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FROM: [BLEVINS: KATHLEEN] LA/COC EXT. 9229		100-149 305225 FILE 307		INDEX SEARCH AND 201 CONSOLIDATION REQUEST	
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SECRET		IMPDET CL BY 004103			
TO	TUBE	ROOM	DATE	INITIALS	REQUESTER'S NOTES
IP/INDEX	DT-5	1B4003	1 Feb 70	[Signature]	NO. OF REFERENCES ORDERED THIS REQUEST REFERS TO (Doc. Ref.)
REQUESTER					
IP/FILES	DT-6	GC52			SEARCH INSTRUCTIONS (TO IP/IN)
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IP/RMS	DW-6	GA-20			
SUBJECT OF INDEX SEARCH					
SURNAME CORTES			GIVEN NAMES Ramon B		
SPELLING VARIATIONS TO BE SEARCHED				201 NO. IF KNOWN 201-	
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RESULTS OF IP/INDEX SEARCH			INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTERS		
NO RECORDS IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT			THERE ARE OTHER INDICES THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CHECKLIST OF OTHER INDICES AND 201 CONSOLIDATION INSTRUCTIONS.		
SURNAME NOT FOUND IN FILES			TO ORDER DOCUMENTS		
INDEX RECORDS ATTACHED			1. REVIEW INDEX RECORDS. 2. DRAW GREEN DIAGONAL LINE ACROSS ITEMS YOU DO NOT WANT. 3. FORWARD TO IP/FILES.		
THERE ARE <u>139</u> RECORDS OF WHICH <u>53</u> ARE FNU'S WHICH MAY PERTAIN TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS SEARCH; THESE MAY BE REVIEWED IN IP/IN 1B4003			TO EDIT THE INDEX RECORDS		
COMMENTS			AFTER RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTS, EDIT THE INDEX RECORD ACCORDING TO DOI 70-19. 1. TO DESTROY INDEX RECORD: MARK THE INDEX RECORD WITH A GREEN D, AND CITE THE REASON. 2. TO MAKE CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: ENTER THE CHANGES ON THE INDEX RECORD IN GREEN INK. 3. FORWARD TO IP/RMS VIA YOUR RECORDS OFFICER		
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201 CONSOLIDATION INSTRUCTIONS (See D01 70-)

1. IF SUBJECT HAS A 201 FILE. SEND THIS FORM TO IP/RMS WITH THE INDEX RECORDS MARKED IN GREEN TO REFLECT THE CONSOLIDATION ACTION TAKEN. (Documents should then be placed in the 201, by the Researcher).
2. WHEN SUBJECT HAS NO 201 FILE, BUT MEETS THE REQUIREMENT FOR OPENING A 201 FILE, SEND THIS FORM TO IP/RMS WITH:
 - A. A COMPLETED FORM 831.
 - B. ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS, EXTRACTS, AND PROPERLY EDITED RECORDS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE FILE BY IP/RMS.

SIGNATURE OF RECORDS OFFICER

DATE

CHECKLIST OF OTHER INDICES: REQUESTER SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER TRACING THE FOLLOWING SOURCES WHICH ARE NOT SEARCHED BY IP/INDEX (SEE NAME TRACE HANDBOOK).

SOURCE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE RECEIVED	SOURCE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE RECEIVED
DO AREA DESKS <i>Mex - ✓ COG ✓</i>			CENTRAL REFERENCE SERVICE		
IP/ARCHIVES			CIA LIBRARY		
COMINT NAME CHECK			OFFICE OF SECURITY		
SB BIOGRAPHICS BRANCH			OFFICE OF MEDICAL SERVICES		
TRAVEL PROGRAMS <i>US Neg Mex Neg</i>			DOMESTIC COLLECTION DIVISION		
NAME OF BEARER FILE/OTS					
CIA APPLICANTS FILE/OFFICE OF PERSONNEL			DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE		
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP - SS/IL (WFTU)			DEFENSE CENTRAL INDEX		
COVER AND COMMERCIAL STAFF			CENTRAL REGISTRY - EUROPE		
OPERATIONS STAFF	RESERVE OFFICERS FILE		FBI		
	INTERAGENCY SOURCE REG.		I & NS		
CI OPERATIONS: CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS			DEPARTMENT OF STATE		
E/G PROGRAM			SECRET SERVICE		
WH SUBVERSIVES PROGRAM <i>Neg</i>			DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY		

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A-381 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

TO: Embassy MEXICO, D.F.

