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SUBJECT: CHANGED  
EMILIO ECHARTE PEDROSO, aka  
Luis Marrero,  
Luis Velez,  
Luis Alberto Marrero Velez,  
Jose Perez,  
Juli Pocho  
IS-CUBA  
FALSELY CLAIMING CITIZENSHIP  
(OO: NY)

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Title has been changed to include "POCHO" the code name assigned to the subject by Cuban Intelligence NYO believes the case file "RAMON RODRIGUEZ, aka Pocho; ESP-CUBA (Bu 105-132914; SI 105-7247; NY 65-23342) may be identical with subject.

- Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
  - (1 - Legat. Mexico City)
  - (1 - 105-92239) (MIGUEL ROCHE MONROY)
  - (1 - 105-132914) (RAMON RODRIGUEZ, aka Pocho)
- 5 - Miami (105-15880) (Encls. 5) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-17437) (JOSE LUIS ZAYAS)
  - (1 - 105-11814) (CARLOS FERRET)
  - (1 - ) (EDDIE SUAREZ)
- 1 - New Haven (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 3 - San Juan (Encls. 3) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-7247) (RAMON RODRIGUEZ, aka Pocho)
- 5 - Washington Field (105-88719) (Encls. 5) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-55007) (JOSE LUIS ZAYAS)
  - (1 - 134-8195) (ADM)
  - (1 - ) (EDDIE SUAREZ)
- 1 - New York (39-396) (EMILIO ECHARTE)
- 1 - New York (65-23342) (RAMON RODRIGUEZ, aka Pocho)
- 2 - New York

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cc of AIRTEL 2cc of LHM  
to Leg. Att. 7/3/69  
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, 1/27/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above setting forth results of interview of subject on 2/5 and 7/69. ~~(S)~~(u)

The attached LHM has been classified "Secret" inasmuch as it contains admissions of a Cuban Intelligence agent, discloses a Cuban Intelligence operation in the US, and in view of the future [double agent potential] of subject. ~~(S)~~(u)

It is suggested that the Bureau consider very limited distribution of attached LHM at this time until it is more clearly resolved how subject's admissions and his [potential as a double agent] may best be utilized. For this reason, no dissemination is being made by NYO to either INS or Secret Service, locally. ~~(S)~~(u)

Subject was interviewed on 2/5 and 7/69, after signing rights waiver form on both dates at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn., by SAS JOSEPH T. CORRIGAN and FRANCIS I. LUNDQUIST. Conditions were very unsatisfactory for interview. The interviewing agents were afforded the use of three rooms for the interviews, all of which were utilized. However, all rooms had glass panes on the doors and, therefore, the subject and interviewing agents were visible to passersby. The interviews were disrupted on 30 to 40 occasions by different inmates who were curious as to what was happening and who peered through the glass panes, apparently in an effort to identify the subject whom they probably regarded as a "stool pigeon." Moreover, fragments of the interviews unquestionably could be heard by inmates standing and loitering outside the doors of the interview rooms. This made the subject highly nervous and interfered with his concentration. ~~(S)~~(u)

On 2/5/69, the subject was openly hostile and maintained that he had already repeated the whole true story several times to INS, CREC and the FBI. In the interview conducted 2/5/69, the interviewing agents stressed the small discrepancies in subject's previously related accounts in an ~~(S)~~(u)

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NYO is of the opinion that information the subject furnished on 2/7/69, is essentially true regarding his affiliation with Cuban G-2 beginning in 1959, his code name, his training and his assignments to assassinate MANOLO RAY and FELIPE RIVERO. Unquestionably further details surrounding subject's story have yet to be obtained and it may be that he has not yet told the complete story concerning his intelligence activities in the US. (S)(u)

If the original source, [MIGUEL ROCHE], is telling the truth, then of course the subject is lying when he says he has not been involved in Cuban G-2 activities since he returned from Mexico in the Spring of 1967. NYO is inclined to believe this is the case but found this position extremely difficult to press during the interview and at the same time protect the sources, [ROCHE] and the RCMP. (S)(u)

Of course there is a possibility, although very remote, that the subject told the whole truth and now Cuban G-2 is trying to retaliate against the subject for his failure to carry out either of the two assassination assignments given to him. It would then mean that [ROCHE] is now working for Cuban G-2 and has been instructed to expose the subject as a Cuban agent to the US Government. (S)(u)

#### REQUESTS OF THE BUREAU

1. (S) Although the subject was unable to recall the precise dates he visited the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City in the Spring of 1967, it is noted that the subject terminated his employment at the Washington Gaslight Co., WDC, on 5/8/67, when he failed to report to work. Further it is noted that he was arrested at NY, NY, on 6/3/67, on a narcotics charge. In all probability subject visited Mexico City between 5/8/67 and 6/3/67. The Bureau is therefore requested to have Legat Mexico City ascertain whether or not CIA has photographs of any unidentified Negroes entering the Cuban Embassy at Mexico City between 5/8/67 and 6/3/67. If any are available, have Legat Mexico City forward same to NYO for examination. (S)(u)

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2. Also have Legat Mexico City determine whether or not ENRIQUE (LNU), aka Mickey, (whom subject described as a white Cuban male, age 30 - 32, 5'5", 125 lbs., dark complexion, and who subject believes is Vice Consul at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City) answers the description of ENRIQUE MIGUEL CICARD LABRADA, 3rd Secretary - Consul at the Cuban Embassy Mexico City. If so, CICARD LABRADA should be included in the Cuban Intelligence Album. If a photograph of CICARD LABRADA is available, it should be forwarded to NYO.

