

CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

~~SECRET~~

Memorandum

FOI/PA # 21,498

APPEAL #

CIVIL ACT. #

E.C. # 10,386

DATE 05/15/70 INITIALS

U.S. C.A. Class. Fund per CIA

Letter 7/10/70

DATE:

MAY 15 1970

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-148358)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-10853) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE Y AJURIA, aka APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
IS - CUBA AND FIELD OFFICES
(OO: Miami) ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF *Class/Plg*
DATE *11/24*

Re Miami letter with enclosures, 3-25-70.

Enclosed are ten copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being disseminated locally to the following Federal agencies:

- 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Miami
- 1 - WISO, Charleston, S.C.
- 1 - 111th M.I. Group, Orlando, Florida
- 1 - Cuban Affairs (State Department), Miami
- (b3) [REDACTED]
- 1 - U.S. Coast Guard, Miami
- 1 - U.S. Border Patrol, Miami
- 1 - U.S. Customs, Miami
- 1 - U.S. Customs, Region II, Miami
- 1 - INS, Miami
- 1 - OSI, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

(b1)

(b7c)

3-Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)

1-New Orleans (105-36137) (Enc. 1) (RM) (info)

1-Miami

al

(4)

105-3613-17

INDEXED
SERIALIZED
FILED
MAY 18 1970
FBI - NEW ORLEANS

(b7c)

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP6 BJA/pms
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 9
DATE OF REVIEW 3/15/90

R-598
527

~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD
OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP
ON 9/30/90 oms

54-255

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

MM 105-10853

(4) / [REDACTED]

An information copy of enclosed LHM is being designated for the New Orleans Office inasmuch as there has been investigation of the subject by that Division.

2.

~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

R-598
528

54-256



~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-10853

Miami, Florida

MAY 15 1970

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF *Class/Dre*
DATE *11/29/82*

RE: JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE Y AJURIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE Y AJURIA, a
naturalized United States citizen, living in Coral
Gables, Florida, has been working with Cuban exiles
in Miami to form a political unity group.

referred

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b-1) [REDACTED]

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

Group 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

9/30/81
CLASS. & EXT. BY SP6BJA/oms
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2,3
DATE OF REVIEW 5/15/90

105-3613-16

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 18 1970	
FBI - NEW ORLEANS	

(b7c) [REDACTED]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD
OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP
ON 9/30/81 oms

54257

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

RE: JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE Y AJURIA

(b-1) [REDACTED]

(b-1) [REDACTED]
(b7c) [REDACTED]
(b7d) [REDACTED]

It is noted that EULOGIO AMADO CANTILLO PORRAS, born September 13, 1911, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, was in the Cuban Army from 1933 to 1959. In 1959, as the Commanding General, he turned over the Cuban Army to FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, and was confined to the Isle of Pines prison and released in 1967. He entered the United States on June 9, 1968, and is presently living with his wife, [REDACTED]

(b7c) [REDACTED]
(b-1) [REDACTED] c
that on March 22, 1970, CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, former President of Cuba, was interviewed on Channel 10 Television, Miami, Florida. PRIO discussed the appointment of General CANTILLO and said that CANTILLO was the most negative figure among

2.

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

54-258*

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

RE: JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE Y AJURIA

all the Cuban military men in exile and that he is a professional traitor. PRIO said that CANTILLO betrayed him, later betrayed FULGENCIO BATISTA, and then betrayed FIDEL CASTRO. PRIO added that CANTILLO is a person without prestige and does not represent any kind of hope to the men in the Cuban Army in Cuba who are waiting for aid from abroad to overthrow FIDEL CASTRO.

PRIO also stated he was not ready to financially aid TORRIENTE and does not think he will in the future.

(b-1) [REDACTED]

On April 16, 1970, an interview of TORRIENTE appeared in the "Miami Herald", a daily newspaper published at Miami, Florida. This article quoted TORRIENTE as saying that the United States Government was not interested in the liberation of Cuba and that it was not against the law for TORRIENTE to register people in the United States to fight in some country outside the United States. He said that General CANTILLO in the near future would start recruiting Cuban exiles for military activities.

TORRIENTE further stated he was not worried about finances and that the so-called Torriente Plan is a working plan to liberate Cuba. He claimed that ninety-five percent of the people in Cuba are against FIDEL CASTRO RUZ and that eighty percent of the Cuban exiles in the United States would return to Cuba if CASTRO were overthrown.

(b7c
b7d) [REDACTED]

3.

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

54-259

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

RE: JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE Y AJURIA

(b7d) [REDACTED] TORRIENTE tells Cuban exiles he has United States Government support and in the near future will open military training camps.

(b7c, b7d) [REDACTED] TORRIENTE has lost considerable support among Cuban exiles in the United States because of his close association with General CANTILLO, who allegedly sold Cuban Government supplies to the rebel forces of FIDEL CASTRO during the revolution in Cuba during 19[REDACTED]

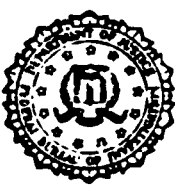
(b7c, b7d) [REDACTED] that Cuban exiles in the United States know of this association between TORRIENTE and MASFERRER and thus have discontinued support of TORRIENTE.

PROPERTY OF FBI - This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

4.*

~~SECRET~~ - NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

54-260



~~SECRET~~
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-10853

Miami, Florida

MAY 15 1970

Title JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE
 Y AJURIA

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned
 as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~SECRET~~

54-261