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JOSE ALBERTO DE LA PAZ RODRIGUEZ, aka MKh 2-6-98
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PSI - CUBA 2-18-98
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ENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA
The title is marked changed to include the name
PEPE DE LA PAZ, a name commonly used.

Re New York letter to the Director 11/4/60, and
Miami teletype to the Director 11/9/60, captioned "HEROINA
GONZALEZ MELO" PSI - CUBA. (S)

Enclosed are 9 copies of a letterhead memo, dated
and captioned as above.

The source of information in the enclosed letter-
head memo is captioned PSI, who furnished the information
on 11/8/60, to SA MAURICE F. FARABEE. The information in
the enclosed letterhead memo is furnished in the event the
Bureau desires to disseminate it to CIA, since DE LA PAZ is a
member of MIRR. (It is noted CIA has advised the MIRR is not a
part of operation CLIP and CIA is suspicious of the MIRR, but
is interested in following its activities.) In addition to infor-
mation contained in the enclosure, DE LA PAZ furnished the
following:

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During the time he was in NYC, from approximately 9/22/60, to 10/24/60, [JOAQUIN SANCHEZ, Clerk, Cuban Consulate, NYC,] an acquaintance of [DE LA PAZ] for approximately the past year, endeavored to contact him telephonically at his place of employment, the [Latina Shipping Co.] on 4 or 5 occasions. On the last occasion [SANCHEZ] was successful and expressed indignation that [DE LA PAZ] had not returned his calls. [DE LA PAZ] said he informed [SANCHEZ] that he had not returned his calls since he, [DE LA PAZ], has been labeled a counter-revolutionary and did not think it proper for him to be talking with [SANCHEZ] whereupon [SANCHEZ] terminated the conversation. That night, [ANTONIO SOSA, Consul, Cuban Consulate, NYC,] telephonically contacted [DE LA PAZ]. [DE LA PAZ] said he was an acquaintance of [SOSA] during the time [DE LA PAZ] was employed at the Cuban Consulate and when he received the call from [SOSA] he was harsh in his conversation with [SOSA] and [SOSA] wanted an explanation as to why [DE LA PAZ] was so harsh. [DE LA PAZ] said he told [SOSA] that he did not trust [SOSA]. Thereafter [SOSA] inquired about Miami PSI [HEROINA GONZALEZ MELO] with whom [DE LA PAZ] has resided in commonlaw in the past and after [DE LA PAZ] told [SOSA] [SOSA] was doing okay so far as he knew, [SOSA] hung up. [DE LA PAZ] said the above persons plus [MARINA MORALES] and [LUIS GARCIA] mentioned in the enclosure, were the only Cuban Consulate employees he talked with while in NYC. (S)

(S) It is noted that PSI [MELO] advised on 11/7/60, that [MANUEL GUILLOT] told her on 11/5/60, that [DE LA PAZ] had called the Cuban Consulate, NYC, 3 times and had talked with [NILDA NUNEZ, ANTONIO SOSA and PEDRO VEGAS,] all employees of the Cuban Consulate. According to PSI [MELO], [DE LA PAZ] told her after his arrival in Miami on 10/26/60, that [ANTONIO SOSA] had given him \$20 and [CELIA GIRONA,] also an employee of the Cuban Consulate, NYC, had given him \$5. (S)

(S) PSI [MELO] advised on 11/7/60, that [DE LA PAZ] after his arrival in Miami left in her residence a rifle with case, rifle number [5MKIROF (F) --5/45M2288,] which [DE LA PAZ] said was a (S) (S) (S) (S)

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hunting rifle. (S) [DE LA PAZ] when interviewed on 11/8/60, advised mentioned rifle was a rifle he purchased approximately 2 years ago and had left in the residence of an acquaintance, [OCTAVIO LAREDO] in NYC; however, [LAREDO] was (S) afraid to have the rifle around his son, and [DE LA PAZ] (S) brought it to Miami with him. (S)

(S) PSI [MELO] made available a personal letter in the Spanish language dated (11/1/60) to her, which [DE LA PAZ] (S) had left at her residence, shortly after his arrival in Miami. (S) An English translation of the letter reads as follows:

(S) ["November 1, 1960"] (S)

"My dearest [CUQUI:] (S)

"You will not understand what this separation means, maybe you will not understand the reasons for it, but maybe some day you will understand "something," maybe even everything, connected with this short letter.

"I want you always to remember that I am giving up everything that is good, and the happiness I had with you. With God's help, we will be together again and never be separated again.

(S) ["CUQUI,] it will be hard for you, I realize that, and even harder for me, since, as I said before, I gave up everything that is good, especially you.

