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"CUBAN RETALIATION AGAINST BATISTA ADHERENTS
IN THE UNITED STATES; IS-CUBA."
Washington Field letter to Bureau dated 7/16/59,
instant case.
Miami airtel to Bureau dated 7/31/59, instant case.

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On June 30, 1959, and on July 31, 1959, PSI
VENANCIO LOPEZ SOSA, who is under development by the
Miami Office, was questioned as to his testifying concerning
the information which he had furnished with regard to the
meeting he attended on June 1, 1959, at the home of
JUSTO LUIS POZO del PUERTO. LOPEZ stated that he does
not desire to testify concerning the matter as he fears
for his life and the life of his family if he should do
so.

It is noted that the development of LOPEZ
as a PSI has been discontinued due to reports that
he is furnishing information to the present Cuban
Government and because it was reported by others present
at the meeting on June 1, 1959, that LOPEZ failed to
furnish the identity of two other individuals who were
there who were known to him, because they were friends.
When subsequently questioned as to whether there were
not more individuals present at the meeting, LOPEZ
stated that he could not recall the identities of any
of the others. It is also noted that ROBERT WILLIAMS,
then under development as a PSI in the Miami Office also,
was present at the above meeting and furnished substantially
the same information as LOPEZ concerning the contents of
the meeting, however, WILLIAMS, who is known to LOPEZ,
also furnished LOPEZ' name and the name of WILLIAM JOHNSON,
a former friend of LOPEZ, whom LOPEZ would not identify.

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PSI ROBERT WILLIAMS indicated upon originally being contacted concerning his possible development as a PSI that he had no objection to testifying to information furnished by him should it become absolutely necessary. However, development of WILLIAMS as a PSI has been discontinued due to instructions contained in Bureau letter to Miami dated June 30, 1959, entitled, "ROBERT ARTHUR WILLIAMS; PSI - CUBA." In this letter, it was stated that due to the indication that WILLIAMS may be bordering on mental instability and in view of the diagnosis set forth in St. Louis letter dated June 11, 1959, no further effort should be made to develop WILLIAMS as a PSI.

In view of the above, it does not appear that LOPEZ or WILLIAMS would be desirable witnesses.

In view of the information set forth below, it is believed that information concerning the activities of ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS and of JUSTO LUIS POZO del PUERTO can better be reported in the individual case files which have been opened on each of them in the Miami Office.

In view of the fact that the proposed plan for the attack on the Isle of Pines was discarded on approximately June 13, 1959, according to information furnished by WILLIAMS on June 17, 1959, and confirmed on June 21, 1959, by RICHARD JAFFE, an American pilot associated with ex-Cuban Senator ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS, and because no indication has been received that any such plan of attack has been reconsidered or that airplanes mentioned in connection with the plan have been purchased and because the Cuban Government has now reinforce the Isle of Pines garrison with veteran Cuban Revolutionary Army men known as "Barbudos" and lastly because no indication was ever received that PEDRO DIAZ supposedly in charge of the demolition and sabotage activities in the Isle of Pines had ever left the Isle of Pines.

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In view of the above, it is believed more economical and advisable to close instant case and to continue reporting individual information concerning MASFERRER and POZO and any other individuals whose names are herein mentioned in individual case files which are opened in the Miami Office.

Miami is not requesting permission to interview MASFERRER at this time inasmuch as permission has been requested to interview POZO and it is believed that it would be advantageous to have in Miami's possession any information furnished by POZO prior to an interview with MASFERRER. This is believed advisable in view of the fact that MASFERRER has been interviewed on two previous occasions and has not furnished any information which would indicate that he was engaged in ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITY.

Results of said interviews, when conducted, will be reported in individual case files.

On July 31, 1959, ELOISE ERICSON, Clerk in the Miami Office, who has relatives on the Isle of Pines in Cuba, advised that she visited the Isle of Pines on June 5, 1959, and at that time, noticed detachments of Barbudos training and marching in the various areas of the island.

She stated that she stayed with relatives near the Nueva Gerona Airport on Isle of Pines and saw numerous Barbudos at and around the airport.

INFORMANTSIDENTITY

T-1 is VENANCIO LOPEZ SOSA,
former Agent, Department of
Logistics, Cuban Ministry of

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Defense, now residing 1280
Northwest 182nd Street, was under
development as PSI, Miami Office.

T-2 - ROBERT ARTHUR WILLIAMS,
former PSI, Miami, 4253 Northwest
2nd Street.

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T-4 - W. E. DUNWOODY, Attorney for
ARTHUR VINING DAVIS, First
National Bank Building, Miami.
By Request.

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~~CUBA~~ T-5 - GENERAL MANUEL BENITEZ
Former Head Cuban National Police,
1944-48, 222 Zamora Street, Coral
Gables, Florida. By Request.

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T-6 - RICHARD JAFFE, American
Pilot associated with Ex-Cuban
Senator ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER
ROJAS. Residence, 235 Northeast
79th Street, Miami. By Request.

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~~CUBA~~ T-7 - JOSEPH J. BROWN, 1600 Dupont
Building, Miami. Trouble Shooter for
ARTHUR VINING DAVIS, the financier.
By Request.

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~~CUBA~~ T-8 - PLACIDO GONZALEZ, 4267
Northwest 2nd Terrace, Miami. FLA.
Member Authentic Party of ex-Presi-
dent CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, formerly
involved in ANTI-BATISTA Revolutionary
Activities. By Request.

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