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MEMORANDUM FOR JFK TASK FORCE

008894

TO: Document file

FROM: Eileen Dinneen

DATE: 5/15/78

RE: Secret Service Protective Cases established for the period covering March - December, 1963.

Upon Team IV's request for all files involving potential threats to President Kennedy's safety, 413 computer print outs were released for review. These print outs referred to files established for the months March - December, 1963. A form was created to best summarize the material found in the print outs. The following 413 sheets are a compendium of the computer materials.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lee Matthews

FROM: Eileen Dinneen

DATE: June 21, 1978

RE: Secret Service cases established in 1963 involving assassinations

In reviewing the 413 computer print outs on Protective Research cases set up during the time period between March and December, 1963, it became evident that the Secret Service paid some attention to foreign assassinations. Case #401 on Thelma Estella King was referred to the Service by the CIA on 3/8/63. Ms. King was alleged to be involved in an assassination plot against JFK and the President of Panama during a meeting in that country. She was reportedly involved in the assassination of former President Ramon of Panama and in a plot to overthrow the government of Panama under President Robles. Case #407 pertains to Chy Song, a military bodyguard to the Laotian foreign minister in 1963. On 4/1/64, Song assassinated Quinim Pholsena with 18 shots from his machine gun. Apparently the assassination was well planned as the other bodyguards did not react to the firing. The assassin's fate was listed as unknown. Case #409 involves Mohamed Khalifa, who on 4/11/63 mortally wounded his long time friend, foreign minister of Algeria, by shooting him in the face. The chauffer captured the subject but his final disposition was given as unknown.

The above three cases show definite Secret Service interest in foreign affairs. However, it is questionable as to why the Diem brothers' assassination was not given a case number. Review of the files showed no mention, whatsoever, of the assassination occurring in Viet Nam prior to the planned Chicago trip of Kennedy on November 2, 1963.

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: PEREZ-VEGA, VIRGILIO

Reason for PRS interest: FBI referred subject to USSS in 1963 describing him as a pro-Castro Puerto Rican, in possession of an automatic pistol and a knowledge of how to make bombs. Admits to being Secretary in July 26 movement. Left 1961 since he did not like members.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

Puerto Rican Nationalists PRN

Member of July 26 Movement in Washington, D. C.

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12-16-63

Referred by other agency? NO YES F.B.I.

Action taken:

Put under observation. Showed no interest in President during inaugural, 1965. SA interviewed subject during surveillance on 1/19/65 and subject voiced no animosities toward President. Considered not dangerous 2/24/67. Has continued writing letters to political figures.

Present Location: ⁷⁶ Silver Spring, Md.

Field Office: Washington

Last UPD: 3/4/77

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: DIAZ-DIAZ, ANGEL RAMON

Reason for PRS interest: Subject known to S.S. since 1950 because of his involvement in the revolt on 10/30/50 at Arecibo, PR where four police officers were killed. Rec'd Governor's pardon 12/68. Committed to mental hospital 1969 after arrested for auto theft.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

Puerto Rican Nationalist PRN

Joined NPPR & Manigua, 1948. Manigua was "suicide squad" for NPPR.

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 1950/ 12/23/63 report

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

SA opinion subject is of protective interest due to mental condition and propensity for violence together with association with independence seeking groups. OIs discount. 1970.

Location of subject: ¹² Puerto Rico

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 3/8/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: RENTAS-RODRIGUEZ, Genaro

Reason for PRS interest: FBI report 4/30/62 id subject as member of board of directors of the March 21 Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (PSP) Mission. Subject denied favoring use of force to obtain PR independence. in 1963 stated "we are awaiting an ingredient which is needed to make time bombs explode". In 1968, not considered to be of PRS interest. Discarded from PSP in 2/77 due to mishandling 76 election campaign. Knowledge of explosives.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

PSP - shown above

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12/19/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES FBI

Action taken:

FBI kept check, informed S.S. Determined to be not of PRS interest

Subject's location: ¹⁷⁷ Ponce, Puerto Rico

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 1-18-78

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: PIETRI-CASTELLON, NORMAN

Reason for PRS interest: Of record since 4/59 when President of
Federacion de Universitarios pro Independencia (FUPI). In 1963,
Secretary of PSP. 1/64 Secretary of Propaganda.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