DATE: Feb 23 4 43 PM '66

FROM: Department of State

SUBJECT: RAMON CORTEZ

REF: Embassy's T-945 of November 1, 1965 and previous communications; BIG/OEC Investigations Division case 23-773

EXCON FROM COMMERCE

The Embassy's attention is invited to the voluminous change of communications referring to the subject's involvement in illegal diversions of U.S. goods to Cuba via Mexico which

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See AmEmb., Mex C: Airgram No. A-211, 12 Jan 62 - Subj., owner of SAM'S.
 " " Desp. No. 910, 29 Jan 62 - Statement of Esteban de LA VEGA, re acquaintance w/Subj

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FOREIGN SERVICE DESPATCH

FROM: Embassy, Mexico 1522

TO: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON. June 5, 1962

REF: Embassy D-1497, May 31, 1962

AD	AF	AG	AM	AN	AO	AP	AR	AS	AT	AU	AV	AW	AX	AY	AZ

SUBJECT: EXCON: Transmittal of Report Offer of Lic. Ramon CORTEZ to Cooperate with American Export Control Officials

Dr. Donald CARROLL, attorney from Tyler, Texas, representing Mexican businessman Lic. Ramon CORTEZ Buenrostro, visited the Embassy June 1, 1962 to discuss the case of his client. Mr. Carroll stated his personal belief that Lic. Cortez was anti-communist and that anything he might have done was not for ideological reasons. He indicated his client's willingness to cooperate fully with United States Government officials investigating his case and stated further his hope that clemency or immunity could be provided Lic. Cortez in return for his cooperation.

Mr. Carroll was told that the Embassy was not in any position to make any "deal" with him concerning Lic. Cortez, since the case of his client was considered very serious. It was suggested that Mr. Carroll contact the office of the United States attorney in Texas processing Lic. Cortez's case or discuss the matter direct with the Bureau of International Programs of the United States Department of Commerce in Washington.

It was also suggested to Mr. Carroll that Lic. Cortez show his good faith by providing the United States Government with documents and information concerning Cuban purchasing methods in Mexico. Of particular interest was information concerning the part played in transmittal activities by officials of the Tap Equipment Company of Los Angeles, California and the American Materials and Equipment Company of Texas, Texas.

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FROM: Embassy, MEXICO, D. F.

DATE: April 1966

SUBJECT: Ramon Cortez

REF: Department's A-381 and A-444

EXCON FOR COMMERCE

In view of the cooperation which has been received from Ramon CORTES Buenrostro, the Embassy has been attempting to obtain in a discreet manner through various credit and banking sources the information requested rather than to try to obtain the information in a direct manner which might be offensive to Sr. Cortez and cause him to cease cooperating with the Embassy.

Through the above sources the Embassy has been able to confirm that Construcciones Metalicas Industriales de Mexico, S. A., at the address given in the first Airgram under reference, was organized on October 16, 1964 with an authorized capital of 250,000 pesos, that the managers and principals of the firm are Ramon Cortez and Rogelio ALVAREZ and that the company enjoys a good commercial and credit reputation.

All efforts to ascertain the names of any American firms with which Sr. Cortez or his firm do business have had a negative result.

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This does not, however, necessarily establish that he has not had such business relations.

If the Department wishes, the Embassy will interview Sr. Cortez and carry out the balance of the instructions contained in A-381 in such a way as to attempt to minimize any adverse reaction on his part.

For the Ambassador

Douglas K. Ballentine
DOUGLAS K. BALLENTINE
Commercial Attaché

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Sr. Cortez was reportedly surprised to learn that John Neal Building Co. had the outstanding denial order against the contractual arrangement made by him with that company. He is pleased that he had experienced no interference by virtue of the denial order in connection with the importation of Oliver sewing machines and some other items from the US.

