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Rolando Masferrer Rojas

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VOL. I

Undated thru 31 Dec. 59

- 1/30/57 Internal memo - dispatch HDCA 926  
~~Secret~~ Rept. Dominican Government satisfied  
that GOC had clipped Masferrer's wings  
and thus obstacle to Dominican-Cuban  
cooperation ~~eliminate~~ eliminated. However,  
Boss Masferrer will be assigned to  
Cabinet Post.

- 10/10/56 HDCA 709 Dispatch  
~~Secret~~ Re: plot to kill Masferrer; Cuban-Dominican  
Relations.

Investigation into supposed plot to  
assassinate Masferrer.

Carlos Prid said to have been plot's  
instigator - agreed to pay \$50,000.

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- 8/26/56 HDCA 589 Dispatch ~~Secret~~  
Re: Cuban-Dom. relations; Masferrer.  
Writer indicates belief Masferrer  
possibly "Trojan Horse" for left.  
"appears to be a Jacobin, a demagog,  
a tyrant, & an extremist, - and  
probably a leftist extremist, - who is  
attempting to ~~SECRET~~ sway the course of

## Batista policies:

- 6/10/63 Secret - Security info -  
TO INS from DDP re: Masferrer.  
Expelled by Communist party in 1945.  
Outstanding figure in '47 attempt to  
overthrow Dominican Govt. but took  
no part in '49 venture.  
8/7/50 Cong. Masferrer repty expressed  
great admiration for Peron government's  
social legislation.  
5/10/51 Repty obtained \$ from Peron  
govt. Expressed support for Peron in  
his publication tiempo en Cuba.  
10/51 Repty in Span. Civil war  
under ~~Val~~ Valentin Gonzalez  
(El Campesino)  
10/7/52 - Repty Masferrer wished  
to impose military dictatorship.
- 5/12/50 Agent Service Record SECRET  
Dispatch # TKH A-915 ~~0003662~~  
Crypt - Amblygon  
recruited 2/48 as casual informant  
dismissed 5/1/50
- 1/5/50 Memo re: Masferrer Secret  
result of name check.

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RESULTS

Rolando — ( Rojas ) - Member of Communist Party since 1933. In 1937 departed Cuba for Spain fighting on side of Republicans.

1939 Returned to Cuba via France.

Asst Editor of  Hoy , official organ of CP in Cuba.

1940 - altercation with ~~the~~ group between ~~different~~ CP members resulting in death of Compton.

Staunch supporter of Marxist line.

At present Literary editor of "  Tiempo en Cuba " in Havana; holds professorship at Instituto de Segunda Enseñanza de Marianao.

Expelled from PSP in 1945 in view of fact they took sides against party stating that the line set by Duclos should be followed.

Member of bar; cultured individual.

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10/20/49 reports claims ~~Masterer~~ claims to be ardent anti-Communist.

Successful candidate for Congress of the MSR party from Oriente Province. Speaks English well and has lived in San Antonio, TX and other parts of the US.

As of 1948 living in Miami, FL.

Elected on Rep. Ticket but close to  
Autentico Party. Now calls himself  
Socialist. DOB - 1912 Cuba.  
Married Lucila Romero - Divorced 1943  
attended Havana Univ. Law School.  
Heads Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario.  
"cultured, intelligent, dangerous, intensely  
nationalistic, and able."

6/1949 - reptly recently visited Haiti  
in connection w/ alleged plots against  
DR and Venezuela.

4/6/49 former Revolutionist, terrorist,  
and criminally closely associated w/  
"Guitenistas" and other revolutionary  
orgs.

5'6" 1/2 brn eyes & hair,  
scars - on heel of foot  
wears heavy shell-rimmed colored  
glasses

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+ TKH - A - 393 - evaluation as informant  
reports on MSR. No salary.  
Sources Accuracy - good; security - excellent;  
Contacts - very good.

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- TKH - A-268 2/17/48 Secret  
indicates crypt was "Pullover"

- Encl to TKH - A-263 Secret 2/13/48  
at time of memo - 35 years old

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- IN - 0498 12/31 19 352 60

Masferrer having extensive publicity  
poss. damaging legitimate non-Batista  
anti-Castro **cause** <sup>leads support to Castro line that they are</sup>  
<sub>connected with Batistas.</sub>

confusing situation - <sup>Cubans</sup> believe his  
camp must have U.S. approval -

~~to~~ possibly interfering w/ AMIRON

Hope to shut down camp and  
more Masferrer from Fla. peninsula.

- Confidential SK 80/53.1 11/14/60

Border Patrol

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Masferrer at No Name bay. 11/12/60 departed ~~at~~ <sup>11/12/60</sup>

List of Cubans w/ him

Evelio Alpizar Perez - heading Camp of 16 <sup>now</sup>

Group includes several Americans

- Cable OUT 78683 10/2/60

10/5/60

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landing of anti-Castro revolutionaries

most ~~likely~~ likely under Masferrer, well known  
 Batistiano, in touch w/ Gen. Jose Pedraza.  
 No way of U.S. support. Injection of Batistianos  
 into Masferrer considered undesirable & unwise

VOL IV

Jan 1, 61 - 9/30/62

(Back forward)

- Cable 1/3/61 OUT 5733  
 Hqs working on neutralizing Masferrer for  
 some time. Recent events make it possible  
 to prosecute

- letter 1/11/61  
 to Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. from Cord Meyer  
 "Because of man's thoroughly contemptible  
 record, he has been scrupulously  
 excluded from any activities."

- cable OUT 7480 3/18/61 ~~0003666~~  
 info - Masferrer & Francisco Tabarnalla  
 working together to send Batistianos  
 to recruitment office to create incidents,  
 take over leadership, in camps

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- Cable OUT 7250 3/16/61
- Masferrer in NY trying to recruit Cuban ex-military men
- Newsarticle 1/9/61 Wash. Post  
/MS. arrested Masferrer as presence is "prejudicial to the national interests from the point of view of our foreign relations."
- Memo - Internal Confidential 00-A-3184552  
4/14/61  
U.S. DA. instituting deportation of Masferrer.  
"second most hated man in the Batista regime, being exceeded in this sentiment only by Batista himself."
- Newsarticle 4/28/61 OPI  
"Masferrer ordered free"
- Newsarticle 9/61  
"U.S. drops trial of Masferrer."
- Doc. X-ter 4/5/62 DBA - 05526 ~~0003667~~  
R 1 File # 100 009 014  
Org. known as "UN Rifle" grown considerably in past few weeks  
Headed by Masferrer

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- 6/17/62 Memo Secret "Recent Act of  
Rot. Masferrer"

Has been raising funds in N.Y.

Raised about \$70,000 On 6/2/62  
Sent to Miami from N.Y. via trailer  
1000 Garands, bazookas & mortars.

- 6/22/62 DBA-14403 100-009-014

effort by Masferrer to recruit 10,000  
Cubans from among all various  
groups to est force of sufficient size  
to invade Cuba

- 8/13/62 IN 39152 Cable

Roger Nodarse, former oper anti-Castro  
group, UR, approached 7/62 by  
Masferrer <sup>request</sup> to join latter's paramilitary  
training group. Claimed group trains  
3 times per wk at N.J. site.  
Nodarse refused.

Cable poses possibility Nodarse joins  
group as infiltrator.

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- 8/29/62 OUT 71063 Case Secret

Re: penetration into Masferrer group  
thru Nodarse

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- IN 29387 9/27/62

Nodarse did not return NY in August  
Spik in Fla.

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