FUPI, Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (PSP), Partido Indepen-
dentista Puertorriqueno (PIP), member of "Comite Timon" of Movi-
meinto Socialista Popular (MSP), and delegate to World Peace Council
Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 4/59 - 12/19/63 report

Referred by other agency? NO YES _____

Action taken:

Put on file in 1963. No action shown until 1974 when last UPD

Subject's location: Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 12/13/74

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: PEREZ-MENDEZ, JUAN BAUTISTA

Reason for PRS interest: Subject of record since 7/52; active in the Partido Comunista Puertorriqueno (PCP) since 1946. In 4/60 subject was in Cuba. In 1961, subject active in Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (PSP)

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:
PCP - Communist; PSP - socialist; and POL (Partido Obrero Liberador)

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 7/52 - 12/17/63 report

Referred by other agency? NO YES non mentioned

Action taken:
general up dating

Entered hospital in Moscow 2/73 for several months

Subject's location: ¹⁸ Santurce, Puerto Rico

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 3/22/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: GUZMAN-COLON, JOSE

Reason for PRS interest: On 12/12/63 told VA psychiatrist that
"if you do something bad like assassination you gotta do it big.
Oswald's name will go down in history." Has two rifles and wants
telescopic sight. Has urges to harm people. Feelings of perse-
cution.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

Puerto Rican NationalistNationalistic group: Puerto RicanDate called to Secret Service attention: 12/24/63Referred by other agency? NO YES ? VA hospital?

Action taken:

Interviewed 1/29/64; considered potentially dangerous by SA.QI's conducted from 1/6/64 to 10/29/65.Diagnosed schizophrenic paranoid. Considered dangerous by doctor.Subject's last location: ⁶⁵Freeport, NY

Field Office: NY

Last UPD: 11/5/71

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: Rabell-Martinez, NarcisoReason for PRS interest: In 1960 wrote letter to President protesting "interference in Puerto Rican internal affairs." Traveled to Cuba, Russia, Communist China, North Vietnam and Algiers.Urged Puerto Ricans "to take to the streets with violence on 7/23, the day of the plebiscite."Degree of threat: 1 2 3
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Organizations to which individual belongs:

PSP - socialist; FUPI (Federation of Universities for Indep)MIRA (Movimiento Independentista Revolucionario en Armas; PSO PSR and established Frente Unido Anti-Repressive (FUAR)Nationalistic group: Puerto RicanDate called to Secret Service attention: 1960 - 12/19/63 reportReferred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

Close check on movements kept. Noted for use of explosives.Trained in firearms. Lived in Czech from 1961-65

Last location: Bayamon, Puerto Rica '75

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 11/19/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: RUA-RULLAN, PEDRO JUANReason for PRS interest: Member of Puerto Rican nationalistic groups.Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

PSP - socialist; FUPI (Federation of Universities for Independence)Nationalistic group: Puerto RicanDate called to Secret Service attention: 1962? - 12/20/63 reportReferred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

Check kept of his movements; noted that on 6/3/67 in a protest demonstration in NY against LBJ, subject reportedly stated:"Johnson should be executed." S.S. investigation revealed subject was potentially dangerous though not known to have been violent.QI's initiated 9/19/67 & discont. 2/25/70Last location: ¹⁷² Rio Piedras, PR

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 3/28/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: GONZALEZ-CLAUDIO AVELINO

Reason for PRS interest: Member of Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (FUPI) since 1963. FUPI VP in 1964. 2/12/64 participated in Anti-Dominican Rep. demonstration. Also attended PSP meetings in 1965. In 1970 subject reportedly head of NY City cell of Movimiento Independencia Revolucionario en Armas (MIRA) and believed responsible for several bombings in the area.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

MIRA NPPR FUPI PSP

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12-27-63

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

Field office kept tabs

Last location: unknown ⁷⁶

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/2/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: OJEDA-REYES, FELIX

Reason for PRS interest: 1961 member of Federacion de Univer-
sitarios Pro Independencia (FUPI); also attended meetings of Par-
tido Socialista Puertorriqueno (PSP) and Accion Patriotica
Unitaria (APU). In 1962 FUPI Secretary General. Participated
in 12/15/61 picket of La Fortaleza during visit of JFK. Traveled
to Czech and Cuba 11/63. Resigned from FUPI in 1963.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

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| FUPI | PSP | APU |
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Nationalistic group: Puerto RicanDate called to Secret Service attention: 1961?/ 12/19/63 reportReferred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

Field office kept tabs. Noted that subject suffered nervous
breakdown in 8/63 and confined for psychiatric care.

