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1) Will maintain contact with sources who would have knowledge of subject's activities in an attempt to ascertain if subject is currently engaged in any international activities which would bring him within the purview of the Bureau's jurisdiction.

2) Will conduct inquiry concerning subject at the Americana and Singapore Hotels on Miami Beach, Florida, wherein subject stayed on his most recent visit to the Miami area.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" inasmuch as it reflects an investigative interest in a foreign diplomatic official, namely, MIGUEL FONDEUR of the Dominican Consulate, Miami, Florida.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the Chicago, Detroit and New York Offices in view of pending investigation concerning subject in those divisions.

Full details relative to MAX GARCIA will be found in Miami report, dated December 20, 1960, captioned "MAX GARCIA, aka, IS - DR; RA - DR," Bufile 97-4345, Miami file 97-387.

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Information obtained from Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, appearing on FD-302 in this report, was furnished to SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. by Mrs. MARY LAWTON, Unit Supervisor, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida. Information pertaining to the telephone company which appears in the details of this report and does not appear on a 302 was previously set forth on a 302 in report of SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG, dated December 20, 1960, in case captioned MAX GARCIA aka, IS - DR; RA - DR.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
MM T-1 is CV 428-C, contacted 9/10/60.	Miami file 105-2006, Serial 98
MM T-2 is FORREST CAIN, Manager, Cortez Hotel, Miami, Florida, (By request)	105-2006, Serial 111, Pages 3, 4, and 5
MM T-3 is O. B. CLINE, JR. Dupont Building Miami, Florida, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. CLINE formerly AUSA, Miami, who is now subject's attorney, furnished information attributed to him in details of this report on a confidential basis.	105-2006, page <u>30</u>

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DETAILS:SUBJECT'S ASSOCIATION WITH MAX GARCIA

On September 10, 1961, MM T-1, who is personally acquainted with subject, furnished the following information:

On September 9, 1960, subject indicated he had to go to Cleveland-Hopkins Airport to meet MAX GARCIA of Tampa, Florida, one of his associates. He was very secretive, however, as to the nature of his association with GARCIA who, he said, would stay at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel during his visit.

ZLA On November 4, 1960, EDWARD THOMAS PIATKOWSKI, 914 E. Milton Street, South Bend, Indiana, an American who was associated in Miami with Latin-American revolutionary activities, advised SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. he had recently met with a man known to him as MAX REINARTS who was staying in Room 904, Cortez Hotel, Miami, and who is acquainted with ELADIO DEL VALLE, a Cuban *CUBA ZLA* exile and leader of the anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization Fuerzas Armadas y Civiles Anti-Comunista (FAYCA). PIATKOWSKI said REINARTS is also acquainted with ANSELMO ALIEGRO, a *ZLA CUBA* wealthy anti-CASTRO Cuban exile in Miami who has a reputation for financing anti-CASTRO activities. PIATKOWSKI said REINARTS had represented himself to these Cubans as being in a position to obtain and sell them guns and claims to be an exporter from Tampa, Florida.

On November 3, 1960, REINARTS contacted PIATKOWSKI, who had a reputation of being a soldier of fortune, and told PIATOWSKI that a group of Dominican exiles had departed New York City at 3:00 A.M. that day, en route to the Dominican Republic (DR) on a "sell-out deal," in that they were to be captured on their arrival in the DR by Dominican forces.

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PIATKOWSKI said this group were reportedly members of an organization led by (FNU) D'ALESSANDRO, a Dominican exile from the New York City area who is opposed to the government of GENERALISSIMO RAFAEL L. TRUJILLO, DR. According to PIATKOWSKI, REINARTS also indicated another group of Dominican exiles from New York City would soon be leaving on another "sell-out deal" to the DR.

It is noted inquiry has failed to indicate that any group has departed the United States to invade the DR.

It is further noted that (FNU) D'ALESSANDRO is probably identical with GUIDO D'ALESSANDRO, Newark, New Jersey, the leader of Accion Christiana Dominicana, an anti-TRUJILLO organization. *D.R. NY*

PIATKOWSKI said REINARTS asked if he was interested in a job, and informed him the DR was offering \$50,000. for D'ALESSANDRO alive in the DR. REINARTS claimed he had been to the DR about a month prior thereto, and had personally talked with GERERALISSIMO TRUJILLO. REINARTS indicated to PIATKOWSKI that PIATKOWSKI could have the job of going to New York City and kidnaping D'ALESSANDRO, for which REINARTS would pay him \$25,000. REINARTS also indicated to PIATKOWSKI he would have to talk to someone about getting expense money for PIATKOWSKI's trip to New York City.

On November 14, 1960, PIATKOWSKI identified a photograph of MAX GARCIA as being identical with MAX REINARTS.

