferrer, upon his departure the next day. In the company of Harry (who had been a C.I. man in Batista's army and claimed to have killed El Indio), Masferrer was married to an American woman who lived in Miami. Masferrer arose early in the morning and went hunting, according to his custom. About breakfast time, the men in the camp heard shots, and then Masferrer

Harry Masferrer 7/2/50

9. Bill Bishop and Jim Garrison: About two days after Oswald's shooting the two men returned from Miami Beach and they had to leave to Miami. Garrison to the FBI. They went to Little Lake Way. And when asked Bill Bishop was sent out to take charge of them there. They stayed there one week at Little Lake and he supplied them car, and then returned to Miami. Bishop impressed me as being a psycho, and no one would take orders from him. He is in the underworld group after the return to Miami, but shortly thereafter contacted me and asked me to join him in his venture in New York and with Constance Bernheim. One winter Bishop in his apartment in Miami, and described it as a rather expensive set-up. When the group met, Bishop called James, Tom Lyle, Miami, gave him a report and had a discussion. At the conclusion of the said Miami program report, and explained that he had been given an expatriation-off. He confided to me that all information from Bernheim went to CIA. He said he was set up with Cutler and John Lake leaving out.

11. Breaking of the fast-rer gear occurred around early January 1961, when fast-rer was asked by the police to close up the tracks. The members of the group were told to go their several ways, but they were heavily armed and took. Luis Fernandez took Gen to the home of Dr. Anselmo J. Almagro, President of the Cuban Senate. While Gen waited outside in the car, Luis went into the house and returned carrying with a "bag" of money. He turned it over to Gen to pay each of the men \$100, constituting final pay-off and liberation of the employment agreement. He was able to hand 17 of the men to each of whom he gave three dollars in exchange for an affidavit of release as a rule of the union he still has in his possession. All of the men appeared there to be released and to take

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at these points. One of them was left in a group before the payoff was made. A man at Westman, who was paid for the payoff, saying to each a "thank you" there. The group then moved down. Apparently, they were set up instead of being taken away. They were arrested and sentenced to 30 years each. One of them was reportedly that one of the six was a woman. Another small group of the ex-convicts made a last effort with the intention of fleeing to Cuba. They were picked up by West police before they got out of the harbor.

12. All Anti-Castro Agents in the Miami Area, according to Gee, is under the direction of James Fernandez, of the Cuban organization. His residence is at 801 1st and 15th Ave., Miami. Gee says she promises, or makes, money and sees to their delivery on target.

13. Guantanamo-Bahia Anti-Boatlift Plan: (Gee says that he gave the following information to James Fernandez who was with him in response to his phone call sometime early this year. James Fernandez in Miami.) Sometime early this year, Gee is single around the time he met a man named Howard Davis who upon hearing that Gee was interested in returning to his family in Caracas, introduced him to one Luiz Pinheiro. Photo of 1955 Collins Ave., Miami. Pinheiro arranged an interview for Gee with a Colonel Casanova, who was instructed to act as the head of the anti-boatlift operation in Miami. Casanova asked Gee and Davis if they would - on 30 days notice - organize and arm a group of 400 ex-convicts. He offered Gee and Davis that unlimited cash would be at their disposal for the task. Casanova said all kinds of arms would be needed, including machine guns and flame throwers. He was most interested in whether or not Gee and Davis had any channel for procuring the arms. They assured Casanova they could raise the 400 men and obtain the desired arms and equipment. Casanova said he had already arranged transportation for the force via commercial airline, where they would be flown to a mountain site "trained" Caracas. He said the 400 disguised as tourists, and they would be given 30 days vigorous training under the direction of English-speaking Venezuelan army officers. Casanova explained that the tentative plan was for an attack by the 400 on Caracas, simultaneously with an Army revolt within the city and at other unpublicized points. The attempted coup in early 1961, involving an attack on Radio Rumbos, resulted in the arrest of several army officers involved in the Casanova plot, and according to Pinheiro, necessitated an indefinite delay. Pinheiro told Gee, however, that Fernandez was still interested in the plan, and that it would be carried out.

