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JOSE PARDO LLADA
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ReBulet to Legat, Mexico 4-7-61.

On 3-27-61 Mr. [EARL WILLIAMSON] of the CIA here advised that his office here had received notification that subject expected to travel to Spain and that he was endeavoring to arrange coverage in order to know immediately of subject's arrival.

On 3-29-61 JESUS MANZARBEITIA, treasurer of the delegation in Spain of the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD), advised that his group had received information that subject would probably be coming to Spain. MANZARBEITIA said that some of the more hot-headed Cuban exiles in Madrid wanted to try to intercept the subject at the airport here in order to administer a severe physical beating to him. MANZARBEITIA said that he personally felt that such action would draw unfavorable attention to the Cuban exiles in Madrid from the Spanish Government, and that he was doing everything possible to discourage such action. MANZARBEITIA pointed out that the subject is a close friend of a wealthy Argentine named JORGE ANTONIO, who resides in Madrid and who is a close associate of ex-President JUAN PERON of Argentina, who also lives here. MANZARBEITIA said he is personally friendly with ANTONIO and thought he could learn from him when and if subject arrived in Madrid. MANZARBEITIA indicated that he is not averse to subject getting his "lumps", but felt that a more careful plan should be worked out. (S)(u)

The information supplied by MANZARBEITIA was furnished to Mr. [WILLIAMSON] on 3-29-61. (S)(u)

On 4-4-61 Mr. [WILLIAMSON] advised that he had just learned that subject had arrived in Madrid on 4-2-61. He said that subject had been missed by the Spanish Police due to the fact that he arrived in Spain at Barcelona and proceeded from

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the latter place to Madrid instead of entering Spain at Madrid. He indicated that subject had traveled from Mexico to Europe via Canada on the KLM Airlines. Mr. [WILLIAMSON] advised that subject is staying at the Hotel Emperatriz in Madrid. (S)

On 4-4-61 JESUS MANZARBEITIA advised that one of his sources had reported to him that subject had been seen at the Bodegon Restaurant in Madrid on 4-3-61 in the company of JORGE ANTONIO. From this it would appear that subject's presence in Madrid is definitely known to the Cuban exiles. (S) (u)

On 4-10-61 Mr. [WILLIAMSON] advised that for the moment subject is being given protection by two members of the Directorate General of Security (DGS) in Madrid. He said that he had received information on that date that the DGS was planning to use a pretext in an effort to debrief the subject. (S)

On 4-11-61 JESUS MANZARBEITIA and JOSE M. CABEZON, who heads the delegation in Spain of the FRD, called at the Madrid Office and supplied the following information. (S)

Approximately a month ago CABEZON, through a Spanish newspaperman to whom he had given an interview concerning FRD activities in Spain, became acquainted with AUGUSTIN PARRADAS SICILIA, and at that time CABEZON was told that although PARRADAS is ostensibly a newspaperman, he is actually a secret agent for a Spanish Government organization, not otherwise identified. (As has been previously reported to the Bureau under the caption AUGUSTIN PARRADAS SICILIA, aka; IS - CUBA & SPAIN, PARRADAS apparently is employed in something of an informant capacity with the Information Section of the Spanish High General Staff.) CABEZON said that PARRADAS indicated an interest in introducing CABEZON to his superiors, but that this was never done. (S) (u)

MANZARBEITIA advised that he had been approached by an Inspector PRADAS of the Directorate General of Security in Madrid, with which individual they maintain contact as representatives of the FRD here, to arrange an interview with the subject for the purpose of obtaining any information which the subject might be willing to volunteer. MANZARBEITIA pointed out that Inspector PRADAS is in charge of the investigation of Cuban matters in Madrid and is most helpful to them; accordingly he agreed to talk to PARDO LLADA and through JORGE (S) (u)

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MANZARBEITIA said that they expected to be furnished a copy of the questions and answers on 4-12-61, and that they would furnish a copy of the same to the Madrid Office thereafter. (S)(u)

On 4-11-61 MANZARBEITIA and CABEZON made available a copy of the first report of PARRADAS, which he had supplied to them. The contents of this report have been incorporated into a letterhead memorandum, 12 copies of which are furnished for the Bureau together with 12 copies of an evaluation memorandum. The confidential source abroad mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is MANZARBEITIA, and the memorandum has been classified confidential since both MANZARBEITIA and CABEZON are furnishing information of Bureau interest on a continuing basis to the Madrid Office. (S)(u)

MANZARBEITIA advised on 4-11-61 that the subject had told him and DELGADO that he was planning to proceed to Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, on the afternoon of 4-11-61. This is a resort area. (S)(u)

From the above it appears rather obvious that the interview of subject on 4-10-61 by MANZARBEITIA and GABINO DELGADO had been the pretext interview mentioned above by Mr. [WILLIAMSON] on 4-10-61. (S)

