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DATE: July 13, 1959

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: Frank Kappel, Supervisor, Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: CUBAN SITUATION, GENERAL MANUEL BENITEZ y VALDES

At about 3:30 PM of July 9, 1959, Agent L. L. TARABOCHIA while on a routine tour of the Miami International Airport noticed a group of approximately eight or ten Cubans congregating outside the Customs exit.

The Agent approached the group and, after properly identifying himself, asked the reason of their presence.

The leader of the group who identified himself as MANUEL BENITEZ y VALDES was a general of the Cuban Army during the presidency of CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS.

Present also was DR. EMELIO NUNEZ who stated that he was awaiting the arrival of his son-in-law, A. NAVARRO, due to arrive on the P.A.A. flight from Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic.

General BENITEZ, in introducing DR. NUNEZ stated that he was regarded as the future president of Cuba by the Cubans in exile.

Agent TARABOCHIA advised the members of the group that any acts of violence, especially during the week-end of July 26th, would be dealt with severity and all present would be liable to arrest for illegal assembly.

General BENITEZ assured this Agent of his cooperation in keeping order with the group he was involved.

No incidents occurred.

Respectfully submitted,

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