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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE - HONDURAS

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Re Miami letter to Bureau dated 7/25/61; Re Bureau letter to Miami dated 8/8/61.

Files of the Identification Division relative to GALVEZ were checked during September, 1960, and no derogatory information was located.

Miami area informants were canvassed regarding GALVEZ during August, 1960, with negative results.

Relative to information furnished by GALVEZ on November 18, 1960 regarding GEORGE WILLIAM BORDEN reportedly having attempted to negotiate a sale to the Honduran Government for \$650,000 of a dismantled Thompson submachine gun factory (and spare parts), this information was telephonically furnished to U. S. Customs, Miami, Florida on November 18, 1960 and was confirmed by letter dated November 23, 1960.

Information relative to ROBERTO RAMIREZ having contacted EDWARD BROWDER at Miami about October 15, 1961, concerning some \$100,000 worth of arms which BROWDER had reportedly shipped to Honduras to one "SOMOZA" was furnished to U. S. Customs, Miami, by letter dated December 20, 1960; having been furnished by GALVEZ on December 9, 1960.

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Information furnished by GALVEZ on January 7, 1961 regarding EDWARD MARUSA and Dr. MARGUERITE KRAUSZ attempting to purchase \$135,000 worth of light machine guns and rifles in the United States for shipment to one Dr. JIMENEZ in Honduras, was telephonically furnished to U. S. Customs, Miami on January 7, 1961, and was confirmed by letter dated January 10, 1961.

Since the above identified matters dealt with matters within the primary investigative jurisdiction of U. S. Customs, communications were not directed to the Bureau.

It is noted, however, that the EDWARD BROWDER, referred to above, is the subject of Bureau file 87-54333, Miami file 87-12552, entitled "EDWARD BROWDER, JR., aka; GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS - VICTIM, ITSP - FBU."

Information furnished by GALVEZ regarding BROWDER was channeled to Miami file 87-12552 and is deemed to be reliable.

Contacts made with U. S. Customs, Miami, on August 10 and August 11, 1961 by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY reflect the following regarding information disseminated to that agency, as supplied by GALVEZ:

JEAN WILCHESTER, Customs Agent, advised that agency was unable to evaluate the information furnished regarding RAUL GONZALEZ, and that no Customs investigation had been conducted in that matter.

On August 14, 1961 U. S. Customs Agent BERNARD GALLAGHER, Miami, advised SA KELLY that information furnished to Customs regarding GEORGE WILLIAM BORDEN is probably reliable. GALLAGHER stated U. S. Customs received the same information regarding BORDEN from two additional sources, who were in a position to know the facts. GALLAGHER stated that BORDEN is still under active U. S. Customs investigation.

WILCHESTER stated that U. S. Customs currently is conducting an active investigation of EDWARD BROWDER, JR.

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Re Bureau letter to Miami dated 7/20/61, captioned
"ROBERTO GALVEZ BARNES, IS - HONDURAS"; Miami letters to
Bureau dated 8/29/60, 11/10/60, 12/30/60, and 1/18/61.

The following justification for the designation of
ROBERTO GALVEZ BARNES as a Confidential Source in Honduran
matters is submitted; all necessary CIA background investigation
having been completed:

DECLASSIFICATION AND/OR
RELEASE OF CIA INFORMATION
IN THIS DOCUMENT. KP 5-18-98

1. Background Information

GALVEZ was born May 18, 1925, at Puerto Cortes, Cortes,
Honduras.

He is a citizen of Honduras who entered the U. S.
on October 1, 1958, at Miami, Florida, as an O-1 non quota
immigrant for permanent residence. He resides at 611 San
Esteban Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida and is employed as
Chief Engineer for Servicios Aerovias and TAN Airlines at
Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida. Miami has
located no unfavorable credit or criminal information as to
GALVEZ. GALVEZ was a member of the Honduras Air Force from
1949 to 1950 and from 1956 to 1957. He was formerly a mem-
ber of the ruling Junta in Honduras prior to the present
regime.

2. Expected Cooperation and Results Obtained

Since he was originally contacted on August 5, 1960,
GALVEZ has furnished on a confidential basis the following
information; relating to Honduras matters:

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On August 31, 1960, GALVEZ BARNES furnished information to the Miami Office concerning information he received from one ARMANDO PINTO, a Honduran, living at Miami Beach, Florida. PINTO reportedly advised GALVEZ BARNES on August 31, 1960, a Cuban named RAUL GONZALEZ, who is reported to be working in the United States as an agent for the Honduras Government, with the purpose of negotiating arms purchases for the Honduras Government, was reported to have a check for \$75,000, drawn on the Banco Central of Honduras, which check was to be used to buy arms. GALVEZ BARNES stated that GONZALEZ was reported to be in Washington, D. C., at an unknown address. GONZALEZ was further reported by PINTO to have purchased ammunition for the Honduras Government at New Orleans, on an unknown date, which ammunition was reportedly shipped to Honduras. This information was promptly furnished to United States Customs, Miami.

On November 18, 1960, GALVEZ advised that he had been contacted by one GEORGE WILLIAM BORDEN, a reported Honduran resident alien in the U. S. GALVEZ reported that BORDEN was making contacts in the Miami, Florida area in an attempt to negotiate a sale to the Honduran Government, for \$650,000 of a dismantled Thompson submachine gun factory, which was reported to be somewhere in New York, New York. GALVEZ reported further that BORDEN stated he had a quantity of undescribed Thompson submachine gun spare parts for sale to the Honduran Government.

On December 9, 1960, GALVEZ advised that students at the University of Honduras held a "Fidelista Week" (pro-CASTRO celebration) at that University in late November, 1960. He further identified the "Communist" newspaper in Tegucigalpa, Honduras as "El Cronista".

On December 9, 1960, GALVEZ reported that the President of the Central Bank of Honduras, one ROBERTO RAMIREZ, reportedly contacted EDWARD BROWDER at Miami about October 15, 1960, concerning \$100,000 worth of arms that BROWDER had reportedly shipped to Honduras to one "SOMOZA".

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GALVEZ further advised on December 9, 1960, that the Honduran Minister of Foreign Affairs, ANDRES ALVARADO PUERTO, a former officer in the Caribbean Legion, is outspoken in his support of FIDEL CASTRO and has expressed himself as being anti-U. S.

On January 7, 1961, GALVEZ advised he had received information that one EDWARD MARUSA and his wife, Dr. MARGUERITE KRAUSZ, both of Miami, were reportedly attempting to purchase \$135,000 worth of light machine guns and rifles in the U. S. for shipment to one Dr. JIMENEZ in Honduras.

On March 13, 1961, GALVEZ reported that the Honduran Guardia Civil (Civil Guard) is apparently well armed and appears to exist only to counteract the Honduran Army. He stated that the Guardia Civil is believed to be heavily infiltrated with Honduran Communists.

GALVEZ further advised on March 13, 1961, that according to reports of the Government of El Salvador, twelve unidentified Cuban citizens were arrested while entering El Salvador with Honduras passports showing the Cubans to be Honduran citizens.

On March 13, 1961, GALVEZ advised that the Honduras Government, headed by President RAMON VILLEDA MORALES is not actively opposing either the Communists or pro-CASTRO elements in Honduras.

GALVEZ also reported on March 13, 1961, that the Communist Party of Honduras was then acting openly in that country to the extent that members were signing their names to newspaper articles and other literature authored by the Communist Party of Honduras. He stated he had information that as late as early March, 1961, the Communist Party of Honduras held its meetings within a "stone's throw" of the presidential palace in Tegucigalpa and advised that the Liberal Party, which is currently in power, is split into some five factions, only one of which is controlled by President VILLEDA MORALES.

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On April 17, 1961, GALVEZ advised that the Communists in Tegucigalpa were planning a large demonstration for May Day (May 1, 1961), which was to be countered by anti-communist elements.

On May 19, 1961, GALVEZ furnished information that one ESPERANZA GARAY, a stewardess for TAN Airlines, may have been engaged in smuggling small arms (.38 caliber pistols) from Miami to Central America.

On July 17, 1961, GALVEZ stated that FEDERICO DANIEL MONTES, an anti-communist student leader at the University of Honduras, recently announced that he would seek re-election within that group. GALVEZ stated that MONTES was shot at by unknown person or persons upon leaving the meeting at which he declared his intention to seek re-election. GALVEZ stated the Communists were believed responsible for the incident. He described MONTES as his brother-in-law.

Since GALVEZ has various contacts, both in the United States and in Central America, who are in a position to furnish GALVEZ information of interest to the Bureau and other U. S. Government Agencies, such as the Department of State, [Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)] and ~~(u)~~ U. S. Customs, and since a friendly, cordial relationship has been developed with GALVEZ by the Miami Office, it is expected that he will continue to cooperate in furnishing information of interest.

No payments have been made to GALVEZ, and none are anticipated.

3. GALVEZ is being considered as a Confidential Source of the Miami Office in Honduran Matters. He has been advised that he is not a Bureau employee. He had been advised also of the confidential relationship which must exist between himself and contacting agents. The Miami Office will be alert to be certain that GALVEZ is not a plant. GALVEZ is not connected with a labor union.

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Referenced Bureau letter of July 20, 1961, reflects that the Bureau granted permission to the CIA to contact GALVEZ. In the event CIA advises the Bureau of the results of this contact, it is requested that the Miami Office be advised. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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