

FYI: The attached copies of contact reports were taken from copies of contact reports filed in the 201 of Renaldo Isaac MARTIN Jimenez⁰⁶ (201-0355567)⁰⁶ (a Cuban official currently posted as DCM in the Cuban Embassy, Maputo, Mozambique). The contact reports have no covering dispatch, although one of them makes reference to one dispatch. For any further information on this subject, contact the Dutch (Netherlands) Desk. The identity of the source referred to in the reports is not known to us.

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Re Lee Harvey Oswald having been seen in Havana in Jan. 1963, by a Dutch woman by the name of Maria SNETHLAGE, who was there for the celebration of Cuban Revolution. She later said she was mistaken about his identity.

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1. Maria SMETHLAGE (Lee H. OSWALD?). Questioned again about SMETHLAGE's telephone call to the Cuban Embassy, Source repeated that SANTOS had told him the following: SMETHLAGE had said, "When I read the name in the papers, I immediately remembered that I met this man in Havana." It was clear that she was talking about OSWALD, SANTOS said. She had then said something to the effect of "But don't worry, I'm covering up." SANTOS had told this to MARTIN, who instructed him to tell SMETHLAGE to go to hell. (SANTOS has evidently never mentioned to Source the second call from SMETHLAGE which is indicated in FIR's reports, in which SMETHLAGE said that she had been mistaken about the identity of the man.) NADAL has told Source that SMETHLAGE is not a Trotskyist, although some of the "peace committees" with which she is connected have Trotskyist members. Source was to make a discreet attempt to find out the address of SANTOS' brother in the US, as Headquarters had indicated that this might be of some importance in the investigation of the assassination.

2. Ambassador MARISTANY. SANTOS visited Source on 1 December 1963 and invited him to a film showing at the Embassy, making it clear that MARISTANY would not be there; however, Source declined, saying that MARISTANY was the boss there, that everyone knew that MARISTANY hated him, and that this would only cause trouble. Both SANTOS and MARTIN have continued to repeat to Source that MARISTANY is constantly more jittery and nervous at the office; he seems to fear that at any moment the decision on MARTIN will be reversed and that he will be recalled. MARTIN and RODRIGUEZ apparently continue to insult both Mr. and Mrs. MARISTANY at every opportunity. (Please also see next two paragraphs as concerns the MARISTANY situation.)

3. SANTOS told Source on 7 December 1963 that he is about to request a transfer of his position, as he is "sick and tired" of MARISTANY. He added that MARISTANY plans to request permission from Havana to hire a Dutch girl who would replace both MARTIN and RODRIGUEZ; hence, no replacements at all would be sent from Havana for R and M.

4. MARTIN telephoned Source on 5 December 1963 to say that three air tickets from Amsterdam, to Havana, via Prague, had been

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put at the disposal of the Embassy by the Cuban Foreign Affairs Ministry. Two were for Mr. and Mrs. RODRIGUEZ, and the third for MARTIN himself; MARTIN thought that the absence of tickets for his wife and children meant that he was merely being called to Havana for consultation, not transferred, and he hoped that this apparent change was connected with the visit of Major Felix TORRES and the great interest which the latter showed in hearing about MARISTANY's crooked affairs; MARTIN said that MARISTANY, although simulating indifference, was more nervous than ever about this. On 8 December, however, MARTIN called Source to say that the tickets for his wife and children had arrived from Havana. MARTIN said that MARISTANY must have seen to this, having said that it was "a crime" to leave "that poor young lady and children" here alone. MARTIN had requested that MARISTANY telephone Havana to determine whether this will be a transfer abroad or a transfer to Havana, since in the former case MARTIN would not take his wife along (she is pregnant) only to depart for another post; MARISTANY agreed to make this call. On 8 December, MARTIN again told BOLINAGA that if he is transferred to Havana, he will blacken MARISTANY's reputation so badly that one or the other of them will be fired. Source commented, "MARTIN is no fool, but he'll be the one who gets fired."

