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Reference is made to your memorandum of October 7, 1958 regarding the captioned subject, in which you request to be advised as to whether the activities of the subject bring him within the purview of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

The report of Special Agent Robert James Dwyer dated September 23, 1958 advises that the subject has admitted to informant designated as T-1 that he was engaged in revolutionary activities with Cubans in the Miami area. Sturgis stated to T-1 that he was attempting to purchase arms for the Cubans and that he had only two bosses, Fidel Castro and Ricardo Lorie. This informant also advised that the subject attended a meeting in Miami with several Cuban revolutionary leaders at which the purchase of arms was discussed and, according to the informant Sturgis appeared to be in charge of the meeting and did all of the talking concerning the possibility of purchasing arms, prices, quantity of guns available and methods of transportation to be used.

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This same report also advises that Mr. Wallace Shanley, United States Customs Agent, Miami, Florida provided the information that agents of the Customs Bureau conducted a raid on several houses in Miami and confiscated an arms cache belonging to Cuban revolutionaries. He estimated that there were about 50,000 rounds of ammunition, about 250 guns, including six machine guns and 130 rifles, about 10 hand grenades and a quantity of dynamite. Agent Shanley advised that the subject was identified as one of the persons who rented one of the above mentioned houses.

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According to this same report, a confidential source abroad, designated as T-2, advised on July 23, 1958 that the subject was in Cuba in the early part of July, and that the daughter of a boarding house in Santiago where the subject stayed, advised that the subject showed her a

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letter which he said had been given to him by Haydee Santamarina in Miami. On the outside of the envelope was written the name SOYLO. T-2 states that SOYLO is thought to be the alias of the person who is the head of the July 26 action group in Santiago, and that Sturgis actually met with SOYLO for about an hour and a half in Santiago. According to T-2 Haydee Santamarina is an important member of the July 26 movement who spent a year in the Sierra Maestra with Fidel Castro and is now residing in Miami.

T-2 further advised that the subject was arrested in Cuba on July 15, 1958 and at this time he admitted that the purpose of his trip was to deliver an important message to a leader of the July 26 in Santiago. He also admitted on this occasion that he had attempted to transport arms clandestinely into Cuba in April of 1958 by hiding guns and ammunition in a false gasoline tank and other secret compartments in the bottom of a car. He stated that he brought the car over to Cuba via the ferry from Key West. T-2 advises that the subject left this car and the cargo of arms in a garage in Havana and it was later confiscated by Cuban authorities.

Based on the information contained in this report, it is concluded that the subject has acted within the United States as an agent of a foreign principal so as to require his registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. Accordingly, this Division is soliciting the subject's registration under the Act and you will be advised as to the outcome of our efforts in this regard.