The Embassy is requested if possible to ascertain the names of U.S. firms that have sold and delivered since 1962 commodities from the United States to Mexico for Sr. Cortez' account or for the account of his firm (s). At the same time, Sr. Cortez should be apprised of the legal recourse available to him if he desires to have the denial order vacated or modified. The applicable procedure is set forth in Section 302.11(c) CES. A copy of Part 302 is attached and may be furnished to Sr. Cortez.

The existence of the Mexican firm named hereinabove and the capacity in which Sr. Cortez is associated with it should be ascertained. Any other Mexican and/or U.S. commercial entities with which Sr. Cortez is at present associated, should likewise be identified and his association fully described.

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Subj told SAUNDERS that, when the company was actually dissolved, better not figures, he was supposed to participate in four percent of the assets. SAUNDERS told Subj he should try to get the US. Subj said he might have there eventually. (INFO, B-2 - CONTROL)

For other rpt's re Subj and Transcontinental S.A., State issued following:

- AmEmb, MexC, Desp. 686, dated 23 Jan 62; Dun & Bradstreet Rpt on Transcontinental, S.A.
- State A-41, dated 24 Jul 62, to AmEmb, MexC; Offer of Transcontinental, S.A. to Assist in Returning American Merchandise
- AmEmb, MexC, A-84, dated 20 Jul 62; Dissolution of Transcontinental, S.A. Offer of
- Dept. of State, A-163, to AmEmb, MexC, dated 27 June 1962, Dissolution of Transcontinental, S.A.
- AmEmb, MexC, Desp. 1569, 22 June 62, Offer of Transcontinental S.A. to Assist in Returning American Merchandise.
- AmEmb, MexC, Desp. 1161, 20 Mar 62, Transcontinental, S.A. and Related Parties to Cuban Diversion Activities.
- Dept. of State Instruction, No. CW-7218, 13 Mar 62, to AmEmb MexC, re TRANSCONTINENTAL, SA et al
- AmEmb, MexC, Desp. 1101, 7 Mar 1962, Proposed Compliance Proceedings Against Compania Impulsora Mexicana, S.A.
- AmEmb, MexC, Desp 907, Possible October 1961 diversions of US goods to Cuba aboard the FRUCUSA
- AmEmb, MexC, A-410, 21 Sep 62, IBM de Mexico, S.A.; Report of Lic. Ramon CORTES Buenrostro

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has vouched for Portia's subject. Embassy stated in a letter of 11/10/44 that his organization was purged up Cortes from 1941 to 1943. The subject is in fact his switch of allegiance.

Further developments will be reported as soon as they occur.

For the Ambassador
Gilbert E. Loran
Commercial Attache

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Embassy because his efforts to shift gears to side with the government have now resulted in administrative and judicial action against him. In addition he has an American wife and two American children, plus a home and other property in the United States. The Embassy believes however, that Lic. Cortes may have extensive knowledge which might be of use to United States agencies and officials in enforcing the export control regulations.

For the Ambassador:
Gilbert E. Loran
Commercial Attache

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CORTES Iruroz, Ramon (Pat.)

CUBA

Member of Third Military District, in Las Villas Province, 2, Was Co (CGC1-3/704, 403, 29 Mar 61)

CORTES Tienostro, Ramon

President of Transcontinental, Mexican firm transshipping goods to Cuba. Cubans are saying parts being shipped are reconstructed or used instead of new. Subj told Ignacio HERNANDEZ Garcia these accusations are false. In an effort to frighten the Cubans into cancelling their investigation Subj said HERNANDEZ should receive the Cubans by paying. CORTES and HERNANDEZ are major shareholders in a Canadian firm also supplying Cuba with parts and if the Cubans continue their investigation, it will hurt their prestige with the company in Canada. (CS 1/593,249, 6 Mar 62 LIFE, LIBRARY, 107-6203)

