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by him to his headquarters for a decision by a legal section of CIA. ~~(S)~~(u)

Due to the allegations concerning the importing of narcotics by subject, close liaison has also been maintained with U. S. Customs, Miami. It is noted that U. S. Customs has a parallel case on subject concerning his narcotics activities.

This report is classified "secret" since it contains information from CIA also classified. ~~(S)~~(u)

In evaluating information developed to date in this matter, it is apparent subject has not furnished complete information concerning his contacts with the Cuban Intelligence Service during interview with subject. It would appear Miami has three courses of action open at this junction, as follows:

1. Advise the Federal Parole Board of subject's travel out of state under a false name, which travel can be attested to by FBI Agents, for purpose of having subject's parole revoked.

2. Reinterview subject and confront him with the fact that we are aware of his plan and his past contacts with Cuban Intelligence Service as well as his deception during previous interview; attempt to double him using threat of prosecution and revocation of parole. (S)

3. Continue contacts with the subject under pretext of utilizing him as double agent and continue to follow his activities separately under instant caption. (S)

Miami recommends that third course of action be followed in this matter and solicits Bureau's opinion in this regard.

Two extra copies of this report are being retained by Miami in the event additional dissemination is desired at a later date.

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- INFORMANTS -

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
MM T-1 is CIA, Miami <del>(S)</del> (u)	Instant report
MM T-2 is MARIO ANDRES ROMERO ARIAS, Apartment 1, 1021 S.W. 3rd Street, Miami, Florida.	Instant report
MM T-3 is PSI ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO.	Instant report
MM T-4 is JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ, PSI (UD).	Instant report

- LEADS -

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will obtain handwriting and hand printing specimens of [JESUS JIMENEZ ESCOBAR] and forward them to FBI Laboratory for comparison with Western Union money order and envelope postmarked New York on November 30, 1967.

2. Will conduct discreet background investigation of RICARDO LEZCANO, 515 West 171st Street, New York. It is noted subject claims LEZCANO is a friend who is unaware of his Cuban Intelligence connections; however, one of the telephone calls from New York to subject reportedly emanated from telephone registered to LEZCANO. (u)

3. Will conduct review of toll calls made from telephone of RICARDO LEZCANO for past six-month period, if feasible, upon receipt of Bureau authority.

4. Will discreetly determine if person named ELIZA MARTIN resides at 42 West 120th Street, New York City. This name and address was used as a return on the envelope allegedly used to transmit a money order to subject on November 30, 1967. (u)

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5. Will discreetly determine if anyone named JULIAN MONTES resides at 207 or 209 West 113th Street, New York City. This name was utilized by the sender of Western Union money order in the amount of \$200 to subject from New York on February 26, 1968 (u)

6. Will further identify MARIA ALVAREZ, Apartment 44, 515 West 171st Street, New York City. Subject was observed to enter this apartment on March 10, 1968 (u)

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\* Will check indices against name RENE TORRE, BL-321, Constancia Gardens, Ponce and discreetly identify this individual. This lead was previously set out by Miami airtel dated 3/2/68 (u)

MIAMIAT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will maintain contact with PSI ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO and PSI (UD) JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ regarding this matter.

2. Will maintain contact with STEPHEN CSUKAS, U. S. Customs, and coordinate investigation with his narcotics case re subject.

3. Will determine subscriber to Post Office Box 2057, Miami address given in letter to subject from V. B. GARCIA as that of the father of RODRIGUEZ. (u)

4. Will consider contact with JAMES PETERS, 238 N.W. 43rd Street, Miami, telephone 757-7564, for information regarding HAROLD and FLORENCE CAMPBELL, 250 N.W. 43rd Street, mentioned in letters of V. B. GARCIA to subject. (u)

5. Will identify subscribers to telephone numbers in subject's possession.

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6. Will discreetly identify FELIX PELAEZ and determine if he is manager of the 7-11 food store at the corner of N.W. 27th Avenue and 17th Street. Will thereafter consider pretext interview with him. It is noted he is one of the individuals subject was allegedly requested to investigate by GIS reason for request unknown. (u)

7. Will forward copy of application for Western Union money order dated February 26, 1968, sent to subject, and original envelope postmarked November 30, 1967, in New York, addressed to subject, to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with any available handwriting of JESUS JIMENEZ ESCOBAR, Chief Secretary, Cuban Mission to the United Nations. (S)

REQUEST OF BUREAU

Will determine through CIA liaison if that agency has any information leading to the identity of V. B. GARCIA, Generalissimo 50, Alfaz del Pi (Alicante), Spain, or JAIME BARCELO, Av. Perez Galdos 116, Ap. 26., Valencia 8, Spain. (u) *all pages 24-30*

