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The following information concerning the activities of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City was developed during the month of November 1956:

3. Activities of the Military Personnel:

- ✓ a. On 1 November Captain Carlos ~~SANTANDER~~ Bonilla, of the Second Section of the Mexican Army Staff, contacted ~~Nikolay D. GILY~~, Soviet Assistant Naval Attache, and invited all the members of the military staff to attend a meeting at the Second Section's headquarters on 5 November 1956, ~~at 12:00 p.m.~~ to meet the new head of the Second Section, Lt. Col. Arturo CORONA Mendioroz. On 5 November ~~Viktor M. KATTINEN~~, employee of the Military Attache's Office, contacted ~~Major Alfredo NUNEZ Arguillo~~ of the Second Section to ascertain ~~if the Attache should attend the ceremony in uniform.~~
- ✓ b. On 7 November Frigate Captain Salvador ~~GONZALEZ~~ Lascano accepted an invitation to attend a Soviet reception on 19 November.
- ✓ c. *see copy* Nikolay M. ~~REMIZOV~~, Assistant Naval Attache, ~~asked~~ Comandante Alfonso ~~CASILLAS~~ Gomez on 5 November ~~if he had received the invitations (to the Soviet reception on 7 November).~~ ~~REMIZOV~~ offered to bring the invitations by CASILLAS' home the following day, and CASILLAS then invited him to dinner. However, ~~REMIZOV~~ was not able to accept, because he was busy with preparations for the reception. *soviet assistant naval attache,*
- ✓ d. On 14 November Comandante CASILLAS Gomez reminded ~~REMIZOV~~ about a meeting on Saturday, 17 November at 8:00 p.m.
- ✓ e. *see copy* Naval Lt. Jesus ~~RAZO~~ Reguero informed ~~REMIZOV~~ on 15 November that he was busy with some official business and would like to postpone their appointment until Monday, 19 November. They planned to meet at the Centro del Vasco at 2:30 p.m.

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✓ e.g. One Sergeant Chico de LEON attempted to get in touch with Nikolay I. PROFINOV, employee in the Office of the Military Attache, on 19 November, but was told he was not in town. LEON was asked to come by the Embassy.

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7 0. On 19 November an unidentified woman contacted the Soviet Embassy on behalf of Guatemalan Military Attache, Colonel Fernando GOMEZ Ayau, to ascertain who would attend the dinner being given on the 21st. The following military men with their wives were to attend: Grigori K. MIKIPURETS, Naval Attache; Vladimir S. MAROVKIN, Military Attache; Yuriy A. CHELPAKOV, Assistant Military Attache; Vladimir SERKOV, Assistant Military Attache; ROMIZOV; and BIKOV.

✓ " " H. On 26 November Nikolay I. RUSHCHIN, employee of the Naval Attache's office, informed Enrique BALTAJAZ Holt, Acting G-2 of the Navy, *was informed* that all persons who received invitations — MIKIPURETS and wife, ROMIZOV and wife, BIKOV and wife, ~~and ROSIENIN, without wife~~ would attend the cocktail party the following day. To a question by BALTAJAZ as to the other military officers, he replied that MAROVKIN, CHELPAKOV, and SERKOV would also attend.

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I. RUSHCHIN contacted an unidentified officer on 30 November to determine the full name and grade of one Lt. Jose FERRER, indicating that he was making up invitations for Heads and Officials of the Staff. The name of the man in question was given as Jose Luis FERRER Lara, Lt. de Fragata, Cuerpo General.

II. Contacts:

A. