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TITLE OF CASE <b>I. IRVING DAVIDSON</b>	Report made by <b>DONALD HOETING</b>	Typed By: <b>-c.jw</b>
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Synopsis

### REFERENCES

- Bulet to WFO dated 2/20/59.
- New York airtel and letterhead memo to Director dated 3/26/59.
- Bulet to WFO dated 4/29/59.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The information in the report concerning the interview of DAVIDSON by the New York Office was previously reported to the Bureau in New York airtel and letterhead memo dated 3/26/59 captioned "CARIBBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES."

The information obtained from MM 639-S was obtained from him in WDC, while the informant was here with RAFAEL DEL PINO in connection with the CASTRO visit of 4/15-20/59.

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Upon completion of the investigation, WFO will under separate letter request Bureau authority to interview DAVIDSON.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location Of Original Information

WF T-1 is  
WF 568-S\* (S)

WF T-2 is  
WF 984-S\* (S)

WF T-3 is  
MM 639-S (S)

105-30037, serials  
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEADS

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

1. Will attempt to determine the identities of certain "top Cuban" exiles who were represented by DAVIDSON at an unknown immigration office in Florida on 2/10/59. It should be noted that some of BATISTA's family is believed to be living in the Daytona Beach area. (U)
2. Will through sources attempt to determine the "top Cuban" who may have met with DAVIDSON in Florida on 2/13/59, again keeping in mind that some of BATISTA's family is believed to be living in the Daytona Beach area. (U)

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1. Will continue to follow the activities of DAVIDSON through [WF 568-S\*] and [WF 984-S\*] (s)
2. Will report the attempts to locate the bank account for DAVIDSON, or if found, the information contained therein.
3. Will interview Colonel JOHN E. KIEFFER regarding activities on behalf of BATISTA, since KIEFFER was formerly registered agent for BATISTA.

The report is classified confidential as it tends to reveal our investigative interest in the diplomatic establishment of a foreign power, other foreign government officials, and since the data reported could reasonably result in identification of three confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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anti-CASTRO campaign. [WF T-3] advised DEL PINO received substantial assistance from DAVIDSON, including arranging for and paying of pickets utilized in above campaign and possibly meeting "high-level government people." Results of DAVIDSON's registration with Justice Department set forth, including his statements re his business in Cuba. SECRET

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On May 5, 1959, Mrs. ULDA ELDRED, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., made available the registration statement executed by I. IRVING DAVIDSON on November 14, 1958. The statement reflected that DAVIDSON, a Washington, D. C., public relations counsel, with offices formerly at 777 14th Street, NW, now located at 1612 K Street, NW, suite 306, registered with the Justice Department as an agent of the Republic of Nicaragua on April 15, 1955. He also registered with the Department on July 22, 1958, as an agent of the Israeli Military Industry, which is controlled by the Government of Israel. According to the statement, DAVIDSON is still the registered agent for both governments.

On February 9, 1959, WF T-1 advised that DAVIDSON [contacted AVRAHAM SALMON] and said he was to meet some unidentified Cubans whom he referred to as "his friends" in Florida on the night of February 9, 1959. On the morning of February 10, 1959, DAVIDSON was to take the Cubans to immigration authorities in Florida in connection with an asylum problem. DAVIDSON reported that everything was being worked out, even though these people were not allowed to leave the jurisdiction until certain details were completed. (S)

The informant advised that he was unaware of the identities of the Cubans to be represented by DAVIDSON. (u)

On February 13, 1959, WF T-1 advised that DAVIDSON had been in contact with an individual in Florida, whom DAVIDSON referred to as "one of the top Cubans." (u)

The informant again advised that he was unaware of the identity of this top Cuban. (u)

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On March 11, 1959, WF T-1 advised that DAVIDSON was in contact with DREW PEARSON, syndicated news columnist, and that PEARSON planned a two-day visit to the Dominican Republic (DR), with or without invitation. DAVIDSON advised the informant he was going to the DR with PEARSON and that they would see FULGENCIO BATISTA, former president of Cuba, and would attempt to see Generalissimo RAFAEL L. TRUJILLO of the DR. (u)

