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Re Miami tel 4/29/59, Bureau radiogram 4/15/59 and Bureau letter 5/1/59.

Bureau letter May 1, 1959, instructed Miami to identify two Americans mentioned; activities of the group in the U. S., identities of those participating in this country and to corroborate information furnished by BENITEZ.

Concerning the identities of the two Americans, Miami Office is attempting to obtain this information.

Concerning the specific identities of those participating in this country, it is noted that of the persons mentioned in Miami teletype 4/29/59, all are living outside of the U. S. except ROLANDO MASFERRER.

Concerning developing other sources and informants to corroborate information furnished by BENITEZ, the Miami Office has the following other independent sources reporting on MASFERRER's activities:

1. RICHARD JAFFE, who is heading a propaganda movement for MASFERRER and who is with MASFERRER constantly.

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2. FRANK PEREZ PEREZ, who is closely associated with MASFERRER and with him constantly.
3. MM 639-S, who is now contacting MASFERRER and who has associates in contact with MASFERRER. *(u)*
4. JOE MEROLA, who is now in contact and associating with MASFERRER.

In addition to the above, MASFERRER was interviewed by the Miami Office on April 28, 1959, at which time he ostensibly confirmed information furnished by BENITEZ.

Miami has interviewed ORLANDO PIEDRA, former Chief of the Bureau of Investigation, presently residing in exile at Fort Lauderdale, who disclaimed any association with MASFERRER.

Colonel MARIANO FAGET, former Head of the Bureau for Repression of Communist Activity of Cuba, disclaimed any revolutionary association with MASFERRER.

FAGET is reportedly associated with JULIO LAURENT, former Head of the Cuban Bureau of Naval Intelligence. They allegedly are cooperating with representatives of the Dominican Republic to obtain arms for anti-CASTRO Cuban rebels in the Dominican Republic.

New York sources report that General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, former Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army, residing West Palm Beach, Florida, is engaged in anti-CASTRO activity, but is not cooperating with anti-CASTRO Cubans in Miami.