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PLANS OF CUBAN EXILES TO ASSASSINATE
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Reference is made to previous information concerning the alleged existence of plans involving organized crime elements in the U. S. and Cuban exiles to assassinate Fidel Castro, Prime Minister of Cuba, and other Cuban leaders.

On July 13, 1964, Jose "Pepin" Bosch, President, Bacardi Rum Company, Miami, Florida, advised that he is frequently asked for contributions for anti-Castro activities. Approximately two to three months ago two Cubans, identities unknown, asked him if he was interested in investing \$150,000. The Cubans stated that the "Mafia" was willing to bet that amount that Castro would be killed within 90 days of the placing of the bet. He told the Cubans he would have to consider the matter. Bosch explained that he would have no part in murder but since he had always been in close contact with Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) he advised CIA which advised him it was not interested. Bosch was unable to recall for certain if he was ever recontacted by the two Cubans but indicated it was possible that he had been. He stated he would not recognize their photographs and that he had no way of determining their identities.

Bosch stated he did not know anyone in the shipping industry connected with the hoodlum element or with anyone in St. Louis. Bosch indicated he did not contribute money or enter into any contract to do so in connection with any assassination plan. Bosch stated he did not meet with Eliseo Gomez Fernandez, a Cuban exile, in April, 1964, and did not agree to advance \$100,000 for the assassination plan. Bosch stated he did not commit himself to furnish \$50,000.

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Bosch denied stating that he believed Castro should be eliminated and that Castro's elimination was well worth \$150,000.

Bosch is acquainted with Teofilo Babun Selman, another Cuban exile, but he does not know Babun's associates, Eliseo Gomez Fernandez and Oscar Fernandez Veiga. Babun was not one of the two Cubans who called on him regarding the plan and Bosch cannot recall for certain if he mentioned this plan to Babun. Bosch is acquainted with Julio Lobo, still another Cuban exile, but he did not and would not ask Lobo for anything. Bosch indicated he thoroughly detests Lobo and would not enter anything of which Lobo is a part. Bosch further stated he did not know Byron Cameron, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida, businessman.

Herbert F. Jenne, a Fort Lauderdale businessman and partner of Cameron, advised on July 13, 1964, that Cameron and their other partner, William S. Gray, are en route to Miami from Mexico aboard a ship recently purchased there. Jenne had no information concerning any plot or plan to assassinate Castro. He stated that he knew of no connection between Cameron and any hoodlum element and that he had no information that Cameron was involved in anti-Castro activities.

We are conducting additional investigation in this matter and pertinent results will be made available to you.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
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