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ReBulet to AAG Yeagley 2/27/61, copies of which were furnished your office.

On 3/1/61 CIA advised that June Cobb is the original source of the information attributed to NY T-1 in report of SA Conway 7/13/60 at New York. It is noted that this data was originally furnished in Legat, Havana, letter 4/12/60 entitled "Robert Taber," copies of which were forwarded to your office on 4/21/60. (u)

CIA has indicated that June Cobb is presently in New York City and has no objection to our contacting her. It is noted that Cobb contacted your office on 10/5/60 at which time she implied that FBI had damaged her reputation and that she subsequently complained to CIA that we had interviewed one of her acquaintances and indicated to the acquaintance that Cobb had been involved in narcotics and abortions. Although we completely refuted the allegations and determined that the allegations were based on hostility between Cobb and her acquaintance, there is still some question as to whether Cobb would be receptive to an interview concerning her knowledge of the FPCC and Robert Taber. However, she does have potential as corroborator of testimony by Dr. Charles Santos Buch as to Cuban Government's subsidization of FPCC. (u)

(u) Review the information previously furnished by Cobb, particularly, the enclosures to Bulet 2/6/61 wherein Cobb furnished considerable data concerning FPCC and arrange to interview her in detail. No direct reference should be made to the data she furnished CIA about her knowledge concerning the various FPCC leaders who visited Cuba should be fully exploited. Since

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our aim is to produce additional witnesses who can testify as to the Cuban Government's involvement with the FPCC, her position as to testifying, openly or otherwise, now or in the future, should be determined. It is pointed out that testimony by her that the Cuban Government retained Taber to start a pro-Cuban group in New York City and that an official of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations actually hired Taber to do so could conceivably be used as basis for prosecutive action against Taber and/or the FPCC when added to the previous testimony of Buch.

The Bureau feels very strongly concerning potential of Cobb's interview. However, if she positively refuses to cooperate with your office and you are unable to accomplish this satisfactorily, it is possible that CIA can question her along the above lines. It is not believed that CIA could conduct the interview as thoroughly as your office and a request that CIA handle it would be made only as a last resort. Cobb should be contacted as expeditiously as possible.

For your information, Bureau Source 6 advised on 2/10/61 (S) that Cuban (G-2) Headquarters had issued instructions that one (S) Manolo Perez and the journalist, Bob Tabbert, (believed to be a (S) reference to Robert Taber) should be put in touch with Cuban (G-2) officials at (Topes de Collantes, Cuba). It was indicated (S) that the two were on a (press) trip to the Escambray Mountains (S) and Cuban (G-2) officials were told to give them support in their (S) mission. (S) (S)

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