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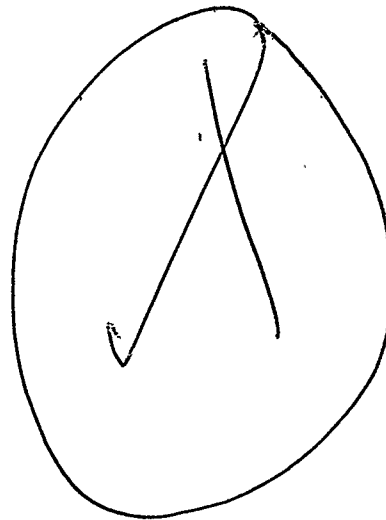
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The Attorney General

February 15, 1961

Director, FBI

DOMINICAN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN
THE UNITED STATES
INTERNAL SECURITY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum which contains information concerning the captioned matter which appears to be of interest.

I have made the information in the enclosed memorandum available to the Secretary of State.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Byron R. White (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

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DOMINICAN LISTENING ACTIVITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES

On February 10, 1961, a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past learned that Mrs. Ascension Eckert, Dominican Sugar office, 1422 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., had referred to Marco A. Le Pena, Dominican Consul General, Washington, D. C., the following information concerning a conversation which Eckert had had with a Mr. Quinn (not further identified):

Quinn told Eckert that, according to rumors, this looked very bad for the Dominican Republic. Quinn stated there seemed to be a disposition to take away from the Dominican Republic that part of the Cuban sugar quota which had been assigned to the Dominican Republic. Quinn reported that Larry Myers (possibly Lawrence Myers, Sugar Division, United States Department of Agriculture) is continuing to maintain the position that the United States needs Dominican sugar. Quinn was of the opinion this matter is linked with "politics" and that it would be said there is more than an adequate supply of sugar obtainable for the United States without considering the sugar supply of the Dominican Republic.

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Quinn felt this matter was in the hands of the Secretary of State and with the assumption of office by Adolf Berle in the United States Department of State there would almost surely be an adverse change of policy toward the Dominican Republic. Quinn stated that, as a result, the Dominican Republic would have to redouble its efforts, particularly in the realm of political activity, in order to maintain its present situation.

Upon learning that Michael B. Leane acted as attorney for the Dominican Sugar office, Quinn stated to others consider Leane a "double agent". Quinn stated to others that Leane is a "double agent" who is working for the Dominican Republic and is also working for the United States.

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An additional original typed and sent Secretary of State by separate letter.

Additional copies of this letter to the Attorney General and the United States Attorney, New York, and the United States Attorney, New Orleans.

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represents the Philippines and who has great influence in the United States Congress, commenting that O'Donnell told Quinn he would be much happier if the Dominican Republic obtained the Cuban sugar quota instead of Mexico.

Eckert and De Pena agreed they could not place too much reliability on Deane's endeavors in behalf of the Dominican Sugar Office, and De Pena planned to recommend that Deane's services be terminated.

On February 13, 1961, Mrs. Ulda Eldred, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, advised a Special Agent of the FBI the records of the Registration Section revealed Arthur L. Quinn, an attorney, 1625 K Street, N. W., had terminated his services as a registered agent of the Cuban sugar interests in Havana, Cuba, on September 30, 1960.

On October 17, 1960, the above informant learned Eckert had requested the assistance of one Arthur Quinn, identified only as a friend of Eckert, it being noted that Eckert was formerly employed by the Cuban Sugar Stabilization Institute, Washington, D. C., as office manager during 1960.

On February 13, 1961, Mrs. Eldred informed the records of the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, revealed that John A. O'Donnell, 1625 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., was then a registered agent of the Philippine Sugar Association, Washington, D. C., having last filed a Supplemental Registration Statement, Registration Number 1194, for the six months' period ending July 29, 1960.

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
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- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. G.C. Jones

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Enclosed for your information is a copy of a memorandum dated February 14, 1961, containing additional data which has been received in connection with our inquiries in this matter.

