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The following information is not being submitted in a form suitable for dissemination because disclosure of this information could be detrimental to the best interests of the United States. The enclosed information is being submitted for the guidance of the Bureau, Miami and WFO relative to the above captioned subject matter. (u)

Dr. ERNESTO ARAGON Y GONZALEZ, 233 East 69th Street, New York City, former member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC) and close associate of Dr. JOSE MIRO CARDONA of the CRC, on 7/30/63 advised that he had difficulty in obtaining employment since the disbanding of the CRC in April, 1963, after MIRO CARDONA resigned as President of the CRC. ARAGON stated that in submitting to an interview with two nationally known insurance companies, he had been informed by them in letters stating their reluctance to hire him because he was too closely identified with the KENNEDY Administration and these companies felt that this relationship would be harmful to his employment with the companies. (u)

ARAGON stated that as a result of failure to obtain gainful employment and as a result of the aforementioned letters which he received, he requested and received an interview with Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ARAGON stated that the Attorney General informed him that he would do everything possible in order to assist ARAGON in obtaining some type of employment. (u)

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ARAGON also advised on 7/30/63 that he had taken an examination in Washington, D.C. during the latter part of July, 1963, at the United States Department of State in order to obtain a job from this department as an interpreter and translator. ARAGON advised that he had just received word that he had passed the examination and the the State Department contemplated utilizing his services within the next few weeks. ARAGON also advised that this job as an interpreter and translator for the United States Department of State would entail his travelling with visitors from Latin America to various states and to various universities throughout the United States. ARAGON advised that he would receive a fixed daily amount plus \$20.00 a day expenses for each day he worked for the State Department in the capacity of a translator and interpreter (S)(u)

ARAGON further stated on 7/30/63 that due to his past close association with the Bureau, and his confidence and trust in the Bureau although he had been instructed not to disclose his association, nevertheless, he wanted the Bureau to know that as of 8/1/63 he would be placed on the payroll of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), at the sum of \$300.00 per month plus expenses. ARAGON advised that he had been asked to perform certain assignments for CIA and had been told that he may, at times, have to travel for the agency to meet and interview certain people for them. ARAGON requested that his connection with CIA be held in the strictest of confidence and under no circumstance should the fact that he disclosed this connection be mentioned to CIA. (S)(u)

ARAGON on 9/4/63, was contacted at which time he stated that he already had had one assignment from the State Department to travel with a couple of students from Bolivia who were visiting in Washington, D.C. He also stated that he expected another assignment from them within a week or two. (S)(u)

ARAGON also advised on 9/4/63, that he has made two trips to Toronto, Canada, for CIA in order to contact PATRICIO ESPINER of the Consolidated del Canada, which is a group of (S)



Canadian insurance companies in Cuba whom ESTEVEZ represents. ARAGON stated that he had contacted ESTEVEZ since he knew him from Havana and through ESTEVEZ worked out an arrangement whereby the CIA would be in regular contact with his son, PATRICIO ESTEVEZ JR., who also works for the same insurance firms but who is now living in Toronto, Canada.

ARAGON advised from his various meetings with representatives of the United States Department of State, CIA and the Department of Defense and from contacts among Cuban exile groups, that he is of the opinion that the Anti-CASTRO movement at the present time is back in the same situation it was in prior to the invasion of Cuba in April, 1961. ARAGON advised, that by this statement, he meant that once again the CIA is acting independently of other Governmental Agencies and that their activities at the present time are greatly increased and they report to no one and only advise responsible individuals after a certain mission has been carried out. ARAGON stated once again the United States State Department is confined to matters of a political and economic nature relative to Cuba while the Department of Defense is closely watching any military activity in Cuba.

ARAGON advised that from his own knowledge he is absolutely positive that the following organizations are being completely supported by the CIA:

1. Unidad Revolucionaria - This organization is headed by JOSE P. RODRIGUEZ ESPADA and MARIO SEIGLA. ARAGON stated that this organization, in recent months, has done a tremendous job in getting out a newspaper, booklets and various forms of propaganda which are sent all over Latin America and are printed in both English and Spanish. ARAGON also advised that they have put out a booklet listing the arrivals and departures of all foreign ships to and from Cuba. ARAGON stated that the work done by the organization is very impressive and undoubtedly it has cost a large sum of money which obviously comes from CIA.