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REFERENCES

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Background information with respect to the
captioned organization has been furnished to the Newark
Division by airtel.It will be noted that the Bureau has instructed
that all leads regarding this matter are to be handled
expeditiously and the matter is to be given continued and
vigorous attention.

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Leads are being set forth for offices covering cities where bank accounts of persons contributing to the organization are located, to check indices on the names of these contributors. Previous subversive or criminal activity on the part of these individuals would be of interest to this investigation. No additional investigation on these individuals is requested at this time since the purpose of this investigation is to determine if the organization, its sponsors or officers have incurred the responsibility to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and it is not felt that membership of these persons would have an effect in making this determination.

No further investigation is set forth for SID LENS, ROBERT COLODNY or ELVA DE PUE MATTHEWS, since they are described in the details or administrative pages of referenced report.

INFORMANTSIdentity of SourceLocation

NY T-1
JOHN MICHAEL SHAY,
4525 Henry Hudson
Parkway, Riverdale,
NY

Information re
RICHARD GIBSON

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Information re
BERTA PLA

Instant report,
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NY T-2
[WF 1196-S*](S)

[WALDO FRANK
signed contract
with Cuban Govt.](S)

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[WALDO FRANK
departing NYC
for Havana, Cuba,
4/28/60](S)

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* ROBERT TABER
arriving in
Havana, Cuba,
4/1/60 *

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(S) WALDO FRANK
sent letter to
"El Mundo" and
"Revolucion"

97-1792-55

SOKOLSKY article
and information
from MAJORIE RIOS

97-1792-98

Information re
* CONTE AGUERO and *
MANUEL BEATON

97-1792-60

* "BOB" ordered to
appear before the
Senate Internal
Security Committee *

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Information re
OLGA FINLAY and
FARRELL DOBBS

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(S) Information re
LUIS CARBONELL

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Message of
MARJORIE DE
RIOS to ROBERTO

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BEALS unable to
leave US

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WF 3311-S*Cuban Charge
d'Affairs to
determine if
WALDO FRANK
would accept
invitation
from Cuban
President (S)

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TABER would
depart NYC,
4/29/60

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PI-S 106

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Anonymous source

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St. Louis,
Missouri

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NY T-10 EMMA ROBINSON (Former WF 760-S, deceased)	97-1792-67
NY T-11 BU 206-S	97-1792-67
NY T-12 BU 205-S	97-1792-67
NY T-13 [NY 559-S*] (S)(u)	[134-100-2025] (S)(u)
NY T-14 [NY 2494-S*] (S)	97-1792-

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEADSBALTIMOREAt Baltimore, Maryland

Will check office indices for identifying information on ENRIQUE or EUGENE NOBLE.

BOSTONAt Boston, Massachusetts

Will check office indices for identifying information on W. E. HOCKING and THEODORE BROMELL.

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LEADS (Cont'd)NEWARKAt South Orange, New Jersey

As previously set forth in NY airtel, will attempt to locate bank account for ALAN SAGNER, believed to be a resident of South Orange. If the account is located, will review the account from 4/1/60 to the present for any deposits of \$2,000.00 or \$5,000.00. Any deposits in this amount should be closely checked to, if possible, determine if the money may have come from the Cuban Government or a representative of the Cuban Government.] (S)

Also, any checks written on the account which may be of interest in the investigation of this matter should be reviewed. Particular attention should be paid to any checks written to ROBERT TABER, The Fair Play For Cuba Committee, or the "New York Times".

The accounts ledger sheets and average balance card should be reviewed and information contained thereon furnished to the NY Office.

At Newark, New Jersey

Will review office indices for identifying information on ADDIE L. WEBER.

NEW HAVENAt New Haven, Connecticut

Will check office indices for identifying information on KATHERINE B. FAULKNER.

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LEADS (Cont'd)

NEW ORLEANS

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Will review indices for identifying information on J. T. DUNLAP.

PHILADELPHIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Will check office indices for any identifying information concerning ANNE MONTGOMERY, CHARLES C. SHAW, and NANCY SHAW.

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will check indices for identifying information on CHARLES H. and KATHERINE GEORGE, DOROTHY H. COLODNY, and LESLIE A. FALGMEL.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

1. Will continue to monitor accounts of [the Cuban Embassy] (S)

2. Will continue to follow the activities of The Fair Play For Cuba Committee and its members, through established sources.

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LEADS (Cont'd)NEW YORKAt New York, New York

1. Will continue to follow and report the activities of the FPCC and its members.

2. Will continue to attempt to locate bank accounts of members of Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN. (S)

3. Will review accounts of individuals listed in the attached report who may be paying money to the FPCC or receiving money for the FPCC.

4. Will review accounts of [SYLVIA SHELTON] at the Irving Trust Company, NYC, to determine if she is identical with [SILVIA SHELTON], an employee of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN. If so, will review her account for information pertinent to this investigation. (S)

5. Will attempt to locate the printing company printing material for the FPCC and determine who is paying for this material.

6. Will check indices for identifying information on RUDY CORREA, JAMES K. COGSWELL III, VIRGILIO BONACCI, HOWARD C. WATSON, JOSEPH MDEPOO (?), ABE WEISBURD, and GEORGE F. NELSON.

CLASSIFICATION

This report has been classified "Secret" due to the sensitive nature of source [WF 1196-S*] (NY T-2 in (S) this report) (S) In the event the report is to be downgraded, it should be classified "Confidential" since it indicates

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[Bureau interest in foreign diplomatic establishments and personnel of these establishments,] and to protect the sources of continuing value, whose disclosure might be detrimental to the national defense. (S)

Information on FD 302's.

The following individuals furnished information regarding the bank accounts of the individuals indicated.

Account of
Fair Play For Cuba
Committee

Robert Taber

Richard T. Gibson

Elizabeth Barad

[Cuban Embassy Accounts] (S)

[Manuel Bisbe] (S)

Offical

Elbert R. Williams, Asst. Mgr.
Chase Manhattan Bank, NYC
Madison Ave. & 57th St. NYC
J.N. Danella, Branch Mgr.
Chemical Bank New York Trust Co.
81st & Columbus Ave. NYC

Walter Lankenau, Head Bkcp.
Chase Manhattan Bank, Rocker-
feller Branch, NYC.

John Baratta, Asst. Mgr.
Irving Trust Co. Branch Bank
Woolworth Bldg. NYC

John C. McCormack, Vice Pres.
Riggs National Bank, Wash-
ington, D.C. (S)

Robert Fecteu, Chase Man-
hattan Bank, Lexington Ave. &
43rd St. NYC.

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[Raul Roa](S)

Thomas Good, Manufacturers
Trust Co. 57th St. & 5th Ave.
NYC

[Carlos Lachuga](S)

John J. O'Neill, Asst. Vice
Pres. Manufacturers Trust Co.
43rd & 5th Ave. NYC

The identities of these individuals is indicated on the originals of the FD 302s which are maintained by the NYO. It is not necessary to subpoena the individuals indicated but any officer of the bank.

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Synopsis: Bank account for the FPCC and bank accounts of officers of this committee reviewed but nothing of significance was noted. The Committee has office in Room 411, 60 East 40th Street, NYC, where mail is received. Attempts to locate bank account for Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN negative. Accounts of the Cuban Mission members and employees reflected nothing of significance. Source advised that WALDO FRANK signed a contract with the Cuban Government. FRANK, BRUCE TABER, and CARLETON BEALS scheduled to depart for Havana, Cuba, on 4/28 and 29/60. BEALS advised that he was "forcibly prevented" from visiting Havana due to a subpoena. (S)

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Office of FPCC

On May 2, 1960, inquiry at the Lincoln Building, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflected that the FPCC is located in Room 411 of this building. It was learned that this room is occupied by the Morris Service Company which subleases desk space and acts as a mail receiving office and telephone operating service for various companies and individuals. The principal listed for the FPCC at this office is R. B. TABER. It was learned that Miss ELIZABETH SAMMONS is the Renting Agent for the Morris Service Company at this address.

