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TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED: WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, aka "Sinbad", "Gabby"</b>		Report made by <b>LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.</b> Typed by <b>egh</b> CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTER</b>

The title is changed to add the aliases "Sinbad" and "Gabby", as reflected in the records of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department.

REFERENCE: Miami teletypes to Bureau dated 8/6;20/59  
Reports of SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD dated  
10/14;12/26/59 at Miami, captioned DOMINICK  
BARTONE, IS - CUBA, RA - CUBA (Bufile  
105-80291)(Miami 105-2006)  
Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 2/18/60

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At Toledo, Ohio

Will attempt to verify subject's presence in Toledo  
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At Miami, Fla.

Will await coverage of Cleveland lead; if negative, will write closing report reflecting subject has left the country, lost his U. S. Citizenship and taken Cuban Citizenship. (u)

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Miami is continuing its inquiry of BARTONE and during the course of investigation will attempt to develop additional information regarding the activities of subject and his relationship with BARTONE. (u)

It is noted the period of this report extends from May 21, 1959 to March 9, 1960. Pertinent information set forth in his report has been furnished to the Bureau previously in communications under this caption, as well as under caption of other leading revolutionary figures in Miami, including DOMINICK BARTONE. (u)

INFORMANTSIdentityLocation of Original Information

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by LA JAMES T. HAVERTY (S)(u)

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MM T-3 is report of Legat,  
Havana dated 5/30/59

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MM T-4 is PAUL BETHEL, U.S.  
Press Attache, American Embassy,  
Havana (by request)

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MM T-5 is Capt. RAUL CROS,  
Captain in Cuban Air Force,  
to Legat, Havana in April, 1959

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MM T-6 is ANDREW SZENTGYORGYI,  
New York City, interviewed by  
SA. FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN 4/3/59  
at 104 Pearsall Dr., Mt. Vernon,  
N.Y. (by request)

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MM T-7 is MANUEL BENITEZ, former  
General and Chief of Cuban National  
Police, Havana, now residing Miami,  
(by request), to SA GEORGE E.  
DAVIS, JR.;  
to SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD 7/17/59

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MM T-8 is WESTBROOK PEGLER  
(Bureau airtel to Miami 5/20/59)

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MM T-9 is HAV-~~(X)~~ (u)

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MM T-10 is JOSEPH CAMILLERI,  
3761 N.W. 1st St., pilot, to  
SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. F.L.A.

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MM T-11 is ROBERT AYLOR, Doorman,  
Montmartre Hotel, Miami Beach,  
Fla. to SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD

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MM T-12 is ~~REDACTED~~, contacted  
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MM T-13 is CIA Out Report #90344  
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PSI by Miami Office, contacted  
by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. (X)(u)

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SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. 8/21,22/59;  
to SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.  
8/24/59

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MM T-16 is MM-[REDACTED]-S to SA ROBERT  
JAMES DWYER 8/24/59

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B. HOLLOMAN and GEORGE E. DAVIS,  
JR., 9/21/59;  
to SAs DAVIS and THOMAS H. ERRION  
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## Report of:

SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

## Date:

March 9, 1960

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## Title:

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN

## Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTER

## Synopsis:

Subject, born 4/19/28, Cleveland, Ohio, fought as member Cuban Revolutionary Forces against govt. of FULGENCIO BATISTA which fell 1/1/59. In 4/59 source said subject agreed to establish new revolutionary anti-Castro front in Cuba; in 5/59 was in contact with DOMINICK BARTONE and AUGUSTO FERRANDO, Dominican Consul General, Miami. Said subject had been paid large sum of money for cooperation in counter-revolutionary move. Subject interviewed Miami 7/27/59; claimed in about 5/59 was in Miami, was contacted by "representative" of foreign govt. and offered one million dollars to create counter-revolution. Claimed he refused. Checked into Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. 7/1/59, thereafter disappeared. Source reported on 8/14/59 subject had departed several days before for Cuba in boat loaded with guns and ammunition. Telephonically contacted Miami Office, FBI, 8/20/59 from Havana, Cuba, claimed he pretended to be head of anti-Fidel Castro counter-revolutionary plot, but actually playing double-agent role in favor CASTRO. U.S. Dept. of State, Washington, D.C., reported 12/17/59 that on 9/21/59 Passport Div. approved Certificate of Loss of U.S. Nationality prepared by U.S. Embassy, Havana, Cuba, for Subject. Subject reportedly seen in Toledo, Ohio, 2/16/60.

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~~SECRET~~I. BACKGROUND DATA

On December 17, 1958, Mr. ALEXANDER W. MORGAN, 2909 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio, advised that his son, WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, had left home on December 26, 1957, and he had not heard from him or seen him since that time. He stated that MORGAN had deserted his wife and two children, and that he did not know the whereabouts of his son, but admitted that he was possibly in Cuba. He stated that his son had become acquainted with FIDEL CASTRO, whom he met in Miami, Florida, several years ago. (u)

Mr. MORGAN advised that his son was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 19, 1928, but had grown up in Toledo, Ohio. He attended Central Catholic High School in Toledo and had served in the United States Army, from which he had been given a dishonorable discharge. Mr. MORGAN advised that his son had been extremely upset about the dishonorable discharge from the Army, which he considered unjustified. He advised that he could not recall the dates that his son had served in the armed forces, but furnished his Army Serial Number as RA 19271263. Mr. MORGAN stated that his son always ran away from his problems since he was a youngster and his disappearance in December, 1957, was just an example. He stated that in his opinion, his son was emotionally disturbed and believed he was in need of psychiatric help. (u)

Mrs. RUTH FACKELMAN, Registrar, Central Catholic High School, Toledo, Ohio, advised on January 5, 1959, that records of that institution reflect that WILLIAM A. MORGAN, 2909 Collingwood Boulevard, son of ALEXANDER W. MORGAN, attended Central Catholic High School from September, 1942, to November, 1943. She advised that his attendance and scholastic standing were very poor, and he had received only two and one-half scholastic credits during the time that he was enrolled. (u)

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On December 19, 1958, Mrs. KATHRYN PRATT, Toledo, Ohio Credit Bureau, informed that the records of that agency reflect that WILLIAM A. MORGAN, wife THERESA, previously resided at 2909 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo. She informed that the last information in the file reflected that he was employed by Muzart Music Company, Dayton, Ohio, in 1957 and at that time his residence was listed as 99 Patterson Village Drive, Dayton, Ohio. A previous employment was listed as custodian, Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo, Ohio. She informed further that MORGAN's credit rating was very poor as a number of accounts were never paid and had been turned over to collection agencies. (u)

(u) (S) (M)  
[On January 5, 1959, MM T-1] informed he had known the subject for approximately four years and that subject was employed at Mus-ad, Inc., in 1956. [MM T-1] described the Mus-ad firm as a company which produced music for commercial establishments. [MM T-1] further informed that IRVING "SLICK" SHAPIRO, Toledo Police Department # C47585-18, and JOSEPH JOHN YOPPOLO, Toledo Police Department # 43476, who are well acquainted among the hoodlum element in Toledo, Ohio, were active in the management of Mus-ad. [MM T-1] added that MORGAN is also acquainted with other hoodlums in Toledo, Ohio. (u)

The January 5, 1959, issue of the "Toledo Blade," Toledo, Ohio daily newspaper, contained an article reflecting an interview with WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN's mother at Toledo, Ohio. Among other things, Mrs. MORGAN stated her son was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and the family moved to Toledo when the subject was one year old. He attended Rosary Cathedral School and for two years was a student at Central Catholic High School. He spent a year in the U. S. Merchant Marine and then enlisted in the U. S. Army where he served in Japan. Following his Army service, he went to Florida where he met Cuban rebel leaders. (u)

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The January 6, 1959, issue of the "Toledo Blade" contained an article reflecting the results of a telephonic interview between MORGAN and the "Blade." Among other things, this article contained information that the subject is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. MORGAN, 2909 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio. His wife was identified as THERESA, whom he married in Miami, Florida, in 1954. She and their two children were reported to be residing in Toledo, Ohio. (u)

(u) (MM T-1) stated that MORGAN had attended an electrical school where he acquired considerable knowledge of electrical engineering and was employed in that capacity with the Mus-ad firm. (u)

(u) (MM T-1) informed that he had become quite friendly with the subject, and he described him as an aggressive and adventuresome person who is a "little on the goofy side" but who has a strong sense of loyalty to his friends. (u)

(u) (MM T-1) informed he had learned from the subject that prior to his employment with the Mus-ad Company, he claimed to have worked for MYER LANSKY, whom (MM T-1) described as a fruit dealer and prominent figure in illegal activities in Florida. (u)

(u) (MM T-1) stated he was confident subject would cooperate with any of his former criminal associates if they should contact him in an effort to enlist subject's cooperation in an illegal enterprise. (u)

On January 2, 1959, Sergeant FRED WIEGAND, Identification Bureau, Toledo Police Department, informed that the following arrest record of WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, aka "SINBAD" and "GABBY," 2909 Collingwood Boulevard, was contained in their files under Toledo Police Department # C-48164 and FBI # 4588092:

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USDB, Camp  
Cooke, Calif.

WILLIAM A. MORGAN  
#3199

5/18/48

robb 5 years  
and es-  
cape  
AW 69-93

Fed. Ref.  
Chillicothe,  
Ohio

WILLIAM A. MORGAN  
#29561

2/18/49

robb 3 years  
and  
escape

Fed. Corr.  
Inst.  
Milan, Mich.

