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(CREATION OF NEW POLITICAL GROUP OF
PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS MEN IN VENEZUELA)

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Transmitted herewith are eleven copies of
a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as
above.

MM T-1 is former HAV-4, resident of Venezuela,
President of Pan American Protective Association. The
Bureau is familiar with the history, reliability and
loyalty of this informant. (u)

He had set up a branch company of his
Detective and Armored Car Service in Venezuela in
1958, prior to the fall of BATISTA in Cuba. He made

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monthly trips from Cuba to Venezuela in 1959 and fled Cuba in about April, 1960, when CASTRO sought his arrest. (u)

He came to the United States just in time to join the invasive forces in March, 1961, but the attempted invasion of Cuba failed before his boat arrived at the Bay of the Pigs, Cuba. He then returned to Venezuela, and stated that with or without pay, he would help the FBI whenever and wherever possible. (u)

The enclosed memorandum is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" as its contents have not been released to anyone up to this point, and in order not to jeopardize sources of continuing value. (u)

Former HAV-4 told his Venezuelan business associates and friends that the FBI has no jurisdiction in Venezuela, whereas CIA does. However, the group declared they have no confidence in CIA, and will not deal with them or the United States Embassy because of lack of confidence. (u)

The group wants to send one or two men to Miami, for instructions on how to combat Communism effectively. HAV-4 was told we could give no help on this problem. He stated he had thought as much, and if we were unable to actually instruct, one or two top men of the organization would like to simply know that they would be welcome in the Miami Office on a short visit to furnish data and discuss problems of mutual interest. (u)

HAV-4 was told by Supervisor HOWARD R. ALBAUGH and SA EDWIN L. SWEET that the Bureau would welcome a visit to the Miami Office of any Venezuelan (u)

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officers, or knowledgeable Venezuelan business men, friends of former HAV-4, and would accept any information they cared to offer; however, we could not request that they make such a visit, or engage in any activities on our behalf, nor could we give them any advice. (S)(U)

HAV-4 stated he would not be one of the visitors in the event anyone does come, as he has to be careful not to be classified as too much of a "Yankee lover," or attempting to control or direct the group's activities. He stated he only offered to act on this one occasion as a go-between for the group, and otherwise remains outside the group. In this way, he appears to the group as impartial, and so far, is consulted by all sides in this group whose ideas might conflict. (S)(U)

HAV-4 stated at first that the enclosed material was not for dissemination to anyone outside the Bureau. He said, however, prior to departure from Miami, that he would place no restrictions on the Bureau's good judgment in deciding what, if any, portion of this data should be disseminated. He preferred that none of it get back to Venezuela, and stated his entree to the group, and general prestige in Venezuela will be seriously impaired if members of the American Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela begin to discuss this organization with Venezuelans, as its very existence is a closely guarded secret at this time. (S)(U)

Whether this unnamed organization ever becomes a real factor in the political life of Venezuela and Latin America remains to be seen, but at least it is a remarkably unique organization, and the Bureau has, through the enclosed memorandum, a complete description. (S)(U)

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of its structure, organization, and aims, which are data not even available to the Venezuelan Government, insofar as is known. ~~(S)~~(U)

Former HAV-4 furnished the following names of the leaders of the group, and stipulated before revealing them that they are not for release outside the Bureau:

1. ~~EDUARDO ROLANDO~~ - Comision de Fomento, (a Government Committee to Develop Economy)
2. ~~LUIS ENRIQUE NUNEZ~~ - Aceite Branca (oils), Banco de la Republica, lawyer, officer of these companies.
3. ~~CARLOS RANGEL~~, Moderator, head of Press.
4. Dr. ~~FRANCISCO JOSE HERRERA LUQUE~~, psychiatrist, Central University of Venezuela.
5. ~~GEORGE MALDONADO B.~~, former U.S. citizen, Director, First National City Bank.

The group is organizing in Peru, Ecuador, and Nicaragua at this time. The Cuban delegation, very small, is represented by ~~LEON MIR~~, ~~CARLOS M. BARRETO~~, and Dr. ~~ROBERTO VILLA~~. ~~(S)~~(U)

As the Bureau is aware, former HAV-4 is a long time personal friend of Legal Attache CLARK D. ANDERSON. He suggested it would be feasible to meet, on a very discreet basis, a representative from the Legal Attache's Office, Mexico City, in Venezuela, and furnish him data, or place him in contact with any leader of the group he might desire to meet personally. HAV-4 was told this suggestion would also be submitted to the Bureau for consideration. ~~(S)~~(U)

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Former HAV-4 visited SA EDWIN L. SWEET on Easter Sunday, April 22, 23, and on April 24, 1962, he met with SAs JOHN R. BARRON and EDWIN L. SWEET. He paid a brief visit to the Miami Office, where he met SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP, and discussed Venezuelan matters with Supervisor HOWARD R. ALBAUGH. He returned to Venezuela on April 25, 1962. (S)(u)

Translations from the Spanish were made by Miami Translator ELEANORE M. SCHOENBERGER.

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