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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-8235) (C)

SUBJECT: JAMES WILLIAM BECK, ETAL
CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC FRONT (CADF)
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O.O. Chicago

Re WFO let to Bureau, 10/31/61, enclosing a letterhead memorandum, copies to Chicago, Miami, Cleveland and Springfield, wherein leads were set out to develop information regarding individuals reported to WFO by SAUL SAGE, aka., Saul Siegelbaum, to be involved with 1) "Interpen", a group of "revolutionaries" organized in Florida under the leadership of GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, and 2) an alleged plan to effect a coup d' etat in Nicaragua, organized by JOHN SELTZ and JACK NORDEEN of Chicago.

Regarding "Interpen", the Miami Division characterized this organization in a report on "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities; IS-CUBA" (Bufile 109-584; WFO 105-29955; CG 105-6033), dated August 10, 1961, as a group having in July, 1961, approximately 20 individuals, American adventurers, who were a continual police problem in that they were being arrested for vagrancy, drunkenness, and thievery. Chicago interviewed on May 29, 1961, one of the members of this group, one RONALD E. AUGUSTINOVICH, aka., Roger Mansfield, who gave a highly improbable account of some 800 veterans of service in the U.S. Armed Forces who were training in the swamps of Florida.

In view of the above, it is felt that the "Interpen" organization does not warrant further investigation. Unless directed otherwise by the Bureau or the Miami Division, Cleveland may discontinue on the lead set out in relet.

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Regarding the alleged plans of JOHN SELTZ and JACK NORDEEN of Chicago to organize an attempt to overthrow the government of Nicaragua, the following observations are considered pertinent:

SELTZ, age 21, the subject of Bufile 62-105585, Chicago file 105-8235, Miami file 2-262, was last interviewed September 26, 1960, by the Chicago Division. SELTZ was determined to be a headstrong, immature individual of considerable means who has expressed a desire to "free all the backward nations of the world".

NORDEEN, age 23, the subject of Bufile 62-105584, Chicago file 2-71, Miami file 2-257, was last interviewed August 4, 1960, by the Chicago Division. A PSI investigation reflected that NORDEEN (who had shot and killed his younger brother in 1956) was considered to be an erratic, unstable individual "full of fantastic ideas". Upon interview June 4, 1959, NORDEEN told of working with the Castro forces in Cuba in 1958 and 1959 and then in June, 1959, travelling to Oklahoma to search for gold.

In view of the above, it is felt that the information furnished by SAUL SAGE does not provide sufficient basis for further investigation of SELTZ and NORDEEN. Accordingly, unless directed otherwise by the Bureau, Springfield may discontinue on the lead set out, in relet and Chicago will conduct no investigation of SELTZ and NORDEEN at this time.

For the information of WFO, Chicago, with the concurrence of the Bureau, no longer initiates contact with CONSTANTINE ~~N. KANGLES~~, former legal counsel for the Castro Government in the U.S., but accepts any information volunteered by KANGLES.

Chicago will remain alert to any pertinent information regarding SELTZ and NORDEEN and their participation in any activities of interest to this office.