WILLIAM A. MORGAN  
#13488

4/22/49

robbery 5 years  
in trans and 4/11/50  
from Fed. escape Army  
Ref.  
Chillicothe, Ohio

10(a)(1) [REDACTED] (u)  
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element in the City of Toledo. (u)

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## II. SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN CUBA PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1959

The following article appeared in the September 16, 1958 issue of "Diario Las Americas," a Spanish language newspaper published at Miami, Florida:

"AN AMERICAN IN ESCAMBRAY--Acting in the capacity of trainer of the rebel forces which are operating against BATISTA in the Sierra del Escambray, the North American, WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, according to the patriots who are fighting in Las Villas, is carrying out his oath to avenge the death of a friend who died at the hands of the Cuban political police." (u)

The following is a translation of an article which appeared in the September 17, 1958, issue of "Diario Las Americas":

(Caption under photograph:)

"A HALT IN THE FIGHTING--The troop has just returned after fighting against 'the soldiers of the Dictatorship.' Some of the rebel leaders were talking and exchanging impressions on the side-lines. The photographer asked them to pose and here we see from left to right, GENARO ARROYO; Chief of Staff, Commander ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO; HENRI FUERTE, the Frenchman; North American WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, and (seated) ARCADIO DIAZ. (u)

### "THE AMERICAN

"A North American, who was a member of the 'Rangers' who landed in Normandy and opened the way to the allied forces by destroying the Nazi installations on the French coast before D-Day, is in charge of training the rebel forces which are operating, under the command of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, in the Sierra del Escambray. The name of this man is WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN. (u)

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"From what the journalist has been able to learn, MORGAN was an intimate friend of a North American whose body was found floating in the Bay of Havana some months ago. Although the police said that 'he had died while driving an automobile under the influence of liquor,' they say that MORGAN attributed the death to ESTEBAN VENTURA, who is now a Colonel. He swore to avenge his friend, and when the Second Front opened up, he joined the fighters of Escambray. (u)

"Also responsible with MORGAN for the training of rebel recruits are the Frenchman HENRI FUERTE, officer of the 'Maquis,' the movement of French resistance to the Nazis, and a former officer of the Spanish Republic named CAMACHO." (u)

The following is a translation of an article which appeared in the September 26, 1958, issue of "Diario Las Americas":

"EL ESCAMBRAY IS NOT THE PROPERTY OF ANY SECTOR  
SAYS WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN

"Mr. PLINIO PRIETO, member of the Authentic Organization, has asked us to publish the following letter which is signed by the North American, WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN:

"On July 20, 1958, in the mountains of Sierra del Escambray was written a chapter in the history of Cuba and an example was given to all the peoples of the world who love liberty. (u)

"For more than six years, the rebels of Cuba have been fighting the Dictator BATISTA--but each group has been fighting on its own account, and in general, there has been very little cooperation among the political parties which, on different occasions, have expressed their desire to unite, but the ways which they took alienated them from one another. (u)

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"Here in Escambray, unity is a fact for men of all political creeds and men who have none are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the sole ambition of freeing their country. They have created a unity without any political platform or personal ambition. For more than 8 months, these men have been fighting and have been defeating the Army of BATISTA only with the help of their friends and families, and most of the time with the interference of politicians who say they represent the rebels of the Escambray, but in reality, what they want is to collect money for their own political parties. (u)

"Therefore, in order to put an end of these abuses, the leaders of the rebel groups have united into one group, the Second National Front of the Escambray, choosing as their leader ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, 25 years of age, who leads the rebels to the fight and whose only ambition is the liberty of Cuba. (u)

"These men made a statement, declaring that their cause is the liberty of Cuba, their politics, liberty and loyalty only to the people of Cuba. And these people ask only for help in order to keep on fighting. They do not make political propaganda, and the truth is that they would exchange all the politicians for a single rifle with which to fight BATISTA. (u)

"These are the men to watch and to whom one must pay attention, because they have a burning desire for liberty, for here the credo of all is Liberty or Death. (u)

"I am an American and I am fighting here because I believe in the cause which they defend and every day I see them fighting and dying in order to maintain their ideals. I am writing this so that the people of my country may know the true history of the rebels of the Escambray and so that they may notice that only 90 miles from Miami, Florida, there are men who are fighting against oppression in a form very similar to that used by the founders of our country. (u)

"WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN"

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On December 2, 1958, RICHARD A. WITZLER, 111 John Street, Maumee, Ohio, informed he was in Cuba from March, 1958, to June 30, 1958, and during that time spent approximately ten days during the latter part of May, 1958, with the Cuban rebel forces of FIDEL CASTRO. During the time he was with the Cuban rebel forces he was summoned to the camp of WILLIAM A. MORGAN, a United States citizen who was in charge of a group of the rebel forces. According to WITZLER, MORGAN told him he was a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and had resided there with his parents prior to December, 1957, when he went to Cuba to join the rebel forces. WITZLER stated that MORGAN was also married but apparently had deserted his wife and children. MORGAN told him he had served in the U. S. Army and fought in the Korean War. (u)

WITZLER related that from the information he could gather concerning MORGAN, he was a leader of a large segment of the rebel forces under FIDEL CASTRO and was active in the military training of the CASTRO forces. He said that MORGAN was considered a hero among these forces for bravery and daring as he had risked his life many times to save the troops under his command. (u)

WITZLER said that MORGAN told him that he had joined the rebel forces because one of his buddies had been killed by the BATISTA troops and it was WITZLER's opinion that MORGAN had remained with the CASTRO forces in the hopes of being rewarded financially in the event these forces were victorious. (u)

WITZLER said that MORGAN told him very little of his life in Toledo, and he could furnish very little background information other than that set forth above. (u)

The January 5, 1959, edition of the "Toledo Blade," a Toledo, Ohio newspaper, contained an article quoting subject's

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mother as stating she had received a letter from him on November 5, 1958, which was mailed from Miami, Florida. In this letter the subject did not reveal his whereabouts or exact duties but told of the gathering strength of the CASTRO rebellion in Cuba. According to the article, Mrs. MORGAN described her son as an adventuresome young man who always had to be where there was excitement. She stated that the subject first met CASTRO and other leaders of the revolutionary movement in Florida, and they persuaded him to join their cause which he did after a brief return to Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. MORGAN also stated that subject's infrequent letters during the past year had revealed little but that she and her husband had learned that the subject had been promoted to the rank of major by FIDEL CASTRO, and he had been in charge of training young men to fight for the Cuban rebels. (u)

It should be noted that FIDEL CASTRO was leader of the July 26 Revolutionary Movement which fought against the forces of President FULGENCIO BATISTA of Cuba until the latter's downfall on January 1, 1959. FIDEL CASTRO is now Prime Minister of Cuba. (u)

The January 6, 1959, issue of the "Toledo Blade" contained an article reflecting the results of a telephonic interview between MORGAN and the "Blade." This article quoted the subject as stating that he desired to return home but because he had been fighting in Cuba for more than a year he did not know his status with the U. S. Government. The subject told the newspaper representative that he had been a member of CASTRO's general staff and had been given the rank of major, the highest rank possible in the Cuban rebel army. This article also quoted the subject as stating, "these people have been fighting for things we take for granted in the U. S. They wanted their freedom .... I'm an American. We have no Communists here in Cuba. We don't want any and we're not going to have any." (u)

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III. SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES SINCE JANUARY 1, 1959

A. ACTIVITIES LEADING UP TO ALLEGED  
CUBAN COUNTER-REVOLUTION

The January 7, 1959 issue of "The Havana Post" published in Havana, Cuba noted that the subject, after leading forces of rebel guerrillas known as the "Tigers of the Jungle" in the Cuban revolution, would like to go home to Ohio "if Uncle SAM approves". Subject was quoted as having stated that he and his men fought in sixteen battles and had suffered heavy losses, and that he had decided to join the rebels after a former U. S. Army buddy was killed by Cuban Secret Police while delivering arms to the rebels late in 1957. (u)

(u) On March 9, 1959, MM T-1 (u) informed that subject was supposed to have gone to Toledo, Ohio on behalf of the new Cuban Government, and thereafter was to visit various locations in the United States in connection with a fund-raising campaign for Cuba. (u) MM T-1 (u) said that an event in furtherance of this campaign was scheduled to take place in Toledo, Ohio on March 8, 1959, but the plans were cancelled. (u)

(u) (u) MM T-1 (u) said the arrangements for subject's activities in connection with the fund-raising campaign were being handled by the International Trading Company with which IRVING "SLICK" SHAPIRO, Toledo, Ohio Police Department No. C47585-18; JOSEPH JOHN TOPPOLO, Toledo Police Department No. 43476, and JACK LA RUE, former Sales Manager for the Mus-ad Company in Toledo, were associated. (u)

On March 10, 1959, the U. S. Department of the Army furnished the following information:

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The subject's fund-raising trip to the United States has been postponed indefinitely. The rebel government will soon pass a special law decreeing MORGAN a native-born Cuban citizen. MORGAN will not legally accept, to prevent loss or conflict with his United States citizenship, but will accept any advantages this decree will offer. MORGAN is devoting most of his time tape recording his experiences with rebel forces for possible sale to publishers and movie producers. MORGAN has been made Honorary Comandante in the New Cuban army but will not receive any pay.

On May 22, 1959, MM T-2, an individual with good contacts among present Cuban Government officials, informed that the Second National Front of Escambray (SNFE), under the leadership of Major ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, fought in the Sierra De Escambray, Las Villas Province, against the government of the ex-President of Cuba, FULGENCIO BATISTA. This group was composed of approximately three thousand men and was considered to be a well trained fighting unit. MM T-2 said that about the end of January, 1959, the fighting forces of this group were disbanded. He said that the leadership of the organization was disgruntled with the present Cuban Government leaders, because no recognition had been given to the men who had fought with the SNFE. (C)(u)

MM T-3, a confidential source abroad, informed that on March 18, 1959, GUTIERREZ MENOYO at a press conference, stated that his organization supported the CASTRO government "as long as it lives up to the principles for which we fought", and that if it should deviate, "we will take whatever steps circumstances dictate". (C)(u)

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GUTIERREZ MENOYO further pointed out that his group was one hundred per cent anti-communist. (S)(u)

MM T-3 reported that on April 20, 1959, GUTIERREZ MENOYO left Havana with several of his aides to visit Miami at the invitation of Miami's Mayor. (S)(u)

MM T-4, an official of a United States Government agency, informed in April, 1959, that TONY BEACON was appointed MENOYO's Press Secretary on this trip, and that BEACON was paid by NICK BARTONE, an American, who was attempting to sell C-74's (Globemaster I), to Cuba through the influence of WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN. (S)(u) DECLASSIFIED by DOS ON 1-15-98

MM T-5, a person with good contacts among officials of the present Cuban Government, in April, 1959, confirmed the fact that MORGAN was attempting to sell C-74's to the Cuban Government. (S)(u)

It should be noted that NICK BARTONE, mentioned above, is identical with DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE, a friend and associate of the subject. (S)(u)

(S)(u) On April 3, 1959, MM T-6, an individual who had recently returned to the United States from a month's trip to Havana, informed that among other things, he had learned that there was an opposition group forming in Havana known as the Second Front of the Escambray headed by ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and WILLIAM MORGAN, who had fought with the rebels prior to the downfall of the BATISTA regime on January 1, 1959. (u)

(u)(S)(u) MM T-6 said that this organization has indicated it will back the Cuban Government one hundred per cent, only so long as the government remains anti-communist. (u)

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(S) On April 29, 1959, MM T-7] furnished the following information:

A sum of approximately \$6,000,000.00 had been contributed by Cuban business leaders and exiles to finance a new anti-FIDEL CASTRO movement which was at that time in the early stages of development. Former Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA had contributed \$2,000,000.00, and thirty or forty other wealthy Cubans had contributed large sums. \$25,000.00 was allegedly delivered to the subject, and the subject had agreed to establish a new revolutionary anti-CASTRO front in the Escambray Mountains. The subject appeared motivated by anti-communist sympathies, a desire for reprisal against FIDEL CASTRO, who had excluded the subject, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and other leaders of the SNFE from recognition in the CASTRO government, and because the subject had been offered an important position in the new Cuban Government, if the revolutionary attempt were successful. (S) MM T-7] said subject would establish this new revolutionary front in the Escambray Mountains within two weeks, with forces numbering between five hundred and one thousand men at the outset. These men are individuals who had served previously under the subject in the battle against the BATISTA forces. (u)

(S) MM T-7] said that he and his associates anticipated this force would be quickly augmented by several thousand of the seasoned veterans who served under the subject. (u)

(S) MM T-7] said the subject was very popular in the Escambray Mountains and throughout the Santa Clara Province of Cuba. (u)

(S) MM T-7] continued that the stage was set at that time, and that the revolutionary movement was awaiting word from the subject in the Escambray to start action.

