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There are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau 11 copies of a blank memorandum entitled "CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS - ACTIVITIES OF ALBERTO BAYO, SR. AND ALBERTO BAYO, JR., WITH REGARD TO CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS AND SIDEL CASERO RIZ." Two copies of this same memorandum are also being enclosed to the New York Office and the Washington Field Office; also one copy each to ONI, INS and U. S. Customs, Miami.

7-1 is EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, Cuban Consul General, Miami, who reported to SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. on the dates indicated.

Mr. HERNANDEZ confidentially disclosed that JAMES BARTON UNDERWOOD, who was arrested with ALBERTO BAYO, SR. in Haiti, is furnishing information to HERNANDEZ and had made several long distance telephone calls to HERNANDEZ from Haiti, reporting activities of the BAYOs in Haiti. HERNANDEZ explained that on June 26, 1957, the evening prior to the departure of the BAYOs and UNDERWOOD for Haiti, HERNANDEZ received a long distance telephone call from Lt. Colonel MARIANO PAGET, Assistant Chief of the Department of Investigations, who is former CS IN 492-2 of this office. Colonel PAGET advised HERNANDEZ that a man named UNDERWOOD would call to furnish some information. HERNANDEZ said that he assumed that UNDERWOOD had telephonically contacted the Department of Investigations in Havana, offering to furnish some information. HERNANDEZ said that UNDERWOOD told him that he is of the Catholic faith, is anti-Communist and that he was travelling with the BAYOs to Haiti because he believed BAYO to be a Communist. UNDERWOOD described himself as being a former Agent of O.S.S. during World War II. HERNANDEZ said that

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UNDERWOOD so far as he knew was not a paid Agent of the Cuban Government; that UNDERWOOD indicated he resides in New York City, but HERNANDEZ claimed to possess no information further concerning UNDERWOOD.

HERNANDEZ also confidentially advised that JESUS ESTRADA, who has been working as an informant for HERNANDEZ in Miami, has been ordered by CARLOS PRIO to proceed to Mexico City and to establish contact with CANDIDO de la TORRE at 125 Solis Street, Colonia Churrusbusco, Mexico City, Mexico, D. F. for the purpose of preparing to participate in a revolutionary invasion of Cuba to be launched from Florida. HERNANDEZ said that ESTRADA is travelling by Greyhound Bus Line and is scheduled to have left Miami at 9:45 AM, Saturday, July 6, 1957, although he has not been able to definitely confirm ESTRADA's departure. He will enter Mexico at Laredo, Texas. He is supposed to obtain a Mexican Visa at New Orleans, Louisiana. Prior to his departure, JUAN ORTA, who is closely associated with PRIO and who is the subject of a separate perjury case based upon false testimony which ORTA gave during January, 1957 Grand Jury proceedings, Miami, gave ESTRADA a ticket and \$25. in cash. PRIO, according to HERNANDEZ, gave ESTRADA an additional \$50. in cash and PRIO is also supposed to furnish ESTRADA's wife, who is supposed to remain in Miami, with \$50. every 15 days or so. HERNANDEZ said that he, himself, gave ESTRADA \$100. in cash and instructed ESTRADA to sew this money in the belt line of his trousers or some suitable place to be used for emergency only. HERNANDEZ said that he has instructed ESTRADA to participate in all revolutionary preparations up to the time that the revolutionists are scheduled to board a boat or plane, at which moment ESTRADA should then use his emergency fund for immediate transportation to the nearest city from which point he should immediately contact HERNANDEZ. HERNANDEZ said that he also expects to receive progress reports from ESTRADA prior to the date of final departure.

It appears that JAMES BARTON UNDERWOOD is probably identical to JAMES BARTON UNDERWOOD, who was the subject in 1943 of a case entitled "Engineers Group, Inc., JAMES G. FULLER, ET AL, MAIL FRAUD," of which Washington Field was office of origin, Bufile 46-2435. Information possessed by Miami in that case

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