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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Will through check of the records of the Department of Justice and Department of State, determine if subject is a registered foreign agent.

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MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will contact RICHARD BOWMAN JAFFE for information as to the activities of subject.
2. Will contact informants with knowledge of Communist Party activities for information re subject.

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3. Will contact ANGEL COFINO, whose 1957 address was 1240 SW 19th Street, Miami, to determine if subject is identical with the ALBERTO LOPEZ described by COFINO in 1957 as the "Recording Secretary" of the Executive Committee of the Directorio Obrero Revolucionario (DOR).

4. Will check records of Cubana Airlines, downtown office, to determine if subject, as ALBERTO LOPEZ, flew from Miami to Havana on July 12, 1959.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will verify subject's birth which was stated by subject as June 12, 1923.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is classified "Confidential" in view of data reported from MM T-1, T-2 and T-5, which could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

An additional copy of this cover page is designated for the Bureau in order that one copy may be designated for the Legat, Havana, along with a copy of instant report, it being noted that subject has admitted making frequent trips to Havana for the alleged purpose of contacting DAVID SALVADOR (CTC) Havana. Cuba

THOMAS ALBERT THOMPSON, ^{F121 Cuba} MM T-1 in enclosed report, advised that he caused AL MANHEIM, MM T-2 in enclosed report, to check the license tag of a 1951 Pontiac operated by "AL MARINO" (subject of this case) and that it was MANHEIM who advised THOMPSON that the license number checked out as issued to one RICARDO PIMENTEL. ^{F121}

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THOMPSON advised on July 20 and 21, 1959 that he is the "American citizen" referred to in the details of enclosed report as the person contacted by subject for the purpose of gathering information for Cuban intelligence in Miami and is passing information from Cuban intelligence to appropriate U. S. Government agencies.

THOMPSON volunteered further on July 20, 1959, to SAs WILLIAM P. KELLY and THOMAS H. ERRION that he advised JUAN MAAS, described by THOMPSON as a career officer in Cuban intelligence, that he, THOMPSON, would be willing to work for Cuban intelligence in Miami, provided that he be paid a weekly salary of \$300.00 and expenses, and that \$100.00 weekly be paid to AL MANHEIM, a contact of THOMPSON's in Miami, and MM T-2 in enclosed report. Fla.

THOMPSON said he made such a proposition to MAAS while THOMPSON and subject were in Havana during mid-July, 1959.

THOMPSON further volunteered that he also insisted that before beginning any work for the Cubans he would register with the U. S. Government as an agent of a foreign government. He stated that MAAS was not receptive to his insistence as to registering, but that MAAS finally reluctantly agreed. THOMPSON stated; however, that no agreement was reached as to the salary to be paid to THOMPSON and MANHEIM.

On July 24, 1959, THOMPSON voluntarily furnished information that ALBERTO LOPEZ stated on July 24, 1959, that RAUL CASTRO, brother of Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO, had reservations at an unknown New York, New York hotel for the night of July 25, 1959.

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According to THOMPSON, LOPEZ made a telephone call on the night of July 24, 1959, to an unknown person in Havana. THOMPSON stated that LOPEZ told him that the person with whom LOPEZ spoke stated that RAUL CASTRO was due to speak or officiate at an unidentified July 26 function in New York City on July 26, 1959. THOMPSON further volunteered that LOPEZ advised him that RAUL CASTRO allegedly refused to travel incognito. THOMPSON stated that LOPEZ said there was a possibility that RAUL CASTRO would stop in Miami, Florida, before going to New York, but that RAUL CASTRO had no plans to leave the plane if it landed at Miami.

AL MANHEIM, MM T-2 in enclosed report, advised on July 12, 1959, that his source concerning information re "AL MORENO" and THOMPSON, was THOMPSON himself (MM T-1 in enclosed report.)