14. Caracas with arrangements: Thom J. J. Serrano, who lives with Rafael Pinheiro, a relative of the anti-Castro. Gee met Sam Adams, former owner of the hotel Adams in Miami. Adams told Gee that, if he were provided with one thousand dollars cash for expenses, he would go to Belgium and buy any kind of arms needed, and he would guarantee delivery to any part of the world. Another gun-runner with whom he came in contact was Charles Adams, 1010 N. 9th Ave., Miami, telephone number MA 4-2464. Adams told Gee that he could obtain, for \$25.00 cash on minimum orders of one thousand, a weapon described as Anti-Lite (Mairchid), with NATO ammunition. Another arms dealer whom Gee contacted was Hal Castle, 2211 SW 1st St., Miami, telephone CH 1-6629. He provided Gee with a list of surplus US arms which he could obtain in any quantities desired.

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1. The following US citizens were in Circular 52, Isle of Pines Prison, as of 24 Dec 62:

a. Robert John Gentile, age 33-35, 6'2", 150 lbs. brown eyes and hair, divorced; home address: 13517 Lakewood Ave, Cleveland, Ohio. He was caught in the Copacabana Hotel, Miramar, Havana, in December 1960 for being a counterrevolutionary. He allegedly belonged to a secret anti-Castro movement. He was supposed to have helped in an uprising in the Escambray Mountains in early 1961. He is serving a 15-year prison term. He is in urgent need of medical care, has a stomach ulcer, and is losing weight daily. He has lost 70 lbs since he has been in prison. I saw him before I left. He is nothing but skin and bones.

b. Eustace Burdett, age 37-40, 6'0", 180 lbs, dark brown eyes and hair; married; home address: 3915 Bedford Blvd, Baltimore, Md. He was caught on north coast of Cuba because of counterrevolutionary activities in 1961 traveling in a yacht with seven or eight other Americans. He is serving a 15 to 20-year prison term. He has lost some weight but otherwise is doing fine. I saw him and talked to him before I left.

c. Peter Leichter, age 24, 5'10", 175 lbs, dirty blond hair, brown eyes; single; home address: Nassau, Bahamas. His father is an American residing in the Bahamas; his mother is English. He was an airplane pilot and water skiing and scuba diving instructor in the Bahamas. He was caught in the Pinar del Rio Mountains, in the summer of 1960 fighting with a group of anti-Castro guerrillas. He is not a very intelligent boy and keeps to himself. Walks with a limp caused by an airplane accident.

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1. Enoch Williams is a naturalized US officer (Cuban parents), DOB 1917, 175 cm, 65 kg, dark brown eyes, brown address: 121 W. 11th St, Miami, Fla (Telephone NO 1-3000). His wife's name is Julie. He lived in the US in 1950, in an aircraft he was flying by himself in order to pick up some Cubans to get them out of the country. One of the Cubans he was to pick up was a G-2 agent. The plane had landed, and he was waiting for the passengers when they started to shoot at him. As soon as this happened, he and the plane were badly shot up. He was nearly dead when he was taken from the burning aircraft. He was a member of the 2d Army Division at the right hand of Rafael Gerteno. He met Fidel in school, went with him to Bayona (Bay of Pigs) and Mexico, then later turned against Fidel and started to work against him. Enoch was a Mexican War veteran, and was president of the Cuban American War Veterans Association in Havana. He is serving a 30-year prison term.

1. Name, James Earl Ray, DOB, 2807, 175 lbs, black hair, brown eyes; occupation unknown; born about 202 Madison Ave, Boston, Ala, telephone 225-2211. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He is serving a life to 99 years term for being a member-revolutionary and was caught on Aug 26 with Thornhill and Baranski.

1. Blond Barry 35, 6'1", 175 lbs. blond hair, blue eyes; married; graduate of Harvard; Boston, Mass. He lost a much weight, he is nothing but skin and bones. Always seems to himself and the rest of the Associates. He is allegedly a CIA agent who was caught etc.

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another US citizen in the Bay of St. John Hotel in Havana in 1961 planting a microphone and wire recorder in the wall between his apartment and that of a Chinese diplomat. The engineer, I believe, was either James Brown or Joe Brown. He is also serving a 15-year term at Isle of Pines.