Attempts to Locate
Bank Accounts for
Cuban Permanent
Mission to United
Nations (UN) (S) (X)

(S) [On April 26, 1960, the following New York City banks were checked in an attempt to locate bank accounts for the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN. These checks were made under the names, Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN, Cuban Delegation to the UN, Delegation of Cuba to the UN, and Cuban UN Delegation.] No bank accounts were located under any of these names at the following banks (S) (X)

Manufacturers Trust Company

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company

Irving Trust Company

Chase Manhattan Bank

First National City Bank of New York

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On May 12, 1960, all banks [in the vicinity of the office of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN] were (S) canvassed in an attempt to locate an account [for this Mission] but no account could be found. It will be noted (S) that on May 12, 1960, Mr. RAYMOND UELAND, of the Bankers Trust Company, [advised that his bank solicited the account of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN but were advised that the Mission has no bank account in the United States] (S)

The Consul General of Cuba account at the First National City Bank of New York is an account used primarily for the payment of Consulate expenses and salaries of employees of this Consulate. (S) (X)

The Consulate Generale de Cuba and the Consulate Generale de Cuba Invoices are accounts used as clearing accounts for the handling of funds in connection with imports and exports between Cuba and the United States. The former account is closed at the end of each month by issuing a check to the Manufacturers Trust Company for the balance (X) in the account at the month's end (S)

A review of these accounts failed to reflect a \$5,000.00 or \$2,000.00 deposit or withdrawal (X)(u) (X)

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On May 2, 1960, a confidential source of information advised that a review of the following bank accounts maintained by the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C., were reviewed for the month of April, 1960. The review failed to disclose that any funds were furnished to the Committee or any known sponsors of this Committee. ~~KK~~ (S)

Embassy of Cuba

Consulate of Cuba

Cuban Military Attache's Office

Cuban Naval Attache's Office (S) (X)

The above information should not be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The subpoena is to be issued to any official of the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C.

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Bank Accounts for
Members of Cuban
Permanent Mission
to the UN (S)

The UN publication entitled, "Members of Permanent Missions to the United Nations Entitled to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities", dated March, 1960, reflected the following individuals as members of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN:

Dr. MANUEL BISHE
305 East 72nd Street
New York City

RAUL PRIMELLES
155 East 44th Street
New York City

Dr. CARLOS BLANCO
28 East 70th Street
New York City

TERESA CASUSO-MARIN
306 East 72nd Street
New York City

RAUL J. ROA
115 Pryer Terrace
New Rochelle, New York

CARLOS M. LECHUGA
240 East 76th Street
New York City

SILVIA SHELTON
201 West 89th Street
New York City

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JOSEFINA GARCIA SIERRA
201 West 89th Street
New York City

ISABEL FIGUERO
The Beacon Hotel
75th Street and Broadway
New York City

MARIO FERNANDEZ-SANDE
Hotel Stanford
43 West 32nd Street
New York City

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A confidential source advised on May 13, 1960, that his branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City, maintains a regular checking account of [MANUEL BISBE, 155 East 44th Street, New York City.] (S) X (u)

The account was opened on February 17, 1959. The balances on March 31, 1960 and April 27, 1960, were \$226.26 and \$225.99, respectively. The deposits totaled \$2,641.12, and withdrawals totaled \$2,415.13. (S) X (u)

On April 6, 1960, a check in the amount of \$3,484.25 was presented at the bank for distribution as follows: (S) X (u)

\$2,025.00 was deposited in the above checking account, \$600.00 was deposited in a savings account; and the balance was in cash. The source was unable to advise the bank on which this check was drawn. (S) X (u)

An examination of the ledger reflects a charge in the amount of \$616.12 on April 13, 1960, which was the largest charge for the period. Other charges during the period were small three digit amounts. (S) X (u)

The balances for the account on April 29, 1960 and May 11, 1960, were \$225.99 and \$10.00, respectively. There were no deposits and withdrawals totaled \$215.99. (S) X (u)

An examination of the cancelled checks reflected nothing pertinent. The average balance in the account between February, 1959 and March, 1960 was a low four digit figure. (S) X (u)

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In addition to the above checking account, [BISBE maintains a savings account, number 28-5280, in the name of GRAZIELLA BISBE and/or MANUEL BISBE, (In Trust For) MIGUEL BISBE.] The account was opened on April 6, 1959, (S) with a \$2,500.00 deposit and the balance on April 6, 1960, was \$2,046.53. Average deposits during the period from December, 1959 through April, 1960, were a low three digit figure. (S)

The signature card for the savings account reflects the residence as [305 East 72nd Street and place of employment as 155 East 44th Street, both New York City. MANUEL was born on December 28, 1902, and GRAZIELLA was born on January 8, 1911, both in Cuba.] (S) (X)

BISBE's credit file reflects that he maintains an account with the First National City Bank of New York, Havana Branch Number 835. Reference was listed as CARLOS BLANCO, Cuban Delegate to the United Nations (UN). (S)

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A confidential source advised on May 11, 1960, that his branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, has a checking account ~~for~~ **RAUL ROA**, 207 East 44th Street, Apartment 1108, New York City, Account Number 5-27679 **(S)**

The balances in the account on May 1 and 10, 1960, were \$4,409.47 and \$3,148.76, respectively. Deposits totaled \$1,406.14 and withdrawals totaled \$2,666.85. **(X) (u)**

On May 5, 1960, the account was charged \$1,895.60, which was a certified check payable to the Ford Motor Company. Other charges to the account reflect payments for rent, brokerage fees, Diher's Club, and other personal business expenses. **(X) (u)**

A deposit ticket dated May 3, 1960, ~~reflects a deposit~~ of two checks in the amount of \$1,027.84 and \$378.30. The larger check was drawn against the First National City Bank of New York, but it was not possible to determine the source of the smaller check. **(X) (u)**

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A confidential source at Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, advised on May 11, 1960, that CARLOS LECHUGA maintains a joint checking account with his wife, GLADYS LAUDERMAN, 155 East 44th Street, Room 201, New York City. (S)

The account was opened on March 10, 1959, with a deposit of \$1,131.57. There was no activity in the account, and the balance on March 2, 1960, was \$760.18. The average balance in the account from March, 1959 to February, 1960, reflects a medium three digit amount. (S) (u)

The signature card reflects LECHUGA is a Cuban Delegate to the United Nations (UN), telephone number YU 6-8028. (S)

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"Cuba, without love; and no one can see and feel what is happening here in Cuba, without acting. So that, in a deep way, every witness to the great work you have led and are leading becomes a soldier in your army of free men and women - your army of 'Rebeldes' against the rotten world which my generation bequeathed to yours, for you to recreate.

"May you lead this new world for many years to come. As a loyal American who has always taken seriously the term 'New World' and the dream that a True new world must come in our Hemisphere, I am grateful to you; and I enroll myself as a humble member of your company. For we have the same enemies and the same Goal.

"Here in Cuba, I have seen love at work. For the joy of this revolution, I shall always be grateful to you, Fidel Castro.

"Perhaps you know that our word 'Good-bye' means 'God-be-with-you'. So I say Good-bye to Cuba and to you. Henceforth my heart will be here; and my best thoughts.

"Devotedly Yours

"Waldo Frank"

On May 6, 1960, NY T-2 learned that [WALDO FRANK had signed a contract with the Cuban Government for an unstated purpose. The contract was furnished to him by the Cuban Delegation to the United Nations.] (S)

The source also learned that recently, [while in Havana, Cuba, FRANK left copies of the contract with ARMANDO HART, Cuban Minister of Education. FRANK preferred a contract with the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations and requested the Cuban Government to advise him if this was possible.] (S)

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On May 12, 1960, NY T-2 advised that as a special service to Prensa Latina, a Cuban news agency, WALDO FRANK had written an article entitled "The State of Mind in Cuba". The source advised that the article was published in newspapers throughout the world, and was very favorable toward the Cuban Government and the people of Cuba. (X)(u)

On April 26, 1960, NY T-2 learned that WALDO FRANK was departing New York City for Havana, Cuba, on April 28, 1960. According to the informant, FRANK would be in Havana until May 1, 1960. FRANK was desirous of an interview with ARMANDO HART, Cuban Minister of Education on April 29, 1960. It was also requested that RUDOLFO WALSH of Prensa Latina meet FRANK at the airport in Havana, on April 28, 1960. According to the source, the Cuban Foreign Ministry was requested to have Cubana Airlines authorize the New York office of that company to issue a round-trip ticket to FRANK. (S)