On March 11, 12, 1959, WF T-2 also advised that DAVIDSON and PEARSON would be visiting the DR to see BATISTA and possibly TRUJILLO. (u)

(S) On March 19, 1959, WF T-1 advised that DAVIDSON contacted AVRAHAM SALMON and stated he had visited "BATISTA, TRUJILLO, and all that gang, and PERON." DAVIDSON described his contacts as "quite an interesting deal." DAVIDSON also mentioned to the informant that he was very much involved in getting the papers of some unidentified people straightened out. However, the informant was not aware as to the identities of the people involved. (u)

On March 20, 1959, DAVIDSON voluntarily advised SA FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN that he had just returned from a trip to the Caribbean area, and that he had accompanied DREW PEARSON on a visit to Puerto Rico, Haiti, and the DR. DAVIDSON stated that while in the DR, he had spoken to former Cuban President, FULGENCIO BATISTA, and ascertained that BATISTA would soon leave the DR for either Spain or Portugal. DAVIDSON indicated that it was his understanding that BATISTA's wife and family would remain in Daytona Beach, Florida, after BATISTA got to Europe, and that eventually BATISTA would be allowed to enter the United States.

(S) On April 3, 1959, WF T-1 advised that DAVIDSON contacted AVRAHAM SALMON and brought to SALMON's attention that he was to be visited by RICEY NEW, whom DAVIDSON described as a top immigration lawyer who does work for BATISTA, and that BATISTA requested that NEW see DAVIDSON regarding a visit to Israel by BATISTA. DAVIDSON made it clear that this was not to be construed as an invitation from the Government of Israel. DAVIDSON advised the informant that he contemplated telling NEW that if BATISTA is allowed to make such a visit, he will (u)

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DEL PINO advised that he was told by his friends to contact DAVIDSON in Washington, D. C., who would know his way around and the right people to see to arrange for the demonstration against CASTRO. However, DEL PINO refused to advise further about his meeting or association with DAVIDSON or his friends in Miami. SECRET

On April 14, 1959, [WF T-3] advised that RAFAEL DEL PINO was in Washington, D. C., organizing an anti-CASTRO publicity campaign to coincide with CASTRO's visit on April 15, 1959, and that DEL PINO is receiving substantial assistance from DAVIDSON.

The informant said DAVIDSON has introduced DEL PINO to a man in New York City who is known to the informant only as DON LUIS (phonetic and last name unknown) who has offered to back DEL PINO financially, both in his present operation and in any future activities. According to the informant, DON LUIS is the person who sent to Washington, D. C., from New York City, a group known as the "Pan American Anti-Communist Association" to demonstrate against CASTRO. The president and representative of this group is PEDRO DE MESONES, who, according to the informant, has held very guarded conversations with DAVIDSON and would be acting in conjunction with him in this matter.

The informant also advised that a man called [LEONARDO] (S) (phonetic and not further identified by the informant) who claimed to be a Nicaraguan and also wore a lapel button which identified him as a vice-consul, also associated with DEL PINO and DAVIDSON in Washington, D. C. He said that [LEONARDO] appeared to be well informed concerning the campaign being conducted by DEL PINO and DAVIDSON. The informant said he did not know the association between DAVIDSON and [LEONARDO] but DAVIDSON gave [LEONARDO] his personal check for \$1400 in order that [LEONARDO] might be able to pay for some anti-CASTRO newspaper advertisements taken out by DAVIDSON. (S)

On April 16, 1959, [WF T-3] advised that DAVIDSON arranged and paid for pickets to be utilized in the anti-CASTRO campaign in Washington, D. C. He said that DAVIDSON arranged for the pickets through FRANK DEBROUSE, Representative, Teamsters Joint Council Number 55, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, Organizing Committee, 401 Third Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

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(u) With regard to AVRAHAM SALMON (S) mentioned above, the "Diplomatic List" published by the United States Department of State, April 1959, lists AVRAHAM SALMON as Economic Counselor, Embassy of Israel. (S)

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