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RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

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Reference is made to your communication dated October 5, 1959, your number S/9533, captioned "Cuban Revolutionary Activities," with enclosure. The enclosure was captioned "Anti-Castro Activities in Florida." (S)

In the cover letter to the referenced communication you indicated that we knew General Pedraza, and that we had already interviewed him. (S) For your information we have not interviewed Pedraza although we are cognizant of his activities and the fact that he is the leader of the anti-Castro forces in the Dominican Republic.

You indicated in paragraph 2 of the enclosure that General Pedraza was in Miami on August 28, 1959. (S) For your information we have no indication that Pedraza was in the United States or that any such meeting as indicated was held for the purpose of achieving unity.

With reference to the statement in paragraph 3 of the enclosure that Pedraza was elected head of the joint anti-Castro organization and future provisional president of Cuba. (S) It is noted that the majority of anti-Castro leaders in Miami state that Pedraza is the military leader of the anti-Castro movement and that Emilio Munez Portuondo, former Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations, is the political leader of the movement and considered the future provisional president of Cuba.

With reference to the statement in paragraph 5 of the enclosure to the effect that Francisco Rodriguez Couceiro organization had the support of U. S. senators and that his organization was unwilling to work with Orlando Piedra and others. (S) It is noted that Rodriguez Couceiro has advised that he has contacted U. S. Government officials in Washington, D. C., for support, but that nothing had been promised him. He has also indicated that his organization would not unite with other anti-Castro organizations and more specifically not with Piedra, Esteban Ventura and Masferrer.

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With reference to the statement in paragraph 6 of the enclosure that Rodriguez Couceiro indicated that his organization already had some armored cars and about 15 fighter planes, it is noted that a former official of the Crusade of Revolutionaries Against Communism (CRAC), an anti-Castro organization, has advised that it needs \$15,000 to purchase arms and disseminate propaganda. Rodriguez Couceiro has advised that CRAC had purchased machine guns from Israel and that they were stored in a warehouse in New York City. (S) An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is in touch with Rodriguez Couceiro stated it was very doubtful that Rodriguez Couceiro had any planes or armored cars in or outside of the United States inasmuch as CRAC was seriously lacking in financial backing.

With reference to the information in paragraph 7 of the enclosure that a meeting took place in a house on 13th Avenue, Miami (S) it is noted that Rodriguez Couceiro resides at 1325 Southwest 13th Avenue, Miami.

With reference to the information in paragraph 8 of the enclosure to the effect that an anti-Castro organization owns a 120-foot patrol boat based in Miami and transmits anti-Castro broadcasts to Cuba (S) it is noted that on January 1, 1959, a Batista exile arrived in Miami with Rolando Masferrer aboard a 63-foot converted air-sea rescue vessel named "Olo Kun II." The Batista exile later sold this vessel to a representative of CRAC who renamed the vessel "Aladino." CRAC tried to broadcast propaganda to Cuba with radio equipment on this vessel but had technical difficulty. The broadcasts were unsuccessful and further efforts were discontinued.

The above is for your information.

NOTE: [Stott] furnished lengthy report on anti-Castro activities. (S) We furnished report to Miami. Miami submitted its comments on highlights of data which we are furnishing [Stott] (S) Classified "Secret" since memo contains data classified "Secret" by [Stott]. (S)

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