On April 27, 1960, NY T-3 advised that ENRIQUE PATTERSON, Charge d' Affaires, Cuban Embassy, Washington, D.C., had received instructions from Havana to immediately determine whether WALDO FRANK would accept an invitation extended to him by Cuban President OSVALDO DORTICOS. (S)

According to NY T-3, PATTERSON stated that FRANK was leaving for Havana, Cuba on April 28, 1960, also that CARLETON BEALS and ROBERT TABER were departing for Havana on April 29, 1960. All three would return from Cuba on May 1, 1960. (S)

On April 28, 1960, Miss ELIZABETH HIRSCH of Cubana Airlines, New York City, advised that her records reflect that WALDO FRANK was scheduled to depart from Idlewild Airport, New York, to Havana, Cuba, aboard Cubana Airlines Flight 999 on April 29, 1960. She advised that CARLETON BEALS and ROBERT TABER have reservations on April 28, 1960. Miss HIRSCH advised that she has no information with respect to who made the reservations or who paid for the tickets for these individuals. (X)(u)

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ACTIVITIES OF ROBERT TABER

On April 1, 1960, NY T-2 learned that ~~X~~ROBERT TABER would arrive in Havana, Cuba on that date aboard Cubana Airlines Flight 999. ~~X~~According to the informant, [TABER's return passage to New York City had not been arranged and the Cuban Foreign Ministry was supposed to make arrangements for this passage.] (S)

On April 21, 1960, NY T-2 received information that [ROBERTO had requested the following from MAJORIE RIOS, Department of Information, Cuban Foreign Ministry:] (S)

ROBERTO desired to know why the Cuban Government had expelled RICHARD B. BATE, newsman for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), from Cuba. According to ROBERTO, BATE had stated that morning that he was expelled due to the fact that he had an appointment with RAMON CASTRO, brother of FIDEL CASTRO, the Prime Minister of Cuba, also that RAMON CASTRO had disappeared and supposedly left Cuba. According to ROBERTO, BATE had also stated he had spoken with various counter-revolutionaries in Cuba and from his impressions of them BATE believed that another civil war would soon start in Cuba. BATE stated that many revolutionary soldiers were not sure whether they should still support FIDEL CASTRO. (S)

According to the source, on April 21, 1960, [ROBERTO was advised by RIOS that she would forward information to him concerning BATE and told him not to worry about the rebel soldiers because they are loyal to CASTRO.] (S) (X)

On April 22, 1960, the informant advised that [ROBERTO had been told by RIOS that she had no official information regarding statements made by BATE. She did say, however, that the comments by BATE concerning RAMON CASTRO were "completely wild." In this regard she referred to a press release containing statements alleged to have been made by RAMON CASTRO. In this release RAMON CASTRO stated that BATE had furnished false information inasmuch as he, CASTRO, was not outside of Cuba. It was stated that CASTRO was attending the National Assembly of Cane Growers as a delegate from Oriente Province, Cuba.] (S)

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Further information concerning RAMON CASTRO was furnished to ROBERTO on April 25, 1960, by RIOS. It was stated at that time that RAMON CASTRO was in Havana staying at the Hotel Bristol. It was stated that highly placed persons in the Cuban Foreign Ministry had conversed personally with RAMON CASTRO on April 22, 1960. This information was furnished as evidence of the fact that he was still in Cuba. (S)

On April 25, 1960, ROBERTO had requested that RIOS arrange to send clippings of any information which could be published. He stated that twice during the last week he had missed the opportunity of "scooping" other papers with regard to RAMON CASTRO's story and the declarations of Cuban Foreign Minister RAUL ROA. According to ROBERTO, this was due to the fact that the information was passed to him too slowly. (S)

On April 26, 1960, ROBERTO was advised that the Cuban Government could expect strong opposition in the near future due to the expropriation of land belonging to the United Fruit Company. The following is a summary of material furnished to ROBERTO and he was asked to advise whether the "releases" were of suitable length and content: (S)

The United Fruit Company will be paid \$6,118,047.00 for 272, 000 acres of expropriated land in Oriente Providence Cuba. (X)(U)

[The veteran Argentine Socialist Leader, ALFREDO PALACIOS, will arrive in Havana in the near future as a guest of the Cuban Government to obtain firsthand information on the Cuban Revolution. It was also stated that the Panama newspaper "Critica" condemns the United States' attitude toward Cuba. (S)]

Cuban President OSVALDO DORTICOS declared that Generalissimo RAFAEL L. TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic, who is never attacked by the United States, did not dare to place arms into the hands of his people since he realizes that they would be used against him. (X)(U)

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The twenty-two Venezuelan farmers who captured the Venezuelan traitor JESUS MARIA CASTRO LEON will be invited to join the May 1, 1960, celebration in Havana, Cuba. (S)(u)

JOSE M. MOURE, ex-President of the Association of Latin American Travel Agents, after attending the third congress of this organization in Havana, praised the Cuban Revolution and FIDEL CASTRO. (S)

Construction is underway for a national park in the vicinity of the Sierra Maestra peak Gran Piedra, which will include forests, gardens, a hotel, cabanas, hunting and fishing facilities in an area covering nearly 17,000 acres. (S)(u)

It will be noted that on May 17, 1960, JON SPELLER, 33 West 42nd Street, New York City, advised that he had been in Cuba during the week of May 9, 1960. SPELLER stated that in Cuba he met JUNE COBB, an American who works for the CASTRO Government in the office of Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO.

SPELLER stated that according to COBB, MAJORIE RIOS is an Assistant to TONY DE LA OSA, Chief of Public Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Cuban Government. COBB stated that DE LA OSA and RIOS "handled the FPCC for the Cuban Government".

On April 21, 1960, NY T-2 advised that an individual known only to him as ROBERTO requested the Cuban Foreign Ministry to furnish him biographic and personal information concerning two Cubans, BEATON and CONTE AGUERO. ROBERTO stated that the object in receiving this information was the writing of articles concerning these persons for the "fact sheet". (S)(u)

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On April 22, 1960, NY T-2 advised that the following data was furnished [to ROBERTO] concerning CONTE AGUERO: (S)

[The Head of the Public Relations Department of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, ANTONIO DE LA OSA,] described (S) CONTE AGUERO as a traitor to his country. It was said that this person was in the service of the worst international interests which are fighting against Cuba, and he was also on the side of the former Cuban dictator, FULGENCIO BATISTA and RAFAEL L. TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic. TRUJILLO was described by OSA as the "nausea (S) of America". (S)

It was stated that CONTE AGUERO departed Cuba after promoting a misleading campaign in which he reiterated the worn out argument of the enemies of Cuba by saying that a grave communist infiltration was gaining control of the Cuban Government. The arguments of CONTE AGUERO were described as being copied word for word from the assertions of the White Rose, an organization opposed to Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO. The arguments of CONTE AGUERO were also stated to have been copied from other "group interests" that have conspired against Cuba. (S)(u)

CASTRO in a recent television interview was alleged to have exposed the treacherous intentions of CONTE AGUERO's campaign and its antecedents. It was stated that CONTE AGUERO completed his actions in this regard by seeking asylum in a foreign embassy in Havana. His purpose in doing this was to create the impression that he was being persecuted for political reasons. (S)(u)

It was stated that CONTE AGUERO was never a revolutionary. He had tried by all means within his reach to make the Cuban revolutionary movement fail during the period of the war against BATISTA. He did this by spreading discouragement and fatalism among the rebels. It was further stated that he participated in a maneuver which was designed to force the Orthodox Party of Cuba to take part in the "mock elections" held by BATISTA. (S)(u)

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It was related that CONTE AGUERO did not take much time to openly confess his complicity with "war criminals" and other enemies of Cuba. In the "Diario de Nueva York's" edition of April 12, 1960, his picture appeared with an article which he wrote for RAUL ACOSTA RUBIO. ACOSTA RUBIO was then described as having eluded Cuban justice and as an influential man during the BATISTA dictatorship. At the same time, CONTE AGUERO admitted his allegiance to the international conspiracy against Cuba by repeating to the United Press International news agency the infamous assertion that the Cuban revolution is a communis revolution. At that time he further stated that he would write two books concerning Cuba, and it was stated that both would be published and distributed utilizing the money that BATISTA, TRUJILLO and other foreign interests contribute to the conspiracy against Cuba. (X)(u)

On the same date, the informant advised that the following information was furnished [to ROBERTO] concerning (S)
MANUEL BEATON: (X)

