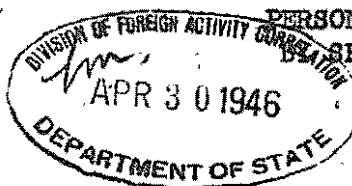


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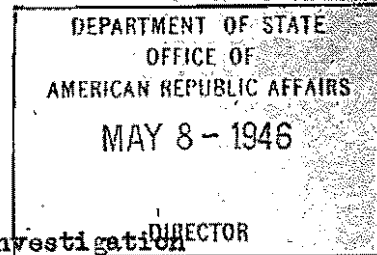
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Date: April 29, 1946

To: Mr. Frederick B. Lyon
Chief
Division of Foreign Activity Correlation
Department of State
Washington, D. C.



From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: Colonel Jose Carreno Fiallo
Chief of Cuban National Police

As of possible interest to you, a reliable confidential source has reported that the recent occurrence of numerous unsolved crimes in Havana, Cuba, has started a series of rumors that Colonel Jose Carreno Fiallo, Chief of the Cuban National Police, will be replaced. Numerous newspaper and magazine articles have been written calling for the appointment of a capable and efficient Chief of Police. These articles and cartoons stress the theme that at the present time there is absolutely no guarantee for the personal safety of anyone in Cuba. It was stated that since the advent of the Grau administration, there have been forty crimes, including murder, attempted murder, robbery and kidnapping, which are attributable to political reasons. Of this number, only one has been solved.

The murder of one Hugo Dupotey on March 9, 1946, in the Criollo Club in downtown Havana has received tremendous publicity. Several days after the crime, Chief Carreno advised reporters that he knew the identity of the murderer. However, to date, no one has been apprehended for the crime. Carreno's statement and his subsequent attempts at denying he knew who the murderer was have made him the target of practically all the newspaper writers and cartoonists. The newspapers are demanding a new Chief of Police.

There has been no definite information reported that Carreno will be removed. His influence with Pauline Alsina, sister-in-law of the President, remains strong. However, unless the Dupotey case and some of the other crimes are solved, the President may be forced to appoint someone to replace Carreno.

The above information is available to the American Embassy in Havana.

cc Chief of Naval Intelligence
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War Department, Washington, D. C.

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Date: April 30, 1946

To: Frederick B. Lyon
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Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: SIAE Division
Cuban National Police

For your information, a reliable confidential source has advised that the SIAE Division of the Cuban National Police has recently undergone a thorough reorganization.

This police unit, which was created to investigate enemy and subversive activities, has now received additional jurisdiction over criminal matters. The practical result of the reorganization is that one man, Dr. Virgilio Echaniz, is handling all phases of work dealing with enemy activities while the remainder of the SIAE personnel is investigating ordinary crimes.

The present Chief of the SIAE Division is Comandante Francisco Morales y Llanes, a close friend of Chief of Police Carreno Fiallo. Morales has little ability as a police investigator and reportedly has used his position as head of the SIAE to place several of his mistresses in clerical positions in this organization. It is also reported by reliable sources that Morales is engaged in illegal transactions in sending penicillin to Spain via crew members of Spanish ships calling in Havana.

It was stated that the SIAE Division has a total personnel of 248 members. Of this total number, it is said that only about 75 do any work whatsoever, and the remainder merely put in their appearance to draw their pay checks. The 75 active employees include 48 investigators and 27 persons employed as clerical help. The investigative groups are divided into 9 units. One of these units consists of 16 members who conduct investigations at the direct order of the various criminal courts of Havana. The remaining 32 investigators are divided into 8 groups, consisting of 4 members each, who have jurisdiction over the following matters:



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<u>Group#</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Chief</u>
1	Enemy Activities	Dr. Virgilio Echaniz
2	Administrative Violations	Dr. Francisco Sanchez
3	Drugs	Dr. Raul Corrons
4	Robbery	Sr. Federico Vivas
5	Usury and Speculation	Sr. Enrique Pacot
6	Corruption of Minors	Sr. Juan G. Monagas
7	Crimes of Violence	Sr. Elio Diaz
8	Gambling	Sr. Jose R. Castaneda

It was stated that the head of the Division, ~~Comandante~~ Morales does not appear to be interested in the progress of the SIAE Division and rarely visits his office. As a natural result of the above circumstances, the morale of the SIAE Division is extremely low.

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