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One extra copy of this report is being forwarded to the Bureau in the event dissemination to Legat, Havana, is desired.

One copy of this report is being furnished the New York Office for information, due to the interest of that office in Cubana Airlines.

One copy of this report is being designated to INS locally due to the investigative interest of that agency in defected personnel of Cubana.

A separate investigation is being conducted concerning MANUEL MAGARINO DORTICOS, (Miami File 105-2279, Bureau File 105-85224).

On September 20, 1960, SANTIAGO L. FONT advised that he is seeking other employment, since working conditions in Cubana Airlines have become intolerable since the arrival of FAES, in addition to the obvious Communist domination of the Cuban government.

This report is being classified Secret due to the highly sensitive nature of information reported by MM 709-S* and New York NY 2494-S* and also since this report involves investigative coverage of a foreign diplomatic establishment in the U. S. and since it contains information reported by informants, the disclosure of which would tend to compromise the future effectiveness of these informants and possibly tend to reveal their identities.

It is observed that most of the defected flight personnel from Cubana Airlines have been absorbed into the Democratic Revolutionary Front and have departed from the Miami area.

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MM T-1 is ALBERTO JESUS
E. MARTINEZ FONTS, group
and convention Sales
Manager, Cubana Airlines,
Miami, Florida,
(by request).

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MM T-2 is SANTIAGO L.
FONT, District Traffic
and Sales Manager, Cubana
Airlines, Miami, (by re-
quest).

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MM T-3 is ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ,
Comptroller, Cubana Airlines,
New York City, (by request)

NY 109-112.

MM T-4 is [MM 709-S*.] (S)

MM T-5 is [NY 2494-S*.] (S)

MM T-6 is JOSE M. HERRERA,
former District Manager,
Cubana Airlines, Miami,
(by request).

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MM T-7 is ANTONY DIAZ
CARRERAS, former Station
Manager, Cubana Airlines,
Miami International Air-
port, (by request).

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IDENTITY

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MM T-8 is RAMIRO ZALDIVAR,
Vice-President of Holiday
Tours, Miami, PSI (Under
Development).

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MM T-9 is RICARDO MADAN
RIVAS, PSI (Under
Development).

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"Cubana planes must carry enough fuel from Havana for a round trip flight. Frequently to do this the line must lighten its passenger list and load up with extra gasoline. Because of this short payload, Cubana carried only half of its scheduled passengers to New York Saturday. And it had to cancel a flight to Madrid when the British-Dutch controlled Shell Oil Company refused to refuel the flight at Bermuda and Lisbon. Shell Oil was taken over in Cuba by CASTRO, along with Esso Standard and Texaco. The three companies said the Cuban government owes them nearly seventy million dollars for oil they have imported within the past year. When they refused to refine Russian oil, CASTRO seized their Cuban operations."

On July 8, 1960, MM T-4, who is acquainted with the activities [of certain Cuban Consulate personnel] in Miami, Florida, advised that ABELARDO LEON BLANCO, Cuban Consul General in Miami, after being contacted by ROBERTO CHOMAT of Aerovias "Q" Airlines, was known to have been contacted by MIGUEL AMESIGA, legal advisor for Cubana Airlines from Havana, Cuba. According to MM T-4, AMESIGA notified LEON BLANCO that he had been informed that morning concerning the attachment of funds of Cubana Airlines in Miami upon orders of a Miami court.

According to MM T-4, AMESIGA stated to LEON BLANCO that this attachment arose in connection with a suit filed in Miami, Florida, against the Republic of Cuba, by the Harris and Company Advertising, Incorporated, Miami. AMESIGA according to MM T-4, also advised LEON BLANCO that the funds of Aerovias "Q" Airlines in Miami banks have also been attached.

MM T-4 added that LEON BLANCO after being contacted by AMESIGA, contacted RICHARD BERGSTRESSER, a Miami attorney who has been representing the Republic

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of Cuba in several legal matters. MM T-4 said he was able to determine that [LEON BLANCO] informed (S) BERGSTRESSER that all Cuban planes which will arrive in the United States will be seized, as well as all funds of Cuban airlines. MM T-4 said [BLANCO] claimed (S) to BERGSTRESSER that this action was due to an embargo being placed on the Cuban government by the United States Government. (S)

On July 8, 1960, FRANK GHIOTTO, Chief Civil Deputy, Broward County, Florida, Sheriff's Office, advised that he had seized a DC-4 aircraft owned by Aerovias "Q" Airlines at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, as a result of a Writ of Attachment filed in the Circuit Court of Dade County, Florida. According to GHIOTTO, this Writ was issued under case number 60L2257; was filed on July 7, 1960, by the law firm of GUILMARTIN and SCHNIDERMAN, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the ~~Harris and Company Advertising, Incorporated, Miami~~, against the Republic of Cuba, and against any of its agents or agencies.

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GHIOTTO stated garnishments have been filed against each and every bank in Broward County to attach any monies deposited therein by Cuba, its agents or agencies.

It is to be noted that Aerovias "Q" Airlines and Cubana Airlines are Cuban commercial air carriers which have been intervened by the Republic of Cuba. |||

It is also noted that Harris and Company Advertising, Incorporated, with offices located at the DuPont Plaza Center, Miami, under date of November 12, 1959, filed with the Registration Section of the United States Department of Justice a statement registering as an agent of the Cuban Tourist Commission.

On September 16, 1960, MM T-5, who is acquainted with certain Cuban government officials in (S) (u)

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