

DATE: June 11, 1959

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: Frank Kappel, Supervisor, Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON RICARDO PARDÓ, FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE CUBAN ARMY

On June 3, 1959, Agent A. L. TARABOCHIA contacted RICARDO PARDO, W/M, 46 years of 425 W. Flagler Street with reference to information about activities of the Communist Party in Cuba.

PARDO, a former Captain of the Cuban Army and recently escaped from detention at the Ciudad Libertad barracks, stated that he had reached the United States in a boat piloted by a friend of his and had landed near Key Marathon. The former Captain added that he was awaiting trial by a rebel court because of his position as the Chief of the Bureau of anti-Democratic Activities (Negociado Actividades Antidemocraticas).

This Bureau was part of S.I.M. (Servicio Inteligencia Militar) and was concerned with collecting information and data on Cuban Communists who at the time numbered about 60,000. Captain PARDO compiled a list of the 2,000 most active Cuban Communists and gave a copy of the list to the U.S. Embassy officials in Havana.

Among the names on the list figured that of ANTONIO NUNEZ JIMENEZ (see case #26684-B) now Executive Director of the Agrarian Reform.

NUNEZ JIMENEZ was questioned by Captain PARDO upon his return from the Communist Youth Congress in Berlin in 1953 where he had participated as a representative of Cuba's leftist youth movement.

Captain PARDO stated that NUNEZ did not carry a party card, but he did not object being labeled a Communist when his picture was taken for the files.

As stated in the previous report, NUNEZ as a professor of geography of Santa Clara University published a book in which among other leftist propaganda he accused the U.S. of being an imperialistic power. The book was censored by Batista's B.R.A.C. (Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities).

Captain PARDO also mentioned RAUL ROA, Cuban delegate to the O.A.S. (Organization of American States), as being a Communist fellow traveler.

PARDO also revealed that during his captivity he had on many instances witnessed indoctrination of Rebel Army Officers being taught about "democratization" of the peasants and the Agrarian Reform which was conceived by proven Communists like ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA and NUNEZ JIMENEZ.

Captain PARDO confirmed previous information about the state of unrest of most Cubans caused by the progress and inroads made by the Communists in Cuba.

Respectfully submitted,

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