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SJ 492-S and SJ 1113-PSI have advised that membership in the PRP among Cuban exiles in Puerto Rico has deteriorated to the point that PRP is inoperative and ineffective in the Cuban community in Puerto Rico. SJ 492-S has advised that MANUEL RAY continues to be the leading figure of the PRP because of his previous anti-CASTRO activities; however, RAY cannot be considered the leader of the PRP as he has never exerted any leadership of the PRP above the minimum required as a member of the Political Commission. Source also stated that RAY has often avoided these duties in favor of his business commitments, which keep him out of Puerto Rico a large percentage of the time. (S)(U)

P.R. On 4-11-73 MANUEL RAY was interviewed by Bureau Agents, at this time, RAY indicated he was a member of the PRP but due to business commitments had been unable to participate in many PRP activities. RAY advised the headquarters of the PRP were maintained in Costa Rica to avoid violation of the American Neutrality Laws.

(U)(S) SJ 492-S advised that HUBERT MATOS, Jr., had been the contact man in Costa Rica but in the early part of the summer of 1973, MATOS along with many other members of the PRP had abandoned the PRP. Therefore, SJ 492-S stated that titular leadership of the PRP now rests with MIGUEL YISA, PRP leader in Miami or ISRAEL ROMERO, PRP leader in New Jersey. San Juan investigation of the PRP has determined that PRP members in Puerto Rico do not have any office space, meetings sites, or publications in Puerto Rico and that in the past these members have traveled to Miami or New Jersey for PRP meetings.

(U) SJ 492-S advised that PRP newspaper Boletin is published in Miami and was distributed in Puerto Rico by members of the PRP but the Boletin has not been seen in Puerto Rico for several months by the source.

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