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TO : Deputy Chief, Special Security Division (94) DATE: 23 December 1952

FROM : Chief, Special Referral Branch

SUBJECT: BALMES, Hidalgo
#65077

1. Pursuant to your request contained in memorandum dated 22 December 1952, Special Agent James M. SPROUSE contacted Mr. Paul PAXTON, Operations Officer, FI/WH, at his office, Room 1112, Quarters "Eye" on 23 December 1952, in order to determine the permissibility of a contact of the Subject by the FBI and the procedures by which this contact could be made.

2. Mr. PAXTON advised the Agent that the Subject is presently in (Panama) and that there is no objection on the part of WH to the Subject being contacted by the FBI. He stated that the Subject could be contacted at (Headquarters, USARCARIB, Fort Amador, Canal Zone.) Mr. PAXTON also stated that if it were preferable the Subject could be interviewed by their station personnel and this information furnished to SSD for relay to the FBI. PAXTON stated that the FBI had an agent named WARNER in (Panama) who recently had been in contact with the Subject. He said that WARNER knows the (Chief of Station in Panama) and would probably contact him before interviewing the Subject. 27,16-7

3. PAXTON requested that he be advised if the Subject was to be contacted by an FBI representative and of the approximate date of the contemplated contact. He desired this information so that the (Chief of Station in Panama) could be alerted to the FBI's approach. 27,16-7

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I informed Mr Papich today that it would be OK for FBI agent Warner to interview Balmes in (Panama) However I asked Papich to notify me prior to the interview so we could notify our people in Panama

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