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On July 1, 1962, the following information was furnished by MM 639-S, who is active in Cuban revolutionary activities and who has furnished reliable information in the past: (u)(u)(u)

During the latter part of February, 1962, members of the 30th of November Movement, an anti-CASTRO organization, met in Miami with THEODORE RACOOSIN, who was understood to be President of the International Broadcasting Company, New York City, and Mr. WILLIAM HILLMAN, who was understood to be head of Radio Free Europe. The 30th of November people believed that these men, because of their positions, might be able to assist their organization in obtaining United States Government backing in the way of funds, arms, and training camps. The informant, who was associated with members of the 30th of November Movement at that time, learned that these men did not promise any help to the Cubans they met with, but counselled them to write to the Secretary of State, should they desire any help, or have any complaints. After

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approximately three days in this area, RACOOSIN and HILLMAN departed. Nothing further was heard of or from these men for several months, and their visit appeared to have no significance. ~~(S)~~(U)

Subsequently, on June 22, 1962, RACOOSIN telephoned the informant from New York City and said he intended to come to Miami. He said he wanted to talk with the informant and "the Miami representative of President KENNEDY." He did not further identify "the Miami representative of President KENNEDY." ~~(S)~~(U)

On the same day, June 22, 1962, WILLIAM BAGGS, editor of the "Miami Daily News," telephoned the informant's residence and asked if RACOOSIN was there. The informant was unaware as to why BAGGS thought RACOOSIN might be at his residence, denied he was there, but said he would try to contact RACOOSIN. The informant thereafter telephoned RACOOSIN in New York and asked if it was satisfactory to give BAGGS his phone number in New York. RACOOSIN said this was satisfactory. The informant thereafter called BAGGS back and gave him the number. According to the informant, it was apparent that BAGGS and RACOOSIN, up until this time, had never met. ~~(S)~~(U)

RACOOSIN arrived in Miami on June 29, 1962 and contacted the informant on June 30th, stating that White House representatives, not further identified, had contacted him and asked him to go to Miami and contact President KENNEDY's representative, WILLIAM BAGGS, editor of the "Miami Daily News." ~~(S)~~(U)

RACOOSIN said that the White House doubted that CIA was giving the true picture concerning Cuban matters, and that CIA head MC CONE was responsible for this. ~~(S)~~(U)

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RACOOSIN said White House investigation of CIA operations is being carried on in Miami by WILLIAM BAGGS. RACOOSIN requested informant to contact some anti-CASTRO people in this area, particularly any who had previously participated in CIA operations, and make them available to BAGGS for interview. (S)(u)

On July 1, 1962, at 10:00 a.m., the following individuals met in BAGGS' office:

- THEODORE RACOOSIN
- GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, a soldier of fortune, and a mercenary.
- AGIMIRO FONSECA, a Cuban national [who formerly participated in CIA operations,] who is now operating independently. (S)(u)
- EDDIE BATEZ (phonetic), and
- RAMON FONT, Cubans who formerly participated in [CIA operations,] friends of TONY CUESTA. (S)(u)
- LARRY LA BORDE, a ship captain [previously engaged in CIA operations; later discontinued by CIA for being unreliable.] He is presently planning an independent unauthorized military action against Cuba. (S)(u)
- TONY CUESTA, [who formerly participated in CIA operations and is presently of operational interest to CIA.] (S)(u)
- TONY FARINAS, naturalized U.S. citizen, works in the office of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, who is closely associated with FONSECA.
- MARIO FONTELLA, Cuban national, [formerly of operational interest to CIA.] (S)(u)

Informant advised that, with the exception of RACOOSIN and HEMMING, all of the above-mentioned individuals are known in the Cuban community in Miami to have participated in CIA operations. (S)(u)

BAGGS, along with RALPH MC GILL, editorial writer for the 'Miami Daily News', conducted a group interview of the above persons in BAGGS' office. MM 639-S was also present. (S)(u)

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