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TITLE OF CASE THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE	Report made by JAMES J. CONWAY	Typed By: mx1
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REFERENCES

Report of SA JAMES J. CONWAY at NY,
dated 4/25/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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] (S)
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,
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

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TABER would
depart NYC,
4/29/60

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NY T-5
Anonymous source

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NY T-6
Confidential
P.O. Box,
St. Louis,
Missouri

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NY 711-S

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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 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.

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)

- 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. ~~(S)~~

Embassy of Cuba
 Consulate of Cuba
 Cuban Military Attache's Office
 Cuban Naval Attache's Office (S)

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. (S)

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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 PRIMELES
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) X

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

\$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) X

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) X

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) X

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) X

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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)

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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