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(C) (u) On May 15, 1959, MM T-8, [an individual with good contacts among newspaper officials, informed he had received information that the subject reportedly was in Miami purchasing airplane parts for the Cuban Army. (u)

On May 29, 1959, MM T-9 reported subject stated he had returned to Havana on May 25, 1959 from an unstated place. (C) (u)

(C) (u) On May 25, 1959, MM T-1 [informed he had associated closely with the subject for approximately four years, and that during that time the subject had never mentioned the Communist Party to him, nor indicated any interest in communism whatsoever. (u) MM T-1 said he thought that the subject, due to his nature, would have made it known if he had had any interest or association with the Communist Party. (u) MM T-1 said in his opinion, however, the subject would probably undertake any operation which would prove profitable to him. (u)

(C) (u) On May 29, 1959, MM T-7 [furnished the following information:

On about May 14, 1959, the subject met in Room 1133R of DOMINICK BARTONE at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida, with AUGUSTO FERRANDO concerning the anti-FIDEL CASTRO movement. (u) MM T-7 said the subject had been paid over \$50,000.00 for his cooperation, and the subject had agreed to supply one thousand to one thousand five hundred men in a counter-revolutionary attempt aimed at FIDEL CASTRO. (u) MM T-7 doubted the subject's ability to carry out his plan. (u)

(C) (u) On June 10, 1959, MM T-10, [a pilot with good contacts among Latin American revolutionaries in the Miami area, informed that on that day he had been propositioned by a friend, whose name he declined to divulge and who was serving

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as an intermediary for DOMINICK BARTONE. This proposition was that MM T-10 should rent or lease an airplane and fly the subject from Miami, Florida to Cuba, with a load of approximately fifty revolvers. (u)

(u) MM T-10 stated BARTONE, at that time, was staying at the Eden Roc Hotel on Miami Beach. He said that BARTONE reportedly owned a Lockheed airplane which was being kept at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but that this airplane could not be used. (u)

This trip by the subject, according to MM T-10 (u) was to be proof as to whether or not the subject could produce and would cooperate. (u)

(u) MM T-10 furnished no additional information concerning this matter. (u)

(u) On June 19, 1959, MM T-7 (u) furnished the following information:

(u) On June 18, 1959, MM T-7 observed the subject and DOMINICK BARTONE together in Room 1428 of the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach. (u)

(u) MM T-7 learned from BARTONE that the subject had made an agreement to support the anti-CASTRO movement in the Santa Clara Province. BARTONE told MM T-7 that the subject had come to Miami to get \$10,000.00 from AUGUSTO FERRANDO, Dominican Consul General at Miami, Florida, and that subject had previously been given more than \$50,000.00 for his cooperation against the CASTRO government. (u)

(u) MM T-7 said he also observed FERRANDO entering the subject's room at the Eden Roc Hotel on June 18, 1959. (u)

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X (MM T-7) said that he, himself, had no confidence in the subject, and was of the belief that he would work for whoever would pay him the most. (u)

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X (MM T-7) continued that BARTONE originally came to Miami to sell a C-74 airplane, and that BARTONE met FERRANDO who, in turn, introduced BARTONE to the subject. It was (MM T-7's) opinion that BARTONE was at that time associated with the subject. He continued that it was his belief that BARTONE was purchasing something in the United States for use by anti-CASTRO revolutionaries. (MM T-7) X (u) said he possessed no evidence to support this belief, however. (u)

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X (MM T-7) continued that on about June 17, 1959, FREDESVIDO BOSQUE, a Cuban who makes frequent trips to and from the Dominican Republic, had just returned from that country and told him that between one hundred twenty-five and one hundred fifty bearded Cuban rebels who had just landed in an expedition from Cuba in the Dominican Republic, had been killed by the Dominican Government military forces after their capture. X (MM T-7) said BOSQUE told him this landing of Cubans was made by an airplane which had been painted to resemble a Dominican aircraft. X (MM T-7) expressed the opinion that the subject, who was at that time reported to be chief of the mounted police in Cuba, had informed the Dominican officials concerning this expedition. (u)

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X (MM T-7) also learned from BOSQUE that FERRANDO had ten thousand pesos he was going to exchange into dollars to hand over to the subject. X (MM T-7) was of the opinion this money was to be used by subject's men in Cuba. (u)

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X (MM T-7) also reported learning from BOSQUE that Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO, Dominican dictator, did not want the Dominican people to know about the plane-landing invasion by Cubans in his country. (u)

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BOSQUE claimed that he personally had seen the last three Cubans who were captured, and that these men had been brought to TRUJILLO and that they were all bearded combat men. (u) MM T-7 said that the plane which participated in this invasion allegedly departed from Cuba at Santiago. (u)

(u) MM T-7 also said that the subject had told him at the Eden Roc Hotel that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, leader of the SNFE, had previously been in Nicaragua twenty days with revolutionaries who were attempting to overthrow Nicaragua. (u)

The June 16, 1959 issue of the "Miami Daily News", contained an article datelined Havana, June 15, 1959, disclosing that Premier FIDEL CASTRO had appointed three "opposition" rebel leaders to key police jobs, apparently in a move to broaden his government in the face of a reported invasion threat. This article disclosed that the subject, an Ohio expatriate belonging to the SNFE, had been appointed chief of Cuba's new mounted police force, which CASTRO hoped would rival the famous Canadian organization. (u)

The Havana newspaper "Informacion" in its issue of June 26, 1959, carried an article which reflected subject was at that time in charge of the Cuban Mounted Police in the vicinity of Cienfuegos, Cuba. (u)

(u) On July 16, 1959, MM T-7 furnished the following information:

The subject, now reported head of the Cuban Mounted Police in the Santa Clara Province, had taken over \$100,000.00 from General JOSE PEDRAZA, leader of a Cuban group of counter-revolutionaries in the Dominican Republic, in

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return for subject's promised aid and support with fifteen hundred to two thousand troops within Cuba for a counter-revolutionary attempt. ~~MM T-7~~ (u) however, said he was certain that the subject had tricked PEDRAZA and did not intend to carry out his part of the agreement. (u)

~~MM T-7~~ (u) reported on that date he had learned that General PEDRAZA in the Dominican Republic was ready to invade Cuba with a group of approximately two thousand men, and it was ~~MM T-7~~ (u)'s opinion that this attack might come within five days. It was ~~MM T-7~~ (u)'s belief that the forces of FIDEL CASTRO were too strong at that time for PEDRAZA to be successful. (u)

~~MM T-4~~ (u) furnished the following information during the week of June 29 to July 6, 1959:

~~MM T-4~~ (u) was in contact with the subject, at the subject's request. Subject was residing in an exclusive residential section outside of Havana, and claimed he was not the head of the Cuban Mounted Police located at Cienfuegos, as reported in newspapers. Subject admitted that he was involved in a counter-revolutionary plan against CASTRO, and said that EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO is the leader. Subject claimed he had approximately four thousand men who would follow him. Subject told ~~MM T-4~~ (u) he was furnishing this information, as he desired U. S. Embassy aid in securing a visa for his Cuban wife.

B. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT AND  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO :

SAC, MIAMI (105-1563)

DATE:

8/4/59

FROM :

SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

Dictated: 7/31/59

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On July 27, 1959, WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN was interviewed at the offices of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service at the Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, by SAs LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. and THOMAS H. ERRION. At the outset of interview, MORGAN was informed that he did not have to talk; that anything he said could be used against him, and that he could consult an attorney should he so desire. Subject stated he was aware of his rights, and proceeded to furnish the following information: \*

Subject arrived on July 27, 1959, from Havana, Cuba, accompanied by his Cuban-born wife, OLGA RODRIGUEZ FARENIS. He planned to stay at the Moulin Rouge Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, for approximately three days. The purpose of his visit was recreational; during this period he expected to enjoy himself, visit with friends and purchase certain items which his wife anticipated would be needed in the near future, as she was pregnant and expected to give birth to her child sometime within the following month. (u)

Subject was second in command of the National Second Front of Escambray, led by ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, composed of a group of men who fought against the forces of FULGENCIO BATISTA prior to the downfall of his government on January 1, 1959. (u)

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Subject claimed that he now holds the honorary rank of major in the Cuban Revolutionary Army, but that he holds no official position in the Cuban Government. A law was passed in Cuba subsequent to January 1, 1959, which gave him and any other foreigner who had fought against BATISTA for more than a year, the rights of a Cuban citizen. Subject stated he had never taken advantage of any of these rights, and specifically denied ever taking the oath of allegiance to the Cuban Government. (u)

Subject stated that while he holds no official Cuban position, because of his reputation as a revolutionary, he commands certain prestige in the Cuban Government, and that any of his expressed wishes or desires would be honored by the Cuban Government. As an example, he pointed out that many of the members of his National Second Front of Escambray organization occupied key positions in the Cuban Revolutionary Army at his request. (u)

The National Second Front of Escambray was disbanded as a military organization on January 28, 1959, and at the time consisted of approximately five thousand men, according to subject. (u)

Subject received \$125.00 monthly from the Cuban Government as a subsistence allowance, from January, 1959. He had lived in the Capri Hotel, Havana, Cuba, after the downfall of BATISTA. Recently, he moved into the million dollar residence in the Miramar section of Havana, formerly owned and occupied by ALBERTO VADIA, who was in charge of construction during the BATISTA regime, and who fled to the United States upon BATISTA's downfall. (u)

