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FRANK CHAVEZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SJ T-1 on March 6, 1961, advised that FRANK CHAVEZ is the top leader of the Teamsters Union in Puerto Rico. He was personally selected by Teamsters Chief JAMES HOFFA to organize Local 901 in Puerto Rico. He was born December 1, 1926, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is married and resides at 23 Bellota Street, Punta las Marias, Atlantic View, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Local 901

ROLANDO AUGUSTO HERRERA PEREZ on October 27, 1961, advised that he was a close friend of ARTURO ESPAILLAT, the former Dominican Consul General in New York City. HERRERA also advised he is acquainted with FRANK CHAVEZ who he met on a farm belonging to ESPAILLAT in the Dominican Republic. HERRERA had no knowledge of any business connection that CHAVEZ had with either ESPAILLAT or the Dominican Government.

According to an article appearing in the "San Juan Star" issue of October 26, 1961, ESPAILLAT went to the Bahama Islands in August of 1961, following his dismissal from the Dominican Army in which he held the rank of general.

SJ T-1 on January 26, 1962, advised that in November of 1961, he learned that FRANK CHAVEZ was in Nassau, Bahama Islands, with his wife, DORIS. While there, various "powerful Trujillistas" arrived from Hamilton, Bermuda, (possibly HECTOR BIENVENIDO TRUJILLO, aka., "Negro," and JOSE ARISMENDI TRUJILLO, aka., "Petan").

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March 7, 1962

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RE: FRANK CHAVEZ, also known as
Frank Chavez, Jr.

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on March 6, 1961, that Frank Chavez is the top leader of the Teamsters Union in Puerto Rico and was personally selected by James Hoffa, leader of the Teamsters Union, to organize local 901 in Puerto Rico. According to the source, Chavez was born December 1, 1926, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is married and presently resides at 30 Doncella Street, Punta las Marias, Atlantic View, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The source added that in November, 1961, he was informed that Frank Chavez was in Nassau, Bahama Islands, with his wife, Doris. The source also learned that during that time "powerful Trujillistas" arrived in Nassau from Hamilton, Bermuda. The source was of the opinion that these individuals could have been Hector Bienvenido Trujillo, also known as "Negro," and Jose Arismendi Trujillo, also known as "Petan." Continuing, the source stated that when the authorities in Nassau learned of the arrival of the above individuals in Nassau, Chavez and his wife were requested to leave the island. The same source reported on July 27, 1961, that Chavez had accompanied Arturo Espailat, former Dominican Consul General in New York City, to Montreal, Canada.

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On October 27, 1961, Rolando Augusto Herrera Perez advised he is a close friend of Arturo Espailat. Herrera Perez also stated that he is acquainted with Frank Chavez, whom he met on a farm belonging to Espailat in the Dominican Republic. Herrera Perez, however, claimed to have no knowledge of any business connection that Chavez might have had with either Espailat or the Dominican Government.

The "San Juan Star" of October 26, 1961, carried an article indicating that Arturo Espailat traveled to the Bahama Islands in August of 1961 following his dismissal from the Dominican Army, in which he held the rank of a general.

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Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on November 16, 1961, that William Raymond Johnson, an American who formerly published the English language newspaper, "The Herald of the Dominican Republic," in the Dominican Republic, reportedly stated he had spoken with Espaillet in Nassau, Bahama Islands. Johnson also indicated that Espaillet was ordered by the British authorities to leave Nassau and attempted to enter Jamaica but was refused permission. He likewise attempted to travel to Aruba, Netherlands, West Indies, and was refused admission there and then proceeded to Canada. (S) (u)

It is requested that through your sources in Nassau efforts be made to determine the dates that Chavez traveled to that city and if Chavez was in contact with Arturo Espaillet while in Nassau and, if so, the purpose of such meetings. It is also requested that efforts be made to identify the "powerful Trujillistas" who reportedly traveled from Hamilton, Bermuda, in November, 1961, to Nassau. We would also like to know the circumstances surrounding the reported request of the Bahama authorities that Chavez and his wife depart from the islands. (S)

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FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-5396)

SUBJECT: FRANK CHAVEZ, aka.,
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DATE: FEB 20 1962

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Rereport of SA JOHN A. NORRIS, JR., FEB 20 1962
at San Juan, Puerto Rico. 105-106633-5

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum and ten copies of an informant evaluation memorandum dated and captioned as above at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum contains information concerning CHAVEZ and his activities in the Bahama Islands and in Canada in relation to ARTURO ESPAILLAT (Bufile 105-52901).

It is noted that CHAVEZ has been in contact with ESPAILLAT on numerous occasions and that information set out in the letterhead memorandum shows a number of meetings of CHAVEZ with ESPAILLAT.

SJ T-1 is Lieutenant RAFAEL ALAVAREZ (NA), Division of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico, who has requested that his identity be kept confidential in order to protect his source who is FEDERICO VIRELLA, Teamsters Public Relations man.

SJ T-2 is Miami 768-C.

SJ T-3 is the (RCMP per Legat, Ottawa letter 12/12/61.)

The letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" (as information furnished by the RCMP is so classified.)

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SJ T-3 on December 11, 1961, reported that (ESPAILLAT was in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, at the Savoy Apartment Hotel on December 6, 1961.) *omit*

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