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Reference is made to your letter dated April 12, 1961, concerning the subject, your reference GSCI-3/764,709. (S)(u)

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated June 18, 1962, at Miami, Florida, which contains information concerning the possible defection of Cubela from the Cuban Government.

For your information, T-2 in the memorandum is [Carlos Tepedino] who is identified in the referenced letter as a long-time contact of a representative of your Agency. [Tepedino] advised our Miami Office that Cubela plans to go to [Paris, France], following the termination of the Congress in [Helsinki, Finland], and wants [Tepedino] to meet him there. [Tepedino] said he already had plans to go to Europe on June 22, 1962, and stated that, if he could be of any service to the United States Government or assist Cubela, he would arrange to be in Paris whenever necessary. He said he could be contacted in Europe through B. Rosenblatt, 20 Chetrevise, Paris, Telephone Number 14 19 17 428. (u)

[Tepedino] noted that he had been in close contact with a [Jack Stewart] who formerly was assigned to the United States Embassy in Havana, Cuba, and, after [Stewart] (S)

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was transferred to [Mexico City] was in contact with [Arthur Avignone] at the Embassy in Havana. [Tepedino] also mentioned that he was in Mexico when Cubela talked to [Stewart] there. In speaking of his desire to cooperate, [Tepedino] emphasized that he does not want [Stewart] to think he is doing something behind [Stewart's] back. Our Miami Office advised [Tepedino] that the data furnished by him would be made available to the proper United States agency and that his comments concerning [Stewart] would be relayed to that agency.

[Tepedino] noted that he was returning to New York City from Miami and said that, in the event he received any additional information concerning Cubela, he would forward it to the FBI. He furnished our Miami Office a business card of "Tishman and Lipp, Inc., New York City and Corletto, Inc., Milano (Italy)," which showed a business address of 31 West 47th Street, New York 36, New York, Telephone Number Judson 6-4622. On the business card, he listed his home address as "98-19-64 Ave., Rego Park, Queens, L. I., N. Y." and his home Telephone Number as TW 7-9843.

[Tepedino] asked whom he should contact if he received emergency information while in Paris, and our Miami Office, which had had no previous contact with [Tepedino], informed him that he should go to the United States Embassy there and speak to someone in the Legal Attache's Office.

Since it appears that [Tepedino] is of operational interest to your Agency, we are taking no steps to direct his activities. If he does volunteer information concerning Cubela in the future, you will be promptly advised. We are instructing our representative in Paris that, in the event [Tepedino] contacts his office, he should refer Tepedino to your representative.

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(u) [there.] If you have not already done so, you may desire to establish contact with [Tepedino] and furnish him specific instructions as to how this matter should be handled. (u)

Enclosure

ATTENTION: LEGAL ATTACHES, PARIS AND LONDON, AND SAC, MIAMI

Single copies of Miami airtel and memorandum 6/18/62 are enclosed for Legal Attaches, London and Paris.

Legal Attache, Paris, should refer [Tepedino] to the appropriate [Central Intelligence Agency] official at the Embassy if [Tepedino] does contact your office. (u)

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" [since the identities of CIA representatives abroad are set out herein, and, for that reason, letter is being sent by liaison. In view of the positive indication that Tepedino has been operated by CIA in the past, and since (S) Stewart and Avignone (former Special Agent Arthur Avignone) are known to Miami Agents formerly assigned to Havana as CIA employees, no guidance will be given Tepedino by Bureau.] (u)

Cubela has been President of the Cuban University Student Federation (FEU) for many years and was also a leader of the Revolutionary Directorate, a group which fought with Castro to overthrow Batista. For several months we have been receiving reports that Cubela is fed up with Castro and wants to defect. *Since the data developed by Miami indicates [CIA is arranging] the defection, we are withholding dissemination to other agencies at this time. (u)

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