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Reference Bureau cable 9/26, Havana cables 9/29, 30, 10/1, 3, and Miami teletype 10/4/58, transmitting information from Legat, Havana.

On September 29, 1958, HAV-25 advised that JOSEPH Cataldo arrived in Havana on National Airlines flight 851 from New York City at 6:45 p.m., September 28, 1958. Source said CATALDO was accompanied by MARTIN H. NEMETZ and that upon arrival at the airport CATALDO and NEMETZ were met by an individual named "RAUL" who identified himself as a "policeman" in the service of RAFAEL DIAZ BALART, a Cuban Congressman. "RAUL" assisted CATALDO and NEMETZ through Cuban customs and drove them in an official 2-way radio car to the Hotel Havana-Riviera in Havana. Source stated that upon arrival at the hotel CATALDO and NEMETZ had difficulty in obtaining accommodations because of a convention at the hotel but that "RAUL" indicated that they were U. S. Senators who had come to Cuba at the invitation of RAFAEL DIAZ BALART and as a result they were furnished accommodations.

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Source informed that "RAUL" then telephonically contacted Cuban Congressman DIAZ BALART and that DIAZ BALART arrived at the hotel at 7:45 p.m., on September 28, 1958. Source advised that DIAZ BALART departed from the hotel at 8:10 p.m., the same date and that at 8:45 p.m., CATALDO was observed to leave the hotel in the official automobile which had been placed at his disposal. Source stated that this automobile was subsequently observed to be parked at the Hotel Havana-Hilton. Source informed that CATALDO returned to the Hotel Havana-Riviera at 12:50 a.m.

HAV-25 noted that because of the official car being utilized by CATALDO, it was virtually impossible to maintain a surveillance on him.

On September 30, 1958, HAV-4 advised that Cuban Congressman RAFAEL DIAZ BALART met and escorted from Rancho Boyeros airport outside of Havana U. S. Representative VICTOR ANFUSO and his wife FRANCES. ANFUSO is a Congressman from the 8th Congressional District of New York. HAV-4 noted that DIAZ BALART had conducted ANFUSO from the airport at 11:30 a.m., on

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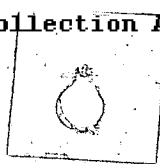
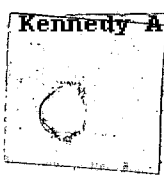
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September 28, 1958, and at that time made inquiry of airport officials concerning JOSEPH CATALDO. HAV-4 stated he believed ANFUSO had arrived in Havana from Tampa, Florida, aboard National Airlines flight 301 using diplomatic passport. (S)(u)

On September 29, 1958, Mr. T. James Ennis, Manager, Hotel Havana-Riviera (conceal), advised that CATALDO and NEMETZ were occupying suites 1814/15 in the hotel having registered on September 28, 1958. Mr. Ennis informed that NEMETZ made a long distance telephone call on September 29, 1958, to "anybody" at SH 3-0425, Long Island. On September 30, 1958, Mr. John Topping, Political Officer, American Embassy, advised that the Embassy was aware of ANFUSO's arrival in Havana, that ANFUSO was a guest of the Cuban Government, and that Cuban Prime Minister GONZALO GUELL intended giving a luncheon for him. (S)(u)

On September 29, 1958, HAV-32 informed that Cuban Congressman RAFAEL DIAZ BALART approximately two weeks before had been engaged in a conference with "The Black Eagle" at the Hotel Nacional in Havana. "The Black Eagle" is HUBERT FAUNTLEROY JULIAN (Bufile 100-347366). (S)(u)

On September 30, 1958, Thomas J. Kelley, Resident Manager, Hotel Nacional, advised that Colonel HUBERT F. JULIAN had resided in room 823 from September 16 to 19, 1958. The reservation for JULIAN was made by Dr. DIAZ BALART. JULIAN furnished an incomplete address of 1630 Sedgewick Avenue, USA. Mr. Kelley stated JULIAN made three telephone calls during his stay at the hotel. The first call was a local call and the number called was not known. The second call was a collect call to "anybody" at Ludlow 3-8730, New York City, made on September 18, 1958. The third call was to Dr. Amadossi, Rome, Italy, telephone 4-87100. This call was placed on September 18, 1958. (S)(u)

On September 29, 1958, John Topping, mentioned above, made available his file concerning RAFAEL LINCOLN DIAZ BALART. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FILE IS CONSIDERED "CONFIDENTIAL." This file contains the following information concerning DIAZ BALART: (S)(u) DEPT. OF STATE INFO ON THIS PG. AND PG. 3 IS NOW DECLASSIFIED PER THE LETTER DTD 1-15-98 (S)(u)

