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SUBJECT: ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS
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NEUTRALITY MATTERS

ReBuairtel 10/14/63 and NY letter 10/8/63.

The purpose of referenced NY letter 10/8/63 was to determine how desirous the Department was in prosecuting MASFERRER in respect to the overall anti-CASTRO policy of the U.S. Government. The Department's letter of 9/25/63 requested additional investigation under Sections 959 and 960, Title 18, U.S. Code, but this request was made by the Department prior to receiving the results of MASFERRER's second interview of 9/11/63.

With respect to the disinclination of individuals to furnish signed statements as desired by the Bureau, it should be noted that the individuals interviewed in New York were followers of MASFERRER, were closely associated with him for some time, and are individuals who encountered no problem in returning from Miami. The Miami and Newark Offices interviewed individuals who were not members of MASFERRER's organization, were volunteers for the invasion, and who were left stranded in Miami. In view of this, it is felt these people were disposed to giving a signed statement.

Relative to the results of the interview of MASFERRER on 9/11/63, the Bureau pointed out that it was unfortunate that MASFERRER declined to furnish all details of his involvement. It should be noted that MASFERRER showed a keen awareness to his rights and chose not to discuss certain matters and also declined

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to furnish any signed statement. Although MASFERRER has an unsavory reputation, nevertheless, it must be remembered that he is an intelligent, shrewd and capable individual with the background of an attorney, politician and newspaper man. MASFERRER knows his rights and is fully aware of the fact that he is not obligated to talk to the NYO or to furnish any statement relative to his activities.

(b7c)
(b7d) With respect to the interview of [REDACTED]
the Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not going to admit anything about recruitment of men or obtaining of arms as he feared that such admissions by him would be furnished by the NYO to [REDACTED]. The NYO did not believe the facts as related [REDACTED] but reported them as received during interview.

The NYO will conduct additional investigation as requested in referenced Buairtel 10/14/63, and Bureau will be advised per instructions.

In pursuing this matter from a prosecutable standpoint, consideration might be given to the employment of Grand Jury proceedings.