Subject claimed that this residence is located at #6601, 7Aa and 66 Street, Miramar, Havana, Cuba,

telephone number 28377, and that it is owned at present by the Cuban Ministry of Recuperation, which had undertaken to seize all property believed to have been acquired with funds stolen from the Cuban treasury. Concerning the inconsistency of subsistence with living expenses, subject stated he had received a loan of four thousand dollars from ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO during recent months, which he was using for living expenses. He had paid rent in advance on his residence for a six-months period, at the rate of \$250.00 monthly. (u)

Subject admitted that he had come to Miami, Florida, several months prior to interview to see if he would encounter difficulty upon entry, because of his record as a revolutionary who had fought against BATISTA. He claimed that he had no difficulty coming into the United States, and that he subsequently returned for purchases of clothing and recreation. (u)

He denied ever purchasing any airplane parts or airplanes at any time in the United States on the occasion of any visit. (u)

Subject alleged that he had been labeled a communist by WESTBROOK PEGLER, United States columnist, and that this accusation had been completely false and erroneous, and had rendered him a disservice. Subject stated that he had done many things during his life of which he was not proud, one of them being his blemished military record which had resulted in his receiving a dishonorable discharge from the United States Army. Subject claimed that since that time and for a period of nearly ten years, he has had a clean record with no arrests. (u)

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Subject stated that there have been rumors in Cuba for some time that there would be a revolt within that Country. Subject stated that he felt that any such revolt would occur prior to August 13, 1959, scheduled date of the meeting of the foreign ministers of the Organization of American States at Santiago, Chile, but refused to elaborate. (u)

Subject did state it was his feeling, however, that if there was an uprising in Cuba, it would have to come from the exterior of the Country because there was no substantially organized resistance to the Cuban Government within the country. He related that he personally knew that in the mountains of Camaguey, there was a group of approximately two hundred of BATISTA's men led by one (FNU) RODRIGUEZ; that in Pinar del Rio, there was a group of approximately 25 men led by one (FNU) LARA; that there was no organized resistance in Las Villas. He said there were a number of unorganized individuals opposed to the government in Oriente Province, but that they lacked weapons and ammunition. (u)

Subject claimed that in about May, 1959, he was in Miami, Florida, and was contacted by a "representative" of a foreign government, and subsequently talked to "the man himself" by telephone from Miami. He was offered one million dollars to go back to Cuba and create a counterrevolution by these individuals. He claimed to have turned down this offer. He stated ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO had knowledge of this offer, but FIDEL CASTRO did not. He said he was going to tell FIDEL about the offer when subject returned to Cuba. Subject refused to identify the individuals with whom he was in contact, nor would he divulge the name of the country involved. He positively refused to furnish additional details relative

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to the above described offer. Subject indicated that he was in a very precarious position at the time of interview and could furnish no additional details. (u)

Interview was terminated at the request of subject inasmuch as he was desirous of joining his wife at the hotel. Subject telephoned his wife, and then stated he would in all probability be staying at the Monmarte Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. (u)

The following is a physical description of subject obtained as a result of interrogation and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	April 19, 1928, at (u) Cleveland, Ohio
Height	6'
Weight	200
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, greying
Wife	OLGA RODRIGUEZ FARENIS
U. S. Army Serial No.	19271263

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(u) On July 28, 1959, MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> furnished the following information:

Subject and his party registered at the Montmartre Hotel, 4775 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, on the evening of July 27, 1959. On July 28, 1959, MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> reported that subject was seen to depart that morning with CARL LONGOBUCCO, identified by MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> as the doorman at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach. The subject, LONGOBUCCO, and a tall, heavy-set person wearing glasses, drove away from the Montmartre Hotel in a 1957 red convertible bearing 1959 Florida license 1WW-10937. According to MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup>, this automobile belonged to CARL LONGOBUCCO. (u)

(u) On the morning of July 28, 1959, MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> informed that subject's pregnant wife was seen being driven from the Montmartre Hotel in a 1959 blue Cadillac sedan bearing 1959 Florida license 1E-6360. (u)

Investigation disclosed the latter license plate to be issued to the Hertz Rental Car Company, Miami, Florida. (u)

On July 28, 1959, H. BRODY, Manager of the Miami Beach branch of Hertz Rental Car Company, informed that the 1959 blue Cadillac bearing Florida license 1E-6360, had been rented on a month-to-month basis on July 16, 1959 to "Servicio Internacionales, S. A., DOMINICK BARTONE, President". The rental application was signed by D. BARTONE, President, whose address was listed as 3976 N. W. 28th Street, Miami, Florida. The rental application noted that the customer had been referred to Hertz by the concession at the Eden Roc Hotel. (u)

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On July 29, 1959, MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> furnished the following information:

Registration card for the Montmartre Hotel disclosed that "Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM ALEXANDER and Miss CAROL", 2909 Collingwood Street, Toledo, Ohio, checked into the hotel at 8:00 P.M. on July 27, 1959, and took rooms 323 and 327. The names "RODRIGUEZ" and "MORGAN" also appeared on the registration card. MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> said that at the time of registration, the party was brought to the hotel in a blue Cadillac. (u)

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MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> also stated that on the morning of July 29, 1959, subject departed from the hotel with two white males, one identified as CARL LONGOBUCCO and the other as the tall, heavy individual who had been seen with subject the previous day. MM T-11<sup>(u)</sup> said these individuals departed at about 9:15 A.M. and drove north on Collins Avenue in a 1959 Chevrolet bearing 1959 Florida license 10E-474. The group returned to the hotel at about 5:00 P.M. (u)

Records of the Hertz Car Rental Company, Miami Beach, disclosed this car was rented July 28, 1959, to MIKE STODDART, Door Concessionaire, Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, at about 9:30 A.M. (u)



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TO :

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Dictated: 8/4/59

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On July 30, 1959, WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN was interviewed at the Miami Office by SAs LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. and THOMAS H. ERRION. At the outset of the interview, subject was informed of his constitutional rights, that he did not have to say anything, that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law, and that he could consult an attorney should he so desire. Subject then furnished the following information:

He had not received any subsistence from the Cuban government since May, 1959, and reiterated that he was living off money which he had been able to borrow from ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO in Cuba. He came to Miami on July 27, 1959, with \$800.00, and had a balance in a Cuban bank in the amount of \$159.00. At the time of interview, he claimed to have a total of \$350.00 in cash. (u)

Subject again denied that he holds any official Cuban position, and claimed that he, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, and ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA, all hold the honorary rank of Major in the Cuban Revolutionary Army. (u)

Subject related that in about April or May, 1959, farmers in Las Villas Province signed a petition which they presented to ELOY GUTIERREZ and which requested

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that subject come to that province and make a survey looking toward their needs insofar as roads and housing problems were concerned. Subject claimed that he did make such a survey and used 85 men to assist him. The survey was especially made for the purpose of determining damage and losses suffered by the farmers during the conflicts in that province between rebel forces and those of the then President FULGENCIO BATISTA. Subject claimed that while making this survey, a false rumor was started that subject had been named to head the Cuban mounted police. Subject stated there was no truth whatever to this rumor. (u)

Subject again admitted that he had been offered one million dollars by a foreign government for the purpose of going back to Cuba and creating a counter-revolution against the government of FIDEL CASTRO. This offer was made in about May, 1959. He again claimed he had turned down this offer. He refused to discuss whether he had received money from any foreign representatives at Miami, Florida, or any other location for that matter. (u)

Subject said that there are approximately four thousand men still loyal to the National Second Front of Escambray now serving in the Cuban Revolutionary Army, who would follow ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and himself should they issue an order. Subject stated that the Second Front group was the nearest thing to being a counter-revolutionary group in Cuba. He claimed the group would never unite with forces of ELEUTERIO JOSE PEDRAZA, a Cuban now in the Dominican Republic, reportedly poised with forces to invade Cuba. Likewise, he said, the group would not unite with Pro-BATISTA elements. He hinted the group might consider uniting with certain military groups, but would not elaborate. (u)

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Subject spoke of his belief that FIDEL CASTRO is not a communist. He claimed to have talked for a period of six hours to FIDEL CASTRO several nights before coming to Miami, and spoke admiringly of him. He did not divulge the nature of their conversation. He said that he could have assassinated FIDEL CASTRO on that occasion, had he been so inclined, as subject was armed, and that FIDEL CASTRO was not. (u)

Subject said that FIDEL CASTRO has a lot of pride, and that he has stated that he is not going to oust members of the Communist Party from his government just because the United States wants him to do so. He said that approximately two and a half months ago, FIDEL CASTRO had grown alarmed over some of the activities of the members of the Communist Party in the Cuban labor unions, and he personally given orders to kick out such members. Subject claimed that this is being done at present. Subject said that FIDEL CASTRO holds to the opinion that if the Communists are allowed to operate openly, they are easier to recognize and control than if they are driven underground. (u)

Subject stated that he personally had no knowledge that there is any training going on anywhere in Cuba wherein instruction is being given either directly or indirectly by Russian representatives or specialists from Russian satellite nations. He stated that it is a known fact that ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA is a Communist, but that his strength and power are diminishing in Cuba. Subject offered the opinion that GUEVARA, should he be so inclined, could only muster 1,000 to 1,500 men, and that if he attempted to overthrow FIDEL CASTRO, he would be a dead man within 24 hours. (u)

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Subject claimed that rumors to the effect that a missile base is being constructed at Cienega de Zapata, Cuba, are false. He stated that land in this area is being readied and prepared for the purpose of using it in agriculture, more specifically, for the purpose of growing rice. (u)

Subject claimed that FIDEL CASTRO, in his opinion, had about 74 percent of the Cuban people with him at time of interview. He stated that now is not the time for a counter-revolution in Cuba, in view of such popularity. (u)

Subject also said that arms are stored in Havana at various stations under military control, and would be used by civilians in case of an invasion. Subject claimed he saw a recent shipment of arms received by the Cuban Government, consisting of twenty-five thousand new Belgian rifles, of the NATO type. He said that the CASTRO Government reportedly has two hundred-twenty million dollars in a Swiss bank which money was being used to purchase farm equipment for the land reform program, and from which funds are being disbursed for arms purchases. He claimed that a Turkish ship was due to arrive in Cuba within the following few days laden with ten million dollars of Belgian arms. (u)

Subject claimed that he had contacted the U. S. Embassy, Havana, Cuba, relative to his personal status, and had been told that as long as he did not serve in the Cuban Army or take the oath of allegiance to the Cuban Government, he would not jeopardize his United States citizenship. (u)

Subject also claimed that he had had discussions with U. S. Embassy representatives, relative to the official attitude of the United States toward the Cuban