3. James Brown, 35-40, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown eyes, black hair; home address: Box 40, 125 1st, Franklinville, North Carolina. He may be the engineer who was caught with Hernandez mentioned above. He also kept a microphone. His health is fair. He is also serving a 15- to 20-year term.

4. Joe Brown, 30-35, 5'8", 160 lbs, brown hair and eyes; home address unknown. He is very quiet, soft-spoken, well-educated, keeps to himself. He may have been the electrical engineer who was caught with Hernandez. He is also serving a long prison term.

5. Leonardo Belmont, 41 years old, 5'8", 150 lbs, dirty blond hair, blue eyes; high school graduate; home address unknown. He is very healthy, quiet, played chess all the time, sure with the US group. He was one of the seven caught in the yacht with the US citizens on the north coast of Cuba with Dumbrant. He is serving a 15- to 20-year prison term for counterrevolutionary activities.

6. Alfred Gibson, 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, fair health, Southern accent, fair education. Kept with the rest of the US citizens. I believe he has also caught in the same yacht with Dumbrant. He is also serving a long prison term.

7. Richard Allen Roseboro, 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, dark brown hair, blue eyes; home address unknown. He is completely crazy, of irrational behavior, tried to escape in one of the big trash cans. Had had several operations, fits. He has been in the hospital several times. Two prisoners who are psychiatrists have been trying to help him, but in vain. He urgently needs psychiatric help. He was allegedly caught in the Esmeralda boat and arrested for being a counterrevolutionary. He was caught in late 1958 or early 1961, is serving a 15-year term. Sometimes goes around all day talking to himself.

8. Walter Morales, 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, brown eyes and hair, naturalized US citizen (Cuban parents). Korean War veteran. His wife (Lucy) and two daughters are residing in Miami. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He was arrested in Havana in 1961 for being a counterrevolutionary.

9. Michael (Lew), 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, light brown hair, blue eyes, Korean War veteran, a Southerner, high school education. He was also caught in the yacht with Dumbrant, who was allegedly working for Holanda Rodriguez. He worked in a New York resort center before going to Cuba.

10. There are all the US citizens that I know about who are at the Isle of Pines Prison now.

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1. Assume Palmer, a member of a wealthy family from Santiago de Cuba, served as presidential attorney during the early days of the Revolution, and gave many Cubans to the firing squad. This man and his family are residing in Miami. Jane Palmer, a markedly unbalanced female who kept the C-2 informal concerning the exiles' activities.

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## Memorandum

TO : Chief, Census Division  
ATTN : Support Group

5-11-1953

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FROM : Chief, Plant and Office

