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Investigation in the case entitled CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, FPM - CUBA; NM; RA, Bufile 109-430, has disclosed that CARLOS PRIO has been associating with JANE MARGARET BRITT, an airline hostess for National Air Lines. Information received through Confidential Informant ~~EMM 510-S~~ reflects that this association has undoubtedly reached an intimate stage, and that PRIO frequently calls upon JANE BRITT under clandestine circumstances.

Information received through ~~EMM 512-S~~ reflects that MARISOL ALBA, wife of RICARDO ARTIGAS, who is one of PRIO's leading followers in Miami, has acted as an intermediary for PRIO in arranging secret dates with JANE BRITT.

~~EMM 510-S~~ has learned that PRIO has undoubtedly been in contact with Miss BRITT in New York City on several occasions, and that Miss BRITT made a special trip via National Air Lines to New York City on or about January 17 in order to be with PRIO on occasions there. PRIO returned to Miami from New York City on January 21.

These informants have also learned that PRIO has taken great pains to avoid having his wife, MARY PRIO, acquire any knowledge of his relationship with JANE BRITT.

It appears from information received through ~~EMM 510-S~~ that PRIO has begun to confide in Miss BRITT to some extent inasmuch as she during a recent conversation with him mentioned that she knew he would be extremely busy during the particular time in the near future. This incident has been reported to the Bureau.

On 1/17/54, Mr. DAVID H. AMOS, Personnel Director, National Air Lines, whose identity should be treated strictly confidentially, made available for examination the personnel file on JANE MARGARET BRITT. This file disclosed her social security number to be 464-38-1291. She resides 649 Palmetto

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Drive, Miami Springs. She was born 12/30/30, Englewood, New Jersey. Effective November 1, 1951, she was employed as an airline hostess at \$175.00 per month by National Air Lines. She graduated in 1949 from Galena Park High School, Houston, Texas. From July, 1950 to October, 1951, she was employed as an airline hostess by Trans-Texas Airways, Houston, Texas, at \$190.00 per month; from January, 1950, to June, 1950, by United States Steel Corporation, Houston, Texas, as a receptionist at \$210.00 per month; from June, 1949, to January, 1950, she was employed by General Motors Corporation, Houston, as receptionist at \$185.00 per month.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. ~~ROBERT RAY McKEOWN~~, Houston, Texas.

Her file disclosed she is 5'5" tall, weighs 122 lbs., has blue eyes and his a blond. Mr. AMOS stated that because of her exceptionally attractive appearance, Miss BRITT has been used on occasions by National Air Lines as a hostess at various official receptions.

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Mr. AMOS said that Miss BRITT formerly roomed with JUANITA FERNANDEZ and PATRICIA ANN SANFORD, also National Air Lines hostesses, but that some time ago they split up, and that Miss BRITT now shares a room or apartment with Miss SANFORD. Following this split up, Miss FERNANDEZ reported to Mr. AMOS that she was concerned about Miss BRITT because of the fast company she had begun to associate with. Mr. AMOS said that up to this point he has never had occasion to call Miss BRITT to task for any unbecoming or questionable activity. He said that he had heard that CARLOS PRIO had been seen in the company of some National Air Lines hostesses, and had made several gifts of fur coats. He believed that Miss BRITT may have become acquainted with PRIO through DORA ALEYON, also a National Air Lines hostess who is the only Cuban National employed by this airline. Mr. AMOS said Miss ALEYON is the daughter of a very wealthy Cuban family, has been with National Air Lines since 1949, is extremely well connected in Cuban circles, and has the reputation of having given some rather lavish parties attended by prominent Cubans in Miami.

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Mr. AMOS said he had no reason to question Miss BRITT's loyalty, reliability and integrity. He pointed out, however, that his relationship with Miss BRITT is that of employer-employee, and that he was not intimately acquainted with her.

Records of the Miami Credit Bureau reflect that Miss BRITT previously resided 2106 2nd Street, Galena Park, Texas, and that her mother is Mrs. R. R. McKEOWN. Her credit record contained no derogatory information.

A check of the records of the Miami Beach Police Department, Miami Police Department, Municipal Court, and the Dade County Sheriff's Office failed to disclose any record of Miss BRITT.

The indices of the Miami Office are negative relative to Miss BRITT with the exception of the information contained in the PRIO case which reflects that she is undoubtedly carrying on a clandestine, intimate affair with PRIO. (X)(u)

It is believed that Miss BRITT could undoubtedly furnish information of value concerning PRIO's general activities. In view of the Latin custom of dalliance, it is very doubtful whether PRIO has any deep interest in Miss BRITT, and there have been some indications that he is also playing around with another unidentified woman. Information received through MM 510-S and MM 512-S also does not reflect that Miss BRITT is actually in love with PRIO, but is merely carrying on this affair for other reasons. PRIO is known to be a free spender, and it can be assumed that he has undoubtedly presented her with some rather expensive gifts. (X)(u)

In view of the relationship between PRIO and Miss BRITT, the possibility cannot be ignored that she might advise PRIO of any contact made by this office or through an intermediary for information relating to PRIO. At the same time, however, in view of her position with National Air Lines, and the nature of her relationship with PRIO, it is felt that there is a very good possibility that she would be willing to cooperate with this office in furnishing information concerning PRIO and his immediate plans. (X)(u)

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As the Bureau is aware, this office is presently operating a highly confidential MISUR and TISUR set up with regard to PRIO from a general intelligence standpoint pursuant to Bureau instructions. (X)(u)

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, this office plans to recommend the discontinuance of this MISUR and TISUR set up effective February 10, 1954. Consequently, in order to obtain appropriate intelligence coverage, it will be advisable to increase, if possible, live informant coverage. In view of the fact that PRIO's close associates, with the exception of JANE BRITT, are trusted Cubans who formerly served in the PRIO government, the problem of developing informants within his inner circle has been a very difficult one. (X)

In view of the above circumstances, it is recommended that the Bureau authorize this office to discreetly contact BRITT for the purpose of attempting to develop her as a confidential security informant.

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