5. Armando LOBETO Alvarez. Source added the following further information on LOBETO. LOBETO is discreet and basically an honest man, despite some weaknesses (see below), and he can observe and communicate accurately in excellent English. He drinks very little but eats like a horse, especially hideous midnight "snacks," which only make him sleep like a baby. When with his family, he comes home at the same time every day, takes a shower, dons his pajamas, has dinner, watches TV while constantly eating, then has a snack and goes to bed. This routine never varies. When in Geneva, he stays with some unidentified woman. LOBETO lusts after very young girls but has few opportunities in Europe. In Cuba, however, he cut quite a swath among girls aged 13 to 17; he says, adding, "At 20 they're too old." He especially enjoys "introducing girls to sex." Source states that LOBETO's ability to turn off this lust when at home is amazing; there, he is a genuinely good father, attentive and much concerned about the future. Apart from food and young girls, L's enthusiasms are

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1. Reactions to Death of President Kennedy. Source stated that he had become physically ill upon hearing the news. Then, on the following morning, 23 November, he had received four telephone calls from Dutch citizens; the tone of these calls was to be summarized as "You Cuban murderers, I spit in your faces." Source then called MARTIN at the Embassy to see what was happening there. MARTIN told Source that there had been "dozens" of calls of the same sort there. One call had been from one Maria SMETHIAGE, who was one of two Dutch persons who had been invited to Havana in January 1963 for the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Cuban revolution. SMETHIAGE stated that she had met Lee H. OSWALD when she was in Havana. She took an attitude of sympathy toward the Cubans in this moment of trouble and then told MARTIN, "But don't worry. I'm getting phone calls too, but I'm covering up." MARTIN said he had become furious and told her to go to hell. MARTIN suspected that SMETHIAGE had been instructed to try to trap the Embassy by saying this. (CO is aware that more precise versions of these incidents are available from (collaborating service).) It is possible that either MARTIN or Source, or both, had been quite confused in their reporting of this matter.) MARTIN also told Source that on the evening of 22 November, when the news first became known, a Dutch press association had called MARISTANY to ask him for a statement; MARISTANY had told the alleged representative of the press to go to hell. MARISTANY had also issued instructions to all Cuban officials here not to be entrapped or caught in any provocations concerning this matter. POLINAGA, who was at the Embassy on the morning of 23 November, told Source that the mood there was one of confusion and depression; the general consensus among the Cuban officials there was that, while President Kennedy was an enemy of Cuba, he had been doing a very good job for his own people.

2. Armando LOBETO Alvarez. LOBETO and his daughter arrived in The Hague on 19 November 1963. They stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. The daughter accompanies LOBETO ~~in~~ almost everywhere and is 100% Fidelista. She speaks French and English as well as Spanish. A younger son also lives with LOBETO in London. Source

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was "somewhat disappointed" in LOBETO's political comments on this visit; LOBETO had sounded less anti-regime than previously; however, Source believes that this was due to the presence of the daughter. LOBETO had said, "I don't know what to do. When my tour is over, I'll return to Havana in any case. But I don't have a position in Cuba because all the good jobs are already filled there. And I know only cigars, and I don't want to work in the production end." LOBETO will retire in six years. LOBETO offered more information on his son in the U.S. without being specifically asked by Source: The son is married and is doing very well; he makes \$150 per week, and his wife makes \$75; they live in Troy, Ohio; the son may be a bookkeeper, but this is not certain. LOBETO evidently counts heavily on letters from this son and becomes quite upset when he does not hear from him regularly. Source (and perhaps BOLINAGA) was to drive LOBETO and the daughter to Brussels at 0800 hours on 25 November. LOBETO was to stay there, at the Metropole Hotel, until the afternoon of 27 November. (Because the above information was not previously known and there was not time to communicate it to Brussels in the usual way, CO, upon receipt of information indicating that Brussels was to make an approach to LOBETO, went to Brussels, where it was decided that CO himself should make the approach. By the time arrangements for bona fides and an accommodation address (in Brussels, to avoid LOBETO's associating the approach with Source) had been made, however, LOBETO had already left Brussels, ahead of schedule, during the day of 26 November. LOBETO presumably returned to London.)