MANHEIM further advised on July 12, 1959, that THOMPSON furnished him with a Florida license tag, number 1-5848, and that according to THOMPSON, the license tag was that of a car operated by a "Cuban contact" of THOMPSON's. MANHEIM advised he checked out the tag number and determined it was registered to one RICARDO P. PIMENTEL, 6830 NW 28th Avenue, Miami, Fla.

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MANHEIM advised on July 13, 1959, that THOMPSON told him that THOMPSON was driven to a meeting in the car bearing the above described tag on the afternoon of July 13, 1959. MANHEIM advised he did not know the address where the meeting occurred but that according to THOMPSON the telephone number at the place where the meeting occurred was FR 1-9529 (Miami.)

The 1958 - 1959 Miami Telephone Directory reflects that FR 1-9529 is listed to Paula's Restaurant, 435 NE 1st Avenue, Miami. This restaurant is owned by

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Miami files reflect no information as to ALBERT MENDEZ, ADALBERTO CINO, or the "Federacion Unida Maritima Latina America Libre."

RICARDO P. PIMENTEL is the subject of Miami file 105-1961.

The initial report in this matter has been delayed due to the Agent to whom this case is assigned being employed on continuing [diplomatic fisur] followed by his extended hospitalization. (S)

RICHARD BOWMAN JAFFE is also a PSI (under development) by the Miami office, as well as the subject of Miami file 105-1785.

ANTHONY ZARBA is a subject in a case currently under investigation by Miami entitled, "MANUEL CALIXTO ROJAS DIAZ, Aka.; ANTONIO ZARBA; ROBERT O. FULLER; ORLANDO IZQUIERDO RAMIREZ, RA - CUBA," Miami file 97-278.

INFORMANTSIdentityLocation of Original Information

MM T-1 is THOMAS ALBERT THOMPSON, former PSI (under development) (by request)

97-277-1;
134-364-Sub A5, Sub A 9,
Sub A 4, Sub A 10, Sub A 7,
Sub A 6.

MM T-2 is AL MANHEIM, former PSI, contacted by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. (by request.)

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MM T-3 is FRANK PEREZ
PEREZ (PSI (under
development) contacted
by SA THOMAS H. ERRION

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MM T-4 is Col. MARIANO
FAGET, former Chief of Bureau
for the Repression of Communism
(BRAC) contacted by SA WILLIAM
P. KELLY (by request.)

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MM T-6 is FRANK BURFORD,
former PSI (under
development) Dispatch
Services, Inc., Miami,
Fla., contacted by SA WILLIAM
P. KELLY (by request).

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MM T-6 is MM 639-S, contacted
by SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER

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Careful consideration has been given to each
source concealed in this report and "T" symbols were utilized
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Fla. { he is former Miami representative of Seamen's International Union, Miami, and presently is unemployed seaman. Subject advised he was approached about 4 months prior to 8/18/59, by RICHARD JAFFE and person identified as ANTHONY ZARBA and reportedly was asked by JAFFE for money to end dropping of anti- FIDEL CASTRO propaganda on Cuba. Subject stated JAFFE later accused him of being a "Cuban Communist." Subject described by Miami representative of Seamens International Union as strictly "no good, irresponsible, and an opportunist," and stated LOPEZ now is possible representative of "Federacion Unida Maritima Latina America Libre" (United Maritime Federation Free Latin America.) MM T-5 advised unable to locate record of subject's flight to or from Havana, 7/59.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received on July 20 and 21, 1959, from MM T-1, who volunteered information on those dates that one "AL MARINO" was in contact with an American citizen during mid-July, 1959, at the restaurant of JOSEPH PAULA, 435 NE 1st Avenue, Miami. MM T-1 stated that "AL MARINO" asked the American citizen if he would be willing to gather information for "the Cubans" in Miami, Florida, and also to pass to appropriate United States Government agencies information furnished by Cuban intelligence.

Joseph M. Paula } Fla. Pa.
Joseph Paula }
JOSEPH MANUEL PAULA is the President of the July 26 Club, Miami, which organization is a part of the July 26 Movement founded by Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO. PAULA was reported as a former Communist Party member in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the 1940's.