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Re: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS

## CONCERNING DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On July 29, 1963, MM T-1, a Federal agency which conducts intelligence investigations, reported having received information from a Cuban exile prominent in politics, who in turn obtained the information from a friend of Antonio Fuentes, who accompanied Carlos Prio Socarras on a trip to the Dominican Republic, that Prio controls a company which is in the process of organizing a crop dusting business in the Dominican Republic. Fernando Prio, nephew of Carlos Prio, is the individual organizing this company, which would actually be a cover for military operations which Prio wants to conduct against Cuba. He plans to build a runway somewhere in the Dominican Republic and to purchase several aircraft from Canada, England, or France. These planes would then be used in bombing forays against Cuba.

MM T-1 also reported that a boat owned by the Babun brothers, wealthy Cuban exiles, has been transferred from Miami to the Dominican Republic and that Prio intended to use this boat to transport men to Cuba. Another boat, docked in the Miami River, is also reportedly being repaired for the same purpose. Costs for repair work are being met by Prio through Orlando Manrique and Raul Garcia.

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On July 16, 1963, MM T-2, a former Cuban business man who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Carlos Prio Socarras

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made a trip to see President Juan Bosch in the Dominican Republic about a week previously. MM T-2 said that Prio reportedly has extensive control over the sugar market and is believed to have pade millions recently in sugar manipulation. Orlando Puente 1s one of Prio's secretaries and is influential in the operation of a Dominican airline known as Aerovias Nacionales Quisqueyanos, which is operated inside the Dominican Republic. MM T-2 believed that Prio has an interest in this airline and that one of the reasons for his visit to the Dominican Republic was to discuss the possibility of obtaining permission for this airline to fly from the Dominican Republic to

MM T-2 recalled that Prio in 1955 or 1956, while exiled in the United States after having been overthrown as President of Cuba by Batista, had a series of talks with Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo, at which time Trujillo agreed to help Prio against Batista if Prio would guarantee that no attacks would be made against the Dominican Republic by individuals controlled by Prio. As a result of this agreement, Prio established a training camp in the Dominican Republic; however, the camp eventually closed down and the Cuban exiles there returned to the United States. At that time Juan Bosch

formerly held a police position during Prio's regime, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Juan Bosch, while exiled in Cuba during Prio's presidency, served as a ghost writer for Prio and performed other confidential services, in return for which he received a "botella" (a paid salary for no official position), For one period of time of three months during Prio's regime, Bosch was a nonpaying guest in the house of prostitution operated by Marina", which was known as