Bureau is requested also to determine through CIA if JAIME RODRIGUEZ, Havana telephone number 35-861, is identifiable. (u) *page 46*

Bureau is requested to authorize New York to conduct review of toll calls from telephone of RICARDO LEZCANO, telephone 795-6287, noting subject received at least one call from this number in December, 1967. It is possible LEZCANO may be acting as liaison between subject and his Cuban Intelligence superior in New York. (u)

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[and furnished partial information re recruitment by CIS and subject referred by this agency to FBI. Upon contact (U) by FBI Agents, subject furnished partial information re recruitment (U) including contact with [G-2 official] (S) in New York identified as [JESUS JIMENEZ, First Secretary, CMUN.] (S) Subject advised he was [instructed by JIMENEZ] (S) to travel to Cuba for conference [with RAMIRO VALDES, chief of G-2] (S) Subject volunteered to cooperate fully with FBI in this matter. Informant advised subject paid \$3,900.00, [which money was furnished by Cuban contact in New York] (U) for [boat to travel to Cuba, construction of boat to be completed on 4/17/68. Description set forth.]

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The source met EPIFANIO ROMERO DELGADO, also known as "Pichi" Romero, and another Cuban refugee in Miami, in about 1962 or 1963 and has maintained infrequent contact with him since that time. ROMERO is from Candelaria, Pinar del Rio Province, Cuba, and is married to HILDA, lastname unknown, who still resides in Cuba. The source described EPIFANIO as a person of little education who has a strong aversion to any type of work and constantly smokes cigars and "plays the big shot." ROMERO is a white male Cuban, age about 33, 5'8", 160 pounds, thick black hair, dark eyes, and round face. He drives a 1964 Ford Mustang automobile. He resides at the apartment of ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO, 1050 Northwest First Street, Miami, another Cuban refugee and close friend of ROMERO. Also residing in this apartment are the mother and sister of BORGES.

EPIFANIO ROMERO is not employed at the present time but was recently employed at a doll factory in Miami. He is on parole, having been recently released after having served three months of a fifteen-month sentence for Assault Upon a Federal Officer. This incident occurred in about February, 1967, when ROMERO was involved with others in a shooting incident with United States Customs off the Florida coast. The incident occurred during the last of a number of unauthorized boat trips to Cuba by ROMERO over the past few years. It is the source's understanding that one of the conditions of ROMERO's parole is that he not again attempt to travel to Cuba by boat.

The source had planned a clandestine boat trip to Cuba in November, 1967, in order to attempt to rescue a friend of his in hiding in Havana. This friend is JOSE LUIS FORNELI JACINTO, also known as "Piquili," a Cuban refugee who had been intercepted by the Cubans during a clandestine trip to Cuba and who has been in hiding since early 1967. The source was unsuccessful in his attempt to rescue FORNELL.

About the middle of November, 1967, at around 2:00 A.M., ROMERO came to the home of the source and advised that he had recently received a letter from Cuba which was sent [by diplomatic pouch to the "Czechoslovakian Embassy in New York" (source noted he was probably referring to the Czechoslovakian Mission to the United Nations)]. (S)

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This letter was in answer to a previous letter from ROMERO to the Cuban Government. ROMERO showed the source a type-written, one-page letter which instructed him to determine and report upon the activities of the following: (S) (u)

1. MANUEL ~~X~~ARTIME and the Nicaraguan problem.
2. RAMON ~~X~~FONT, who has explosives of FL2 Comandos L. (anti-CASTRO organization in Miami).
3. FELIX ~~X~~PELAEZ, manager of the 7-11 food store at the corner of Northwest 27th Avenue and 17th Street, Miami. FL2

According to the source, the letter also contained an instruction in the last paragraph to call the writer at a certain time, time not recalled by the source. The source said, however, this time was written in military style, for example, 1330, and the source could not recall if a day or date was mentioned. The letter was unsigned, as best the source could recall. (S) (u)

The source stated that EPIFANIO explained that the letter had been sent to him from a Cuban in New York through whom he had made contact with the Cuban Government. He said he had been instructed by this person to form a clandestine group of five persons, composed of himself, the source, ALFREDO BORGES GALINDO, JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ and JOSE LUIS FORNELL-JACINTO. Although the last named individual is in Cuba, he is to be taken into the group upon his return to Miami. (S) (u)

According to the plan as outlined by ROMERO to the source, ROMERO would make a trip to Cuba, where he would be furnished certain documents from ranking officials in the Cuban Government indicating their dissatisfaction with the Cuban Government and a willingness to cooperate with the United States. With these documents in hand, ROMERO would return to the United States and attempt to interest MM T-1 in this information. (S) (u)

