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ReBulet 9/4/59, and enclosure thereto. (U)

Relet advised that information had been received from a confidential source abroad from its Jamaica Office indicating that the Directorio Revolucionario (DR) had been revived and was operating in the Miami area and that ROLANDO MASFERRER and his brother, "General MASFERRER," were two leading members of the new Directorio Revolucionario (DR). The source also set out names of individuals in the Miami area believed to be active in the "gun running and other crooked deals." (U)

With regard to the above, on 9/9/59, and 12/11/59, RICHARD BOWMAN JAFFE, PSI, under development, Miami, (protect) who is close associate of ROLANDO MASFERRER and is looked upon by MASFERRER as his pilot, advised that there is no connection between MASFERRER and the DR and he had no information that the DR had been reactivated. (U)

On 9/17/59, MASFERRER, while being interviewed on another matter, advised that he was in no way connected with the DR. He stated that as far as he knew he was never referred to as "General." (U)

On 9/29/59, WALLACE D. SHANLEY, U. S. Customs, Miami, stated that the DR was not reactivated in Miami. SHANLEY was active in the investigation of exportation of arms and ammunition by the DR in 1958. (U)

On 9/9/59, ANTHONY ALFRED CRASWELLER, Security Liaison Officer, British Government, BWI, while calling at

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the Miami Office, advised that he was in contact with the Security Officers in the BWI and although not positive, felt that the source of the information concerning the DR was probably CARL STEWART, a Hungarian born Canadian citizen who had reportedly done undercover work for MAURICE HILL, Nassau, Security and Police officer, and had also done some work for U. S. Customs in 1958 in the Miami area. CRASWELLER said that he had no information re the DR. (u)

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On 9/17/59, CARL STEWART appeared voluntarily at the Miami Office and advised that he had furnished information to U. S. Customs, Miami, concerning activities of the DR in 1958 and that he, STEWART, had been given a membership card in the DR by LUIS BLANCA (DR-delegate abroad 1958).. STEWART stated that he helped Customs with understanding on his part at least that his relatives in Israel would be assisted to enter this country. After working awhile he found that he had been mistaken in his assumption. He stated that he was unable to get along with Customs and went to Nassau area where he worked for MAURICE HILL (above mentioned) who is arranging for help for STEWART's relatives to enter Nassau area. STEWART stated that he had furnished considerable information to HILL about activities which were probably going on in Miami area. However, when he was specifically questioned for details, names, places, etc., as to what was "going on" he was unable to produce. (u)

In this respect it should be noted that SHANLEY advised that STEWART had begun to furnish them with information in 1958 but was not susceptible to direction and in SHANLEY's opinion did not furnish complete information concerning the matters in question and when asked for specific instances to back up information became vague on names of people and exact times, although he did cooperate with Customs for awhile (u)

It was SHANLEY's confidential opinion that STEWART only reported to any authority in order to protect himself and

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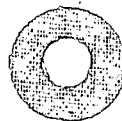
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in Miami who is known to Customs and who is not involved in any illegal activities, according to SHANLEY.

SHANLEY stated confidentially that KEITH HEATON is furnishing information to U. S. Customs on matters of interest to that agency.

LEM POMEROY is personally known to SA CHARLES W. EDMISTON of the Miami Office, and is not known to be engaged in any illegal activities.

The Miami Office has pending cases on ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS (Miami file 2-156) and PRUDENCIO DUENAS ROBERT (Miami file 105-2027) IS-CUBA, and their activities are being reported under those titles.

On 9/29/59, FRANK PEREZ PEREZ (protect), 1044 NW 2nd Street, Miami, who has furnished some reliable information in the past and who is in contact with MASFERRER, stated that he knows of no reactivation of the DR, MASFERRER is not connected with the DR and MASFERRER is not referred to as General. (S)

On 12/3/59, MM 639-S advised that he has no information which would indicate that the DR has become reactivated in Miami. (S)

The Miami Office has received no information which would indicate that the DR has become active in the Miami area at any time since the fall of BATISTA on 1/1/59.

It is pointed out that on occasion individuals who mention the Dominican Republic refer to it as the "DR." It is possible that one set of initials could be confused with the other giving rise for example to mistaken impression that the Directorio Revolucionario was behind the attempted exportation of arms in May, 1959, in which individuals connected with the Dominican Republic were arrested in Miami attempting to fly arms out of the U. S. illegally.

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