**SUBJECT: Plan to Destroy the Cuban Exiles**

1. At their request, Luis G. Rodriguez met with Dr. Ricardo Rafael Sardinias, secretary of the Cuban Lane Planters Association in exile and with Juan ~~Francisco~~ ~~de la Haza~~, former Cuban Senator and editor of the Spanish language radio newspaper "El Periodico del Aire". ~~Mr. Rodriguez~~ advised that they have been meeting with several personalities of the exile colony in an effort to organize all the exiles into a single group which will represent all the exiles regardless of former affiliations.
2. They feel that after the sorry spectacle provided by the Cuban Revolutionary Council, they must avoid getting involved in matters which are in conflict with the policies of the U.S. Government. Therefore, they would like to discuss this project with Mr. John Garamina.
3. The following personalities have been approached and have indicated their desire to cooperate to the fullest extent in an effort to unite all the Cubans in exile: Antonio Manuel de Vargas, Dr. Julio Escarot, Dr. Carlos Ariza, Dr. Carlos ~~Fernandez~~ Sterling, Carlos Riera, Jose Ignacio Bizarro, Jose Alvarado Diaz, ~~José~~ ~~Ramón~~ ~~Martínez~~ Sánchez Ortega, Luis Spota, ~~Guillermo~~ ~~Ardila~~ ~~González~~ ~~Hidalgo~~, Francisco Lleras, Orlando Guerrero Calles, Jose Ignacio Pardo, ~~Dr. José~~ ~~Santa~~ ~~Fe~~, ~~Martin~~ ~~Pineda~~, ~~Vicente~~ ~~Arce~~ ~~Guerra~~ ~~Abalo~~, Lombardo Pagan, Santiago Alvarez, Huban de Lara. Also included in this sector are General Gonzalo Gómez Martignoli, veteran of the War of Independence, and Fernando Ferreras, leader of the Transportation Workers, because both are Negroes.
4. Representatives of the Medical Association, Bar Association, Teacher and Newspaper Associations and the Students Directory have also been contacted and indicated their desire to assist in this endeavor.
5. Another and Sardinias stated that former President Prío indicated that former members of the Castro regime who are exiled in the US should also be invited to join because their presence in the organization will indicate to the people of Cuba that the aim of the organization is not the return to certain conditions that existed before Jan 56. Dr. Prío mentioned that with former Fidelistas joining the organization the members of the Ministry and the militia plus the government bureaucracy will not fear reprisals if and when the Castro regime is ousted. Dr. Prío added that with names such as Felipe Larra, ~~Jose~~ ~~Lara~~, ~~Barral~~, ~~Paul~~ ~~Cabrera~~ and even controversial Ramon Ray, the chances of dissent by members of the Armed Forces will diminish.

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12 July 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (DSS)

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Rolando Masferrer Jr., Military Armament Corporation, Powder Springs, Georgia

REF : Van Happer/Masulin telecons

A-127900

1. Attached per referent telephone conversations is copy of Dun and Bradstreet report as requested on Military Armament Corporation, headquartered in Boston, Virginia. Please note that Chairman of the Board, is Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III. Werbell is a former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) officer known to this writer during assignments in China during WWII.

2. This Agency, as well as other government agencies, have considerable information on Werbell. He is an old and unsavory, unsolicited, contact of the Miami Field Office dating from 1959. He is of dubious character and reputation who had and has been involved in grandiose schemes and international arms deals. He has had perpetual financial difficulties.

3. Werbell was involved with Rolando Masferrer, Senior, in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion in 1967. This may throw a different light on possible source development of young Rolando Jr. Any approach to him should be executed with some degree of caution. We do not desire to get involved with Werbell. However, we cannot foresee any objection to planned debriefings of Masferrer Jr., following his trips to Latin America and other areas, in pursuit of FPI and possible information of operational significance.

4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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cc: Services Division (Control)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr.  
Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corporation  
and Associated with Defense Systems Incorporated

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1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely pastime or recreation but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

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4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.



Chief, Washington Field Office

16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, OSS

Rolando Masferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from WH/3/Venezuela

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Masferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

3. Suggest you arrange contact to obtain routine biographic data to initiate security checks; determine his intelligence potential and explain the DCS mission, without revealing in any way the past relationship with Mr. Peterson. Subject's personality profile appears to be very interesting.

4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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cc: Services Division (Control)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.
2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product(machine pistols with silencers) he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.
3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.
4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas(201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres(The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1957 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.
5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist, he joined the National Guard(while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.



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Chief, Washington Field Office

28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

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REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject  
B) Van Happer/Masulin telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, we asked [ ] (WH/3/Venezuela) for additional information regarding [ ] Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. [ ] is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. [ ] knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

3. According to [ ] based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, [ ] mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. [ ] said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. [ ] underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batists.

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7. [ ] believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY Colombia/Venezuela/Guatemala

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SUBJECT Guillermo Iglesias/Efforts to Raise  
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## OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

This report has been prepared by the DOMESTIC CONTACT SERVICE, DDI. The operational information contained herein may not be disclosed to personnel outside of the CLANDESTINE SERVICE, CIA, without the prior permission of the Domestic Contact Service.