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Tyrone R. White (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

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Attachment is revised version of memorandum submitted with Washington Field airtel of 2-14-61. Revision made to delete data previously supplied with our letter of 2-10-61 to Attorney General and to add actual contents of article in "The Journal of Commerce" which we have.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On February 13, 1961, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that Asuncion Eckert, Dominican Sugar Office, 1625 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., had related the following information to Marco A. De-Pena, Dominican Consul General, Washington, D. C.:

Eckert informed that she had received a letter from United States Representative (Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina) thanking her for "the liquor." According to Eckert, (Cooley) is looking forward to seeing her and indicated he would invite her to a party as soon as the weather clears.

As related by the informant, Eckert stated that she would have 'the letter' translated so that it could be sent to the Dominican Republic.

On February 14, 1961, the informant learned that Eckert disclosed to De Pena that there was good news in "The Journal of Commerce," noting that it appears that the sugar representatives of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the refineries and beet sugar interests have written a letter to the representative (Cooley) asking that the sugar law be continued as it is. She added that this also should apply to the quota given to the Dominican Republic. Eckert remarked that she was going to try to get a copy of the letter to (Cooley) from Christine Gallagher.

With regard to "The Journal of Commerce," that publication contained an article on February 14, 1961, which revealed that representatives of all major producing and refining segments of the sugar industry have urged extension of the Sugar Act well before the present expiration date of March 31, 1961. Consumer as well as producer interest in early passage of an extension, according to the article, was stressed in a letter to Congressman (Harold D. Cooley, Chairman of the House Agriculture

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(Committed). The letter indicated the domestic sugar industry was continuing its neutral position regarding the importation of sugar from the Dominican Republic as a partial replacement of sugar imports denied Cuba. The letter was signed by representatives of Puerto Rican, Hawaiian, mainland cane and domestic beet sugar producers and United States cane sugar refiners.

According to the informant, later on February 14, 1961, Gallagher contacted Eckert requesting that Eckert see Cooley at 11:30 a.m. on February 14, 1961, to discuss a matter known to Eckert and De Pena. In furnishing this information to De Pena, Eckert was told by De Pena that he would be awaiting results of her interview with Cooley.

With reference to Eckert's contemplated interview with (Cooley), the informant advised that De Pena indicated to Eckert that he would make an unspecified request concerning arrangements for (Cooley) subsequent to Eckert's interview. In the event Cooley asks her when 'he is able to go' (possibly to the Dominican Republic), De Pena instructed Eckert to tell him that De Pena will write "there" (possibly the Dominican Republic) on a personal basis to make proper hotel accommodations. He further instructed that (Cooley) should be told that this idea is that of, namely De Pena and Eckert, and that all they are waiting for is the knowledge of when (Cooley) will be able to go. As further related by the informant, Eckert was instructed to tell Cooley that as of the present no arrangements had been made.

The informant stated that on February 14, 1961, Eckert also volunteered information to De Pena that Christine Gallagher had offered to furnish a copy of the letter mentioned in "The Journal of Commerce."

Subsequently on February 14, 1961, the informant ascertained that Eckert had returned at approximately 1:15 p.m., presumably from her interview with (Cooley) and made arrangements to speak with De Pena.

- Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. C. A. Evans
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Moore

The Attorney General

February 15, 1961

Washington, D.C.

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In connection with our inquiries concerning the captioned matter, a source who is active in the sugar industry and who has furnished reliable information in the past on February 14, 1961, made available the following data which he has obtained mostly during a recent 22-day business trip in the Dominican Republic:

Michael B. Deane, 1700 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., was in the Dominican Republic from January 22 to January 28, 1961, during which time our source was in daily contact with him. Deane, according to information picked up by the source from Deane, is an attorney; a Democratic Party National Committeeman; and a personal friend of yours, as well as of President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and Ambassador at Large W. Averell Harriman. During his stay in the Dominican Republic, Deane, after conferences with Generalissimo Trujillo and Dr. J. N. Troncoso, the head of Trujillo's sugar corporation, allegedly obtained a one-year contract to act as a lobbyist for the Dominican sugar interests.

