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WILLIAM GEORGE GAUDET - PSI IS - LATIN AMERICA (OO: NEW ORLEANS) Re memo of SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR. on 1/29/68.

The following sources and informants were contacted on the dates indicated, and could furnish no information concerning the subject:

PSI on 3/8/68; PSI CARLOS DE LA VEGA on 3/6/68; PSI on 2/23/68.

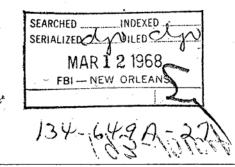
On 2/23/68 NO 1213-S advised that GAUDET was an alcoholic, or close to being an alcoholic, in the late 1950's. GAUDET drank very heavily and had financial problems during this period. He once wrote an article for Dictator TRUJILLO, then head of the Santo Domingo government. This article was very pro-TRUJILLO, and was believed to have been dictated by TRUJILLO or one of his right-hand men.

Source described GAUDET as easygoing, and a competent writer. He is still believed to be with the Latin American Report; however, he may do some free-lance writing under a pen name.

Source commented that GAUDET is liberal with regard to his views on the South and integration and segregation. Source advised that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning GAUDET other than his previous drinking and financial problems. He does not know if these problems still exist today. He has no reasonato believe that GAUDET is not a loyal United States citizen. He believes that with his ability, GAUDET could have been more successful in business than he has.

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