BEATON was described as a Cuban from the Sierra Maestra who joined the rebel forces near the end of the war against BATISTA and attained the rank of Captain. He was described as a violent and undisciplined individual who lacked sound revolutionary sense. (X)(u)

BEATON was placed under arrest and at the disposition of military tribunals. He subsequently escaped from La Cabana Fortress with the help of an officer from the fortress guard who is now also under arrest. It is known in Cuba that he has reached the zone of Agua al Reves in the Sierra Maestra where he was born and with which he is very familiar. Since escaping, BEATON has united with a group of fugitives from justice, counter-revolutionaries and former enemies of the BATISTA army which was dissolved. These groups have organized an insignificant band dedicated to robbery and the mistreatment of the "country people." In Uvero, BEATON assassinated the elderly PANCHE TAMAYO who had been an efficient collaborator of the CASTRO forces during the war against BATISTA. (X)(u)

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On April 28, 1960, NY T-2 learned that [the Cuban (S) Foreign Ministry was advised that] "Bob" and another unidentified member of the FPCC had been ordered to appear for testimony before the United States Senate Internal Security Sub Committee. According to the source, they were ordered to appear on April 28, 1960. (X)

On May 9, 1960, NY T-2 advised that [RAUL ROA of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the United Nations was advised by MARCELO FERNANDEZ FONT, Under Secretary, Cuban Foreign Ministry, that in accordance with agreements with "Bob" passage was authorized for OLGA FINLA on May 10, 1960. FINLA was to arrive in Havana, via Cubana Airlines, and was to report to FERNANDEZ to received instructions.] (S)

The source advised on May 9, 1960, that [MARJORIE DE RIOS sent the following message to ROBERT through the Cuban United Nations Mission:] (S)

"In a press release dated April 15, 1960, at New York, Prensa Latina quoted Farrell Dobbs, candidate for the United States presidency under the Socialist Workers Party as stating 'friends and partisans of the ex-Dictator Batista are maintained on the payrolls of the Department of State to aid in counter-revolutionary activities against Cuba.' (S)

RIOS desired to know whether this information could be verified. It was stated that the above was released upon DOBBS return from a visit to Cuba. (S)

In the interview wherein the above statement was made DOBBS also said "Cuba is a small country anxious to maintain itself outside of the fire in which the powers are involved." He was also alleged to have said "in my opinion the preoccupation of the Cuban people under the intentions or policies of the Department of State are well founded. Herter seems to be following the pattern traced by Dulles for Latin America." (S)

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According to the source, [RIOS further informed ROBERT that she would advise him about the book as soon as possible. Also] she desired to know from ROBERT whether (S) they could appeal to the Quakers American Friends Service Committee. She stated that this committee had people in Cuba during the revolution and she had seen one very favorable letter from them. (S)

On May 10, 1960, NY T-2 advised that an individual known only to him as CELIA, whom he believed to be with the Cuban United Nations Mission, had requested that an individual known only as RENE of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, Havana, contact "Commentator LUIS CARBONELL," on the behalf of ROBERT. RENE was to request CARBONELL to contact "Bob" collect on the morning of May 11, 1960, concerning CARBONELL's trip to New York City. The telephone number of ROBERT was furnished as PLaza 5-2119. (S)

It will be noted that the above telephone number is listed to the Consulate of Cuba, New York City. (S)

On May 11, 1960, NY T-2 advised that MARJORIE DE RIOS of the Cuban Foreign Ministry sent a message for ROBERTO in which she suggested that their personal messages be numbered in the future in order to facilitate replies. MARJORIE suggested that ROBERTO would find a book entitled "Procesos en Materia de Reforma Agraria" helpful. She explained that the book was published about six years ago by the United Nations and concerns Agrarian Reform. It was suggested that he take note of recommendations of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, 13th Session (1951), which approved a resolution "recommending the implementation of Agrarian Reforms in favor of agricultural workers without land". It was suggested that ROBERTO should pay particular attention to page 73 of the above-mentioned book and concluded that "United States Agrarian Reform in Japan paid only in bonds, longer term, lower interest than Cuba". (S)

With respect to ROBERT, "Bob" and ROBERTO as set forth above, it will be noted that ROBERT TABER is a sponsor and Secretary of the FPCC. (S)(u)

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As previously set forth in this report on April 27, 1960, NY T-3 advised that ENRIQUE PATTERSON, Charge d' Affaires, Cuban Embassy, Washington, D.C., stated that ROBERT TABER would depart New York City for Havana, Cuba, on April 29, 1960, and return to New York City on May 1, 1960. (S)

ACTIVITIES OF CARLETON BEALS

On April 29, 1960, NY T-2 learned that CARLETON BEALS had been unable to leave the United States for Cuba on April 29, 1960, as he had previously planned. The source advised that BEALS informed the Cuban Government that he had been "forcibly prevented" from going to Cuba to meet with Latin American writers at the invitation of Cuban President OSVALDO DORTICOS, since he had received a "24 hour subpoena" from the United States Senator JAMES EASTLAND. According to the source, BEALS stated that he had been commanded to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 30, 1960. (S)

CHARACTERIZATION OF ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

The following is a characterization of one ROBERT F. WILLIAMS of Monroe, North Carolina, who may be identical with one of the sponsors of the FPCC:

On April 10, 1950, NY T-4 advised that ROBERT F. WILLIAMS attended a Communist Party (CP) meeting which was held in the headquarters office of the CP, USA, District 22, Charleston, West Virginia, in April, 1950. According to the source, WILLIAMS was a student at West Virginia State College Institute, West Virginia, at the time and was teaching Communism to other students at the school. (S) (u)

On June 15, 1955, WILLIAMS voluntarily appeared at the Charlotte Office of the FBI, at which time he denied ever being a member of the CP, but stated he had met individuals who were members and who he declined to name. He said at one time that he was invited by the "Michigan Edition of the Daily Worker" to become a member of the "Daily Worker" staff in New York. He also stated that while he was in the State of West Virginia, he made a speech before the Open Forum, which

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pertained to the Negro situation and following this speech an organizer of the CP of West Virginia offered him a free subscription to the "Daily Worker". He stated that in 1953, he was selected to attend the Jefferson School of Social Sciences in New York City. He advised that he attended one session of classes at the school and it was his observation that the information being taught at the school was not "good" and he discontinued his attendance. He did not elaborate on his statement that the information being taught was not "good".

On February 29, 1956, NY T-5 advised [that on that date WILLIAMS had contacted the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and requested that he be allowed to enter and live in the Soviet Union.] (S)

[On February 2, 1959, NY T-6] (S)(u) made available a piece of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice letterhead stationery which reflected that WILLIAMS was President of the Union County, North Carolina, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and was Chairman of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice (CCRI).

[On December 19, 1958, NY T-7] (S)(u) advised that the CCRI was set up in order to concern itself mainly with the issue involving the conviction and incarceration of two Negro youths, DANIEL EZZELL SIMPSON, age eight, and HANOVER GRISSOM THOMPSON, age ten, at Monroe, North Carolina. According to the source, the boys were allegedly convicted on a charge of kissing a white girl.

According to this source, the CCRI also concerned itself with several other racial incidents which occurred in the southern part of the United States and intends to become a permanent organization, which will concern itself with racial incidents.

The source had stated that the CCRI was initiated through the efforts of the Socialist Workers Party which party was the motivating force in the formation of the organization.

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CUBAN CONSULATE INTEREST IN FPCC (S)

On April 6, 1960, NY T-14 advised that Dr. ANTONIO SOUZA, Consul General of Cuba, New York City, contacted the "New York Times" and made inquiry about the possibility of obtaining from 1,000 to 3,000 reprints of the "ad" placed by the FPCC in the "Times" on that date. (S) X

On May 17, 1960, NY T-1 advised that BERTA PLA, Cultural Attache, Cuban Consulate, New York City, has a large amount of printed material in her office at the Cuban Consulate. NY T-1 advised that he does not know the purpose of this printed matter, but believes that PLA is distributing it to interested parties. NY T-1 stated that the printed matter consists of reprints of the "ad" appearing in the "New York Times" of April 6, 1960, sponsored by the FPCC as well as applications for membership in the FPCC. (S) (S) X

On May 17, 1960, Mrs. JILL GALLER, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, advised SA HERBERT J. MORGAN, JR., that she could find no record indicating that captioned committee was registered as an agent of a foreign principal.

