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By "Secret" memorandum dated October 15, 1957, the local office of the CIA furnished the following information regarding the subject: (S)(U)

"A ~~Controlled~~ American Source in Mexico City has reported that Alberto BAYO Giroud, now in the Sanatorio Espanol in Mexico City, made the following comments on 3 October concerning his relationship with James Barton Underwood. The information is evaluated as B-2 (that the statements were made as reported) (S)

"Underwood made an offer of arms to BAYO in New York City but the price was prohibitive and BAYO refused. Underwood then proposed that payment be deferred until after delivery of the arms in Cuban waters, and BAYO accepted this offer. He, Underwood, and Alberto BAYO Cosgaya, BAYO Giroud's son, then left New York by ship for Haiti. Upon their arrival in Haiti, however, an emissary from the Cuban Embassy told BAYO that Underwood was in reality an agent of President BATISTA. This information led BAYO, upon his arrest in Port-au-Prince, to tell the Haitian authorities that Underwood's reason for coming to Haiti was to overthrow their government junta. The authorities then released BAYO and arrested Underwood. Underwood is still being held prisoner in Haiti. (S)(U)

"BAYO traveled to Miami after his release in Haiti. From there he took a boat for Mexico, putting in at Tuxpan. He later left Tuxpan in a small craft in company with "other" Cubans and, on the high seas, boarded the same vessel which had brought him from Miami to Tuxpan. The vessel put in at Yucatan, but the group was betrayed by 'El Negro', the Mexican captain of the vessel, and they then returned overland to Mexico City. The trip proved detrimental to BAYO's health and he is now recuperating at the Sanatoria. (S)(U)

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