3. First Secretary MARTIN. On 20 November, MARTIN told Source that Ambassador MARISTANY had received a letter from ✓ Oscar GONZALEZ Lugones, who was formerly Second Secretary at the Cuban Embassy here (until March 1963) and who is now "in charge of all information on Holland" in Havana. The letter stated that MARTIN would soon be called to Havana, in accordance with MARISTANY's wishes. MARTIN said, "If GONZALEZ Lugones knows, everyone in Havana knows." MARTIN also told Source that he had found that MARISTANY had written confidentially to Havana, previously, saying that MARTIN was a fine officer but that there was no point in having him stationed here, where he is wasted. MARTIN stated that he and

MARTIN admitted that MARISTANY had won again. MARTIN also said that if he can prove in Havana that all this was a plot on MARISTANY's part -- and he thinks he can prove it -- then his superiors at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs "will have to fire me to shut my mouth"; MARTIN plans to blast MARISTANY's reputation to the maximum extent. Source commented to CC, "I think MARTIN feels he has enough support in Havana to protest formally against MARISTANY. I think MARTIN means it this time."

4. MARISTANY and Major TORRES. A Cuban official named Major TORRES (fnu) is visiting here to investigate purchase of cattle. Source has not met him. MARTIN, however, told Source that TORRES is a self-sacrificing, sincere Fidelist revolutionary, and that TORRES is already convinced that MARISTANY is a crook. Upon hearing from MARTIN of Source's old accusations of MARISTANY, TORRES reportedly said that Source sounded like an honest man and he would like to meet him. MARISTANY had previously been shocked when TORRES said that he would not spend money on a hotel but merely wanted a bed in the Embassy; this enraged MARISTANY to the extent that he did not meet TORRES at the airport on his arrival. Later, MARISTANY relented and invited TORRES to a dinner party. TORRES refused, saying that he was not here to indulge in social activities, this shocking MARISTANY again. Another Cuban is accompanying TORRES here; Source had not heard the name.

5. NOVOA. NOVOA had visited MARISTANY in order to get the latter to take steps to legalize NOVOA's residence here. MARISTANY had said, "Sorry, but I don't have any instructions about you." NOVOA responded by writing a cable to Cuflet before MARISTANY's eyes. Source then gave NOVOA a photocopy, to be shown to MARISTANY, of the previous instructions from the Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade concerning establishment of Cuflet in Rotterdam. As soon as LUNAR (see next paragraph) opens his offices in Rotterdam, NOVOA will ask permission to work there "until LUNAR kicks me out." Source commented that things are not going well for NOVOA at all.

6. LUNAR. Source just cannot bear LUNAR. He cannot mention him without citing his physical ugliness and his stupidity and corruption. Source stated that LUNAR still is not at work, but

rather is still big-dealing around town, bragging of his conquests of women (very dubious, Source says) and driving an expensive rented Impala. LUNAR offered a job to the Dutch girl Lily (phon.) (lmu), but Lily now has a job at the Court of International Law and says she intends to keep it; LUNAR is furious about this. Philip ZEVEBERGE (formerly?) of Vinke and Co. will definitely go to work for LUNAR, as will one lmu SANTOS, a Cuban who is presently in Germany. LUNAR also stated to Source that a Chinese or Indonesian girl (no name given) had offered to work for him for nothing; although claiming to be a bedmate of the girl, LUNAR said that he would not hire her because she is an American agent. (Note to collaborating service: CO knows nothing of any such agent.) Incidentally, LUNAR would like to have the flat of BOLINAGA, who desires the flat of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ RODRIGUEZ when the latter departs. Source said that BOLINAGA's address is Smaragdhorst 491 in the Mariahoeve section of The Hague. This will be discussed with collaborating (service) but obviously any technical operation in this regard will depend on the availability of transcribers.

7. BOYKO. NADAL told Source on 21 November that BOYKO had visited him the previous day. NADAL did not mention anything to Source about the mysterious "BAUX" cable mentioned in our last report. NADAL said that BOYKO looked very well, as though he had had a good rest in Moscow. BOYKO asked NADAL whether MARISTANY had already been removed; upon hearing that he had not, M. BOYKO made some joking remark. He also asked whether Source had returned from Havana, and upon hearing that this was the case, BOYKO said he was happy about this. Source had no explanation of this.

8. Richard POST. The Tromp garage, where Source has been renting a car until his new one is delivered, presented Source, as a Cuban official, with a bill incurred by Richard POST, the chauffeur of MARISTANY. Last year POST had crashed a rented car belonging to this garage and he had never paid the bill. Source wrote to MARISTANY about this; the latter promised to do something about ~~this~~ the matter.