On May 17, 1960, Mrs. ULDA ELDRED of the above Registration Section, advised SA MORGAN that she had no information indicating that correspondence had been received from the above committee or persons connected with the committee.

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Background information with respect to the captioned organization has been furnished to the Newark Division by airtel.

It will be noted that the Bureau has instructed that all leads regarding this matter are to be handled expeditiously and the matter is to be given continued and vigorous attention.

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Leads are being set forth for offices covering cities where bank accounts of persons contributing to the organization are located, to check indices on the names of these contributors. Previous subversive or criminal activity on the part of these individuals would be of interest to this investigation. No additional investigation on these individuals is requested at this time since the purpose of this investigation is to determine if the organization, its sponsors or officers have incurred the responsibility to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and it is not felt that membership of these persons would have an effect in making this determination.

No further investigation is set forth for SID LENS, ROBERT COLODNY or ELVA DE PUE MATTHEWS, since they are described in the details or administrative pages of referenced report.

INFORMANTSIdentity of SourceLocation

NY T-1
JOHN MICHAEL SHAY,
4525 Henry Hudson
Parkway, Riverdale,
NY

Information re
RICHARD GIBSON

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Information re
BERTA PLA

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NY T-2
[WF 1196-S*] (S)

[WALDO FRANK
signed contract
with Cuban Govt.] (S)

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[WALDO FRANK
departing NYC
for Havana, Cuba,
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arriving in
Havana, Cuba,
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WALDO FRANK
sent letter to
"El Mundo" and
"Revolucion"

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SOKOLSKY article
and information
from MAJORIE RIOS

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Information re
CONTE AGUERO and
MANUEL BEATON

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"BOB" ordered to
appear before the
Senate Internal
Security Committee

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Information re
OLGA FINLAY and
FARRELL DOBBS

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Information re
LUIS CARBONELL

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Message of
MARJORIE DE
RIOS to ROBERTO

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leave US] (S)

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d'Affairs to
determine if
WALDO FRANK
would accept
invitation
from Cuban
President] (S)

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* [TABER would
depart NYC,
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P.O. Box,
St. Louis,
Missouri

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EMMA ROBINSON
(Former WF 760-S,
deceased)

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BU 205-S

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[NY 2494-S*] (S)

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEADSBALTIMOREAt Baltimore, Maryland

Will check office indices for identifying information on ENRIQUE or EUGENE NOBLE.

BOSTONAt Boston, Massachusetts

Will check office indices for identifying information on W. E. HOCKING and THEODORE BROMELL.

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LEADS (Cont'd)NEWARKAt South Orange, New Jersey

As previously set forth in NY airtel, will attempt to locate bank account for ALAN SAGNER, believed to be a resident of South Orange. If the account is located, will review the account from 4/1/60 to the present for any deposits of \$2,000.00 or \$5,000.00. Any deposits in this amount should be closely checked to, if possible, determine if the money may have come from the Cuban Government or a representative of the Cuban Government.] (S)

Also, any checks written on the account which may be of interest in the investigation of this matter should be reviewed. Particular attention should be paid to any checks written to ROBERT TABER, The Fair Play For Cuba Committee, or the "New York Times".

The accounts ledger sheets and average balance card should be reviewed and information contained thereon furnished to the NY Office.

At Newark, New Jersey

Will review office indices for identifying information on ADDIE L. WEBER.

NEW HAVENAt New Haven, Connecticut

Will check office indices for identifying information on KATHERINE B. FAULKNER.

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NEW ORLEANS

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Will review indices for identifying information
on J. T. DUNLAP.

PHILADELPHIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Will check office indices for any identifying
information concerning ANNE MONTGOMERY, CHARLES C. SHAW,
and NANCY SHAW.

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will check indices for identifying information
on CHARLES H. and KATHERINE GEORGE, DOROTHY H. COLODNY, and
LESLIE A. FALGMEL.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

1. Will continue to monitor accounts of [the Cuban
Embassy.] (X) (S)

2. Will continue to follow the activities of The
Fair Play For Cuba Committee and its members, through
established sources.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will continue to follow and report the activities of the FPCC and its members.
2. Will continue to attempt to locate bank accounts of members of Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN. (S)
3. Will review accounts of individuals listed in the attached report who may be paying money to the FPCC or receiving money for the FPCC.
4. Will review accounts of [SYLVIA SHELTON] (S) at the Irving Trust Company, NYC, to determine if she is identical with [SILVIA SHELTON], an employee of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN. If so, will review her account for information (S) pertinent to this investigation.
5. Will attempt to locate the printing company printing material for the FPCC and determine who is paying for this material.
6. Will check indices for identifying information on RUDY CORREA, JAMES K. COGSWELL III, VIRGILIO BONACCI, HOWARD C. WATSON, JOSEPH MDEPOO (?), ABE WEISBURD, and GEORGE F. NELSON.

CLASSIFICATION

This report has been classified "Secret" due to the sensitive nature of source [WF 1196-S*] (NY T-2 in (S) this report). In the event the report is to be downgraded, it should be classified "Confidential" since it indicates

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[Bureau interest in foreign diplomatic establishments and personnel of these establishments, and to protect the sources of continuing value, whose disclosure might be detrimental to the national defense.] (S)

Information on FD 302's.

The following individuals furnished information regarding the bank accounts of the individuals indicated.

Account of
Fair Play For Cuba
Committee

Robert Taber

Richard T. Gibson

Elizabeth Barad

[Cuban Embassy Accounts] (S)

[Manuel Bisbe] (S)

Offical

Elbert R. Williams, Asst. Mgr.
Chase Manhattan Bank, NYC
Madison Ave. & 57th St. NYC
J.N. Danella, Branch Mgr.
Chemical Bank New York Trust Co.
81st & Columbus Ave. NYC

Walter Lankenau, Head Bkbp.
Chase Manhattan Bank, Rocker-
feller Branch, NYC.

John Baratta, Asst. Mgr.
Irving Trust Co. Branch Bank
Woolworth Bldg. NYC

John C. McCormack, Vice Pres.
Riggs National Bank, Wash-
ington, D.C.] (S)

Robert Fecteu, Chase Man-
hattan Bank, Lexington Ave. &
43rd St. NYC.

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[Raul Roa]^(S)

Thomas Good, Manufacturers
Trust Co. 57th St. & 5th Ave.
NYC

[Carlos Lechuga]^(S)

John J. O'Neill, Asst. Vice
Pres. Manufacturers Trust Co.
43rd & 5th Ave. NYC

The identities of these individuals is indicated on the originals of the FD 302s which are maintained by the NYO. It is not necessary to subpoena the individuals indicated but any officer of the bank.

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Synopsis: Bank account for the FPCC and bank accounts of officers of this committee reviewed but nothing of significance was noted. The Committee has office in Room 411, 60 East 40th Street, NYC, where mail is received. Attempts to locate bank account for Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN negative. Accounts of the Cuban Mission members and employees reflected nothing of significance. Source advised that WALDO FRANK signed a contract with the Cuban Government. FRANK, BRUCE TABER, and CARLETON BEALS scheduled to depart for Havana, Cuba, on 4/28 and 29/60. BEALS advised that he was "forcibly prevented" from visiting Havana due to a subpoena. (S)

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Office of FPCC

On May 2, 1960, inquiry at the Lincoln Building, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflected that the FPCC is located in Room 411 of this building. It was learned that this room is occupied by the Morris Service Company which subleases desk space and acts as a mail receiving office and telephone operating service for various companies and individuals. The principal listed for the FPCC at this office is R. B. TABER. It was learned that Miss ELIZABETH SAMMONS is the Renting Agent for the Morris Service Company at this address.