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3. NYO is well aware of the Bureau's position with regard to polygraph testing and appreciates the Bureau's reluctance to rely upon its use in the average case. However, the subject of this case became affiliated with Cuban G-2 soon after it was formed in 1959, he was afforded extensive training and he entered the US under the guise of an escaped refugee carrying \$4,000 given to him by Cuban G-2 to carry out the assassination of MANOLO RAY, an anti-Castro leader in Puerto Rico. Subject has also admitted travelling to Mexico City in 1967 and then receiving from Cuban G-2 the assignment to assassinate FELIPE RIVERO, another anti-Castro leader. Obviously this is a very unusual case with numerous ramifications, and NYO feels every available tool should be employed to resolve the security aspects of this case which may very well involve other Cuban Intelligence agents whose identities are still unknown. If other Cuban agents are not involved, then this should be determined with certainty.

Although subject has disclosed considerable information concerning his own affiliation with Cuban G-2, he professes not to know other Cuban agents currently involved in activities in the US for the Cuban Government. However, there is a strong indication that the subject, if not ringleader, may well be a member of a Cuban Intelligence apparatus that finances itself through the sale of narcotics.

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Therefore, NYO requests the Bureau to authorize a polygraph test for subject and asks that the most serious consideration be given this request. If approved, NYO would attempt to obtain more favorable circumstances for the polygraph test. This might result in subject's disclosure of additional vital and valuable information concerning current Cuban Intelligence activities in the US and the insidious distribution of narcotics in the US by agents of the Cuban Government.

If the polygraph test supports subject's denial that he has been involved in intelligence activities in the US since his return from Mexico City in 1967, then it will indicate MIGUEL ROCHE has furnished false information and may in fact still be [an agent of Cuban G-2] (S)

4. The Bureau is also requested to weigh the propaganda value that would result in public disclosure of subject's being specially trained by Cuban G-2 and being dispatched to this country as an assassin. Even the Mexican Government might regard the Castro Government in a different light if it were disclosed in the press that the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City is involved in illegal Cuban Intelligence activities. (S) (A) (S) (u)

5. A check of Bureau indices on the following is requested:

- A. "POCHO," subject's code name in Cuban Intelligence. (S) (u)
- B. XOLGA PEREZ VALLE, Campanario #22, Apt. 17, Havana, Cuba, who was subject's mistress, and [mail drop]. (S) (u) (A)
- C. XDANILO CORON CANALEJO, subject's friend in Cuba. (S) (u) (A)
- D. X"Tito the Barber" who subject indicated may be a Cuban G-2 agent in either US or Puerto Rico. The Bureau's attention is invited to "Tito" mentioned on pages 5 and 8 of NYairtel to the Bureau dated 1/31/66, captioned [FOXTROT] [PSP-CUBA] (Bureau [65-67951] (S) (u) (A) (S) (u) (A))

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LEADS:

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Determine whether or not identification and photographs of other refugees who arrived aboard the "Leda" at Miami, Fla., on 2/26/64, with the subject can be obtained through CREC records. If so, forward same to NYO to be exhibited to the subject for future interview. (S)(X)(U) (S)(X)(U)

2. Check indices and sources for possible identification of Cuban G-2 agent "Tito the Barber". Attention is invited to "Tito" mentioned on pages 5 and 8 of NYairtel to the Bureau and Miami, 1/31/66, captioned "FOXTROT ESP-CUBA" (MM 65-2945) Note subject's associate EDDIE SUAREZ is a barber. (S)(X)(U) (S)(X)(U)

3. Check indices, particularly JOE SURVEY indices, on subject's code name "POCHO"; subject's mistress and mail drop, OLGA PEREZ VALLE, Campanario #22, Apt. 17, Havana, Cuba, and subject's friend, DANILO CORON CANALEJO. (S)(X)(U) (S)(X)(U)

4. Attention is invited to "INES" mentioned throughout MMairtel to Bureau, 2/17/66, captioned "FOXTROT ESP-CUBA." Consider possibility "INES" may be identical with wife of JOSE LUIS ZAYAS. (S)(X)(U)

NEW HAVEN

One information copy is designated for the NH office inasmuch as subject is incarcerated at FCI, Danbury, Conn. (S)(U)

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

For the information of SJ, this case has been under investigation since April, 1968, when a CIA source disclosed he had been approached by the subject to work for Cuban Intelligence. Subject was arrested by Buagents at NY, NY, on 9/12/68, and charged with falsely claiming citizenship. He is presently serving a term. (S)(U) (U)

