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RE: LAZARO EDDY ESPINOSA BONET 201-816438
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On June 10, 1969, a Cuban refugee, who has previously admitted his recruitment by the Cuban Intelligence Service (CIS), furnished the following information:

Source's former CIS principal was JESUS JIMENEZ ESCOBAR, former First Secretary of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (COMUN), New York City. JESUS JIMENEZ ESCOBAR departed the United States in February, 1969, after having been declared persona non grata for activities exceeding the scope of his accreditation to the United Nations.

Following JIMENEZ's departure from the United States, source received a number of telephone calls at Miami from an individual who said he was in New York and who identified himself, through a pre-arranged code, as the replacement for JIMENEZ. The caller refused to furnish his name to the source during the telephone conversations.

On May 30, 1969, the source received a telephone call from the individual in New York. The caller instructed source to fly to New York on June 4, 1969, and meet with the caller at 2:00 P.M., on that date, at the corner of 233rd Street and Broadway, Bronx, New York. The caller gave the source the alternate date of June 6, 1969, at the same time. The caller told the source that he would

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recognize him and that he had sent money to the source to purchase his ticket for the trip.

On June 2, 1969, source advised he received by mail on that date a letter postmarked in New York, which contained three American Express Company Money Orders, dated May 31, 1969, payable to him, in the amount of \$250.00.

Source traveled to New York City on June 4, 1969, aboard Flight #406, Eastern Airlines. He appeared at the designated meet site at 2:00 P.M., on June 4, 1969, but was not approached by anyone. He remained in New York until June 6, 1969, and again went to the meet site on that date, arriving at approximately 2:00 P.M. He was met personally at that time by an individual whom source subsequently identified from photographs as LAZARO EDDY ESPINOSA BONET.

As of June 6, 1969, ESPINOSA BONET was Third Secretary, CMUN, New York City.

During the meeting, ESPINOSA identified himself to the source only as "ESTEBAN".

ESPINOSA had previously requested the source by telephone to attempt to travel to Cuba to receive unspecified training. During the meeting on June 6, 1969, ESPINOSA instructed source to obtain a boat for clandestine travel to Cuba where he would be trained for a period of four to six days in the use of eavesdropping equipment. ESPINOSA indicated that following this training, the source would return to Miami where he would be engaged in an attempt to monitor the conversations of President RICHARD M. NIXON at his Key Biscayne residence. ESPINOSA gave no further details as to how this was to be accomplished.

ESPINOSA instructed the source to send a telegram to Cuba, utilizing a previously furnished code, to advise if source was successful in obtaining a boat for the trip.

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During the meeting, ESPINOSA questioned the source carefully regarding possible United States Government interest in him and instructed him that if the FBI should become aware of his activities on behalf of CIS, source should hijack an airplane to Havana, Cuba.

During the meeting the source noted that ESPINOSA was armed with a pistol which was concealed inside the belt of his trousers.

ESPINOSA asked source about the persons listed below, and the source furnished him the indicated reply: *4*

4 ✓ PEDRO LOPEZ *of interest to subject of 201-816438*

Source said that he knows nothing concerning the present activities of LOPEZ except that he is still engaged in the jewelry business and is still interested in getting his father out of Cuba.

4 ✓ FRANK CONDOM

ESPINOSA requested the current residence address of CONDOM. Source told him that he did not know the residence address but did tell him that CONDOM is associated with EDGARDO BUTTARI in the jewelry business in Miami. He said he did not know the jewelry store address. ESPINOSA remarked that should CASTRO be overthrown, BUTTARI would be the next President of Cuba in his opinion.

VILLAFANA

Source reported that he had not heard of VILLAFANA for several months but believed he was still in Latin America somewhere. ESPINOSA rebuked him for not knowing about VILLAFANA and said he must keep close tabs on him.

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✓ LUIS POZADA

Source said he knew POZADA and believed that he was in Venezuela but had not seen him for a long time.

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✓ FELIPE TORRES

Source reported that to the best of his knowledge, TORRES is not working for CIA. He told him TORRES is always planning boat trips to Cuba but he believes that such trips are strictly a personal thing of TORRES.

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ROBERTO PARSONS
JULIO CRUZ
X JOSE BENITO CLARK 201-281265
PEDRO DIAZ

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Source said that nothing concerning these four individuals has changed since he last gave information concerning them to JIMENEZ.

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MANUEL ARTIME 201-267437

ESPINOSA instructed source to maintain contact with ARTIME and keep him apprised of his activities.

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JUAN PEREZ

Source told ESPINOSA that PEREZ formerly was employed by CIA but that now he is merely working in the Miami area as a fisherman. Source said PEREZ makes frequent trips to Cuba but he did not tell ESPINOSA this.

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JUAN SAJEDA

Source told ESPINOSA that SAJEDA was in the Dade County Prison at the present time.

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TOBITA CORDERO

Source reported only that he knew CORDERO was still working as a mechanic in Miami and knew nothing concerning his present activities.

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LORENZO ABAY

Source reported that ABAY formerly worked for CIA but does not know of his present activities.

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DIONISIO PASTRANO 201-311140

Source reported that he believed PASTRANO to be living in New York at the present time.

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JORGE MAS CANOSA
201-297817

ESPINOSA asked source if MAS had anything to do with sending recent Cuban exile groups to Cuba and particularly whether he was doing it on his own or whether he had CIA's sanction to do so. Source told ESPINOSA that he believed MAS was involved in the trips but he did not believe that he had any connection with CIA in this matter.

ESPINOSA HAS BEEN REPORTED TO CARRY A GUN CONCEALED IN THE BELT OF HIS TROUSERS.

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