Inasmuch as this is primarily a matter coming within CIA jurisdiction and inasmuch as Mr. [WILLIAMSON] had been keeping the Madrid Office currently advised of all his activities in an effort to debrief the subject, on 4-11-61 he was furnished orally with full information concerning all the interviews of the subject that were going on and the apparent conflict of interest between the Directorate General of Security on the one hand and the High General Staff, represented by PARRADAS, on the other hand. At the same time he was furnished with a copy of the report prepared by PARRADAS which contained the results of his interview of the subject on 4-7-61. Mr. [WILLIAMSON] subsequently advised on the same date that he had been in contact with [redacted] (S)

Spain [redacted] the person (S) through whom he was endeavoring to obtain a debriefing of the subject. He said that [redacted] had apparently learned of the activities of PARRADAS in interviewing the subject, and indicated that he planned to have PARRADAS arrested. [redacted] (S)

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also indicated that he expected to have a report on that date on the results of his pretext interview of the subject, and stated that he would furnish a copy of this report to WILLIAMSON (S) on the same date. On 4-12-61 Mr. WILLIAMSON (S) furnished a copy (S) of the report received from [redacted] (S) and it was not identical with the report prepared by PARRADAS. (MANZARBEITIA had advised on 4-11-61 that they planned to give Inspector PRADAS of the DGS a copy of PARRADAS' report. He said that this report essentially contained all the information which had been furnished to him, MANZARBEITIA, by the subject, and he planned to tell Inspector PRADAS that he could supply no additional information. It was subsequently learned on 4-12-61 from MANZARBEITIA that it was impossible to deliver a copy of PARRADAS' report to PRADAS since the latter was not in his office on 4-11-61. It would therefore appear that the report furnished by [redacted] (S) to WILLIAMSON (S) covered points obtained by [redacted] (S) when he interviewed the subject when the latter first came to Madrid.) A summary translation of the [redacted] (S) report is set forth below: (S)

JOSE PARDO LLADA is currently residing in the Hotel Emperatriz in Madrid. He claims to be an enemy of Communism but at the same time he backs almost all the measures adopted by the CASTRO government. He tries to justify the system and made various allusions to the lack of capacity of persons in responsible positions in Cuba and placed the blame on them for the present chaotic situation in Cuba. He does not describe FIDEL CASTRO nor the members of his government as Communists although he recognizes that all of them are dominated and under the control of members of the Communist Party. He claimed that REGINO BOTI, Minister of Economy, RAUL CEPERO BONILLA, Director of the National Bank and ex-Minister of Commerce, and LUIS BUCH, Minister of the Presidency, are all anti-Communists. (S)(u)

He said that all the sugar mills will be dynamited once an attack against Cuba is started. The same will happen to the principal industries and centers of production on the Island. (S)(u)

He does not believe that the execution of Major WILLIAM MORGAN is connected with the flight of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, although rumors to this effect (S)(u)

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him the truth inasmuch as both PERON and JORGE ANTONIO were completely ignorant about everything concerning his journey. This latter would appear doubtful inasmuch as JORGE ANTONIO went to the airport to meet the subject, and it is obvious that this latter and his people tried to cover up the arrival in Madrid of the subject. It was evident that the subject has a good, old friendship with General PERON, whom he always defended. (S)(u)

From information obtained from subject, it would appear that with regard to the aid which the government of CASTRO gives to Spanish Communists, perhaps the most important is that of furnishing Cuban passports to those who lack documentation. The subject considers that an invasion of Cuba will be a failure, insisting that six or seven thousand men can do nothing because there are so many people who are still with CASTRO. Subject thinks it would be necessary to wait more time, to let the matter mature, and that an internal uprising would be more successful. Besides, if Cuba is attacked now, all the Communist parties would start an unprecedented campaign of agitation and propaganda. (S)(u)

Subject is currently awaiting the arrival in Madrid of his wife and daughter, who took asylum in the Venezuelan Embassy in Cuba. Later on he plans to write a book concerning the atrocities committed by CASTRO and the Communists in Cuba. (S)

The report of [redacted] (S) stated that it is the joint opinion of him and his people that the subject continues to think Communist. According to him, the Cuban government is not directly responsible for the situation but rather the responsibility lies with a planning commission in which there are foreign Communist technicians, including Russian, Czechoslovakian, Hungarian and Chinese. (S)

This report has not been incorporated in the attached letterhead memorandum inasmuch as it was supplied by the CIA. (S)(u)

Mr. [WILLIAMSON] (S) mentioned on 4-11-61 that [redacted] (S) had told him that subject planned to depart Madrid on the afternoon of that date enroute to Valencia, Spain, from which point he planned to continue to the Island of Ibiza in the Balearic Islands. (S)

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