1. On 26 June 1973 the [REDACTED] Office responded to a call on the listed line from a man who identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. Mr. Masferrer requested to meet with [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Office. Mr. Masferrer said that he had some information concerning one Guillermo Iglesias (subject of [REDACTED]) that would prove to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Rolando Masferrer lives at 6080 W. Flazler Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Office responded to the call and met with Rolando Masferrer that afternoon.
2. Mr. Masferrer related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Iglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Masferrer, Iglesias approached him in late March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Iglesias said that he was trying to raise a large sum of money to finance secret CIA operations. Iglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the Watergate affair. He referred to these operations as black operations. Mr. Masferrer said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Masferrer contacted several of these friends in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for secret operations in South America and the Caribbean. Masferrer has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian Internal Police. He has also contacted one Alvaro Vargas, who is an advisor in armaments to the Colombian National Police. Masferrer also passed Iglesias the names of Carlos [REDACTED], head of the Venezuela Internal Police. Iglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Masferrer said that he personally turned over five M-26 fragmentation hand grenades, one M-16 automatic rifle, one AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Masferrer was led to believe that the weapons would be used in a secret CIA operation in Puerto Rico. This operation was described by Iglesias as a black operation.
3. During our conversation with Masferrer, he raised an additional point. Masferrer said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to

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Masferrer because, according to him, any time the US Embassy people in Bogota were passed information the Colombian guerrillas were somehow informed. Vega told Masferrer that he believed a leak had developed in the US Embassy and that the "Embassy boys" could no longer be trusted.

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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

DATE 26 May 1973

COUNTRY Cuba/Haiti

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SUBJECT Possible False Recruitment Effort

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1. At 1700 hours on 14 May 1973 the [REDACTED] Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several nefarious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.
2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 261-3689. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Daniel Bermudez, 6080 W. Flagler, Apartment #17.
3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.
4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the [REDACTED] Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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1. Attached per referent telephone conversations is copy of Dun and Bradstreet report as requested on Military Armament Corporation, headquartered in Powder Springs, Georgia. Please note that Chairman of the Board, is Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III. Werbell is a former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) officer known to this writer during assignments in China during WWII.

2. This Agency, as well as other government agencies, have considerable information on Werbell. He is an old and unsavory, unsolicited, contact of the Miami Field Office dating from 1959. He is of dubious character and reputation who had and has been involved in grandiose schemes and international arms deals. He has had perpetual financial difficulties.

3. Werbell was involved with Rolando Masferrer Senior, in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion in 1967. This may throw a different light on possible source development of young Rolando Jr. Any approach to him should be executed with some degree of caution. We do not desire to get involved with Werbell. However, we cannot foresee any objection to planned debriefings of Masferrer Jr., following his trips to Latin America and other areas, in pursuit of FPI and possible information of operational significance.

4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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Chief, Washington Field Office

16-88-15  
16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, OSS

Rolando Masferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead *A*

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from HH/3/Venezuela  
[redacted]

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Masferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

3. Suggest you arrange contact to obtain routine biographic data to initiate security checks; determine his intelligence potential and explain the DCS mission, without revealing in any way the past relationship with [redacted] Subject's personality profile appears to be very interesting.

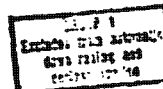
4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES H. MURPHY

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Chief, Washington Field Office

28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

B-67-52  
A# 168846

REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject  
B) Van Hopper, [redacted] telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, [redacted] (unclassified) for additional assessment information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. [redacted] is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. Peterson knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

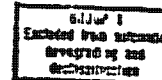
3. According to [redacted] based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, [redacted] mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. [redacted] said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. [redacted] underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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7. [ ] believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

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6 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Monday, 3 July 1972, from 2100 to 2400 hours at Clyde's Bar, Washington, D.C.; and Tuesday, 4 July 1972, from 1800 to 1900 hours, poolside, 7623 Matera St., Apt. 201, Falls Church, Virginia, the undersigned talked with Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

2. I mentioned to Masferrer that my superiors (supposedly in the State Department) were interested that some responsible U.S. Government authority be informed of his story regarding U.S. citizen involvement in drug trafficking and guerrilla training in Mexico. Masferrer said that last February he told the story up to that date to Miami, F.B.I. Agent Bob Dyer, and also certain information to U.S. Customs Bureau Agent Buchanan (fnu). Masferrer said he had not informed any government entities of events subsequent to February. I mentioned that such information was not necessarily within the unique purview of the State Department, but that my superiors would probably be interested in anything further.