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of 18 months at the FCI, Danbury, Conn. He has also been convicted on a narcotics charge in connection with an arrest made by the NYCPD on 6/3/67, and has been sentenced on this charge to serve 2 - 4 years which will have to be served after completion of his federal sentence. The subject was born 7/28/37, at Havana, Cuba, is a mulatto male, 5'10", 160 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, and a Cuban citizen. (S)(u)(S)(u)

1. Determine whether or not it is feasible to check registration cards of Holiday Inn Motel and the San Geronimo Hotel, both located at San Juan, for confirmation of subject's statement that he and his wife stayed at both places during the Summer of 1967, although specific dates are unknown. (S)(u)

2. Advise the NYO whether or not any information was received from sources during the period 2/64 - 7/64, regarding an assassination plot against MANOLO RAY and which information might pertain to subject. Advise NYO where RAY was residing and employed in that period so that NYO will be able to question subject's statement that he had RAY under surveillance. (S)(u)(S)(u)

3. Check indices and sources for possible identification of Cuban G-2 agent "Tito the Barber." Also check indices on all names utilized by subject in his activities. (S)(u)(S)(u)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Ascertain whether or not CIA tested [ROCHE's] original allegation against subject on a polygraph. If not, advise whether or not confirmation by polygraph is feasible at this time. Also, (re-evaluate plans to have [ROCHE] make contact with Cuban G-2) outside US, inasmuch as additional information may be obtained from subject when again interviewed. (S)(u)(S)(u)

(S) 2. It will be noted that subject stated on 2/7/69, that [MIGUEL ROCHE] is the [only Cuban G-2 agent] he now knows to be residing in the US. Undoubtedly subject will expect [ROCHE] to be interviewed concerning his knowledge of the subject. WFO is requested to advise NYO specifically how they prefer this to be handled during next interview of subject. (S)(u)(S)(u)

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3. Check Central INS for record on FILIPO (or FELIPE) GARCIA described by subject as a white Cuban male, about age 35, 5'6" - 5'7", 160 lbs., with curly hair, receding at the temples. According to subject GARCIA must have entered the US subsequent to 1962. Note that subject claims GARCIA is an old acquaintance from Cuba whom he encountered at NY, NY, on 6/3/67, the day subject was arrested by NYCPD on a narcotics charge. ~~(S)~~(u)

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4. Determine whether or not telephone toll charges are still available for the years 1966 and 1967 on subject's phone at 1661 Park Rd., WDC. If so, check for confirmation of telephone calls subject made to MANUEL RODRIGUEZ SEOANE in preparation for his trip to Mexico City. ~~(S)~~(u)

5. Subject states he was accompanied on his trip to Mexico City by one EDDIE YURI (ph) (subject states he never knew how to spell the surname) who in early 1967 resided at 1823 Lamont St., WDC. Attempt to identify YURI and trace present whereabouts so that he can be interviewed concerning his knowledge of subject's trip to Mexico City. ~~(S)~~(u)

6. Check CIA for information available on subject's code name "POCHO," on subject's mistress and mail drop, OLGA PEREZ VALLE, Campanario #22, Apt. 17, Havana, Cuba, and subject's close association in Cuba, DANILO CORON CANALEJO. ~~(S)~~(u)

7. Check WFO indices on the name "POCHO" as well as checking indices and Cuban sources for identification of Cuban G-2 agent "Tito the Barber." Determine whether or not EDDIE SUAREZ has ever been known by the nickname "Tito." ~~(S)~~(u)

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will reinterview subject after Bureau and WFO respond to requests made herein. In next interview of subject details will be developed regarding the code and radio instruction subject received. Further details regarding under what name and where subject lived in Puerto Rico when he had MANOLO RAY under surveillance; further details regarding subject's border crossing into Mexico and where he lived in Mexico, and further details regarding subject's trip to Canada. ~~(S)~~(u)

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It is to be noted that on September 12, 1968, the subject was confronted by Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) upon his arrival at Kennedy International Airport on a flight from Canada. The subject, under questioning by the SAs of the FBI, claimed he was a citizen of the United States (US). Subject was then arrested for violation of Title 18, Section 911, United States Code (USC) in that he falsely claimed US citizenship when, in fact, he was a Cuban national. (S) U

On November 15, 1968, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Frank Natoli, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), advised that the subject waived indictment and pleaded guilty to a one count information on October 24, 1968, before Judge George Rosling. (S) U

On January 16, 1969, AUSA Frank Natoli advised that the subject was sentenced that date by Judge Leo F. Rayfield, to 18 months under Section 4208 (a)(2), Title 18, USC. (S) U

Records at Federal Detention Headquarters, New York, disclosed on January 27, 1969, that the subject had been removed to the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) at Danbury, Connecticut, on January 20, 1969. (S) U

The subject was personally contacted at FCI, Danbury, Connecticut, by SAs Francis I. Lundquist and Joseph T. Corrigan on February 5 and 7, 1969, on which occasions the following information was developed. (S) U

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