RAFAEL LINCOLN DIAZ BALART Y GUTIERREZ was born in Banes, Cuba, and attended the University of Havana, from which he graduated as a lawyer. He is the son of RAFAEL JOSE DIAZ BALART, who has been a close friend of President FULGENCIO BATISTA since childhood and who was at one time the head of the Retirement Fund of the Shoeworkers Union, a member of the Cuban Cabinet, and an Ambassador without Portfolio. (S)(u)

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RAFAEL LINCOLN DIAZ BALART Y GUTIERREZ in 1953 was President of the Executive Council of the Juventud Acciona Progresita and was a Sub-Secretary of the Ministry of Interior. He was extremely active in 1953 in organizing the Youth Movement in favor of President Batista. Before that time he had been active in opposing the Government of Ramon Grau San Martin. He is reported to have studied in the United States, and one source indicated that he was a Spanish professor at Princeton University prior to his return to Cuba in 1949. He is reported to have founded the Partido Accion Unitaria in Banes together with his father. In 1954, he was elected to the Cuban House of Representatives from the Province of Oriente. He is married to HILDA CABALLERO. He joined the Partido Democrata in December, 1957. (X)(u) *Cuba* (X)

Mr. Topping stated that DIAZ BALART is reputed to be a close friend of ROLANDO MASFERRER and "played footsies with the Communists in his early youth." In this regard, the Embassy file indicates that DIAZ BALART was a signer of the Stockholm Peace Petition and a member of the "Comite Juvenil de Partidarios de la Paz." MASFERRER is a "gangster-type" Cuban Senator. (X)(u)

HAV-4 informed on September 30, 1958, that Congressman DIAZ BALART is generally considered to have a poor reputation and that he is reputed to have engaged in gold smuggling activities in the past. Source noted, however, that the DIAZ BALART family are reported to have a great deal of influence with President BATISTA. (X)(u)

On September 30, 1958, T. James Ennis, mentioned above, advised that MARTIN H. NEMETZ had previously been in Cuba in an attempt to promote a cultural tour of New York teachers in Cuba. Mr. Ennis stated he talked with NEMETZ on September 30, 1958, and NEMETZ indicated he was presently engaged in the promotion of an agricultural project with the Cuban Government. NEMETZ indicated to Mr. Ennis that "two American Congressmen were interested in the same project." (X)(u)

On October 1, 1958, Mr. John Topping, mentioned above, advised that Congressman ANFUSO was residing in room 1814 at the Hotel Havana-Hilton. On October 2, 1958, Assistant Agricultural Attache, James F. Gehr, American Embassy, Havana, advised that as a normal rule any Congressmen coming to Cuba on official business in connection with agricultural affairs inform the Department of Agriculture prior to departing from the United States and then make immediate contact with the Agricultural Attache upon arrival. (X)(u)

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Mr. Gehr stated for this reason he was inclined to doubt if Congressman Anfuso was actually in Cuba on an agricultural matter, since he had not done so and since he was a member of the House Committee on Agriculture. (X)(u)

On October 3, 1958, T. James Ennis advised that JOSEPH CATALDO made a telephone call from the Hotel Havana-Riviera to EN 2-9921, New York City, on October 1, 1958. (X)(u)

HAV-4 advised on October 6, 1958, that JOSEPH CATALDO departed Havana for New York City on October 4, 1958, on National Airlines flight 850. Source advised further that VICTOR ANFUSO departed for New York City on National Airlines flight 850 on October 5, 1958. (X)(u)

On October 7, 1958, HAV-4 informed that investigation indicated that on September 28, 1958, VICTOR ANFUSO and some other individuals had an informal party at the swimming pool at the Hotel Havana-Hilton where ANFUSO was residing. Source said that sometime after 8:30 p.m., two Americans arrived dressed in street clothing and went up to ANFUSO's suite with ANFUSO. Source stated in the hotel these two individuals were referred to as "American Senators" and had been escorted to the hotel in an official car. (X)(u)

Source noted that it had not been possible to positively identify CATALDO as having been one of the individuals who met ANFUSO at the Hotel Hilton since the hotel employees were not able to recall the exact appearance of these individuals. (X)(u)

On October 17, 1958, Mr. T. James Ennis furnished copies of the registration cards completed by CATALDO and NEMETZ during the time they stayed at the Hotel Havana-Riviera. These copies are enclosed for forwarding by the Bureau to the New York office. (X)(u)

Additional inquiry among all sources available to the Havana office has failed to develop further information concerning the purpose of CATALDO's trip to Havana. Further inquiry has failed to establish that SALVATORE GRANELLO, with alias, SOLLY BURNS, was in Havana during the time of CATALDO's stay here. (X)(u) Car bin

Extra copies of this letter have been prepared for forwarding by the Bureau to the New York (92-687), Miami (Information) and Washington Field (Information) offices.

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