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Bank Accounts for
Cuban Permanent
Mission to United
Nations (UN) 7(S)

(S) [On April 26, 1960, the following New York City banks were checked in an attempt to locate bank accounts for the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN. These checks were made under the names, Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN, Cuban Delegation to the UN, Delegation of Cuba to the UN, and Cuban UN Delegation.] No bank accounts were located under any of these names at the following banks: ~~(S)~~

Manufacturers Trust Company

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company

Irving Trust Company

Chase Manhattan Bank

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On May 12, 1960, all banks [in the vicinity of the office of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN] were (S) canvassed in an attempt to locate an account [for this Mission] but no account could be found. It will be noted (S) that on May 12, 1960, Mr. RAYMOND DELAND, of the Bankers Trust Company, [advised that his bank solicited the account of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN but were advised that the Mission has no bank account in the United States] (S)

The Consul General of Cuba account at the First National City Bank of New York is an account used primarily for the payment of Consulate expenses and salaries of employees of this Consulate. (S)

The Consulate Generale de Cuba and the Consulate Generale de Cuba Invoices are accounts used as clearing accounts for the handling of funds in connection with imports and exports between Cuba and the United States. The former account is closed at the end of each month by issuing a check to the Manufacturers Trust Company for the balance in the account at the month's end (S)

A review of these accounts failed to reflect a (S) (u) \$5,000.00 or \$2,000.00 deposit or withdrawal.

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On May 2, 1960, a confidential source of information advised that a review of the following bank accounts maintained by the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C., were reviewed for the month of April, 1960. The review failed to disclose that any funds were furnished to the Committee or any known sponsors of this Committee. (S)

Embassy of Cuba

Consulate of Cuba

Cuban Military Attache's Office (S)

Cuban Naval Attache's Office

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Bank Accounts (for
Members of Cuban
Permanent Mission
to the UN) (S) (X)

The UN publication entitled, "Members of Permanent Missions to the United Nations Entitled to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities", dated March, 1960, reflected the following individuals as members of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the UN: (S)

Dr. MANUEL BISHE
305 East 72nd Street
New York City

RAUL PRIMELLES
155 East 44th Street
New York City

Dr. CARLOS BLANCO
28 East 70th Street
New York City

TERESA CASUSO-MARIN
306 East 72nd Street
New York City

RAUL J. ROA
115 Pryer Terrace
New Rochelle, New York

CARLOS M. LECHUGA
240 East 76th Street
New York City

SILVIA SHELTON
201 West 89th Street
New York City

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JOSEFINA GARCIA SIERRA
201 West 89th Street
New York City

ISABEL FIGUEREDO
The Beacon Hotel
75th Street and Broadway
New York City

MARIO FERNANDEZ-SANDE
Hotel Stanford
43 West 32nd Street
New York City

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Date May 26, 1960

A confidential source advised on May 13, 1960, that his branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City, maintains a regular checking account of MANUEL BISBE, 155 East 44th Street, New York City. (S) X [

The account was opened on February 17, 1959. The balances on March 31, 1960 and April 27, 1960, were \$226.26 and \$225.99, respectively. The deposits totaled \$2,641.12, and withdrawals totaled \$2,415.13. (S) (u)

On April 6, 1960, a check in the amount of \$3,484.25 was presented at the bank for distribution as follows: (S) (u)

\$2,025.00 was deposited in the above checking account, \$600.00 was deposited in a savings account; and the balance was in cash. The source was unable to advise the bank on which this check was drawn. (S) (u)

An examination of the ledger reflects a charge in the amount of \$616.12 on April 13, 1960, which was the largest charge for the period. Other charges during the period were small three digit amounts. (S) (u)

The balances for the account on April 29, 1960 and May 11, 1960, were \$225.99 and \$10.00, respectively. There were no deposits and withdrawals totaled \$215.99. (S) (u)

An examination of the cancelled checks reflected nothing pertinent. The average balance in the account between February, 1959 and March, 1960 was a low four digit figure. (S) (u)

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In addition to the above checking account, [BISBE maintains a savings account, number 28-5280, in the name of GRAZIELLA BISBE and/or MANUEL BISBE, (In Trust For) MIGUEL BISBE.] The account was opened on April 6, 1959, with a \$2,500.00 deposit and the balance on April 6, 1960, was \$2,046.53. Average deposits during the period from December, 1959 through April, 1960, were a low three digit figure.

The signature card for the savings account reflects the residence as [305 East 72nd Street and place of employment as 155 East 44th Street, both New York City. MANUEL was born on December 28, 1902, and GRAZIELLA was born on January 8, 1911, both in Cuba]

BISBE's credit file reflects that he maintains an account with the First National City Bank of New York, Havana Branch Number 835. Reference was listed as CARLOS BLANCO, Cuban Delegate to the United Nations (UN)

The above information should not be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The subpoena should be directed to GERALD VAN DORN, Protection Officer, Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Pine Street, New York City.

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A confidential source advised on May 11, 1960, that his branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, has a checking account ~~for~~ RAUL ROA, 207 East 44th Street, Apartment 1108, New York City, Account Number 5-27679 ~~(S)~~

The balances in the account on May 1 and 10, 1960, were \$4,409.47 and \$3,148.76, respectively. Deposits totaled \$1,406.14 and withdrawals totaled \$2,666.85. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On May 5, 1960, the account was charged \$1,895.60, which was a certified check payable to the Ford Motor Company. Other charges to the account reflect payments for rent, brokerage fees, Diner's Club, and other personal business expenses ~~(S)~~ (U)

A deposit ticket dated May 3, 1960, reflects a deposit of two checks in the amount of \$1,027.84 and \$378.30. The larger check was drawn against the First National City Bank of New York, but it was not possible to determine the source of the smaller check. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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A confidential source at Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, advised on May 11, 1960, that CARLOS LECHUGA maintains a joint checking account with his wife, GLADYS LAUDERMAN, 155 East 44th Street, Room 201, New York City. (S)

The account was opened on March 10, 1959, with a deposit of \$1,131.57. There was no activity in the account, and the balance on March 2, 1960, was \$760.18. The average balance in the account from March, 1959 to February, 1960, reflects a medium three digit amount. (S)(U)

The signature card reflects LECHUGA is a Cuban Delegate to the United Nations (UN), telephone number YU 6-8028. (S)

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"Cuba, without love; and no one can see and feel what is happening here in Cuba, without acting. So that, in a deep way, every witness to the great work you have led and are leading becomes a soldier in your army of free men and women - your army of 'Rebeldes' against the rotten world which my generation bequeathed to yours, for you to recreate.

"May you lead this new world for many years to come. As a loyal American who has always taken seriously the term 'New World' and the dream that a True new world must come in our Hemisphere, I am grateful to you; and I enroll myself as a humble member of your company. For we have the same enemies and the same Goal.

"Here in Cuba, I have seen love at work. For the joy of this revolution, I shall always be grateful to you, Fidel Castro.

"Perhaps you know that our word 'Good-bye' means 'God-be-with-you'. So I say Good-bye to Cuba and to you. Henceforth my heart will be here; and my best thoughts.

"Devotedly Yours

"Waldo Frank"

On May 6, 1960, NY T-2 learned that [WALDO FRANK had signed a contract with the Cuban Government for an unstated purpose. The contract was furnished to him by the Cuban Delegation to the United Nations.] (S)

The source also learned that recently, [while in Havana, Cuba, FRANK left copies of the contract with ARMANDO HART, Cuban Minister of Education. FRANK preferred a contract with the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations and requested the Cuban Government to advise him if this was possible.] (S)

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On May 12, 1960, NY T-2 advised that as a special service to Prensa Latina, a Cuban news agency, WALDO FRANK had written an article entitled "The State of Mind in Cuba". The source advised that the article was published in newspapers throughout the world, and was very favorable toward the Cuban Government and the people of Cuba. (S)(u)

On April 26, 1960, NY T-2 learned that WALDO FRANK was departing New York City for Havana, Cuba, on April 28, 1960. According to the informant, FRANK would be in Havana until May 1, 1960. FRANK was desirous of an interview with ARMANDO HART, Cuban Minister of Education on April 29, 1960. It was also requested that RUDOLFO WALSH of Prensa Latina meet FRANK at the airport in Havana, on April 28, 1960. According to the source, the Cuban Foreign Ministry was requested to have Cubana Airlines authorize the New York office of that company to issue a round-trip ticket to FRANK. (S)

On April 27, 1960, NY T-3 advised that ENRIQUE PATTERSON, Charge d' Affaires, Cuban Embassy, Washington, D.C., had received instructions from Havana to immediately determine whether WALDO FRANK would accept an invitation extended to him by Cuban President OSVALDO DORTICOS. (S)

