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Havana will promptly advise whether the Air Attache has furnished the information in the enclosure to the appropriate Department of State official at the Embassy and to the Treasury Department representative since the data furnished by the Air Attache appear to be of primary interest to these agencies. If the Air Attache has not furnished these data, you should suggest that he do so.

Evaristo Bencomo mentioned in paragraph 1 a (2) of the enclosure may be identical with Evaristo Bencomo Perez, Havana file 134-41, Miami file 134-164, Bufile 134-4202.

Esteban Ventura, paragraph 1 a (3) of the enclosure, is identical with Esteban Ventura Novo, the subject of a pending investigation of the Miami Office.

J. E. Davidson, paragraph 1 a (8) of the enclosure, may be identical with Irving Davidson who was the subject of a WFO investigation. WFO will endeavor to identify this individual and determine whether he is identical with Irving Davidson.

Miami will identify (FNU) Ward, paragraph 1 a (10) of the enclosure, reportedly a member of the Department of State, Miami, who is allegedly working with Masferrer in the procurement of arms. Miami will submit this information together with the allegation and any available corroboration in a separate letterhead memorandum in a form suitable for dissemination under Ward's caption.

2 - Miami (105-1742) - Enclosures (2)

2 - Washington Field - Enclosures (2)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

1 - 105-New (Arturo Fernandez de Castro)

1 - 97-New (Jack Pearlman)

1 - 2-1423 (Irving Davidson)

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Letter to Legat Havana
Re: Anti-Fidel Castro Activities
(109-584)

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Concerning Arturo Fernandez de Castro who reportedly has data concerning plots against Cuba, paragraph 1 a (16) of the enclosure, Miami refer to its letter 3/29/56 concerning [Eidel Alejandro Castro Ruz and] Juan Manuel Marquez, Miami file 109-25. This letter sets forth information concerning one Arturo Fernandez de Castro who is the uncle of Juan Fernandez de Castro. It is noted that Juan Fernandez de Castro is identical with MM 635-S. You should identify Arturo Fernandez de Castro, determine his activities and whether he is the uncle of MM 635-S. Submit results under the caption of Arturo Fernandez de Castro. (S) (u) [109-539-51] (S) (u)

In view of the indication in paragraph 4 that Jack Pearlman appears to be involved in public relations work with the Government of Cuba, Miami will endeavor to identify him, determine if he is registered with the Registration Section of the Department and whether he is engaged in public relations work for the Government of Cuba. Submit results under Pearlman's caption.

NOTE: Air Attache, U. S. Embassy, Havana, furnished copy of memo setting forth results of meeting with member Cuban Prime Minister's Office. Latter provided data concerning alleged conspiracies against Cuban Government, stating that if some of the individuals involved were apprehended he was certain it would go a long way toward improving U. S.-Cuban relations. Cuban official stated Wallace Shanley, Customs, Miami, was receiving money from Batista and reportedly had list of people conspiring against Cuban Government which he allegedly offered to trade for list of communists in Cuba. Concerning this item, Legat, Havana, noted that the hatred of the July 26th Movement for Customs agents in Miami is again reflected. Legat, Havana, pointed out the hatred might be based on the fact that the Customs agents in Miami confiscated arms destined for the July 26th Movement before the revolution successfully terminated. Cuban official also furnished the names of a number of individuals allegedly involved in arms smuggling for the Dominican Republic, including individuals allegedly connected with Miami P.D.

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