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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (134-354) X(U)
RE: [ROBERT ARTHUR WILLIAMS] X(U)
PSI

On 5/5/59, ROBERT ARTHUR WILLIAMS, 4253 N. W. 2nd St., Miami, Fla., came to the Miami Office and reported that he had recently been propositioned by a Cuban who identified himself as J. SERGE BURRELL, of Miami, to conduct certain investigations for the Cuban Air Force Intelligence. WILLIAMS said he is employed as Assistant Collection Manager, Pan American Bank, and that in connection with his duties of recovering automobiles and collecting money borrowed, he has come in contact with many Cuban exiles and revolutionaries in Miami. WILLIAMS, a World War II veteran, stated that he would like to cooperate with the FBI in any way possible, but at the same time did not want to violate any laws of the U. S. X(U)

During the succeeding few days, WILLIAMS advised he had been recontacted by BURRELL and had been introduced to ALONSO HIDALGO BARRIOS, Cuban Consul General, Miami; to Major MARCOS DIAZ LANZ, Inspector and Assistant Chief of the Cuban Air Force (FAR); to Captain FRANK FIORINI, an American, who is presently alleged to be working for the Cuban Air Force; and others. WILLIAMS identified photos of FIORINI and HIDALGO.

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On 5/15/59, WILLIAMS was paid \$35.00 by BURRELL for services rendered in furnishing information concerning a Piper Apache Airplane and pilot, in which Cuban Air Force was interested. (U)

It appears that WILLIAMS has an excellent potential as a PSI. He has furnished the following background information:

Date of Birth	1/14/25, Duryea, Pa.
Parents	Father - Rev. ARTHUR THEODORE WILLIAMS Mother - WINIFRED ROBISON WILLIAMS
Service record	Served in U. S. Air Force, SN 33591588, as tailgunner in 99th Bomb Group; flew 51 missions and honorably discharged in 1945 as Staff Sgt. Prior to his discharge, went AWOL for 97 days as result of wife's refusal to live with him
Employment	1/57 became employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., Miami; 1952 transferred to Ohio Telephone and Telegraph Co., Toledo, O., where engaged in installation and construction work; 1954 became Methodist minister while attending Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. Y., and while residing at Mt. Upton, N. Y., was pastor of Mt. Upton Methodist Church, and Rockdale Community Church. Also served as Chaplain while at Mt. Upton for Sidney Hospital, Americal Legion, and Butternut Lodge 515 of Masons at Gilbertsville, N. Y.; 1957, upon returning Miami, employed by Life and Casualty Insurance Co. of Tenn., for 3 months; 1957 employed by Lenders, Inc., as assistant manager for 2 months; Since 2/58, employed Pan American Bank, Collection Dept., where his immediate supervisor is Mr. HOWARD WALTERS. HOMER SMITH, V. P., Pan American Bank, is his Department Chief.

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Previous residences

Beginning 1952, Genoa, Ohio, while working at Toledo, 509 Main St.; Beginning 1954, Mt. Upton, N. Y., no street address, (close friend of C. I. WADSWORTH, prominent citizen, Upton, N. Y.);

Education

Miami address - 4253 N. W. 2nd St. Attended Lindsey Hopkins Vocational School, beginning 1947, receiving equivalent of high school diploma in 1948;

Beginning 1954, attended Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. Y.;

Beginning 1956 transferred to State Teachers College, Oneonta, N. Y.

Marriages

At the age of 16, married MABEL FETTER of Rineholds, Pa., in May, 1942, at Elkton, Md. Divorced in 1946 or 1947, in Miami. Stated this marriage was a big mistake, that his wife was several years older than he was and in 1946, wife caused him to be arrested in Philadelphia for false charge of beating her father. This charge was dropped and WILLIAMS is not certain whether or not he was fingerprinted and formally charged with any criminal offense.

In 1948, married BETTY (LNU), who was formerly employed by Miami PD and FBI, Miami; divorced in 1948 or 1949, in Miami;

Third and present marriage to ARLA BLANCHE BELL in Miami on 2/25/50. She is graduate of Nyack Bible Institute, Nyack, N. Y. She is employed as medical technician by Dr. LAWRENCE MEDOFF.

Miscellaneous

WILLIAMS has stated he has a private pilots license and frequently rents planes in Miami from Hertz.

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Bureau is requested to check indices and files for any pertinent information relating to ROBERT ARTHUR WILLIAMS. (U)

Albany at Oneonta and Mt. Upton, N. Y., will conduct appropriate investigation to determine WILLIAMS' loyalty, reliability, stability, etc. (U)

Cleveland at Toledo and Genoa, Ohio, will conduct similar investigation requested of Albany.

St. Louis at St. Louis, Mo., will contact DDMPRC, ARC, for all pertinent information relating to WILLIAMS' service record. (U)

Washington Field and the Federal Aviation Agency, will check records pertaining to WILLIAMS' pilot's license, for verification and any other pertinent information relating to his qualifications as a PSI. (U)

Offices receiving copies of this airtel, are requested to expedite investigation requested as WILLIAMS is presently volunteering information to Miami several times a week, and is in a position to be of considerable value to this office in connection with its investigation of revolutionary matters. (U)

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