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Re Madrid letter May 8, 1958.

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Attached are copies of Havana Embassy Despatch 747 dated May 31, 1957, containing biographical information concerning the subject.

Mr. JOHN TOPPING, Head of the Political Section of the Embassy, stated he agrees with the Madrid Legal Attache's opinion that "MAX FERRER" mentioned by Lt. Colonel EMILIO DELGADO is probably identical with the subject inasmuch as backgrounds of both individuals are so similar.

Elaborating on the enclosed despatch, Mr. TOPPING stated that while in Spain subject was the Assistant to ANDRE MARTI, famous French communist who took part in the Spanish Civil War. Mr. TOPPING stated that the subject is very strongly nationalistic and is considered close to GRAU SAN MARTIN and to a lesser extent friendly with CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. Concerning subject's communist feelings, Mr. TOPPING said it has been the opinion of the Embassy political reporters that subject is more of a pure communist than the present leaders of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party), that he was pro-Browder, and that he probably has not changed his views on communism.

Mr. TOPPING added that subject is best described as a bandit and gangster and that he has a private army of between 300 and 500 men composed of hoodlums who carry out kidnapings, blackmail, and robberies uncontrolled. They are armed and clothed by the Cuban military at the orders of BATISTA. About one year ago, according to Mr. TOPPING, the subject sent 40 men dressed as ordinary recruits to join CASTRO's forces in the mountains, ostensibly as partisans but

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