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* [MM T-6 is] GUADENCIO CASTRO
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Various sources familiar with Latin-American affairs contacted in this matter in San Juan and New York City were enumerated in referenced letters to the Bureau from San Juan and New York.

Various sources contacted in this matter in Miami were as follows: (u)

MM 817-S and MM 776-S, contacted 9/17/62,
SA WILLIAM G. FRIEDEMANN

MM 801-S, contacted 9/26/62, SA JOHN E.
MC HUGH

MM 635-S, contacted 9/24/62, SA GEORGE
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JOSE UBIETA, PSI, contacted 9/26/62,
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SERGIO CASTRO GUERRA;
Captain HUMBERTO GUSTAVO JULIO RODRIGUEZ DIAZ;
Plan to Assassinate President ROBERTO CHIARI of
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JUAN E. JIMENEZ, Also known as "BABY", wealthy Panamanian, former Panamanian Ambassador to Cuba, was in Miami during 6/62 and 7/62, criticizing Panamanian government; stated wanted to contact Cubans for action in Panama, and boasted he was involved in plot in Panama against President ROBERTO CHIARI. JIMENEZ advised General MANUEL BENITEZ VALDES of above, and BENITEZ referred JIMENEZ to Captain HUMBERTO GUSTAVO JULIO RODRIGUEZ DIAZ and SERGIO CASTRO GUERRA, known Cuban hoodlums. JIMENEZ contacted RODRIGUEZ and CASTRO, reportedly paid them \$500.00, and told them to stand by for future action. CASTRO reported this to BENITEZ, who advised Panamanian Consul, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. BENITEZ offered to report to Panamanian official on continuing basis the progress of this plot, through information obtained by CASTRO, who was infiltrating instant plot. Panamanian Consul reported matter to U. S. and Panamanian Government officials. Nothing has subsequently developed, and matter considered closed by sources who did not take JIMENEZ' boasting seriously. JIMENEZ reportedly now serving as official of Panamanian Government in Washington, D.C., and no longer opposed to group in power in Panama.

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serious, but he was only trying to make himself important in discussing such a matter in such a loud tone. Had he been serious, JIMENEZ certainly would not have discussed the matter openly in the hotel lobby. (u)

On September 18, 1962, GLENN ADAMS, Supervisor, Investigations, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, advised a search of the files of that agency failed to reflect any file relating to JUAN E. "BABY" JIMENEZ.

During September of 1962, various sources in San Juan, Puerto; New York, New York and Miami, Florida, familiar with Latin-American activities in those areas were contacted, but were unable to furnish any specific information concerning JIMENEZ, Captain RODRIGUEZ DIAZ or SERGIO CASTRO.

On October 8, 1962, Dr. RAFAEL GARCIA NAVARRO, Panamanian Consul, 1300 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised he was a Cuban national employed as an official of the Panamanian Government. In connection with his official capacities, he had obtained the following information: (u)

*Cuba
Panama*

JUAN "BABY" JIMENEZ, a Panamanian who had been an Ambassador from Panama to Cuba in the past, had been in the Miami area during the period of June and July, 1962. JIMENEZ was a very influential and important man in Panama, with connections in the government, in the past, and active in various business interests. It has been reported some of his business activities have been "on the margin of the law", and he was reportedly connected, in the past, with an attempt to unseat a former president of Panama. (u)

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On his recent visits in Miami, JIMENEZ on several occasions expressed strong sympathies in opposition to the present Panamanian Government and President, and the current Panamanian Government policies. He indicated he wanted to hire several gangsters for possible future action in Panama. Accordingly, he was trying to make contact with a group of local Cubans in this connection. (u)

In June of 1962, JIMENEZ had stated he wanted to buy a quantity of arms, and he was involved in a plot to shoot the President of Panama. He indicated the assassination was to take place during an uprising in Panama, and offered as proof of the alleged plot the fact that there would be an uprising in the near future in Panama. In connection with this plot, JIMENEZ had contacted General MANUEL BENITEZ, a Cuban exile in Miami, who had recommended that JIMENEZ contact SERGIO CASTRO and Captain HUMBERTO RODRIGUEZ DIAZ to assist him in this plot. (u)

Dr. RAFAEL GARCIA NAVARRO explained he had obtained the above information from General MANUEL BENITEZ VALDES, who was a personal acquaintance of GARCIA NAVARRO. He characterized General BENITEZ as an opportunist and promoter, who was not completely truthful, and had been involved in various plots and intrigues. General BENITEZ had reported the activities of JIMENEZ and JIMENEZ' contact with RODRIGUEZ DIAZ and CASTRO to Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO, and stated he (BENITEZ) would follow the activities of this plot through SERGIO CASTRO and furnish information on a continuing basis to Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO. General BENITEZ had explained that SERGIO CASTRO, who was a contact of his, would infiltrate this plot, and GARCIA NAVARRO would be promptly advised of all developments. (u)

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Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO stated in his opinion, General BENITEZ was attempting to ingratiate himself with the Panamanian Government, and apparently planned to try to obtain economic aid from the Panamanian officials in return for information in the alleged plot. (S)(u)

General BENITEZ had subsequently advised Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO that JIMENEZ had paid some \$500.00 to SERGIO CASTRO in connection with the alleged plot, but that CASTRO and RODRIGUEZ DIAZ had taken no action to further the plot, but were only standing by awaiting further developments. No further developments apparently materialized. (S)(u)

Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO advised he had not taken the above allegations of a plot by JIMENEZ, as reported by General BENITEZ, at all seriously, in view of General BENITEZ' reputation. Subsequently, however, at the time of the uprising on the part of members of the National Guard in Panama, which appeared to coincide with the threats made by JIMENEZ, Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO felt that there might be some basis for concern, and accordingly had furnished information concerning the alleged plot to United States Government officials, as well as to Panamanian officials. Subsequently, an Inspector from the Panamanian National Police had been sent to Miami to investigate this matter, and had interviewed BENITEZ in connection with the alleged plot. (S)(u)

Subsequent to that time, no further information has been developed concerning the alleged plot, either through the Panamanian investigator or General BENITEZ, and in Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO's opinion, the matter is closed. (S)(u)

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plot against the President of Panama as serious. He had felt, however, that he should report this matter to his acquaintance, Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO, Panamanian Consul in Fort Lauderdale. Accordingly, he had made the above information available to Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO, who subsequently reported it to his government. General BENITEZ indicated in his opinion, Dr. GARCIA NAVARRO may have over-emphasized the significance of this alleged plot in order to enhance his (Dr. NAVARRO's) position with the Panamanian Government.

General BENITEZ said probably the primary purpose of JIMENEZ' visit to Miami during the summer had been to visit his Cuban girl friend, who subsequently has moved to Puerto Rico.

General BENITEZ stated since this all happened, an official of the Panamanian Government had come to Miami to investigate this matter, and had interviewed several of the participants in the alleged plot, including SERGIO CASTRO. It was determined at that time that no further action had been taken in this plot, and that it was considered a closed matter.

General BENITEZ advised that he has recently learned from a friend of his, one JOSE LUIS ALFARO, a former police official in Panama, that JUAN JIMENEZ recently received an appointment with the Panamanian Government. JIMENEZ is reportedly now assigned in a diplomatic capacity for the Panamanian Government, and is reportedly in Washington, D. C. Accordingly, JIMENEZ is no longer unhappy with the Panamanian Government.

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