On November 7, 1960, MM T-2 advised SAs RICHARD B. KELLOGG and CHARLES W. EDMISTON that MAX REIANERTS, 2909 Tampa

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~~(\$200. a month from [the DR] through [MIGUEL FONDEUR] clerk, Dominican Consulate, Miami.~~

MIGUEL FONDELL

On October 17, 1960, during interview in another matter, HUMBERTO TRUEBA advised SA STAFFORD he knew [FONDEUR] but denied working as an agent for [the DR] or receiving money from [the DR].

On November 7, 1960, U.S. Customs Agent JOHN VAN DIVER advised he had obtained the following information from a source who has previously furnished reliable information:

On October 20, 1960, MAX REINARTS, who was on November 7, 1960, residing in Room 904, Cortez Hotel, Miami, and one [MIGUEL FONDELL] and PLACIDO GONZALEZ, a former Cuban sea captain now residing in Miami, Florida, went to the DR, apparently through arrangements of HUMBERTO TRUEBA.

It is noted that informant later identified, through photographs, REINARTS to be identical with GARCIA, and [FONDELL] to be identical with [MIGUEL FONDEUR] clerk, Dominican Consulate, Miami, Florida. VAN DIVER said he had verified this trip to the DR by these persons through records of Pan American World Airways and U. S. Customs records. These records indicated that group went to the DR via Puerto Rico on PAA Flight Number 451 on October 20, 1960, and returned via PAA on October 22, 1960.

On their arrival in the DR, GARCIA was reportedly approached by a man, who was not known to the source, who made some sort of a proposition to GARCIA, whereby GARCIA would cause an invasion of the DR by anti-TRUJILLO Dominicans living in exile. The gist of the proposition was GARCIA would arrange for the use of three boats for the invasion force and arrange for obtaining arms for the force, and also organize or cause the organization of the force. It appeared to the source that the invasion force

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would be entrapped on arrival in the DR.

VAN DIVER said from past experience he surmised that the boats GARCIA was supposed to be able to furnish were boats owned by EDWARD BROWDER, and the arms might come from BROWDER or DOMINICK BARTONE, both of whom had dealt in such things in the past. He said, in fact, the above informant had advised that following his return to the United States, GARCIA was in contact with BROWDER, who was to furnish two 110-foot boats for the invasion force, along with arms, and subject was also in contact with BARTONE, who was furnishing funds to GARCIA.

It is noted PLACIDO GONZALEZ is a former associate of former Cuban President CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS and has been arrested in the past by U.S. Customs in a matter pertaining to an invasion of Cuba aimed at the overthrow of the then Cuban President, FULGENCIO BATISTA.

On November 8, 1960, PIATKOWSKI said he had again met GARCIA who informed him at that time that his real name was MAX GARY REINERTS, but he goes by the names MAX GARCIA and MAXIMILLIANO GARCIA. PIATKOWSKI said GARCIA advised he had heard nothing more about the D'ALESSANDRO matter, but would telephone the DR about it. He also advised at that time, without being more specific, that he had \$600,000. worth of guns and recoilless rifles.

On November 10, 1960, PIATKOWSKI said he had again seen GARCIA that day, and GARCIA said he had contacted someone from the DR concerning the D'ALESSANDRO matter and told them he wanted \$5,000. expense money before starting anything. He said GARCIA furnished his telephone number in Tampa, Florida, as 82-8661. PIATKOWSKI said GARCIA also advised at this time that an American who went with the Dominicans, who previously had departed to invade the DR, was on his way back to the U.S., and the rest of the group had "been taken care of."

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PIATKOWSKI advised on November 16, 1960, GARCIA told him on that day he had not yet heard about or received the \$5,000. expense money. He advised on November 18, 1960, that GARCIA had stated on that day, without being more specific, that he expected a shipment of guns from Texas.

On November 14, 1960, PIATKOWSKI stated he had talked on that day with FRANCISCO MALDONADO IGLESIAS, a Cuban who carried a Dominican residence card and resides in Miami where he is associated with FAYCA. PIATKOWSKI said MALDONADO stated he wanted PIATKOWSKI to meet a man he described as the head of Dominican Intelligence in Miami, and who PIATKOWSKI later learned to be MIGUEL FONDEUR. MALDONADO did not disclose the reason for this proposed meeting, but did indicate he knew about the D'ALESSANDRO matter; that the DR did not trust GARCIA, and would not deal with him; and that if GARCIA was involved, the DR was not interested.

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(S) On November 17, 1960, PIATKOWSKI said he went to the Dominican Consulate where he met FONDEUR. FONDEUR said the DR did not trust GARCIA and had learned he is only fronting for a syndicate and had made false claims about having boats and airplanes. FONDEUR said the DR would not deal with GARCIA and then proceeded to proposition PIATKOWSKI concerning the kidnaping of D'ALESSANDRO, offering PIATKOWSKI \$100,000. to handle the job.

Subsequent contacts between PIATKOWSKI and FONDEUR reflected, according to PIATKOWSKI, that FONDEUR did present this proposition to his superiors, but on December 7, 1960, advised PIATKOWSKI his superiors were not interested in such an undertaking as they wanted to keep things quiet because the Venezuelans are pushing them.