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Government, but that he had received no satisfaction. He claimed to have contacted representatives of the United States State Department and Central Intelligence Agency at Havana, Cuba, but could furnish no specific names of persons contacted. (u)

He recalled that one LEO SCHERNEY, head of the American Research Committee, had contacted him in Havana on one occasion, and that this individual had kindly written a letter to subject's mother of a personal nature. Subject stated SCHERNEY, he believes, resides in New York City, is very anti-communist, and wanted an audience with FIDEL CASTRO. Subject said he thought that he could arrange one, but was unsuccessful in his efforts. It was his belief that SCHERNEY never did get an interview with FIDEL CASTRO. (u)

Subject claimed that DOMINICK BARTONE was a personal friend from Toledo, Ohio, who lives in Miami, Florida at present. He said that BARTONE had attempted to sell a C-74 airplane to the Cuban Air Force at one time, and in order to assist BARTONE, subject introduced BARTONE to PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, who was then head of the Cuban Air Force. Subject claimed that he has never discussed his business matters with BARTONE, and that BARTONE was not aware of subject's plans. Subject specifically denied that BARTONE had any knowledge relative to the offer which had been made to him for the purpose of creating a counter-revolution in Cuba. (u)

Subject related that approximately two weeks before interview, he furnished some information to a U. S. Embassy representative in Havana which startled this person. Subject declined to divulge the nature of such information, nor would he furnish the identity of the Embassy representative. (u)

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Subject claimed that he was not obligated to anyone, nor had he made any kind of commitment to any individual or group of individuals. (u)

He related that leaders in Cuba, in respective order of popularity at the present time, are as follows: (1) FIDEL CASTRO; (2) CAMILO CIGENFUEGOS; (3) ROLANDO CUBELA (who fought with the Directorio Revolucionario); (4) ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA; (5) RAUL CASTRO; (6) ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. (u)

Subject, in conclusion, stated that he could not furnish any additional information, as to do so might jeopardize his position in Cuba. He also said that he would refuse to be interviewed in the future by the FBI. (u)

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On July 31, 1959, at about 11:30 A.M., subject telephonically contacted SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. and stated his wife had departed the previous evening for Havana, Cuba because of illness brought on by her pregnancy, and would go to a hospital in Las Villas. He stated he had checked out of the Montmartre Hotel and that he and his companion, MIGUEL de la CONCEPCION RUIZ MEDINA, had just checked into the Eden Roc Hotel, Room 635. (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO :

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DATE:

8/6/59

FROM :

SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

Dictated: 8/3/59

SUBJECT:

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PUBLIO M RUIZ

BORN December 8, 1931  
AT CARDENAS, CUBA

On The evening of July 31, 1959, PUBLIO MIGUEL de la CONCEPCION RUIZ MEDINA was interviewed in room 205E at the Moulin Rouge Motel, 280 Arthur Godfrey Road, Miami Beach, Florida. He was interviewed in the Spanish language by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. in the presence of SA LLOYD M. BARBER.

PUBLIO de la CONCEPCION RUIZ informed that he was not registered in this room, but that the room was actually occupied by BLANCA MAURE, a Cuban girl not present at the time, but, according to RUIZ, was staying in a room down the hall with a friend whom he did not identify. RUIZ stated he had been staying with WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN at the Montmartre Hotel, 4775 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. According to him, he did not know the present whereabouts of WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN and indicated he had seen him earlier that day at the Eden Roc Hotel. RUIZ indicated that he and MORGAN and MORGAN's wife, as well as her sister, CORALIA, had stayed together at the Montmartre Hotel until the departure of MORGAN's wife and sister-in-law to Cuba on July 30, 1959. He indicated he had gone to Miami International Airport and taken these individuals to the airplane. (u)

RUIZ identified himself as a captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Army and stated he had accompanied WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN on his most recent visit to Miami, which he described as social in nature. He produced Cuban passport number 06293 issued on March 20, 1959, and which contained a notation that he had been admitted to the United States at Miami, Florida, on the following dates:

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RUIZ' passport disclosed he was issued a B-2 visa at the United States Embassy, Havana, Cuba, valid until August 31, 1959. (u)

The following is a physical description of RUIZ obtained as a result of interrogation and observation:

Date of birth	December 8, 1937
Place of birth	Cardenas, Cuba
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Marital status	Single (u)

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MM T-12, described as a Cuban counterrevolutionary, in early August, 1959, furnished the following information: (S)(u)

In July, 1959, MM T-12 was in Miami, Florida and saw the Dominican Consul in Miami give the subject \$200,000.00. At that time one "DOMINICK", described as a member of the "Mafia", was present. "DOMINICK" may possibly be identical with DOMINICK BARTONE. (S)(u)

MM T-12 said subject was believed to be traveling between Cuba and the United States by boat. (S)(u)

(u) On August 1, 1959, MM T-13, another government agency conducting security and intelligence investigations, furnished the following information:

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Subject told a source in Miami that he and his organization planned to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO between August 1 and 3, 1959. Subject requested money, and stated he had forty to fifty men in Cuba to carry out this operation. Subject said that once CASTRO was killed, 5000 men would be ready to overthrow the Cuban Government. (S)(u)

On August 4, 1959, MM T-13 reported that its source was introduced to subject by three Cubans identified as ANTONIO MENDOZA; RAMON MESTRE, President, Campaigna Conscripto Laroca, and owner of a sugar mill; and one LEMUS, a banker from Pinar del Rio Province, Cuba. This introduction took place July 29, 1959, in a Miami hotel, identity of which was not known to MM T-13. (S)(u)

On August 1, 1959, SA STAFFORD attempted to contact subject at the Eden Roc Hotel, without results. (u)

On August 2, 1959, efforts were made by SA STAFFORD and SA LLOYD M. BARBER to locate subject; however, investigation disclosed he was not in his hotel room, nor could he be located on the premises of the hotel. (u)

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Hotel records disclosed that WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN and PUBLIO M. RUIZ registered at the hotel at 11:00 A.M., July 31, 1959. JOHN ENSEY, Assistant Manager, informed that subject gave the address 6601 Calle 7 Aa y 66, Miramar, Havana, Cuba, at the time of registration. (u)

It was noted that the 1959 Cadillac bearing 1959 Florida license 1E-6360, which had been leased to BARTONE, was parked in the garage of the Eden Roc Hotel with the keys in the ignition. (u)

On August 2, 1959, WILLIAM BURKE, Manager, Moulin Rouge Motel, 280 Arthur Godfrey Road, informed that DOMINICK BARTONE, Toledo, Ohio, registered at the motel on June 20, 1959, but that he personally had not seen him at the motel for approximately two weeks, although Room 215 was still registered to him. He stated BARTONE was in the habit of calling in several times during the day and receiving messages and calls which had been left for him. He was unable to state where BARTONE might be staying at that time. (u)

He advised that BLANCA MAURE, a Cuban girl who gave the address Calle 26, #652, Nuevo Vedado, Havana, Cuba, registered at the Motel in Room 205E on July 23, 1959, and as of August 2, 1959, owed a balance of \$184.00. He informed, however, there was a notation on the registration card of MAURE that her hotel costs were guaranteed by BARTONE. (u)

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (105-1563)

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DATE: 8/7/59

FROM : SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

Dictated: 8/5/59

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTERSBORN July 28, 1937  
at GUANE PROVINCE OF PINAR  
del RIO, CUBA

On August 2, 1959, BLANCA ROSA MAURE LEDESMA was interviewed in room 205E of the Moulin Rouge Motel, 280 Arthur Godfrey Road, Miami Beach, Florida, in the Spanish language by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. in the presence of SA LLOYD M. BARBER. She furnished the following information:

BLANCA MAURE identified herself as a model and TV star from Havana, Cuba. She had Cuban passport number 45065 which contained a B-2 visa for the United States issued in the United States Embassy at Havana, valid for unlimited application prior to July 19, 1963. Her passport disclosed she was admitted by U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service at Miami, Florida, on July 23, 1959, and her passport disclosed she would reside at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida. (u)

She stated she had come to the United States solely for the purpose of having an operation. She admitted an acquaintanceship with PUBLIO MIGUEL de la CONCEPCION RUIZ MEDINA and also that she was acquainted with WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, though she indicated she had not seen MORGAN in Miami, Florida, on the occasion of this trip. She stated she was being treated by Dr. J. M. de GAETANI, Congress Building, Miami, Florida, telephone numbers Franklin 4-5932 and Highland 3-0844. She was also being treated by Dr. HERMAN ALFRED PHILLIPS, 605 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida, telephone number JE4-4749. (u)

MAURE had in her possession a permit to depart from Cuba signed by ALDO VERA SERAFIN, Commander of the

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Cuban National Revolutionary Police. This permit revealed MAURE had been recommended by Captain PUBLIO MIGUEL de la CONCEPCION RUIZ MEDINA, assigned to the Intelligence Section of the Special Services of Camp Libertad of Cuba. MAURE indicated she had seen RUIZ at about 9:00 A.M. on August 1, 1959, but had not seen him since that time. (u)

The following is a physical description of MAURE, obtained as a result of interrogation and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of birth	July 28, 1937
Place of birth	Guane, Province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Marital status	Single
Residence	26 H. 652 W, Vedado, Havana, Cuba
Father	JOSE MAURE
Mother	CLOTILDE LEDESMA

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On August 4, 1959, a male individual purporting to be subject telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the FBI, stating he planned to depart Miami for Havana via Pan American Airways at 5:00 P.M., August 5, 1959. He stated he would contact the Miami Office prior to departure. (u)

Subject did not contact the Miami Office prior to his anticipated departure. A check with Pan American Airways failed to reveal he had reservations to Havana, and an alert failed to reveal he made a reservation for a date subsequent to his anticipated departure date. (u)

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## Memorandum

TO :

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~~SECRET~~ DATE:

8/10/59

FROM :

Dated: 8/6/59

SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.  
and SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTERSCONFIDENTIAL  
ORIENTE, CUBA

On August 4, 1959, ANTONIO FAUSTO RAMIREZ BATISTA was interviewed in room 215 at the Moulin Rouge Motel, 280 Arthur Godfrey Road, Miami Beach, Florida. RAMIREZ was interviewed in the Spanish language. He furnished the following information:

He came to the United States from Havana, Cuba, and was admitted on May 1, May 20 and July 8, 1959, according to his Cuban passport number 10867. He had been issued a B-2 visa at the United States Embassy, Havana, Cuba. He identified himself as a Captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Army and stated he was working in "G-2", which he described as the intelligence organization of the Cuban Army. He related that he had come to Miami strictly for recreational purposes, and indicated that room 215, which he was occupying at that time, had previously been occupied by DOMINICK BARTONE, whom he described as an acquaintance and who told him that he could move into this room after BARTONE had departed and moved away from the Moulin Rouge Motel. RAMIREZ stated he was paying for his personal expenses at the motel. He was unable to explain how he could pay for an expensive room at the motel in spite of the fact that he was earning only \$125.00 per month in the Cuban Revolutionary Army, and he was not on an expense account at the time. He admitted knowing WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, but declined to tell what the nature of the relationship was between him and that individual. He stated he was planning to return to Cuba within a few days. RAMIREZ declined to disclose the nature of his relationship with DOMINICK BARTONE. He admitted knowing PUBLIO MIGUEL de la CONCEPCION RUIZ MEDINA, but did not divulge any information concerning that individual. (u)

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The following is a physical description of RAMIREZ, obtained as a result of interrogation and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	August 7, 1931, Oriente, (u) Cuba
Height	5'11"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Marital status	Single
Cuban address	7 #6601, Miramar, Havana, Cuba.



