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OTHER ACTIVITIES

During April, 1959, when FIDEL CASTRO and his party visited New York and stayed at the Statler Hotel, New York City, SA FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN was introduced to DANILO MENDEZ, who exhibited his identification card to SA O'BRIEN which indicated that he, DANILO, was an officer of the revolutionary secret police in Cuba.

On October 6, 1959, NY T-1, who is familiar with Cuban activities in NY, advised that JOSE MENDEZ FERNANDEZ of the La Barraca Restaurant has been active in behalf of the Cuban Agrarian Reform and arranged for the printing of the program for a Cuban Music Festival held at Carnegie Hall on September 29, 1959.

On February 18, 1960, NY T-2 advised that (First Name Unknown) FERNANDEZ (probably FERNANDEZ, owner of the La Barraca Restaurant, New York City) contacted Mr. VASQUEZ, an employee at the Cuban Consulate in [5] New York City, According to the source, FERNANDEZ told VASQUEZ that he had "something for him" and they agreed to meet in ten minutes in front of the consulate building on the "same corner as before."

On March 4, 1960, MARITA LORENZ, then residing /at 344 West 87th Street, New York City, advised SA FRANCIS I. LUNDQUIST that meetings of the July 26th Movement were occasionally preceded by social gatherings at the La Barraca Restaurant. She said that FERNANDEZ, who owns the La Barraca

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