9. Cuban Consul (Rotterdam) DIAZ. Source saw him at the birthday party of BOLINAGA's daughter on 17 November. Source stated that DIAZ made the whole evening unbearable with an unending oration on the blessings of Marxism-Leninism, Castro, and

the Cuban Revolution. Source commented that DIAZ seems to feel that he, DIAZ, has a great deal of power and influence. Asked whether he thought DIAZ might be G-2, Source said "No. Surely even a Cuban G-2 man would have to have some intelligence."

10. NADAL. Source stated that his relationship with NADAL was now overtly friendly but actually, on Source's part, reserved. NADAL will still confide in him, but Source will confide nothing to NADAL. Source was told that this was exactly what the relationship should be.

11. Chicom. On 19 November MARISTANY received from the C.V. an invitation, for 21 November, for the entire Cuban delegation here. Without checking with Source, MARISTANY stated that the Commercial Section would be too ~~xxxx~~ busy to attend. MARTIN objected to this. MARISTANY replied, "I said they're too busy," and that was that. On 22 November, MARISTANY said that he was too ill to attend, so the whole thing was postponed.

12. Polita, former secretary to the Cuban Consul in Rotterdam, left 22 November for Havana, from Amsterdam, via Madrid.

13. Source's Accusations of MARISTANY. CO asked exactly how many copies of these accusations there had been, and exactly who has them.

- a. Gustavo BELTRAN, chief of "capitalist ~~xxxxxx~~ countries" section of the Ministry of Foreign Trade. BELTRAN had been a member of the 26 July Movement and had met BOLINAGA in Tampa during BATISTA's time when BELTRAN was there collecting funds and buying weapons. He is a close friend of the sister of Celia SANCHEZ. Source met BELTRAN personally in January 1963 in Havana.
- b. Leila CARRILLO, now working for the Ministry of Foreign Relations.
- c. Antolin ALFONSO, former Cuban Consul in Rotterdam.
- d. Raul RCA of Foreign Relations.
- e. Source still has a copy. There are no others (presumably).

14. Source's Wife. Source makes notes during the week and then types them out in English prior to a meeting with CO. During the week his wife had come up the stairs very quietly to bring him

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coffee and had caught him translating. She asked what he was doing. He replied, "None of your business" and immediately regretted it. This made her more suspicious. She said, "I know you're doing some funny business. It worries me for your safety." (Source had been told always to lock himself in if possible while doing this work, but he feared this would cause more suspicion.) Source asked what he should do now, adding that he trusted his wife completely, that she had turned against Fidel and the regime before he himself did, and that she was fully aware of and agreeable to the fact that they would never return together to Havana; he wished to tell her some part of the truth so that she would not suspect that he was being unfaithful to her with another woman; his wife was an insanely jealous type anyway, he said; he feared worse trouble if he did not tell her something. The following was agreed upon: Source will not offer further information to her, but when she again questions him, he will remind her of their agreement to stay in Western Europe when he can no longer work for the Cuban government; he will then say that for that reason, and for the financial security of herself and the children, he must stay on the good side of important Western businessmen who may offer him a good job later; but, he will say, such contacts should not be known to anyone else, as this could make trouble for him in his official position and since these contacts must necessarily be unofficial; this must be their secret. Source is confident that this will work. CO later asked Source ~~xx~~ jokingly, "Where's your old Latin-American machismo?" Source replied, "I have my machismo with every woman except the one I'm married to."

15. Comecon Meeting: The meeting of Bloc commercial representatives will take place at the Czech Embassy on 27 November at 1600 hours. Source was instructed to tone down the remarks which he had previously planned to make. He will mention the matter of Bloc re-export of Cuban goods, as a loyal Cuban official normally would, but will put this in the context of self-criticism for not having maintained his Bloc contacts as he should, and he will voice the hope that these very regrettable re-export matters can be forgotten now -- provided, of course, his fellow Marxist-Leninists cease these practices. He will have

16. Soviets. MARISTANY said (to BOLINAGA) on 21 November that the Soviet Ambassador here had told him that he was very happy about what he had heard in Moscow concerning Cuba. Gromyko had been talking with Rusk, he said, and the Soviets felt sure that U.S. policy toward Cuba would improve (i.e., soften).