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TO : SAC, MIAMI (105-1563)

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DATE: 8/17/59

FROM : SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

Dictated: 8/13/59

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On August 7, 1959, CARL LONGOBUCCO, 1121 N. E. 107th Street, Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., stating he had heard that the latter had been attempting to contact him. (u)

LONGOBUCCO identified himself as the doorman at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. LONGOBUCCO stated he first met MORGAN on about July 31, 1959, while he was a guest at the Eden Roc Hotel. Upon being told it was known LONGOBUCCO had been seen with MORGAN on July 28, 1959, LONGOBUCCO stated, "Oh, yes, I forgot." He then admitted he had driven DOMINICK BARTONE to the Montmartre Hotel on July 28, 1959, where MORGAN was a guest with his wife and other individuals. LONGOBUCCO identified BARTONE as being in the asphalt and concrete business. LONGOBUCCO stated he met MORGAN at that time and admitted that he was with BARTONE on several subsequent occasions when BARTONE and MORGAN had conversations. (u)

He stated, however, he did not know the nature of the conversations between these individuals, indicating that when they wanted to talk privately, they would ask that he leave the area. (u)

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LONGOBUCCO recalled that MORGAN stated he had been connected with FIDEL CASTRO's July 26 Revolutionary Movement in Cuba and had also spoken generally about having a position with the FIDEL CASTRO Government. He denied knowing anything concerning WILLIAM MORGAN's plans and stated he had last seen MORGAN on August 1, 1959, at about 3:00 or 4:00 P.M., at which time he had lunch with MORGAN at the Eden Roc Hotel. At that time, MORGAN was accompanied by an individual whom LONGOBUCCO identified as a "short Cuban." (u)

LONGOBUCCO was questioned further concerning MORGAN, as well as BARTONE, and he denied knowing anything additional concerning MORGAN. He stated that the door concession at the Eden Roc Hotel had recently been purchased by DOMINICK BARTONE and that he was actually working on a commission basis on behalf of BARTONE. (u)

He was reluctant and refused to give any information whatever concerning BARTONE, stating that he hoped SA STAFFORD would understand the reasons why. (u)

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On August 7, 1959, WILLIAM BURKE, Manager, Moulin Rouge Motel, advised that BLANCA MAURE and ANTONIO FAUSTO RAMIREZ BATISTA had both checked out of the motel on August 7, 1959. (u)

Records of the Eden Roc Hotel were reviewed September 15, 1959, and disclosed subject was a guest there from July 31, 1959 and his room was subsequently locked, after non-occupancy, and he was charged for service through August 7, 1959. (u)

On August 29, 1959 his hotel bill of \$70.44 was paid by a check of LORETTA R. MORGAN, Toledo, Ohio. This individual is possibly identical with subject's mother. This bill was paid with a check bearing the bank mark 56-5. (u)

Hotel records reflect an unknown person called on September 1, 1959, and attempted to take possession of subject's personal effects. This individual refused to identify himself and, after being requested to come in, never appeared at the hotel. (u)

MM T-7 on August 14, 1959, informed that subject had left from a Florida port several days previously in a boat loaded with guns and ammunition. This boat, according to MM T-7, made two trips, and the first resulted in guns being unloaded at Santa Clara, Cuba. The boat returned to the United States and departed again with a second load. (u)

MM T-7 stated he was of the belief this actually happened, that the men who manned the boat were Americans, and that all of the guns were paid for by Dominican Consul AUGUSTO FERRANDO in Miami. MM T-7 said he also felt certain these guns had been sold by DOMINICK BARTONE to subject and that the guns involved were worth more than five hundred thousand dollars. (u)

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(S)(u) MM T-7 pointed out that he had previously furnished information reflecting definite contact between subject, BARTONE and FERRANDO, with subject being on the receiving end of considerable money. MM T-7 said that when the Federal Bureau of Investigation recently interviewed subject in Miami this resulted in a delay of one day in the activities of subject relative to this arms shipment. It is noted subject was interviewed July 27 and 30, 1959. (u)

On August 20, 1959, MM T-14, a former Cuban government official during the regime of FULGENCIO BATISTA, who has good contacts among counterrevolutionaries in Miami, reported that on August 10, 1959, he had learned from FERRANDO of the conspiracy involving subject who had allegedly agreed to establish a military front against FIDEL CASTRO. MM T-14 stated he told FERRANDO he felt subject could not be trusted, but that FERRANDO treated this warning lightly. (S)(u)

MM T-14 stated he had learned from Cuban associates in the Miami area that toward the end of July or early August, 1959, subject was at the Toledo Restaurant, Miami, with General MANUEL BENITEZ and two or three other Cubans, the latter being from Miami. MM T-14 did not know the purpose of this luncheon meeting. (S)(u)

It is noted General BENITEZ is a former Chief of the Cuban National Police presently residing in Miami. (u)

MM T-14 also reported that on or about August 1, 1959, he was told by AURELIO SILVA, a Cuban exile residing in Miami, that subject was in Miami and in contact with Dominican Consul General FERRANDO; that subject was en route to Jacksonville, Florida, for a load of guns. SILVA told MM T-14 that a Captain (FNU) BETANCOURT was with subject. MM T-14 described BETANCOURT as a Cuban who had been living in exile in the Dominican Republic. (S)(u)

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MM T-14 learned that BETANCOURT told SILVA that he was with subject; that he had gone with subject to Jacksonville (probably on about July 31 or August 1, 1959) and BETANCOURT was then going to Tampa, Florida, to take a boat load of arms to Cuba. (S)(u)

On about August 5 or 6, 1959, SILVA went to the airport at Miami and saw BETANCOURT board a CDA Airlines plane bound for the Dominican Republic. MM T-14 reported BETANCOURT was later killed as a result of subject's entrapment on a plane which landed near Trinidad, Cuba. (S)(u)

MM T-14 said when news of subject's double-cross was revealed, MM T-14 telephoned FERRANDO who said not to believe the story of subject's double-cross. MM T-14 said JUSTO LUIS POZO, a Cuban exile residing in Miami, had a son who was reportedly captured on the above-mentioned plane which landed near Trinidad, Cuba. POZO had stated that General MANUEL BENITEZ several days previously reported that subject was acting on behalf of FIDEL CASTRO and "fooling around" in Miami. (S)(u)

He added that an individual had contacted FERRANDO concerning the true facts regarding subject. This individual reported to MM T-14 that FERRANDO disclaimed any responsibility, but finally told this friend that he, FERRANDO, had taken subject to the Dominican Republic in connection with subject's agreement to cooperate. (S)(u)

MM T-14 said subject reportedly stayed in Miami at the home of a man named BERTONI (possibly DOMINICK BARTONE), described by MM T-14 as a wealthy cigarette machine distributor and racketeer. (S)(u)

The friend, whom he declined to identify, told MM T-14 that FERRANDO gave \$152,000.00 to BARTONE for subject. (S)(u)

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On September 11, 1959, MM T-14 stated he had learned that \$100,000.00 of the above-mentioned money was delivered on July 29, 1959, in cash, to BARTONE for subject. The cash had been placed in a common paper bag when it was delivered. (S)(u)

On August 21, 1959, MM T-15 (S)(u) a person with good contacts among Cuban revolutionaries residing in the Miami area, informed that ROLANDO MASFERRER, former Cuban senator and newspaper publisher, exiled in Miami, had stated that DOMINICK BARTONE, president of Aero Dynamics, had put \$180,000.00 into a Miami bank for himself. MM T-15 did not know the identity of this bank. He said BARTONE was a contact man between subject and the Dominican Republic in the recent entrapment which resulted in subject and CASTRO seizing a Dominican plane at Trinidad, Cuba. MM T-15 said he also learned from MASFERRER that General BENITEZ received \$7,000.00 for his services in taking BARTONE to MASFERRER and serving as a contact man. MM T-15 said an individual named NELSON (LNU), a friend of BARTONE, was also involved. (S)(u)

On August 24, 1959, MM T-15 (S)(u) reported that NORMAN ROTHMAN, a Miami Beach hoodlum, at that time employed as manager of the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, had stated that DOMINICK BARTONE put \$150,000.00 in a Miami bank in July, 1959, which he had received as a result of negotiations with subject. ROTHMAN said General BENITEZ received \$7,000.00 for his part in connection with the negotiations involving subject and BARTONE. (S)(u)

On August 22, 1959, he reported learning from ROLANDO MASFERRER that Dictator TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic had placed the price of \$500,000.00 on subject's head for his double-cross. (S)(u)

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~~(S)~~ On August 27, 1959, MM T-13 reported receiving information from a fairly reliable source opposed to the government of FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, that on August 10, 1959, subject met with a group of Cubans opposed to CASTRO's regime, in Miami. The meeting was held at the home of DOMINIC E. BARTONI, 4236 Chase Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. Present at this meeting were subject, (FNU) LEMUS from Pinar del Rio Province, Cuba, RAMON MESTRE and ANTONIO MENDOZA. ~~(S)~~ (u)

During this meeting subject was given \$140,000.00 in cash by MESTRE and MENDOZA for use against CASTRO. It was MM T-13's belief that BARTONI was possibly identical with DOMINICK BARTONE. ~~(S)~~ (u)