"You know what this letter means. God will forgive me, and I hope you, too, will forgive me.

"From one who loved you, who loves you now, and who will always love you.

/s/ [PEPE"] (S)

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(S) PSI (MELO) also made available a note on a piece of (S) paper with no addressee which (S) she found in a suitcase left (S) at her residence by (DE LA PAZ). It was in the Spanish language. (S) An English translation reads as follows: "I am going to Cuba to die or to win, not for personal gain, but to keep the torch of liberty forever lighted." (S)

(S) (DE LA PAZ) was questioned as to whether he has participated in any practices in training camps or has intentions of going to Cuba. He mentioned the pistol practice referred to in the enclosure, but stated he has been in no training camps and knows of none which exist in Florida. When questioned concerning the note made available by PSI (MELO) indicating he was (S) going to Cuba, (S) (DE LA PAZ) was unable to furnish a valid explanation for the note but stated it was a foolish thing to do and that the note had no significance but was part of his plans of breaking off his relationship with (MELO). (S)

In view of the fact there is a discrepancy in information furnished by (DE LA PAZ) concerning his contacts with (S) employees of the Cuban Consulate, NYC, and that information (S) furnished by (MANUEL GUILLOT) to PSI (MELO) plus the fact (DE LA PAZ) has admitted being a member of the MIRA, a counter-revolutionary group, no further contact will be made with him and the 134 file in the Miami Office is being closed. (S)

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RE: JOSE ALBERTO DE LA PAZ RODRIGUEZ

A source with whom there has been insufficient contact to establish reliability but who is well acquainted with [JOSE ALBERTO DE LA PAZ RODRIGUEZ], also known as [PEPE] [S] DE LA PAZ, furnished the following information to the Miami Office of the FBI on November 8, 1960. [DE LA PAZ] was born [S] [S] July 30, 1931, at Havana, Cuba, and commenced employment at the [Cuban Consulate, New York City, in July, 1949, a position] [S] held until his transfer to the [Cuban Consulate, Miami, Florida,] [S] on January 6, 1960. He was the [Acting Commercial Attache at] [S] the Cuban Consulate, Miami, until May 19, 1960, when he received written notice of dismissal from his position by the [S] Cuban government under provisions of Cuban [Law 203,] which [S] law deals with the cooperation with the former regime of FULGENCIO BATISTA on the part of a current government employee. [DE LA PAZ] currently resides at [2143 Southwest] [S] 6th Street, Miami, Florida.

From the time of [DE LA PAZ]'s dismissal from the [S] Cuban Consulate, Miami, he resided in Miami until approximately September 20, 1960, when he moved to [New York City.] [S] In [New York City] he resided with an acquaintance named [S] [OCTAVIO LAREDO, 130 West 57th Street, New York City.] After [S] several days of seeking employment, he located employment as a [clerk] for the [Latina Shipping Company,] a freight [S] forwarding company, located in [New York City] and owned by [S] [S] EDUARDO GONZALES. GONZALES is a member of the Frente Revolucionario Democratica (Democratic Revolutionary Front) (FRD). Through [GONZALES, DE LA PAZ] met [CARLOS RODRIGUEZ,] a [S]

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member of the ~~Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion~~
~~Revolucionario de Cuba~~ ~~Insurreccional Movement of the~~
~~Revolutionary Recovery of Cuba~~ (MIRR). As a result of
(S) [DE LA PAZ] conversations with [RODRIGUEZ, DE LA PAZ] signed [S]
a membership document in the MIRR. While in New York,
[DE LA PAZ] conversed with [MARINA MORALES] and [her brother-in- (S)
law, LUIS GARCIA] both of whom are employees of the Cuban
Consulate, New York City. [DE LA PAZ] also talked with [S]
(S) [CLEMENTE MORALES] who resides with [MARINA MORALES] and LUIS
GARCIA. [CLEMENTE MORALES] was a commander in the Cuban (S)
police force under the regime of PRIO SOCARRAS and holds
a high position in the Asociacion de Amigos de Arango
(Association of Friends of Arango) (AAA), an anti-CASTRO
organization headed by AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO. [LUIS (S)
GARCIA] is also a member of the AAA.

(S) [DE LA PAZ] left New York City on about October 24,
1960, and arrived at Miami, Florida, on October 26, 1960.
Since his arrival in Miami, he was issued a .45 caliber pistol
by an unidentified member of the MIRR and has practiced
with it on the outskirts of Miami on two or three occasions.
The MIRR in Miami is reportedly headed by ORLANDO BOSCH, 4138
Southwest 16th Terrace, telephone Highland 6-1289.

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