Also, the source advised he received information that Deane was at the White House on the morning of February 14, 1961, and was to see Congressman (Margold D. Cooke) of North Carolina later on that date. Deane had indicated to the source that he has not registered as a foreign agent; but he claimed that he would do so in the near future. Deane further indicated that he is not aware that the Dominican Republic would appoint him as "contact man" with United States governmental officials. In addition to the source's contact with Deane in the Dominican Republic as set out above, he was in telephonic contact with Deane on February 14, 1961. The source has no knowledge as to the details or the value of the alleged contract which Deane made with the Dominican Republic.

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Inasmuch as our source has advised that he is the only individual aware of the above information furnished by Deane, we are making no other dissemination of this data at his specific request.

Concerning the above statement of Deane to our source that he has not registered as a foreign agent, it is observed that the files of the Registration Section of the Internal Security Division of the Department were checked by agents of this Bureau on February 10, 1961, and Michael B. Deane of 1700 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is listed as a registered agent of the Dominican Republic.

Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 10, 1961, that Mrs. Asuncion Eckert, Dominican Sugar Office, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and Marco A. de Pena, Dominican Consul General of Washington, D. C., during a conversation on that date, agreed they could not place too much reliability on Deane's endeavors in behalf of the Dominican Sugar Office. De Pena indicated that he planned to recommend that Deane's services be terminated.

With regard to Michael B. Deane, mentioned above, our files disclose the following additional pertinent information:

Deane was born in Minsk, Russia, on August 4, 1913, under the name of Morris B. Drobosky and was naturalized as a citizen of the United States on June 2, 1937. Deane was investigated by this Bureau in 1942 in connection with a position with the Office for Emergency Management. During that investigation, it was determined that he was also known by the name of Morris B. Deane, and an automobile owned by that individual was parked in the vicinity of Turner's Arena, Washington, D. C., on February 7, 1941, while a meeting of the American Youth Congress was being held there. The American Youth Congress has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In October, 1959, we received information to the effect that Deane was working as an agent of *El Ejercito Libertador*,

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former President of Cuba, and accordingly conducted an investigation in that regard. No corroborative data regarding that allegation was developed. During the course of that investigation, it was ascertained the records of the office of the Secretary, United States Senate, contained registrations for Michael B. Deane, 1700 K Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., which disclosed the following employments from January 15, 1958, to September 7, 1959:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employment</u>
(1) January 15, 1958	Cerro de Pasco Corporation 300 Park Avenue New York, New York
(2) June 11, 1959	U. S. Poultry and Egg Producers Association Lakewood New Jersey
(3) July 9, 1959	Royal Jamaica Imports, Incorporated 10 East 40th Street New York 16, New York
(4) September 7, 1959	U. S. International Exposition, Incorporated 1616 K Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

On February 17, 1960, Mr. Warren Woods, an attorney at 1111 E Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised he was acquainted with Deane since Deane had been Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Democratic Club in Washington, D. C.

With regard to Deane's registration with the Registration Section of the Internal Security Division, as mentioned above, the files of that Section disclose the registration was made on August 19, 1960, under the name of Michael B. Deane Associates, 1700 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Michael B. Deane was listed as the President and

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owner of this organization. He indicated he was serving as a representative for sugar interests and gave the name of the person principal as "Comision de Defensa del Azucar y Fomento de la Jana," 1825 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. This is the same address at which the Dominican Sugar office is located.

In connection with Deane's activities on behalf of the Dominicans as an agent, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised August 29, 1960, that a cashier's check in the amount of thirty-seven thousand dollars had been made out by the Dominicans about two weeks prior to that date, payable to Michael B. Deane.

Polk's Washington City Directory for 1960 lists a Michael B. Deane, 1700 L Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., as being engaged in public relations.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

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