On August 24, 1959, MM T-16 furnished the following information: MANUEL BLANCO, a Cuban, resides on Southwest 10th Avenue and Second Street, Miami. He had been visiting people in Miami to obtain collections for one of the anti-Castro groups in Miami. His brother, REINALDO BLANCO, a Cuban Army Captain, was arrested and placed in jail in Cuba. It appeared that REINALDO BLANCO, in addition to his Cuban Army status, was also a member of the Revolutionary Crusade Against Communism (CRAC), an anti-Castro organization, and inadvertently let FIDEL CASTRO know that subject was obtaining money from anti-Castro Cubans and Dominicans. When CASTRO asked subject about it, subject had to admit he was doing so, but told CASTRO he was actually setting these individuals up so they could be identified and arrested. After the plot was exposed, Cubans were arrested in Havana for anti-Castro activities, and CRAC members in Havana, including MANUEL BLANCO's brother, were arrested. ~~(S)~~ (u)

On August 24, 1959, MM T-16 advised ANSELMO ALIEGRO, anti-Castro leader residing in Miami, said subject had \$300,000.00 in a safe deposit box somewhere in Miami. ALIEGRO said this money was received from the Dominican Consul in a hotel room in Miami and it was believed the money was being kept by subject and not being turned over to the Cuban government. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, MIAMI (105-1563)

FROM : SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

DATE: 8/26/59  
Dictated 8/24/59

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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On August 20, 1959, at approximately 3:20 P.M., WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN telephonically contacted SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. at the Miami Office of the FBI. Subject stated he was calling from his residence telephone, number 2-8377, in Havana, Cuba. He furnished the following information:

He apologized for what he claimed was his inability to furnish the true details regarding the purpose of his previous visits to Miami, Florida. He felt that he had not violated any United States laws by his previous actions, although he did feel he may have "bent" some of them. He claimed that the heat and pressure which he felt the FBI was putting on him forced him to depart from Miami, Florida on about August 1, 1959. He was using a rental car and was accompanied by his friend and associate, PUBLIO de la CONCEPCION RUIZ, whom he described as a Captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Army. Subject proceeded to Tampa, St. Augustine, and Riviera Beach, Florida, staying overnight in each of these cities under assumed names in motels. He claimed his trip was made solely for the purpose of awaiting culmination of the plan of AUGUSTO FERRANDO, Dominican Consul General, Miami, to send a shipment of arms to Cuba for anti-Fidel Castro revolutionaries. (u)

MORGAN claimed he pretended to be head of an anti-Fidel Castro counterrevolutionary group, but was actually playing a double-agent role in favor of FIDEL CASTRO. He explained he was not going to "sell out Cuba" where he had many friends who were loyal to him. (u)

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MORGAN stated he had originally been in contact with FERRANDO at Miami and, according to MORGAN, FERRANDO engineered the counterrevolutionary move aimed at Cuba. He admitted that FERRANDO had offered him a million dollars for carrying out a counterrevolution in Cuba, and that he had received over \$400,000.00 from FERRANDO for this purpose, \$78,000.00 of which he turned over to the Cuban government when he last returned to Cuba. (u)

He stated he and PUBLIO de la CONCEPCION RUIZ returned to Miami from Riviera Beach in accordance with a schedule set up by FERRANDO and in accordance with a plan of the latter boarded a small charter fishing vessel at Miami on about August 6, 1959, along with one Captain (FNU) BETANCOURT, a Cuban who had come from the Dominican Republic as a representative of counterrevolutionaries. (u)

This charter fishing vessel proceeded to a point approximately fifteen miles east of Miami where it rendezvoused with a 54 foot yacht, in accordance with FERRANDO's plans, and MORGAN and RUIZ then boarded the larger vessel and proceeded to Cuba. MORGAN said BETANCOURT was also planning to board the larger vessel, but became ill while on board the charter vessel, and returned to Miami alone. (u)

MORGAN stated the yacht was loaded with a large quantity of arms and ammunition, and that it was destined for Las Villas, Cuba, but ran short of gas and arrived in Havana. The yacht had been stripped of its name and contained no registration number. He personally inspected the vessel and had been unable to locate any identifying data. (u)

He claimed he did not know where the arms and ammunition were loaded, but heard it may have been at St. Simons Island off the coast of Georgia. He claimed that upon the vessel's arrival in Cuba the arms and ammunition were seized by the Cuban Revolutionary Government and two crew members on board the yacht, one identified as a Cuban,

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and the other as an Argentine or Uruguayan, were detained by the Cuban Government officials. MORGAN denied that he had participated in the purchase of arms and ammunition at any time in the United States and related further that he had not participated in the loading of any arms aboard the 54 foot yacht. He claimed his only duty was to deliver these arms to Cuban counterrevolutionaries. (u)

In regard to Captain (FNU) BETANCOURT, he stated BETANCOURT apparently returned to the Dominican Republic from Miami and was a passenger on a Dominican airplane which made three trips into Trinidad, Cuba, in August, 1959. On the third trip the plane was seized and BETANCOURT was killed when he opened fire on Cuban Army personnel who had been posing as anti-Castro revolutionaries. MORGAN related that a large quantity of arms and ammunition had been seized at Trinidad which had been delivered from the Dominican Republic by airplane. (u)

He admitted he had been in contact with DOMINICK BARTONE at Miami, but stated that, contrary to reports, he and BARTONE are not friendly. He stated many people, whom he refused to identify, would like for BARTONE to visit Cuba at the present time, and implied that BARTONE would not get a pleasant welcome. MORGAN admitted that he had made use of BARTONE's automobile while at Miami, but did not furnish additional details regarding his relationship with BARTONE. (u)

He claimed he had made a Cuban television appearance at Havana on the evening of August 19, 1959, and, among other things, told the television audience he had been interviewed by the FBI at Miami. (u)

MORGAN indicated he was receiving daily threats on his life for playing his double-agent role. He stated he was certain that Generalissimo TRUJILLO in the Dominican

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Republic was plotting his assassination, and that he was certain the reported arrests of POLICARPO SOLER, TRUJILLO confidant, and JOHN ABBESS, Chief of the Dominican Intelligence, on shooting charges in the Dominican Republic had initiated a purge by TRUJILLO to exterminate all individuals who had been in contact with MORGAN. (u)

MORGAN claimed further that BLANCA MAURE, who had been staying at the Moulin Rouge Motel in Miami, and whom he further described as a girl friend of ANTONIO FAUSTO RAMIREZ BATISTA, had proceeded to New York after departing Miami in order to obtain medical treatment; while in New York, she claimed to have received threatening calls from the Dominican Consul General in that city. He did not furnish further details regarding this matter. (u)

He identified ABBESS as the operator of the Dominican radio who was in contact with MORGAN on the alleged counterrevolutionary radio in Cuba prior to seizure of the Dominican airplane in Trinidad, Cuba in August, 1959. (u)

MORGAN denied, in spite of the above activities, that he now holds, or has held, an official position with the Cuban Government. (u)

He expressed a willingness to recontact the FBI at Miami and furnish additional details relative to his role in the counterrevolutionary plot. (u)

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#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

##### A. SUBJECT'S INVOLVEMENT WITH EDWARD BROWDER

On September 21, 1959, MM T-17 furnished the following information: EDWARD BROWDER, 801 Northeast 83rd Street, Miami, on or about September 14, 1959, received a large shipment of arms, ammunition, and green uniforms from Tampa, Florida, brought to Miami in a Hertz U-Drive-It truck. Some of the equipment was taken to Nuta's Boat Yard at 1884 Northwest North River Drive, Miami, and some was placed in BROWDER's residence. (S)(u)

BROWDER disclosed he was working for an anti-Castro group, the identity of which he did not disclose. He claimed to have two trailers full of rifles at Vero Beach, Florida. (S)(u)

He has as his contact man in the Dominican Republic an Italian consul, identity unknown. (S)(u)

BROWDER disclosed he provided the boat and guns which were taken by subject to Cuba immediately prior to his "double-cross" of the anti-Castro movement. There were two pairs of shoes at BROWDER's house which BROWDER claimed were left there by subject. He indicated subject transported .50 and .30 caliber guns on this boat to Cuba. BROWDER also mentioned he has a 48 or 50 foot boat at Vero Beach, Florida which was used in connection with this deal involving subject and which U. S. Customs had unsuccessfully tried to obtain from him. (S)(u)

According to BROWDER, the "Mafia" is putting up the money for the purchase of the guns BROWDER was obtaining for the anti-Castro group with which he was dealing. (S)(u)

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On January 15, 1960, MM T-17 advised that in about September, 1959, EDWARD BROWDER held a meeting with several Cubans, including EFREN PICHARDO, in Miami in a restaurant opposite Eastern Airlines 36th Street Terminal. BROWDER disclosed he had a proposition in which Dominican Dictator TRUJILLO had agreed to put up \$500,000.00 to effect the kidnaping of subject. BROWDER attempted to obtain the support of these Cubans in effecting the kidnaping of subject. (S)(u)

Subsequently, one of the Cubans returned to Cuba and disclosed BROWDER's proposition to EFIGENIO AMELJEIRAS, Chief of the National Revolutionary Police. AMELJEIRAS suggested that subject be consulted. Later, AMELJEIRAS disclosed that he had talked to subject but subject did not like the idea. Subject claimed he did not know BROWDER, according to AMELJEIRAS. (S)(u)

Shortly prior to BROWDER's trip to Cuba on the "Salco II", he disclosed that he had assisted subject in obtaining arms and a boat which subject used in his "double-cross plot" to entrap anti-Castro revolutionaries who were captured by FIDEL CASTRO and his men in Cuba in connection with an operation based in the Dominican Republic. Subject disclosed that TRUJILLO furnished him \$187,000.00 to finance the plot against CASTRO. (S)(u)

It was learned, however, that subject accounted to the Castro Government for only \$87,000.00 of this money, apparently pocketing \$100,000.00. (S)(u)

On September 19, 1959, BROWDER, his wife, CHARLIE/ and RAY CARVER, and a Cuban individual departed Miami on BROWDER's boat, "Salco II", and arrived in Havana, Cuba, September 21, 1959, at Tarara Beach. They furnished false names to Cuban Marines upon arrival. They were arrested and their boat searched, with the results arms were found on the boat. They were placed in jail by AMELJEIRAS who at the outset (S)(u)

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intended to cooperate with U. S. officials for the purpose of prosecuting BROWDER and his companions for smuggling guns into Cuba. (S)(u)

After his arrest BROWDER told AMELJEIRAS to call in subject who could confirm that BROWDER was working for subject. Subject responded to the request and came to see AMELJEIRAS and BROWDER, at which time one of the other Cubans present confronted subject with the fact subject had not accounted for \$100,000.00 which had been given to him by TRUJILLO for the purpose of executing a plot against FIDEL CASTRO. This Cuban also confronted BROWDER with the fact he had offered EFREN PICHARDO and another Cuban \$500,000.00 to kidnap subject on behalf of TRUJILLO. (S)(u)

BROWDER accused this Cuban of lying. AMELJEIRAS stated he would consult FIDEL CASTRO concerning the matter. (S)(u)

The result was that BROWDER was released and allowed to return to Miami, and AMELJEIRAS dropped further cooperation with U. S. authorities in effecting the prosecution of BROWDER in the United States for gun smuggling. (S)(u)

EFREN PICHARDO was reportedly in Miami working for BROWDER. PICHARDO is not connected with the Cuban Government in any way whatsoever. BROWDER was believed to be working for AMELJEIRAS; however, indications also were that he was also working for TRUJILLO, BATISTA and anyone else who would pay him for his services. (S)(u)

B. EXAMINATION OF SUBJECT'S  
PERSONAL EFFECTS, EDEN ROC  
HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORT~~SECRET~~Date 11/30/59

JEAN SUITS is Managing Director of the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. He produced a letter which he had received from WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN regarding personal effects and clothing which MORGAN had left at the Eden Roc Hotel while a guest in August, 1959. This letter reads as follows:

"November 3, 1959

FROM: Commandante WILLIAM MORGAN

"Eden Roch Hotel  
Miami Beach  
Miami, Florida      Nov 10 1959

"Gentlemen:

"I believe that when I checked out of your hotel all charges were taken care of. However, if there should be any remaining charges, please forward them to me in care of Mr. "SKIPPY" SHEPARD, Hotel Capri Havana, Cuba.

