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ReBulet 12/12/56 captioned, "CPUSA-PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS; IS-C" which advised that review of issues of "MAINSTREAM" should be made with view to effecting probable identification of authors.

TERESA PROENZA is listed as the author of an article "Homage to DIEGO RIVERA" appearing in the 3/58 issue of "MAINSTREAM".

Review of pertinent article showed that PROENZA was described as RIVERA's personal secretary for some years up to the time of his death, and that prior to that employment she edited the month review "PAZ", "a cultural publication of the Latin American peace movement."

Review of NYO references showed the following which may be identical with captioned subject.

Report of SA EDWARD J. MOONEY, 1/10/45, NY, captioned, "BEN ZOIN GOLDBERG, was.; IS-R" (Bufile 64-28971; Mexfile 100-1637) contained a reference to one TERESA PROENZA on p. 5. This information states that on 2/1/44 TERESA PROENZA, affiliated with the Frente Nacional Antifascista was present at the offices of the Communist newspaper "HOY".

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Report of SA CLARK D. ANDERSON, 8/31/50, Havana, captioned, "DR. OFELIA DOMINGUEZ NAVARRO, was.; SM-C" (Bufile 64-29328; Havana file 100-117) contained a reference to TERESA PROENZA. [That information stated that she was probably identical with MARIA TERESA PROENZA who became closely acquainted with a Soviet Press Attache, NORA CHEGODAEVA, in Havana in 12/43. PROENZA reportedly went to Mexico where she spent considerable time and reportedly made contact with the Russian Legation.] She returned to Cuba, became the representative of the Overseas News Agency and was a member of the Advisory Council of the Frente Nacional Antifascista as well as a member of the CP. (u) X

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New York files show that Legat, Mexico letter to Bureau 10/22/54 captioned, "DR. RAYMOND BOYER, Esp-R" (Bufile 100-342972; Mexfile 100-561) mentioned that TERESA PROENZA, Mexican citizen, had been active for many years in the Soviet-inspired "pro-Peace" movement in Mexico. In that Legat letter there is indication that PROENZA is known to [CI Mex-31.] (u) X

(S) Report of SA JOSEPH T. GENCO, 3/10/55, Mexico, captioned "SODAC - MEXICO, IS-R" (Bufile 64-211-221; Mexfile 100-334) showed that TERESA PROENZA represented the Consejo Nacional de Partidarios de la Paz at a dinner held 8/3/53 in the Centro Austuriano and that one TERESA PROENZA was among those conferring with the director of the Instituto de Intercambia Cultural Mexicano-Ruso.

The following public source material was consulted in New York and no background information regarding subject could be located:

"Readers Guide to Periodical Literature" 5/47 to 2/57, reviewed 4/24/58 by SA HENRY P. LATINI.

"Current Biography Yearbook, 1957 and Cumulated Index, 1951-1957", on 4/24/58 by SA LATINI.

"Book Review Digest," 3/48 to 1957, on 4/29/58 by SA LATINI.

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on 4/24/58 by SA LATINI, General Indices, New York Public Library,

Review of New York City telephone directories showed a MARY PROENZA, 232 East 30th Street, NYC, telephone ORegon 9-2792. Attempted pretext telephone calls to that number showed it to have been changed to TR 3-8746 and then discontinued.

On 5/21/58, SA LATINI, utilizing the pretext of an insurance investigator, contacted Mr. ANTHONY VALDA, manager, 232 East 30th Street, NYC. Mr. VALDA stated that he was recently released from the hospital for an abdominal illness. He stated that PROENZA had moved within the past week. He described her as being about 30 years of age and a "dress factory worker". He stated she resided at that address over three years and had lived with an uncle in NYC prior to that ~~4~~ (u)

It appeared from VALDA's information that MARY PROENZA is not identical with subject.

The following informants were contacted as noted but were unable to offer any information regarding subject's identity.

NY 2101-S contacted on 5/21/58 by SA P. A. JOENSEN
 NY 1685-S contacted on 5/13/58 by SA P. A. JOENSEN
 NY 972-S contacted on 5/13/58 by SA J. P. HALLERON
 NY 384-S* contacted on 5/14/58 by SA J. P. HALLERON
 NY 367-S contacted on 5/16/58 by SA J. P. HALLERON
 NY 359-S) contacted on 5/21/58 by SA R. O'MARA
 NY 1991-S contacted on 5/14/58 by SA R. O'MARA
 NY 1889-PSI contacted on 5/20/58 by SA R. O'MARA
 NY 1117-S) contacted on 5/20/58 by SA R. O'MARA
 CSNY 1433-S contacted on 5/13/58 by SA A. D. LEONE
 NY 694-S* contacted on 5/15/58 by SA A. C. BURLINSON
 CSNY 1908-S contacted on 5/16/58 by SA T. F. CONNELLY
 NY 1212-S contacted on 5/12/58 by SA C. W. CAVANAUGH
 NY 1587-S contacted on 5/14/58 by SA C. W. CAVANAUGH
 NY 1177-S contacted on 5/16/58 by SA C. W. CAVANAUGH
 NY 388-S* contacted on 5/12/58 by SA C. D. SHORES

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NY 631-S contacted on 5/20/58 by SA T. P. ROSACK
NY 988-S contacted on 5/15/58 by SA T. P. ROSACK
NY 646-S contacted on 5/2/58 by SA J. A. HAAG
NY 751-S contacted on 5/19/58 by SA J. A. HAAG
NY 559-S contacted on 5/21/58 by SA J. A. HAAG
NY 1000-S contacted on 5/20/58 by SA P. J. NEUMANN

In view of the fact information concerning MARIA TERESA PROENZA emanated from Legats Havana and Mexico, it is suggested that should these Legats establish she is identical with subject that NYO and Bureau be advised. (u)

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