According to NY T-3, PATTERSON stated that FRANK was leaving for Havana, Cuba on April 28, 1960, also that CARLETON BEALS and ROBERT TABER were departing for Havana on April 29, 1960. All three would return from Cuba on May 1, 1960. (X)(S)

On April 28, 1960, Miss ELIZABETH HIRSCH of Cubana Airlines, New York City, advised that her records reflect that WALDO FRANK was scheduled to depart from Idlewild Airport, New York, to Havana, Cuba, aboard Cubana Airlines Flight 999 on April 29, 1960. She advised that CARLETON BEALS and ROBERT TABER have reservations on April 28, 1960. Miss HIRSCH advised that she has no information with respect to who made the reservations or who paid for the tickets for these individuals. (S)(u)

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ACTIVITIES OF ROBERT TABER

On April 1, 1960, NY T-2 learned that ROBERT TABER would arrive in Havana, Cuba on that date aboard Cubana Airlines Flight 999. According to the informant, TABER's return passage to New York City had not been arranged and the Cuban Foreign Ministry was supposed to make arrangements for this passage. (S)

On April 21, 1960, NY T-2 received information that ROBERTO had requested the following from MAJORIE RIOS, Department of Information, Cuban Foreign Ministry: (S)

ROBERTO desired to know why the Cuban Government had expelled RICHARD B. BATE, newsman for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), from Cuba. According to ROBERTO, BATE had stated that morning that he was expelled due to the fact that he had an appointment with RAMON CASTRO, brother of FIDEL CASTRO, the Prime Minister of Cuba, also that RAMON CASTRO had disappeared and supposedly left Cuba. According to ROBERTO, BATE had also stated he had spoken with various counter-revolutionaries in Cuba and from his impressions of them BATE believed that another civil war would soon start in Cuba. BATE stated that many revolutionary soldiers were not sure whether they should still support FIDEL CASTRO. (S)

According to the source, on April 21, 1960, ROBERTO was advised by RIOS that she would forward information to him concerning BATE and told him not to worry about the rebel soldiers because they are loyal to CASTRO. (S)

On April 22, 1960, the informant advised that ROBERTO had been told by RIOS that she had no official information regarding statements made by BATE. She did say, however, that the comments by BATE concerning RAMON CASTRO were "completely wild." In this regard she referred to a press release containing statements alleged to have been made by RAMON CASTRO. In this release RAMON CASTRO stated that BATE had furnished false information inasmuch as he, CASTRO, was not outside of Cuba. It was stated that CASTRO was attending the National Assembly of Cane Growers as a delegate from Oriente Province, Cuba. (S)

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Further information concerning RAMON CASTRO was furnished to ROBERTO on April 25, 1960, by RIOS. It was stated at that time that RAMON CASTRO was in Havana staying at the Hotel Bristol. It was stated that highly placed persons in the Cuban Foreign Ministry had conversed personally with RAMON CASTRO on April 22, 1960. This information was furnished as evidence of the fact that he was still in Cuba. (S)

On April 25, 1960, ROBERTO had requested that RIOS arrange to send clippings of any information which could be published. He stated that twice during the last week he had missed the opportunity of "scooping" other papers with regard to RAMON CASTRO's story and the declarations of Cuban Foreign Minister RAUL ROA. According to ROBERTO, this was due to the fact that the information was passed to him too slowly. (S)

On April 26, 1960, ROBERTO was advised that the Cuban Government could expect strong opposition in the near future due to the expropriation of land belonging to the United Fruit Company. The following is a summary of material furnished to ROBERTO and he was asked to advise whether the "releases" were of suitable length and content: (S)

The United Fruit Company will be paid \$6,118,047.00 for 272, 000 acres of expropriated land in Oriente Providence Cuba. (S)(u)

The veteran Argentine Socialist Leader, ALFREDO PALACIOS, will arrive in Havana in the near future as a guest of the Cuban Government to obtain firsthand information on the Cuban Revolution. It was also stated that the Panama newspaper "Critica" condemns the United States' attitude toward Cuba. (S)

Cuban President OSVALDO DORTICOS declared that Generalissimo RAFAEL L. TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic, who is never attacked by the United States, did not dare to place arms into the hands of his people since he realizes that they would be used against him. (S)(u)

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The twenty-two Venezuelan farmers who captured the Venezuelan traitor JESUS MARIA CASTRO LEON will be invited to join the May 1, 1960, celebration in Havana, Cuba. (X)(u)

JOSE M. MOURE, ex-President of the Association of Latin American Travel Agents, after attending the third congress of this organization in Havana, praised the Cuban Revolution and FIDEL CASTRO. (S)

Construction is underway for a national park in the vicinity of the Sierra Maestra peak Gran Piedra, which will include forests, gardens, a hotel, cabanas, hunting and fishing facilities in an area covering nearly 17,000 acres. (X)(u)

It will be noted that on May 17, 1960, JON SPELLER, 33 West 42nd Street, New York City, advised that he had been in Cuba during the week of May 9, 1960. SPELLER stated that in Cuba he met JUNE COBB, an American who works for the CASTRO Government in the office of Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO.

SPELLER stated that according to COBB, MAJORIE RIOS is an Assistant to TONY DE LA OSA, Chief of Public Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Cuban Government. COBB stated that DE LA OSA and RIOS "handled the FPCC for the Cuban Government".

On April 21, 1960, NY T-2 advised that an individual known only to him as ROBERTO requested the Cuban Foreign Ministry to furnish him biographic and personal information concerning two Cubans, BEATON and COMTE AGUERO. ROBERTO stated that the object in receiving this information was the writing of articles concerning these persons for the "fact sheet". (S) (X)

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On April 22, 1960, NY T-2 advised that the following data was furnished [to ROBERTO] concerning CONTE AGUERO: (S)

[The Head of the Public Relations Department of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, ANTONIO DE LA OSA,] described (S) CONTE AGUERO as a traitor to his country. It was said that this person was in the service of the worst international interests which are fighting against Cuba, and he was also on the side of the former Cuban dictator, FULGENCIO BATISTA and RAFAEL L. TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic. TRUJILLO was described by OSA as the "nausea of America". (X)

It was stated that CONTE AGUERO departed Cuba after promoting a misleading campaign in which he reiterated the worn out argument of the enemies of Cuba by saying that a grave communist infiltration was gaining control of the Cuban Government. The arguments of CONTE AGUERO were described as being copied word for word from the assertions of the White Rose, an organization opposed to Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO. The arguments of CONTE AGUERO were also stated to have been copied from other "group interests" that have conspired against Cuba. (X)(u)

CASTRO in a recent television interview was alleged to have exposed the treacherous intentions of CONTE AGUERO's campaign and its antecedents. It was stated that CONTE AGUERO completed his actions in this regard by seeking asylum in a foreign embassy in Havana. His purpose in doing this was to create the impression that he was being persecuted for political reasons. (X)(u)

It was stated that CONTE AGUERO was never a revolutionary. He had tried by all means within his reach to make the Cuban revolutionary movement fail during the period of the war against BATISTA. He did this by spreading discouragement and fatalism among the rebels. It was further stated that he participated in a maneuver which was designed to force the Orthodox Party of Cuba to take part in the "mock elections" held by BATISTA. (X)(u)

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It was related that CONTE AGUERO did not take much time to openly confess his complicity with "war criminals" and other enemies of Cuba. In the "Diario de Nueva York's" edition of April 12, 1960, his picture appeared with an article which he wrote for RAUL ACOSTA RUBIO. ACOSTA RUBIO was then described as having eluded Cuban justice and as an influential man during the BATISTA dictatorship. At the same time, CONTE AGUERO admitted his allegiance to the international conspiracy against Cuba by repeating to the United Press International news agency the infamous assertion that the Cuban revolution is a communis revolution. At that time he further stated that he would write two books concerning Cuba, and it was stated that both would be published and distributed utilizing the money that BATISTA, TRUJILLO and other foreign interests contribute to the conspiracy against Cuba. (X)(u)

On the same date, the informant advised that the following information was furnished [to ROBERTO] concerning (S) MANUEL BEATON: (X)

BEATON was described as a Cuban from the Sierra Maestra who joined the rebel forces near the end of the war against BATISTA and attained the rank of Captain. He was described as a violent and undisciplined individual who lacked sound revolutionary sense. (X)(u)

