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This information will not be repeated in view of the fact it is secondhand information and would be of no value in any Federal proceedings as testimony. It is noted that on 12/14/59, HEURTEMATTE telephonically contacted SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG and advised that he had learned from LEOPOLDO ARAGON that the proposed meeting had taken place on 12/11/59 in the office of I. IRVING DAVIDSON as scheduled. MIRO had been turned down by DAVIDSON but would possibly attempt to go to Nicaragua. HEURTEMATTE stated that MIRO apparently convinced DAVIDSON that he was not a communist and was anti-CASTRO. HEURTEMATTE commented that this was not true and stated that he considered MIRO to be worthless. ARAGON had told HEURTEMATTE that MIRO using the name CARLOS VASQUEZ placed a call from DAVIDSON's office to Panama telephone number [3-7001] and attempted to talk with [RALPH MCLAIN] who MIRO claimed was with CIA. (S)

The name of [RALPH MCLAIN] and his identity as a CIA representative has been set forth in the details of this report to give a complete picture of the activities of MIRO and also to show his modus operandi. It is noted that the identity of [MCLAIN] and his connection with CIA is apparently well known as evidenced by the fact that the information was made available to HEURTEMATTE, DAVIDSON, and JOSEPH MEROLA of Miami Beach, Florida, through the endeavors and conversation of MIRO. It is felt by WFO that other individuals have also been apprised of this information by MIRO in attempts to find backing for an invasion of Panama. Due to the statements made by MIRO concerning the backing by [MCLAIN] of his invasion efforts, this report will be classified "Secret." (S)

The Special Agents who observed ARAGON and MIRO enter 1612 K Street, N.W., on 12/11/59, were KELLOGG, JAMES CALVIN CONRAD, and CARROLL J. HUNT. It is noted that SA CONRAD observed DAVIDSON, ARAGON, and MIRO depart 1612 K Street, N.W., at 6:07 p.m., 12/11/59.

Bureau airtel, 12/15/59, instructed WFO to submit recommendations concerning further investigative efforts regarding MIRO. Due to the fact that ARAGON does not desire to testify for fear of reprisals by MIRO, it is felt that successful prosecution of the subject with the information available is doubtful. It is noted that ARAGON has furnished the only documentary evidence

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Synopsis:

Subject met I. IRVING DAVIDSON at DAVIDSON's office 12/8/59. Desired assistance of DAVIDSON for invasion of Panama in January, 1960. Again met at same place with DAVIDSON and LEOPOLDO ARAGON, 12/9/59 and 12/11/59. Discussed above invasion plans. MIRO told DAVIDSON he had support of US Government for invasion. DAVIDSON told MIRO 12/11/59, he had checked with US Government agency and could not verify any backing for MIRO. DAVIDSON told MIRO he would give no assistance. MIRO told DAVIDSON that [RALPH MCLAIN] CIA representative, Panama could verify support of US for MIRO. Subject interviewed 12/17/59. At first denied above and later stated he did not desire to discuss the matter.

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On November 2, 1959, Mr. O. A. VOPE, Assistant Records Chief, District Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, furnished the file pertaining to the subject to SA GENE P. COLE, at which time the following information was obtained:

On October 1, 1959, MIRO, 2901 Park Drive, S.E., appeared before Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Special Inquiry Officer A. GOLD, at Washington, D. C. He had no immigration visa in violation of Immigration and Naturalization Act 212 (a) (20). On application the same date, MIRO was issued B-2 visa valid until October 31, 1959.

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On December 11, 1959, I. IRVING DAVIDSON telephonically advised that RUBEN MIRO and LEOPOLDO ARAGON were present at his, DAVIDSON's, office when he arrived at 4:45 p.m. Upon his arrival DAVIDSON stated that ARAGON advised that he, ARAGON, and MIRO did not see "eye to eye on things." ARAGON said that although he is sympathetic with MIRO's cause, that is, the planned invasion to overthrow the Panamanian Government, he does not believe that the United States Government is going to do whatever MIRO wishes.

DAVIDSON said he told MIRO and ARAGON that he checked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the United States Department of State and both the FBI and the State Department are unaware as to the "green light" for the Panama invasion. DAVIDSON stated at this point that he told MIRO he was quite angry because MIRO was only talking about the "green light" backing by the United States. DAVIDSON advised that MIRO then wanted a long distance telephone call to be placed to ~~one~~ [RALPH MC LAIN] telephone number [3-7001] Panama City, Panama. MIRO said that [MC LAIN] is an Agent for the Central Intelligence Agency and that MIRO's code name is CARLOS VASQUEZ when dealing with [MC LAIN].

Although the telephone call was placed it was without success. The call was then postponed until Monday, December 14, 1959, and DAVIDSON stated it would be placed from his office at 10 a.m.

MIRO also stated that [MC LAIN] came from Panama to Miami in April, 1959, and determined that MIRO was then in New York City. MIRO said that [MC LAIN] then came to New York to find MIRO and encourage an invasion plan by MIRO.

DAVIDSON stated that MIRO acted very discouraged at this December 11, 1959, meeting and requested that DAVIDSON try to arrange for a job in Nicaragua so he,

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On December 14, 1959, Miss PATRICIA BOLAND, Secretary to I. IRVING DAVIDSON, Suite 306, 1612 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., telephonically advised that RUBEN MIRO visited DAVIDSON's office at 10:30 a.m. on December 14, 1959, to place a telephone call to RALPH McLAIN, telephone number [37001], Panama City, Panama.

Miss BOLAND stated that after one and one half hours MIRO was still unsuccessful in getting his call through to McLAIN and MIRO decided to have his call transferred to his, MIRO's, wife in Panama.

After the termination of the call to MIRO's wife, MIRO stated to Miss BOLAND he would telephone DAVIDSON later that day. Miss BOLAND stated MIRO never called back as he said he would. Miss BOLAND said MIRO's conversation with his wife was in Spanish, a language she does not understand.

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On December 15, 1959, I. IRVING DAVIDSON, 1612 K Street, N.W., telephonically advised that he returned to Washington, D. C., from Miami during the evening of December 14, 1959, and, therefore, was not present when MIRO arrived at his, DAVIDSON's, office at 10:30 a.m., December 14, 1959. DAVIDSON stated that MIRO was to make a telephone call at that time ~~to~~ RALPH MC LAIN (S) at telephone number [37001] Panama City, Panama. (S)

DAVIDSON stated that according to his secretary, Miss PATRICIA BOLAND, MIRO placed the call to [MC LAIN] but after one and one half hours without success, MIRO had the call transferred to his, MIRO's, wife who resides in Panama.

DAVIDSON said that he does not plan to engage in any activities with MIRO and is not going to request MORALES of the Nicaraguan Embassy to find a job in Nicaragua for MIRO.

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