3. Rolando Masferrer, Jr., related to me four different occasions when an insurgent organization, "Force Seven", comprised of American adventurers in Mexico, was brought to his attention.

4. The first time the Subject heard of "Force Seven" was from Francisco BRAVO (or Brabo) [NFI], Chief of Judicial Police, State of Morelos. Subject had met Bravo "a few years ago". They met again in Atlanta, Georgia, late December 1971, when Bravo came for a weapons demonstration at the Military Armament Corp, Powder Springs, Georgia, some 20 miles outside Atlanta. Bravo told Masferrer of the insurgency problem in the Mexican states of Morelos and Guerrero. Bravo mentioned the existence of "Force Seven". Bravo indicated his police

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needed weapons to fight the insurgents and subsequently invited Masferrer and Arnaldo Alliegro [son of a former Cuban Senator, naturalized citizen, and Masferrer's partner in Farabundo Corporation] to come to Mexico. Bravo promised to introduce Masferrer and Alliegro to Mexican police authorities competent to purchase firearms.

5. Subject again heard the name "Force Seven" in Miami, January 1972, from Oliverio CASTANEDA Pais, former First Vice-President of the Guatemalan Congress. [Castaneda was head of the Guatemalan civilian counter-insurgency forces in the Zacapa region during 1967-68, and, according to Masferrer, the chief of the Mano Blanco. Castaneda was killed 12 June 1972. The Guatemalan insurgent group, F.A.R., "took credit" for the killing.] Castaneda was travelling to the U.S. with Messrs. Sandoval and Figaroa. [Probably Mario SANDOVAL Alarcon, President of the Guatemalan Congress and head of the U.L.M. party; and Alvaro CUEVAS Figaroa, Castaneda's predecessor as First Vice-President of Congress. Several TRCS reports during January and February 1972 indicated Cuevas Figaroa was trying to smuggle arms from the U.S. to Guatemala supposedly for a planned coup in Costa Rica] Masferrer said Castaneda was trying to arrange the release from U.S. Federal prison Rolando Masferrer, Sr. Castaneda wanted Masferrer, Sr., to emigrate to Guatemala to become involved in state security matters and also to organize an anti-Communist army. Castaneda mentioned to Masferrer, Jr., the growing insurgency problems in the Peten area of Guatemala. Castaneda mentioned that U.S. insurgents operating under the name "Force Seven" entered the Peten from Mexico. The Guatemalan Army's Mariscal Zavala Brigade had been dispatched from Guatemala City to the Mexican border in Peten province to counter the infiltration, but had recently been shifted to the border adjacent British Honduras. Masferrer said Castaneda believed that former U.S. "Green Berets" were involved with the insurgents. Castaneda said that a list of all U.S. Special Forces-trained Guatemalans had disappeared when the U.S. military training mission was terminated. Now the guerrillas in Guatemala are pinpointing those U.S. trained, local military personnel with uncanny accuracy. From that evidence, Castaneda believed that "Force Seven" must include some of the U.S. "Green Berets" that had originally trained the local Guatemalan military.

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6. During the first three months of 1972, Subject made two trips to Mexico. During his first trip, three weeks in late January and February, Masferrer travelled with Alliegro and Mitchell Werbell (Mitchell Livingston Werbell III, 261-259010, former GDS member in S-2-1 in World War II; former President of Military Armament Corporation; and presently associated with Defense Systems Incorporated, Poudre Springs, Colorado.) In Mexico City, Francisco Bravo introduced the delegation to Mexico City Police Chief Santos (Daniel GUTIERREZ Santos) and Miguel NAZAR Hero, "Chief of Political Police". [Actually Deputy Director of the Federal Security Service, DFS, a political and intelligence organization working within the Secretariat of Government.] During conversations Nazar admitted Mexico's insurgency problems and specifically named "Force Seven". Masferrer mentioned that both Nazar and Gutierrez Santos were angry with President Echeverria because of the Mexican Government's policy of light criminal punishment and short prison terms for bandits and/or guerrillas painfully captured by the police.

