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GONZALEZ, GUILLERMO FUENTES

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Date: June 19, 1953 BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. John W. Ford
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, et al
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS
REGISTRATION ACT

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On June 16, 1953, information was received from a reliable foreign source to the effect that the source had received information from an American intelligence agency on May 21, 1953, that one Guillermo Fuentes Gonzalez was expected to arrive in Kingston, Jamaica, from the Panama Canal Zone by air on that date. Fuentes Gonzalez, according to the information received by this source, was traveling on a Mexican passport issued at Mexico City in February 1953 and was believed to have in his possession arms and marked maps of Cuba and to be a person connected with anti-Batista activities. The above source has advised that Fuentes Gonzalez had already arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, at the time the message was received but that Fuentes Gonzalez was located at the Myrtle Bank Hotel in downtown Kingston.

The source stated that Fuentes Gonzalez was arrested on the morning of May 22, 1953, on a charge of illegal importation of arms to the British colony of Jamaica, for the possession of a Mauser and a Spanish revolver and approximately 25 rounds of ammunition. After a hearing

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before a local magistrate, Fuentes Gonzalez was remanded in custody and placed in the local jail. Thereafter, the balance of his effects was examined by the British authorities at Jamaica, at which time a large number of papers and a series of maps of the Island of Cuba and City of Havana were found. In addition, a pilot's license issued to Aurelino Sanchez Arango was discovered. This individual subsequently admitted that his true identity was Sanchez Arango and that he was the former foreign minister of Cuba in the Prio Socarras Government, which was overthrown by Batista. He indicated further that he was in charge of the underground movement dedicated to the overthrow of Batista and that he regretted very much his indiscretion in bringing the above arms into Jamaica. He advised that he had no intent to use the arms or to conspire in revolution in Jamaica but was en route to Haiti. (X)

The above foreign source has advised that the British authorities had been unable to go into great detail regarding the intended revolutionary activities of Sanchez Arango. He, however, had admitted being en route to Haiti for the purpose of making a contact in Port-Au-Prince. Sanchez Arango had in his possession a round-trip ticket from Mexico City, Mexico, to Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. He denied, however, that he was en route to Ciudad Trujillo, stating that he had purchased this ticket merely to throw off anyone who might be interested in his destination. An examination of his Mexican passport reflected that he had been in Ciudad Trujillo in 1953 or someone using the identical passport had been there; however, Sanchez Arango denied having ever been in that city. (X)

Sanchez Arango was found guilty in a magistrate's court in Jamaica and was fined 150 pounds or sentenced to remain an additional day in jail. He elected to spend the additional day in jail. The above source has advised that on the last day of his confinement, he called for and was given a water pail and matches for the purpose of burning his maps and papers which he did in the presence of the jail custodian. Sanchez Arango departed from Jamaica to return to Panama Canal Zone en route to Mexico City on Monday, May 25, 1953. (X)

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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