BEATON was placed under arrest and at the disposition of military tribunals. He subsequently escaped from La Cabana Fortress with the help of an officer from the fortress guard who is now also under arrest. It is known in Cuba that he has reached the zone of Agua al Reyes in the Sierra Maestra where he was born and with which he is very familiar. Since escaping, BEATON has united with a group of fugitives from justice, counter-revolutionaries and former enemies of the BATISTA army which was dissolved. These groups have organized an insignificant band dedicated to robbery and the mistreatment of the "country people." In Uvero, BEATON assassinated the elderly PANCHE TAMAYO who had been an efficient collaborator of the CASTRO forces during the war against BATISTA. (X)(u)

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On April 28, 1960, NY T-2 learned that [the Cuban Foreign Ministry was advised that] "Bob" and another unidentified member of the FPCC had been ordered to appear for testimony before the United States Senate Internal Security Sub Committee. According to the source, they were ordered to appear on April 28, 1960. (S)

On May 9, 1960, NY T-2 advised that [RAUL ROA of the Cuban Permanent Mission to the United Nations was advised by MARCELO FERNANDEZ FONT, Under Secretary, Cuban Foreign Ministry, that in accordance with agreements with "Bob" passage was authorized for OLGA FINIA on May 10, 1960. FINIA was to arrive in Havana, via Cubana Airlines, and was to report to FERNANDEZ to received instructions.] (S)

The source advised on May 9, 1960, that [MARJORIE DE RIOS sent the following message to ROBERT through the Cuban United Nations Mission:] (S)

"In a press release dated April 15, 1960, at New York, Prensa Latina quoted Farrell Dobbs, candidate for the United States presidency under the Socialist Workers Party as stating 'friends and partisans of the ex-Dictator Batista are maintained on the payrolls of the Department of State to aid in counter-revolutionary activities against Cuba.' (S)

RIOS desired to know whether this information could be verified. It was stated that the above was released upon DOBBS return from a visit to Cuba. (S)

In the interview wherein the above statement was made DOBBS also said "Cuba is a small country anxious to maintain itself outside of the fire in which the powers are involved." He was also alleged to have said "in my opinion the preoccupation of the Cuban people under the intentions or policies of the Department of State are well founded. Herter seems to be following the pattern traced by Dulles for Latin America." (S)

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According to the source, [RIOS further informed ROBERT that she would advise him about the book as soon as possible. Also] she desired to know from ROBERT whether (S) they could appeal to the Quakers American Friends Service Committee. She stated that this committee had people in Cuba during the revolution and she had seen one very favorable letter from them. (X)

On May 10, 1960, NY T-2 advised that an individual known only to him as CELIA, whom he believed to be with the Cuban United Nations Mission, had requested that an individual known only as RENE of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, Havana, contact "Commentator LUIS CARBONELL," on the behalf of ROBERT. RENE was to request CARBONELL to contact "Bob" collect on the morning of May 11, 1960, concerning CARBONELL's trip to New York City. The telephone number of ROBERT was furnished as PLaza 5-2119. (S) (X)

It will be noted that the above telephone number is listed to the Consulate of Cuba, New York City. (S)

On May 11, 1960, NY T-2 advised that MARJORIE DE RIOS of the Cuban Foreign Ministry sent a message for ROBERTO in which she suggested that their personal messages be numbered in the future in order to facilitate replies. MARJORIE suggested that ROBERTO would find a book entitled "Progesos en Materia de Reforma Agraria" helpful. She explained that the book was published about six years ago by the United Nations and concerns Agrarian Reform. It was suggested that he take note of recommendations of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, 13th Session (1951), which approved a resolution "recommending the implementation of Agrarian Reforms in favor of agricultural workers without land". It was suggested that ROBERTO should pay particular attention to page 73 of the above-mentioned book and concluded that "United States Agrarian Reform in Japan paid only in bonds, longer term, lower interest than Cuba". (S)

With respect to ROBERT, "Bob" and ROBERTO as set forth above, it will be noted that ROBERT TABER is a sponsor and Secretary of the FPCC. (X)(u)

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As previously set forth in this report on April 27, 1960, NY T-3 advised that ENRIQUE PATTERSON, Charge d' Affaires, Cuban Embassy, Washington, D.C., stated that ROBERT TABER would depart New York City for Havana, Cuba, on April 29, 1960, and return to New York City on May 1, 1960. (S)

ACTIVITIES OF CARLETON BEALS

On April 29, 1960, NY T-2 learned that CARLETON BEALS had been unable to leave the United States for Cuba on April 29, 1960, as he had previously planned. The source advised that BEALS informed the Cuban Government that he had been "forcibly prevented" from going to Cuba to meet with Latin American writers at the invitation of Cuban President OSVALDO DORTICOS, since he had received a "24 hour subpoena" from the United States Senator JAMES EASTLAND. According to the source, BEALS stated that he had been commanded to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 30, 1960. (S)

CHARACTERIZATION OF ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

The following is a characterization of one ROBERT F. WILLIAMS of Monroe, North Carolina, who may be identical with one of the sponsors of the FPCC:

On April 10, 1950, NY T-4 advised that ROBERT F. WILLIAMS attended a Communist Party (CP) meeting which was held in the headquarters office of the CP, USA, District 22, Charleston, West Virginia, in April, 1950. According to the source, WILLIAMS was a student at West Virginia State College Institute, West Virginia, at the time and was teaching Communism to other students at the school. (S) (u)

On June 15, 1955, WILLIAMS voluntarily appeared at the Charlotte Office of the FBI, at which time he denied ever being a member of the CP, but stated he had met individuals who were members and who he declined to name. He said at one time that he was invited by the "Michigan Edition of the Daily Worker" to become a member of the "Daily Worker" staff in New York. He also stated that while he was in the State of West Virginia, he made a speech before the Open Forum, which

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pertained to the Negro situation and following this speech an organizer of the CP of West Virginia offered him a free subscription to the "Daily Worker". He stated that in 1953, he was selected to attend the Jefferson School of Social Sciences in New York City. He advised that he attended one session of classes at the school and it was his observation that the information being taught at the school was not "good" and he discontinued his attendance. He did not elaborate on his statement that the information being taught was not "good".

On February 29, 1956, NY T-5 advised [that on that date WILLIAMS had contacted the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and requested that he be allowed to enter and live in the Soviet Union.] (S)

[On February 2, 1959, NY T-6] made available a piece of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice letterhead stationery which reflected that WILLIAMS was President of the Union County, North Carolina, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and was Chairman of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice (CCRI). (S)(u)

[On December 19, 1958, NY T-7] advised that the CCRI was set up in order to concern itself mainly with the issue involving the conviction and incarceration of two Negro youths, DANIEL EZZELL SIMPSON, age eight, and HANOVER GRISSOM THOMPSON, age ten, at Monroe, North Carolina. According to the source, the boys were allegedly convicted on a charge of kissing a white girl. (S)(u)

According to this source, the CCRI also concerned itself with several other racial incidents which occurred in the southern part of the United States and intends to become a permanent organization, which will concern itself with racial incidents.

The source had stated that the CCRI was initiated through the efforts of the Socialist Workers Party which party was the motivating force in the formation of the organization.

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[CUBAN CONSULATE INTEREST IN FPCC] (S)

On April 6, 1960, NY T-14 advised [that Dr. ANTONIO SCUZA, Consul General of Cuba, New York City] contacted the "New York Times" and made inquiry about the possibility of obtaining from 1,000 to 3,000 reprints of the "ad" placed by the FPCC in the "Times" on that date. (S)

On May 17, 1960, NY T-1 advised [that BERTA PLA, Cultural Attache, Cuban Consulate, New York City,] has a large amount of printed material in her office at the Cuban Consulate. NY T-1 advised that he does not know the purpose of this printed matter, but believes that [PLA] is distributing it to interested parties. NY T-1 stated that the printed matter consists of reprints of the "ad" appearing in the "New York Times" of April 6, 1960, sponsored by the FPCC as well as applications for membership in the FPCC. (S)

On May 17, 1960, Mrs. JILL GALLER, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, advised SA HERBERT J. MORGAN, JR., that she could find no record indicating that captioned committee was registered as an agent of a foreign principal.

On May 17, 1960, Mrs. ULDA ELDRED of the above Registration Section, advised SA MORGAN that she had no information indicating that correspondence had been received from the above committee or persons connected with the committee.

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