Last location: ⁷⁵ San Juan

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 7/24/74

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: JACA-HERNANDEZ, JUAN

Reason for PRS interest: Active member of Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueno (NPPR) since 1947; leader in 10-50 Puerto Rican revolt. Sentenced to total of 4 life sentences for involvement. Has had guns in the past.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3- (due to jail)

Organizations to which individual belongs:
NPPR

Nationalistic group: black Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12/23/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:
Following pardon subject reassociated self with NPPR. OI's initiated 2/5/69; discont. 2/25/70.

Last location: ⁷⁰ Rio Piedras, PR

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/2/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: TRILLA-MARTINEZ, REYNALDO

Reason for PRS interest: 12/24/63 referred by FBI as subject
has been described as staunch inherent of the Nationalist Party
of PUerto Rico (NPPR) since 1945. Subject advocated overthrow of
PR govt. and complete break with US. Extensive arrest record; in
1955 arrested by Mex. authorities prior to visit of VP Nixon. FBI
reports 1/11/63 - 1/22/65 id subject as supporter of Partido Nacion-
alista Puertorriqueno (NPPR) and now resides in Havanna, Cuba.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

PRN NPPR

Nationalistic group: Puerto RicanDate called to Secret Service attention: 12/24/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES FBI

Action taken:

Subject never interviewed by S.S. and has not made any threatening
or derogatory remarks directed to protectees of S.S. File consists
of 3 FBI reports, last dated 2/22/65. File destroyed 7/26/74.

NO Secret Service investigation.

Subj. had been arrested for carrying dangerous weapons by PR in 1948-
1952.

Last location: ⁶⁵ Havana, Cuba

Field Office: Prot. Intel

Last UPD: 7/26/74

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: DIAZ-DIAZ, BERNARDO

Reason for PRS interest: Since 1930 subject admitted member of Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueno (NPPR); arrested in connection with 10-30-50 uprising; sentence of life imprisonment. Pardoned 1972.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3 (in jail)

Organizations to which individual belongs:

NPPR

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12-20-63

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

S.S. Kept tabs

Last location: unknown 76

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/7/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: RODRIGUEZ-NUNEZ, MANUEL

Reason for PRS interest: Since 1940 member of Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueno (NPPR). Allegedly in 1950 uprising, possessed 2 pistols at time of arrest. In 1960 allegedly selling firearms to NPPR members. In 1962 attended leadership seminar of Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (PSP).

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

NPPR

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12/20/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES ? FBI

Action taken:

In 1965 reportedly planned to set time bombs during election in PR. QI's initiated 3/10/66; discont. 7/20/68

Last location: San Sebastian, PR 1973

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/7/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: VIVES-VAZQUEZ, JULIO

Reason for PRS interest: 6/13/63 FBI reported subject was

President of Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (PSP). Elected
to PSP National Council 12/1/63. Traveled to Cuba in 1971.

Traveled to Cuba, Chile, and Korea in 1972. Possibly in Com-
munist China at time of Presidential visited 2/72.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

PSP

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 6/13/63? / 12/20/63 report

Referred by other agency? NO YES FBI

Action taken:

FBI and S.S. kept tabs on various movements of subject.

Last location: Cayey, PR 74

Field Office: San Juan

Last UPD: 12/15/77

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: HERNANDEZ-RIVERA, GREGORIO

Reason for PRS interest: Subject involved in 10/30/50 attack
on La Fortaleza; allegedly possessed a weapon & was sole survivor
of attack after being shot 17 times.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:
PRN (NPPR should have been listed)

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: ? 6/6/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:
Subject released 2/11/60 on parole. File established 6/6/63.

QI's initiated 6/15/64 and discont. 4/9/65. Appointed

Treasurer of Brooklyn sub-junta of Partido Nacionalista Puertor-
riqueno (NPPR) in 7/74.

Last location: New York 74

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/21/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: MELLENDEZ-COLON, ARTURO

Reason for PRS interest: In 1960, Secretary of FUPI and APU;

Treasurer of Movimiento Armado Puertorriqueno Autentico (MAPA).

Interviewed 11/9/60 by Puerto Rican National Guard and denied

he was a subversive - just believer in PR independence and non-

violent. 1/16/65 arrested with 4 rifles and 7 pistols in posses-

sion.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

FUPI APU MAPA

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12/18/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

After subject's arrest in '65, OI's initiated 1/12/66. Discont.