According to the source, ROMERO did not state that he would attempt to interest MM T-1 in conducting an (S) (u)

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infiltration effort into Cuba in which the participants would be arrested, but only indicated that he would attempt to interest MM T-1 in the possible defection of some important Cuban Government officials based on the documents furnished to him for this purpose. (S)(u)

According to the source, ROMERO stated he hoped to be paid by both the Cuban and United States Governments at the same time and to thus solve his financial problems. (S)(u)

According to the source, ROMERO stated he had already discussed this plan with JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ and although he did not mention having talked with ADOLFO BORGES, the source assumed he had also discussed details of the plan with BORGES since they are extremely close friends and reside together. (S)(u)

The source stated that ROMERO requested that he take him, ROMERO, with source to Cuba on his next trip in order that he could obtain these documents and initiate this plan. Although the source agreed to do so, he subsequently left for Cuba within a few days without ROMERO and returned to Miami in mid-December, 1967. During a later contact with ROMERO, the source explained to him that he had not taken him because ROMERO was on parole and the source feared he might get into trouble with the authorities. (S)(u)

The source further advised that in general conversation with one MANUEL CHAMISO, 435 Southwest 4th Street, Miami, supervisor at the doll factory where ROMERO recently worked, he had determined that ROMERO had made two trips to New York City in November and December, 1967. According to CHAMISO, ROMERO had said he was making these trips in an effort to obtain a boat to travel to Cuba.

The source stated he was of the opinion that ROMERO holds no loyalty to the Cuban Government and is not a Communist, but is strictly an opportunist who would do anything for money.

On January 8, 1968, STEPHEN CSUKAS, Enforcement Agent, United States Customs Service, Miami, advised that

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This message is translated as, "Greetings. We remember you well. We are well. Love to all. Kisses." The sender was shown as MARIANO TEJEDA, 1151 Southwest 11th Terrace, telephone 444-5026.

CSUKAS could not furnish any information as to the significance of the above messages or if, in fact, any one of them was actually written by the subject.

It is to be noted the sender of all the above messages furnished the same telephone number and house number, but used different names and street addresses.

Bresser's Cross Reference Telephone Directory for Miami shows telephone number 444-5026 is actually listed to one JULIO GUTIERREZ, retired, wife CONNIE GUTIERREZ 1867 Southwest 17th Terrace, Miami. A call to this number revealed no one named "RENE" was known there.

(S) On February 23, 1968, MM T-3, <sup>Fla.</sup> who is identical with the above-mentioned source of U. S. Customs Agent CSUKAS, furnished the following information:

(u) [ (S) (u) ] MM T-3 has known EPIFANIO ROMERO DELGADO about two years. ROMERO has lived in the apartment of ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO, 1050 Southwest First Street, Miami, for about one year and reportedly pays \$40 per month rent to BORGES. ROMERO owns a 1965 black Mustang automobile and is currently unemployed. He was previously employed as a butcher at a Cuban grocery store called "Oso Blanco" on West Flagler Street, Miami, for about two weeks prior to his arrest on March 23, 1967, for assaulting a federal officer. The subject was sentenced in early May, 1967, to 15 months in prison and was released on parole in August, 1967, after having served three months. The subject has not been employed since his release from prison.

(u) [ (S) (u) ] MM T-3 first began to suspect the subject was in contact with Cuban G-2 while he was still in prison. In about June, 1967, [ (S) (u) ] MM T-2 observed a letter sent to the subject from Cuba, which letter had been sent via Costa Rica. The letter, which was unsigned, stated

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records of the Money Order Audit Bureau, Western Union Telegram Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, were found to contain an original application for a money order dated February 26, 1968, in the amount of \$200, payable to EPIFANIO ROMERO, Apartment 3, 1050 Northwest First Street, Miami, Florida. The sender on the application is shown as JULIAN MONTES, 207 West 113th Street, New York, New York, and the only message with the money order was "Saludos" (u)

Western Union records also contain an original draft, number FS 25199, dated February 26, 1968, in the amount of \$200, payable to EPIFANIA ROMERO. The original application and draft are maintained at the Money Order Audit Bureau. (u)

The original application and draft, should they be needed for prosecutive purposes, may be obtained only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to the manager of the Western Union office in the city where prosecution is had.