7. Bravo took the three to Cuernavaca where he showed them a house on the outskirts of the city that the police used for unofficial detentions and heavy-handed interrogations. Bravo complained that the local Catholic Archbishop was implicated with the insurgents as well as certain U.S. film personalities who vacation in the American community in Cuernavaca. Bravo also implicated a professor that was kidnapped in Guerrero in late 1971. Bravo believed that the professor [Jaime CASTREJON Diaz, Rector of the University of Guerrero] actually conspired with the insurgents for his own kidnapping in order to raise the ransom money for the insurgent movement. [The ransom was finally paid by President Echeverria.]

8. Subject travelled again to Mexico in March 1972 with Bernardo DE TORRES. [Mexico 2038, 4 December 1969, mentions that LYTENPO-12, WH/MIAMI, received a phone call from one Bernardo De Torres regarding a supposed Swiss contraband arms dealer in Mexico City.] Nazar had invited Masferrer to return to Mexico to go on a "hunting party", that is, to participate in an actual counter-insurgency operation. Masferrer and De Torres arrived in Acapulco and were met by Bravo. They travelled by police vehicle for about an hour east of Acapulco to an area near La Treintas (NFI).

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Just before they arrived they heard on the police radio that the Army had just "shot down" a twin-engine Beechcraft. When they arrived, a search of the wreckage yielded a few weapons. A short firefight (about 15 minutes) ensued with insurgents that left two soldiers dead. Masferrer said he did not know the number of insurgent casualties. One insurgent was captured along with his .45 caliber pistol.

9. The captured insurgent turned out to be a U.S. citizen, white, male, approximately 27 years old. (Masferrer claimed he forgot the prisoner's name, but that he had it in Miami.) Bravo did not trust the Acapulco or the Guerrero state police and had his men take the prisoner to the detention house outside of Cuernavaca. Masferrer said he witnessed the interrogation in which the prisoner's head was repeatedly dunked in a rain barrel to make him talk. The prisoner eventually revealed the following information about "Force Seven": participating Americans were ex-ranger, airborne, Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam combat experience. They were armed with CAR-15 (M-16) rifles and some had M-79 grenade launchers. Other Americans operated elsewhere in Latin America. "Force Seven" provided training to the insurgents and, whenever possible, supplied weapons. In return, the Americans were paid in money and drugs, mostly marijuana, but some cocaine. Masferrer said no heroin was mentioned. The prisoner said the insurgents used the money from the drug smuggling to finance operations. Bank robberies had become increasingly difficult since the Army began posting armed guards at area banks. The prisoner said he had worked under Genaro VASQUEZ [Mexico's infamous bandit-turned-guerrilla; killed in a car accident last February]. The prisoner put guerrilla strength at about 2,000 men. Masferrer, however, said Bravo felt that figure to be high. The prisoner also mentioned that some of the insurgents had previously received guerrilla training in North Korea.

10. Masferrer said that later, upon Nazar's orders, the American prisoner was shot and killed. The whole affair was never reported in the local press because, according to Masferrer, such information, if revealed, would damage the area's tourist trade.

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12 June 1972

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.**

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.
2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product (machine pistols with silencers), he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.
3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.
4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas (201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres (The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1967 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.
5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist, he joined the National Guard (while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.



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7 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr.  
Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corporation  
and Associated with Defense Systems Incorporated

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1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely passive or protective but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

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4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.

7 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Conversation with  
Rafaelo Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Sunday, 2 July 1972, from 1800 to 2000 hours at the Shanghai Restaurant, Arlington, Va., I met with Rafaelo Masferrer, Jr. Masferrer is an officer of the Agency employment. My cover story is that I am a Program Officer with the State Department. I supposedly work in a research capacity for the American Republics Area until the time I can be programmed to enter the next Foreign Service Institute class.)

2. Masferrer and I, old National Guard comrades, had not seen one another for 5 months. We had dinner and later went on a tour of apartment sites in the District and northern Virginia. During the course of the conversation, he related the events of his trips to Mexico and his recent trip (June 1972) to Colombia in the course of his job as Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corp.

