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Enclosed are nine copies to the Bureau of a letterhead memorandum and an equal number of letterhead memoranda of evaluation of the informant mentioned therein.

The information in the enclosed letterhead memorandum was furnished by ALBERT OGDEN PIERROT, PSI, Export Sales Representative of Bell Aircraft Corporation, Washington, D. C., to SAs DONALD HOETING and JOSEPH E. SCULLY on 7/5/60. (Identity protected at his request.)

In addition to the information furnished in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, PIERROT advised that for a period of time following the overthrow of the BATISTA government in Cuba, he was in close and frequent contact with PEDRO and MARCOS DIAZ LANZ. These contacts were for the purpose of selling Bell helicopters to the CASTRO government. On one occasion, about two weeks prior to his defection, PEDRO DIAZ LANZ approached PIERROT and advised him of his intention to defect. On his return to the United States, PIERROT immediately contacted CIA and advised them of the plans of PEDRO DIAZ LANZ. That occasion was PIERROT's last contact with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ until that contact mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum. On this occasion, when learning of PEDRO DIAZ LANZ' financial plight, he felt that there was a possibility that PEDRO DIAZ LANZ could be of service to the United States

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Government. With this in mind, he attempted, through friends, to place PEDRO DIAZ LANZ in contact with first, the State Department, and later CIA. The individual he spoke to at the State Department, one WILLIAM WIELAND, made a flat refusal to see DIAZ LANZ. PIERROT's contact at CIA showed a definite lack of interest in DIAZ LANZ. PIERROT is unaware of whether DIAZ LANZ was ultimately contacted by CIA on this occasion.

Also, in regard to the financial needs of PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, PIERROT noted that he has pointed out to his superiors their company's past profitable dealings with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ in his former capacity as a representative of the Cuban government. PIERROT recommended that PEDRO DIAZ LANZ be given a job by the Bell Aircraft Corporation at a nominal salary of about \$300 a month, pointing out that the day could conceivably arrive when Bell Aircraft would again be dealing with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ in the sale of their aircraft. PIERROT advised, however, that he did not have much hope for the adoption of his recommendation.

In regard to the 10-page document mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, WFO will maintain both it and the letter of MARCOS DIAZ LANZ in their files. If Miami has not already received a copy, it is felt that that office can secure a copy from PEDRO DIAZ LANZ.