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To: Mr. Frederick B. Lyon, Chief  
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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Arsenio Perez Sanz De La Pena;  
Antonio Gonzalez Garcia Couto

As of possible interest to you, a reliable source in Ciudad Trujillo has advised that on February 27, 1946, Pena, the Director of the magazine "Cuba Nueva" (New Cuba) and Couto, Director of the magazines "Palacio" (Palace) and "Calendario Agricola" (Agriculture Calendar) arrived in Ciudad Trujillo. Both are Cuban nationals.

They were met by Ramon Marrero Aristy, President of the National Newspapermen's Association and Cuban Senator Arsenio Velazquez. On the day of their arrival they toured the offices and printing shop of the newspaper "La Nacion." The next day they made a tour of the new irrigation project under construction at the Marcos A. Cabral Canal on the Nizao River. They also traveled up the river several miles to the city of Bani. Upon their return to Ciudad Trujillo they expressed interest in the social, economic, and cultural plans of the Dominican Government.

From March 1 to March 5, 1946 the Cubans were under surveillance by the Dominican Secret Police and on the latter day were called into the headquarters of the Secret Police where they were questioned by the Chief of the Secret Police and the Chief of the Dominican National Police. As of March 8 the Cubans were still in the Dominican Republic; however, it was understood that they would depart in the very near future.

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