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# Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation      DATE: November 22, 1960

FROM : *JW* J. Walter Yeagley  
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Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Reference is made to your memoranda of October 7 and 10, 1960, with enclosures, in which you requested to be advised whether the information developed to date indicates a violation of the neutrality statutes within the jurisdiction of the Bureau and warrants further investigation.

We are of the view that the facts surrounding the invasion force which landed in eastern Cuba in early October 1960, indicate a possible violation of the neutrality statutes. You pointed out in your memorandum of October 10, 1960, that Masferrer stated that his boat, which participated in the movement of members of the expeditionary force from the United States to islands in the Bahamas, will continue to make such trips.

Accordingly, it is requested that further investigation be conducted concerning this matter. In this connection, it appears desirable to reinterview William Otis Fuller with respect to the information set out in your memorandum of October 10, 1960, to the Department of State. Specifically, we are desirous of ascertaining the basis of Fuller's statements concerning the invasion force which left Miami on about September 26, 1960. We are particularly interested in acquiring any information in his possession concerning his statement that Masferrer was active in the organization of this invasion.

Furthermore, it appears desirable to reinterview Paul Joseph Hughes and Frank Joseph Williams, who are also mentioned in your memorandum of October 10, 1960, to the Department of State and were actual participants in the invasion, concerning the following:

- (1) Whether the members of the invasion force were organized in the United States with knowledge that they were to embark on a military expedition against Cuba on September 26, 1960.

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- (2) Whether they knew if any arms or military equipment were carried on the boats "Sunsport" and "Aladino" at the time these boats departed Miami on September 26, 1960.
- (3) Any further information in their possession concerning the purchase for this expedition of arms and ammunition at the Tamiami Gun Shop or other places in Miami.
- (4) Any information concerning Masferrer's participation in the organization of the invasion force which departed Miami on September 26, 1960.

In addition, we would appreciate your conducting such other investigation as you may in the circumstances deem appropriate.