9/8/67.

Last location: Santurce, PR '67

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/23/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: MOLINA-CENTENO, RAFAEL

Reason for PRS interest: Active in NPPR until arrest 11/5/50

in connection with NPPR uprising 10/50. Made bombs for rev.

Charged with 1st degree murder. Pardoned 11/23/72.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3 (in jail)

Organizations to which individual belongs:

NPPR

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12/18/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

S.S. kept tabs

Last location: Arecibo, PR '72

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/24/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: ALVAREZ-ARCHILLA, LUIS DEGRACIAReason for PRS interest: FBI 1/31/63 report id subject as aMarxist and strong supporter of Cuban Revolutionary Govt.Subject involved in plot to conduct acts of violence and sabotage on
10/30/63. Active in Liga Socialista Puertorriqueno (LSP).Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

LSPNationalistic group: Puerto RicanDate called to Secret Service attention: 12/13/63Referred by other agency? NO YES FBI

Action taken:

QI's initiated 2/8/68 and discont. 1/6/70. Following subject's
return from Dominican Republic, QI's reinstated 8/12/70, discont.
6/3/74.

Last location: Rio Piedras, PR '74

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 4/25/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: PARALITICCI-RIVERA, CARLOS MANUELReason for PRS interest: Of record since 10/54. President
of Sociedad de Amigos de la Nueva Cuba (SANC) in 1961. Active
in APU in 1960's. Became active in PSP in 1966.Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

PSPNationalistic group: Puerto RicanDate called to Secret Service attention: 10/54?? 12/13/63Referred by other agency? NO YES ?? FBI

Action taken:

10/31/75 review of file indicated it consisted of several FBI
reoirts, last dated 9/19/75 and that subject was never investi-
gated by U.S.S.S.; file destroyed.

Last location: unknown '75

Field office: San Juan

Last UPD: 11/4/75

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: ARBONZ-MARTINEZ, RAMON

Reason for PRS interest: 1960 subject traveled to Cuba, Europe, and Asia as representative to Joventud Independentista Puertorriqueno (JIP). 6/62 elected to FUPI Board of Directors. Elected to Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (PSP) National Council 12/63. Elected to Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (PIP) in 1961.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

PIP PSP FUPI (JIP should have been included)

CFJ - Crusade for Justice rally in Denver, 1974.

Nationalistic group: Puerto Rican

Date called to Secret Service attention: 12/16/63

Referred by other agency? NO YES

Action taken:

S.S. kept tabs

Last location: Rio Piedras, PR '76

Field office: San Juam

Last UPD: 6/2/77

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCH

Name of individual: TRIPP, LUKE SAMUEL (JR.)

Reason for PRS interest: 1963 subject member of small militant organization called Uhuru in Detroit. Active in demonstrations against alleged discrimination against Negroes. 1964 went to Cuba and made remark "U.S. must be destroyed". Filed with draft board as CO and was denied. Critical of whites and govt.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

Uhuru (now RAM) SWP BPP associated, not actual member

Nationalistic group: Black

Date called to Secret Service attention: 8/22/63

Referred by other agency? NO? YES More likely FBI referral

Action taken:

S.S. kept close tabs. 12/5/69 subject was considered of protective interest and QI's were discontinued. As of 1/31/73, subject reportedly no longer active in any group.

Last location: Detroit '73

Field office: Detroit

Last UPD: 10/29/73

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BY PROTECTIVE RESEARCHName of individual: WATSON, KENNETH JOHN

Reason for PRS interest: Subject, black militant member of
Uhuru. Established by USSS MR dated 8/22/63. Last USSS investi-
gation dated 1/16/64 re membership in Uhuru. No further USSS
investigation. File consisted of 46 FBI reported last dated
6/25/73. File destroyed 3/1/75.

Degree of threat: 1 2 3

Organizations to which individual belongs:

Uhuru (now RAM) IBWCNationalistic group: blackDate called to Secret Service attention: 8/14/63Referred by other agency? NO YES?? FBI

Action taken:

S.S. investigated subject in '63-64. From '65-'68 subject was
active member of Rev. Action Movement but no S.S. involvement.
8/8/68 chgd by LA PD with intent to commit murder.

Last location: Highland Park, Michigan '73Field office: DetroitLast UPD: 3/7/75