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On November 17, 1960, U.S. Customs Agent VAN DIVER advised SAs KELLOGG and EDMISTON that on the previous night GARCIA had advised an informant, described by VAN DIVER as reliable, that he had been offered \$50,000. to deliver D'ALESSANDRO to the DR. GARCIA reportedly said this offer was made to him by "JOHNNY," who VAN DIVER thought was probably identical with JOHN ABBES GARCIA, the head of Dominican Intelligence. VAN DIVER said he had heard from other sources that GARCIA had mentioned a \$100,000. deal and a \$50,000. deal, and had notes in his room pertaining to such deals, but VAN DIVER could not be certain that this information pertained to the above matter. He said his investigation indicated the DR had lost confidence in GARCIA and was attempting to get him out of the proposed invasion proposition.

On December 5, 1960, PIATKOWSKI said he had seen GARCIA that afternoon and GARCIA said he was leaving within an hour for Tampa, Florida, to pick up some "stuff" and then proceed to New York City. PIATKOWSKI said GARCIA stated, "It's all set. I am kidnaping D'ALESSANDRO." PIATKOWSKI said he mentioned to GARCIA he had not seen FONDEUR recently, and GARCIA answered, "To hell with FONDEUR. I have made different arrangements." PIATKOWSKI said GARCIA then asked him for the "contact number" in New York City, stating he had lost his, and apparently believing PIATKOWSKI had knowledge of such a number, but he did not. PIATKOWSKI told GARCIA he would attempt to get that number from MALDONADO.

Later that same evening, PIATKOWSKI advised he had again seen GARCIA in Miami, and GARCIA indicated he was leaving for New York City that night.

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On December 6, 1960, PIATKOWSKI said he asked MALDONADO about a "contact number" in New York City, and MALDONADO said he did not know the name or number of the contact in New York City, but he believed the contact was at the Hotel Rossof. PIATKOWSKI said he saw GARCIA in Miami late that morning, and GARCIA was still saying he was departing for New York City. He said GARCIA also indicated "these people" were trying to "cross" him, but he did not need them and would go to New York and see some people. PIATKOWSKI said GARCIA was not more specific in that matter.

(S) It will be recalled that on December 7, 1960, FONDEUR advised PIATKOWSKI the DR is not now interested in the kidnaping of D'ALESSANDRO.

On November 29, 1960, U. S. Customs Agent EDWARD FICKIE advised SAs KELLOGG and EDMISTON he had spoken to the DAVE SHAW who had been living with GARCIA at the Cortez Hotel, and SHAW said his real name is DAVID BERNARD SCHESSLER, or SCHLESSLER.

He said he was originally from New York City, and had been in Miami for about six years, and gave his occupation as furniture salesman. He said GARCIA is an acquaintance of his and he gave him a place to stay, as he was financially embarrassed and he claimed he knew nothing of GARCIA's activities.

On December 6, 1960, FICKIE advised that an informant, believed to be reliable, said he obtained the following information from GARCIA:

GARCIA said he originally came to Miami at the expense of, and on orders from, DOMINICK BARTONE to locate a buyer for arms. His job was to check on the proposed transactions and buyers to be sure that a legitimate proposition was available, and if it was, he was to turn the whole matter over to BARTONE.

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GARCIA claimed he did not know where BARTONE intended to get the arms he desired to sell, but GARCIA surmised they would come from Europe. GARCIA told the informant he had been to the DR at the expense of the DR, which trip was made through the arrangements of FONDEUR. He said he went there with FONDEUR and PLACIDO GONZALEZ, and while there talked to two Dominican officials. A proposition was made to him that the DR would pay \$100,000. for the delivery of D'ALESSANDRO to the DR alive. Also discussed at that time was the idea that an invasion of the DR could be arranged for by GARCIA and D'ALESSANDRO could be convinced to lead that expedition. The expedition would then be entrapped in the DR and D'ALESSANDRO captured, and it was suggested that perhaps GARCIA would receive as much as \$150,000. if he could arrange it that way. According to the informant, GARCIA indicated he did not like the idea of causing the deaths of all those people, and he had no intention of going ahead with the plan.

The following investigation was conducted by SA H. K. RUTHERFORD in Tampa, Florida, relative to an allegation that a Tampa City bus driver had two machine guns in his possession and boasted he could get more at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, reportedly for use of Cuban revolutionaries:

CARL HUGHES, Superintendent of Transportation, Tampa Transit Company, Platt and Packwood Streets, advised on November 15, 1957, that one MAX GARCIA drove a bus on the Mac Dill Field route. He said GARCIA was outspoken in his opposition to the then regime in Cuba, and, in fact, took a lot of kidding from the other drivers about his interest in Cuban political affairs. He said GARCIA lived at 2018 East Crenshaw, telephone 32-2963. He had been employed since

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