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File Summary
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Dominick Bartone

aka Nick Barton

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Vol 1 of the Bartone file covers the period from December 1955 to September 1960. A 201 file request was made on Dec 30, 1955. Bartone's DOB is 8-8-13. Characterized as a smuggler.

Under comments in 201 file request form: "In as much as he carries a gun at all times he is considered armed and dangerous. Arrested by U.S. Customs agents, Miami, for attempted bribery and departure of munitions laden plane destined for Dominican Republic."

In ²¹[a cable] dated Aug 25, 1959 from Panama City it is reported that the Manager of the Panama City branch bank informed ²⁷[the COS] on Aug 24 that a Dominic Bertone, sent a lawyer with a large amount of cash to Panama City bank, Miami, to open a checking acc't. Manager delayed accepting acc't. He indicated belief that funds were connected with William Morgan.

In a cable to the FBI from the CIA dated Aug 25, 1959^(?) - reports that on Aug 25, 1959 a fairly reliable source reported that the person whom Bartone sent to open the account was Andrew Psalidas, law partner of Gregory Paniles. Psalidas was carrying a total of \$70,000 of which 15,000 were in \$1000 bills. The only authorized signatures on checks to be that of Dominic Bartone, and local legal rep was the firm Arias, Fabrega, and Fabregs.

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An Aug 27, 1959 ^{of} [cable to] Panama states that the source who attended the meeting of Morgan with Cuban Counterrevolutionaries reports that the meeting was held in the home of Dominic Bartone, 4236 Chase Ave, Miami Beach. Same source reported Morgan received \$140,000 from counter-revolutionaries for use against Castro. Public accounts of Morgan operation indicate he received only \$75,000... HDQ. interested in determining amount and whether Morgan holding out on Castro, or if money to be used as secret fund by Castro to finance other revolutionary actions or personal use.

An Aug 27, 1959 cable to the FBI from the CIA reports that Morgan, Lemus (FNU), Ramon Maestre, Antonio Mendoza were present at meeting in Bartone's home. Morgan was given \$140,000 in cash by Maestre & Mendoza. In March 1959 it was reported that Bartone was trying to sell some Globemaster (C-74) aircraft to the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force and had befriended Morgan.) It is believed by source that the funds Bartone's lawyer took to Panama are connected with Morgan. "HDQ Comment: Morgan publicly declared in Havana that he had received \$75,000 from the counter-revolutionaries for use against Castro. The funds sent to Panama City may be the difference between the amount declared by Morgan and what he actually received."

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A document transfer and cross reference form, dated Oct 29, 1959, reports that Bartone said the case against him in Miami was being fixed. Bartone was in possession of 2 checks for \$50,000 each drawn on foreign bank, issued to him by a Batista group in compensation for airplanes. He said he still had 10 planes to dispose of. Bartone reported to be connected with Teamster Union officials in Cleveland, Ohio.

Another cross-ref form, dated 5 May 1960, reports that Joseph Charles Liquori was arrested with Bartone for shipping weapons to Dom. Rep.

Vol. 2 of the Bartone file covers from ~~Nov 24, 1960~~ Oct 1960 to June 1961. A Nov 24, 1960 cable reports that Bartone is engaged in revolutionary activities on behalf of the Dom. Rep. He attempted to ~~to~~ illegally export one C-74 aircraft, ammunition, etc. Arrested. He was involved with Max Garcia, Tampa, Fla. in attempted exportation of one B-25 type aircraft and large quantity of AF-6 aircraft parts. Also reportedly involved with invasion of Cuba from Dom. Rep. prearranged by Trujillo.

Vol 3 of the Bartone file covers the period from July 1961 to Sept 1965. A cross ref, date 14 May 1963, states that Bartone was associate of Herbert J. Morrison, reportedly involved in Haitian Revolutionary activities.

On Sept 8, 1965, the Secret Service requested info on Bartone.

On Sept 4, 1959, source reported \$60,000 had been withdrawn from account by Psalidas "possibly to be deposited in the French Banco Fiduciario in Panama City. Refers to Customs, Division of Investigation and Enforcement - memo #23-944 dated Nov 15, 1960.

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