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Re: Travel to Florida of an Agent for
the Soviets in Bogota to Report
on Cuban Exile Activities

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NOTE:

CIA previously advised that a Cuban journalist residing in Colombia would travel to Miami to attend meeting of anti-Castro group. This journalist was described as an informant of the Soviets in Colombia who had been instructed to give them a detailed report on the aforementioned anti-Castro group and to compile a complete study of all anti-Castro organizations in Miami and their activities. CIA also advised that one of its representatives planned to meet the Cuban journalist and debrief him on the information he had acquired and intended to furnish the Soviets in Colombia. CIA requested our concurrence in this activity which was granted and since the journalist was to obtain information concerning Cuban exiles and their activities, we asked CIA to give us a summary of the information he acquired. CIA has now done this.

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1. Reference is made to our CIR-316/00990-74 dated 17 April 1974 and to your reply of 11 July 1974.

2. [Carlos Miguel KASSEL (also known as GACEL) Castro] (S) was in Miami, Florida from 11 August to 29 August 1974.

3. (S) [KASSEL]s natural cover for his stay in Miami and contacts with Cuban exiles was that of "Asistente Internacional" to the Union de Trabajadores de Colombia (UTC) and "Jefe de Redaccion" of "Justicia Social" published by the UTC in Bogota. Since the UTC is sympathetic to and supports some Cuban exile groups, (S) [KASSEL] feels his visit to and expenses in Miami can be fully justified within the context of his functions as a UTC official.

4. The following were [KASSEL]s (S) main contacts in the Miami area:

A. Ignacio LEDON Iglesias, former Miami area committee Secretary for Propaganda of the Partido Revolucionario del Pueblo (PRP), left-winger, friend of Mario RIVADULLA (see below)

B. Mario RIVADULLA, PRP official and radio personality in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. RIVADULLA arrived in Miami from Santo Domingo on 14 August.

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C. Ramiro de LA FE, brother of Ernesto de LA FE who had been recently released from jail in Cuba.

D. Rolando MASFERRER, Editor of "Libertad."

E. Alberto DIAZ Masvidal, Editor of "Miami Extra."

F. Max LESNIK, Editor of "Replica."

G. Vicente RUBIERA, leader of Telephone Workers Trade Union in Miami.

H. Santiago REY Pernas, former Cuban Minister of Interior.

I. Alberto del RIO Chaviano, former Brig. General in the Cuban Army.

5. Following are highlights of [KASSEL]^(S)'s report for our representative who met him in Miami:

A. The Partido Revolucionario del Pueblo (PRP) has ceased to exist for all practical purposes. According to Ignacio LEDON, responsibility for the disintegration of the PRP falls on its leader Antonio SANTIAGO, whom [KASSEL]^(S) describes as a "farsante."

B. Mario RIVADULLA, a member of the PRP Executive Committee who now lives in Santo Domingo, told [KASSEL]^(S) that it is impossible to organize a political movement in exile which would be capable of influencing in any way the development of events in Cuba. RIVADULLA now believes that there is no alternative but to await a spontaneous change of events in Cuba and a possible overthrow or assassination of Castro by the military.

C. [KASSEL]^(S) attended a meeting of about 15 persons on 16 August presided over by Rolando MASFERRER, Director of the weekly "Libertad." MASFERRER told the participants that they should begin firing practice on a Florida farm to prepare themselves for action against Cuba before November, because he (MASFERRER) is sure that Castro will be overthrown by that time. MASFERRER pointed out that U.S. Security and

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Intelligence Services are aware of his plans and that he has no difficulty in their implementation. Participants at the meeting were then asked to contribute funds for the purchase of weapons; the total cash raised exceeded \$1,000.00.

(S) [KASSEL] commented that it is his impression that the funds raised were intended for MASFERRER's personal use rather than the purchase of weapons.

D. (S) [KASSEL] discussed with Ramiro de LA FE the possibility of founding a conspiratorial and secret political movement to create a mechanism of penetrating Cuba for the purpose of contributing to conditions which would result in a military coup against Castro. The movement would be headed "in absentia" by Ernesto de LA FE, who had been released from prison in Cuba two months ago. The decision to launch this movement was made on 25 August in the apartment of Ramiro de LA FE. Present at that time, in addition to (S) [KASSEL] and Ramiro de LA FE, were Armando MEDINA, Manuel CAVEDAS and Miguel A. ZERQUEIRA (Cubans) and Juan LOPEZ (naturalized American). The new movement was named Movimiento Independente Radical de Cuba (MIRC) and Ramiro de LA FE was named its temporary leader until such time as Ernesto de LA FE can leave Cuba. The MIRC will seek contact with Cuban armed forces to launch a coup against Castro and it will also seek contact with anti-Communist groups in Brazil and with the government of Chile. Ramiro de LA FE claimed already to have contact with Patricia BERDUGO, a Chilean supposedly working for the Chilean Intelligence Service in Miami. During the meeting, Armando MEDINA said that he had once worked for CIA and that he participated in an attack on a Spanish merchant vessel which was mistaken for the Sierra Maestra of the Cuban Merchant Fleet. (S) [KASSEL] was named the Editor of the MIRC Manifesto, which will be published in the Latin American press on 10 October.

E. (S) [KASSEL] met with Alberto DIAZ Masvidal, Editor-in-Chief of "Miami Extra," and offered his services as an unpaid contributor of articles from Bogota. The offer was accepted.

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