Mexico: Subject mentioned the trouble the Mexican Government is having with leftist guerrillas, particularly in two western states. He claimed the rebels were being trained in part by U.S. adventurers who claimed to be ex-ranger, airborne Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam experience. The Americans were training the rebels in return for money and marijuana and a piece of the drug smuggling action. The Americans operated under the nom de guerre "Force Seven". This same "Force Seven" claimed to have connections and affiliations in Guatemala. Subject claimed even to have participated in a small firefight with the Mexican Army and the Judicial Police against the guerrillas in an effort to prove the worth of his particular military products.

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Colombia: Subject mentioned Colombia's increasing alarm with the problems of drug trafficking within the country. While in Colombia he claimed to have stayed in the house of his family friend MG Jaime FERNANDEZ, Chief of Staff of the Colombian Army.

2. The entire conversation was kept on the level of buddies swapping war stories. Subject, however, swore to the veracity of his statements. I mentioned that the State Department was currently interested in the problems of drug trafficking in Latin America and maybe there would be some interest in pursuing the matter further. I also indicated I would ask my superiors at the State Department if they had ever heard anything about the existence of a "Force Seven" or anything of the various activities of U.S. adversaries, drug smuggling, and leftist guerrilla movements in Mexico.

3. On Monday, 3 July 1972, I coordinated with the following people at Headquarters:

[redacted], Acting Desk Chief, Colombia  
Richard Wheeler and John Murray, Branch 1, Mexico  
[redacted], C/WH/FI  
[redacted], WH/NARC

Their collective suggestions and instructions were:

- a. Go slow on efforts to elicit information so not to arouse suspicions of Agency involvement.
- b. Find out any information regarding the Colombian Army's E-2 battalion, U.S. citizen's involvement in drug trafficking in Latin America (names, dates, and places), Cuban involvement in cocaine traffic, and any ties between leftist guerrillas and drug smuggling.
- c. Write a memorandum and Subject evaluation (where he works, where he goes, who he meets, and an assessment of recruitability).

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4. I made arrangements to meet McFerron again  
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Chief, [ ] Office

OSS-820-73  
31 May 1973

Director, Domestic Contact Service (Support Division/OSS)

Rolando Masferrer

REF :

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JAMES R. MURPHY

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This report has been prepared by the DOMESTIC CONTACT SERVICE, DDI. The operational information contained herein may not be disclosed to personnel outside of the CLANDESTINE SERVICE, CIA, without the prior permission of the Domestic Contact Service.

1. At 1700 hours on 14 May 1973 the [REDACTED] Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several nefarious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.
2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 251-3639. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Paul de Bernades, 6030 N. Flagler, Apartment 917.
3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.
4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the Miami Field Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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1. On 26 June 1973 the [redacted] Office responded to a call on the Miami News from a man who identified himself as Roberto Montaner. Mr. Montaner requested to meet with [redacted] of the [redacted] Office. Mr. Montaner said that he had some information concerning [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and would prove to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Roberto Montaner lives at 6020 N. Florida Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request [redacted] and [redacted] of the [redacted] Office responded to the call and met with Roberto Montaner that afternoon.
2. Mr. Montaner related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Yglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Montaner, Yglesias approached him in June March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Yglesias said that he was trying to raise a large sum of money to finance secret CIA operations. Yglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the sabotage attack. He referred to these operations as black operations. Mr. Montaner said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Montaner contacted several of these friends in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for secret operations in South America and the Caribbean. Montaner has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian National Police. He has also contacted one Alvaro Rivas, who is an advisor in connection to the Colombian National Police. Montaner also passed Yglesias the name of Carlos Mendi, head of the Venezuelan National Police. Yglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Montaner said that he personally turned over five M-16 semiautomatic rifle grenades, one M-16 semiautomatic rifle, one AR-15 semiautomatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Montaner was led to believe that the weapons would be used in a secret CIA operation in Puerto Rico. This operation was described by Yglesias as a black operation.
3. During our conversation with Montaner, he raised an additional point. Montaner said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to



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