MM T-4, a Cuban National who has resided in the United States for a number of years, and who is well acquainted with the subject, furnished the following information on April 4, 1968:

MM T-4 met the subject in 1964 when the subject and informant were together in a training camp of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (Cuban Revolutionary Board) (JURE), an anti-CASTRO organization, which camp was located near Tampa, Florida. The subject, in about 1965, began making "family runs" to Cuba and had no difficulty until February, 1967, when he was arrested and sentenced to 15 months following an altercation with U. S. Customs Agency. The subject served three months of this 15-month sentence and was released in about August, 1967, when he returned to live in Miami.

According to MM T-4, the subject approached him in December, 1967, and advised him of his contacts with an individual in New York connected with the Cuban G-2. According to the subject's story, this individual called on numerous occasions, identifying himself first as "JULIAN" and later as "MONTES DE OCA." He persuaded (u)

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the subject to come to New York and sent him money for this trip. (u)

(u) The first such trip to New York by the subject of which MM T-4 was aware occurred about the end of December, 1967. At this time, the subject received \$100 from his New York contact and purchased a ticket to New York in the name of ADOLFO BORGES, believed by the source to be a friend of the subject. Subject on this occasion was driven to the airport by JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ, a Cuban National and friend of the subject. ROMERO remained in New York over a week end and contacted MM T-4 upon his return to Miami. ROMERO related that he had been met by a Cuban at a designated spot in New York, after which they had entered several taxis and a movie theater in an effort to assure they were not being followed. MM T-4 had no details as to how they met or where they finally talked. According to the subject, the Cuban in New York asked the subject if he wanted to work for Cuban G-2 and the subject gave him a noncommittal reply. ROMERO indicated to MM T-4 (u) the Cuban G-2 official desired information concerning the operations of MM T-4, the U. S. Government agency. (u)

(u) MM T-4 stated the subject's second trip to New York was sometime in February, 1968, exact date unknown to him. On this occasion, ROMERO was driven to the Miami Airport by ADOLFO BORGES and it was the informant's understanding that ROMERO had been sent several hundred dollars by the G-2 official in New York prior to his departure. MM T-4 stated he had no information as to how long the subject remained in New York on this occasion but believed that he returned sometime during early March. According to information provided by the subject to MM T-4, the subject's New York contact identified himself on this occasion as JESUS JIMENEZ, First Secretary of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN), and member of the Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (Cuban Department of State Security) (DSE). He reportedly offered to send the subject to Cuba, where he would be placed in contact with DSE officials. The subject reportedly was told he would be contacted by telephone after his return to Miami concerning this matter. (u)

(u) MM T-4 stated that about a week ago, the subject received a call from his New York Cuban contact in which (u)

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he was authorized to make the trip to Cuba. ~~(S)~~(u) ROMERO now wants to make a "family run" to Cuba in effort to bring out relatives of several Cuban refugees here in the United States, none of whom are aware of his Cuban G-2 contacts. The subject has a number of legitimate contacts in New York who are interested in having their relatives brought to the United States from Cuba and has a number of letters in his possession from these Cubans. He is currently attempting to locate a boat to make this trip. ~~(S)~~(u) MM T-4 advised that he has no information and has been furnished no information by subject to the effect that he had been instructed by the Cubans to "penetrate" any United States Government agency. ~~(S)~~(u)

~~(S)~~(u) MM T-4 advised he feels ROMERO holds no loyalty for the Cuban Government or for democratic principles of the United States Government but is an opportunist who would work for the one who would pay him the most money.

~~(S)~~(u) MM T-4 also advised that he is of the opinion subject has confided in no one except himself, ~~(S)~~(u) MM T-4 concerning his Cuban G-2 contacts. ~~(S)~~(u)

On April 3, 1968, MM T-1 advised that the subject had contacted this agency, exact date of contact not revealed, and had furnished the following information: ~~(S)~~(u)

~~(S)~~(u) ROMERO advised MM T-1 that during November, 1967, he received a long distance telephone call from a man who identified himself only as "MONTE DE JORO." This man asked ROMERO to come to New York and "talk business" with him. He offered to provide ROMERO with funds necessary for the trip from Miami to New York. ROMERO accepted the offer and in late November, he received a \$300 money order and instructions for the trip to New York. He traveled by Eastern Airlines to New York and once in New York, he was instructed to proceed to 116th Street an North River Drive in Manhattan, where he was met by an individual who identified himself as ~~(S)~~(u) JULIAN HERNANDEZ or GONZALEZ. The individual also identified himself as the originator of the long distance telephone call and as a member of the DSE and CMUN. ~~(S)~~(u) ROMERO described the individual as a Cuban male, 5'6", 28 to 30 years old, hair cut short but full, eyes brown, weight 140 pounds, complexion light, spoke good English. ~~(S)~~(u)

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