DATE: August 29, 1958

TO: M. G. Hammon, Acting Sheriff

FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

On August 26, 1958, the writer accompanied Sgt. C. Sapp of the Miami Police Department, Intelligence Squad to a grocery store located at 2357 N.W. 7 St. and owned by <u>Rafael Taquierdo</u>, with reference to illegal soliciting of funds.

The Agents seized as evidence, a 32 ounce can covered with the 26th of July Movement colors (red and black joined diagonally with a five pointed star in the middle bearing the number 26), and containing \$ 4.64 in coins and bills.

The can was placed by the cash register and Mr. Ezquierdo, when questioned, declared that he wasn't in possession of a permit for soliciting funds, and that the contributions were used to finance the activities of the revolutionary movement in Miami.

Mr. Lzquierdo was then placed under arrest by Sgt. Sapp for violating the Section 3 of chapter 49 of the City of Miami Code.

Attached are a proclamation by the 26 of July Movement to the Cuban residents of Miami (original and translation), and a copy of the "Sierra Maestra" official newspaper of the movement.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO THE CUBANS OF MIAMI

On July 26, 1953, a group of young men launched an attack on the "Moncada" barracks in Santiago, province of Oriente; some fell during the fight, others were cowardly slain after the fight had ended.

This was the anxious and desperate action of a youth that preferred dying instead of to keep living chained by the bloodiest tyranny in our America.

The blood of the brave wasn't spilled needlessly, their action gave birth to a new faith to the destinies of Cuba.

There was born, sublimely, the new idea of the Cuban revolution, their bodies, torn by the bullets, fertilized the seed that has already grown.

The movement of the 26th of July has decided to commemorate this month, the month of the Revolution, by doing something that would honor the ideals of those who offered their valiant lives.

With this in mind, a special issue of bonds will be sold exclusively during the month of July.

These bonds are already on sale through the usual channels of the 26th of July movement and of the Civic Resistance.

Cuban of Miami! You have to take a small part in this heroic fight, you have to show that the pains of the oppressed fatherland are your own, and that the death of your brothers on the bloody fields of your country, deeply hurts your pride. Work hard, buy as many bonds as you can, approach the comrades and ask for their fullest cooperation in the name of your country that suffers.

We need much money to convert it in rifles and ammunition and so when a Cuban falls in the din of the new fight, inraising his rifle in his hand, and saying goodbye to his life, will be, at the same time, grateful of your help.

Render thus homage to those that fell at Moncada and to all those that fell afterwards.

The triumph of our cause is near, and with a bigger effort, success will be nearer. Give all your free time towards the goal of selling bonds during this month of July.

We know that you will do your duty and thus at the hour of triumph you will have the satisfaction of having contributed towards the liquidation of the bloodiest and cruellest tyrant of our America, opening so, a new avenue towards the creation of a Fatherland where the first law is that of the "respect of man's full dignity"

Movement of 26th of July (Miami Branch) Civic Resistance (Miami Branch)