"I would appreciate it very much if you would also forward my clothes, collect to the same address in Havana. (u)

"Sorry I waited so long to write but I have been kept rather busy. Thank you again for your courtesy's,

"Cordially

"s/ WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
"t/ Commandante WILLIAM MORGAN"

SUITS stated he was not personally acquainted with DOMINICK BARTONE, but that he had heard BARTONE's name mentioned at the hotel. (u)

SUITS said that the door concession of the hotel had been contracted to Door Concessions, Inc., a Florida

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Corporation, in April, 1959, on a year-to-year contract. He said that Door Concessions, Inc. pays \$60,000.00 annually under terms of the contract, which is renewable yearly. He said that JULIUS KAPLAN is the representative who signed the contract for Door Concessions, Inc. (u)

SUITS informed that he is not certain, but is of the opinion that funds of the Teamsters Union were used to back the door concession at the Eden Roc Hotel. He said that the hotel had been pressured by the Teamsters to grant the door concession to Door Concessions, Inc. He said the hotel realizes a considerable amount of revenue from Teamsters Union representatives and officials who have previously stayed as guests at the hotel. He indicated that JAMES HOFFA, President of the Teamsters Union, had been a guest at the hotel on several occasions. SUITS also stated that the individuals working at the door are members of the Teamsters Union, and it was his opinion that the Eden Roc Hotel is the opening "wedge" preparatory to launching a drive to organize the door employees at other Miami Beach hotels. (u)

SUITS said he was not personally acquainted with WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, and that he did not know the relationship between MORGAN and DOMINICK BARTONE. He furthermore could furnish no information relative to what connection, if any, BARTONE might have with Door Concessions, Inc. (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO :

SAC, MIAMI (105-1563)

DATE:

11/30/59

FROM :

SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.

Dictated: 11/24/59

SUBJECT:

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA**

On November 18, 1959, an examination was made of the personal effects and clothing of WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN at the Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, prior to such effects being shipped by the Eden Roc Hotel to MORGAN in Havana, Cuba, at MORGAN's instructions. Among the items examined appeared the following, which may be of pertinent value:

A cigarette lighter of Sottile, the type of cigarette lighter which is given to customers of the Sottile Group Banks, among which is the Pan-American Bank of Miami.

Miscellaneous shoes, shirts and other clothing, it being noted some of the shirts had price tags of \$12.50 on them which were purchased at the Eden Roc Hotel Men's Shop. (u)

A shirt purchased from the "Dinghy", Coral Gables, Florida.

A tie purchased from the DuPont Tarleton Men's Shop, Miami, Florida.

An empty book of American Express Travelers checks.

A photograph of a yacht and with the aid of a magnifying glass it was noted the boat had the name on the side "Lucimi".

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A letter addressed to PUBLIO M. RUIZ, Moulin Rouge Hotel, 41st Street and Indian Creek, Miami Beach, Florida, postmarked Havana, Cuba, July 22, 1959. This letter, of a personal nature, is written in the Spanish language and was signed by "Your future wife Sra. JUANA ELENA FONTELA de RUIZ". The envelope contains the return address of JUANA FONTELA, Laguna #381, Havana, Cuba. (u)

One coathanger with the name JACK PENDOLA, Tampa, Florida; one coat-hanger with the name Hygrade Sportswear Co., Inc., New York; one coat-hanger with the name Lanson's, Inc., Miami Beach. (u)

One 9 millimeter cartridge. (u)

One letter postmarked July 22, 1959, at Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to Mr. DOMINIC BARTONE, Moulan Rouge, 41 and Pine Street Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. The envelope has the return address "Local-436, 2070 E. 22nd St., Cleveland, Ohio". This letter was found in the pocket of a coat with the label "Campus Toggs, exclusively for JACK PENDOLA, Men's Apparel, Tampa, Florida". The letter contained therein reads as follows:

"July 14, 1959

"Board of Directors  
Doors Concessions, Inc.  
4525 Collins Avenue  
c/o Eden Roc Hotel  
Miami Beach, Florida

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"Gentlemen:

"Please be advised that I hereby tender my  
resignation as President and Director of Doors  
Concessions, Inc. effective at once.

"Sincerely, (u)

t/ "SAM T. BASSACCA"

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REVIEWED BY <sup>DJS</sup> ~~EWJFK~~ TASK FORCE

ON 11/8/98 *my/lee*

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☐ RELEASE IN PART

☐ TOTAL DENIAL

**C. SUBJECT'S LOSS OF  
U. S. CITIZENSHIP**

By communication dated December 17, 1959, EMERY J. ADAMS, for the Director, Office of Security, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that his office had received the following information.

On September 21, 1959, the Passport Division approved the Certificate of Loss of United States Nationality prepared by the United States Embassy in Havana, Cuba, in the case of subject under Section 349(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This Certificate stated that subject expatriated himself on January 2, 1959, by serving in the Armed Forces of Cuba.

This letter pointed out that information contained in recent reports from Havana to the effect that subject renounced his United States citizenship had not been confirmed officially by the U. S. Embassy at Havana. This letter related that the above would have no effect upon subject's United States citizenship status in any event, since he had been held to have lost such citizenship on January 2, 1959, by reason of his Cuban military service.

**D. DISSOLUTION OF SECOND NATIONAL  
FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY**

The February 28, 1960, issue of "The Miami Herald", a daily newspaper published at Miami, carried an article datelined Havana, Cuba, which reads as follows:

**"Cuban Rebel Unit Furls Flag**

"Havana - (AP) - A revolutionary military group that helped overthrow dictator Fulgencio Batista announced its dissolution Saturday. (u)

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"Maj. Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, commander of the Second Front of Escambray, said his group was breaking up in the interests of national unity. (u)

"The present strength of the military group that rose up in Central Cuba during the revolution is not known. At the end of the revolt it was estimated at 5,000 men but a large number of these later transferred to Prime Minister Fidel Castro's forces. (u)

"Up to the time of the dissolution the second front maintained a separate military identity and wore different insignia from Castro's 26th of July Movement troops. (u)

"Menoyo and his chief lieutenant, Maj. William A. Morgan, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, played leading roles in the smashing of a plot against Castro's regime last August. (u)

"The two men posed as sympathizers of the counter revolutionary group that Castro has said was financed by his enemy, Dominican strongman Rafael Trujillo." (u)

**E. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
INVOLVING SUBJECT AND  
DOMINICK BARTONE**

During the course of another investigation, records of the Pan American Bank of Miami were reviewed on February 10 and 11, 1960, and disclosed the following information:

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Cashier's check number 146614, dated April 27, 1959, was purchased by D. E. BARTONE for "cash", drawn on the Pan American Bank of Miami and payable to WILLIAM A. MORGAN in the amount of \$5,000.00. This check was endorsed by "WILLIAM A. MORGAN for deposit to account of ALBERT C. GANNAWAY." (u) No 102

Cashier's check number 146613, dated April 27, 1959, was purchased by D. E. BARTONE for "cash", payable to WILLIAM A. MORGAN in the amount of \$5,000.00. This check was drawn on the Pan American Bank of Miami. It was endorsed by "WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, WILLIAM A. MORGAN, pay to the order of Central Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida. For deposit only to Coin Amusements Co., Inc." (u) No 102

The above information can be made public only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. This subpoena should be directed to Mr. JOSEPH MOSS, President, Pan American Bank of Miami, Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative. (u)

F. SUBJECT'S ALLEGED PRESENCE  
TOLEDO, OHIO, FEBRUARY 16, 1960

(X) On February 17, 1960, MM T-18<sup>7(u)</sup> informed that on February 16, 1960, he had observed subject in Toledo, Ohio, in company of ROBERT AUGUSTUS BROWN, JR., Toledo PD #36131. This source did not know how long subject had been in Toledo, where he was staying, what he was doing, or how long he planned to stay. (u)

(X) On March 8, 1960, MM T-7<sup>7(u)</sup> informed he had heard subject make an address over a Cuban radio station on the evening of March 7, 1960. He felt certain subject had not returned to the United States since he was in Miami in early August, 1959. It was MM T-7's belief that subject would

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hardly dare leave Cuba since he had lost his United States citizenship and had a fear of reprisal by Dominican dictator TRUJILLO inasmuch as subject had double-crossed TRUJILLO in the attempted anti-Castro plot which failed in August, 1959. (u)



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**Miami, Florida  
March 9, 1960**

**Re: William Alexander Morgan**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Leman L. Stafford, Jr. dated and captioned as above at Miami. (u)

MM T-1, MM T-2, MM T-4, MM T-5, MM T-9, MM T-10, MM T-11, MM T-14, MM T-15, MM T-16, MM T-17 and MM T-18 have furnished reliable information in the past. (S)(u)

Insufficient contact has been had with MM T-6, MM T-8 to judge the reliability of information furnished. (S)(u)

MM T-7 is a former Cuban government official who claims to have numerous contacts among Cuban exiles residing in the United States. (S)(u)

Contact with MM T-12 has been insufficient to judge the reliability of information; however, MM T-12 is in a position to possess information as furnished. (S)(u)

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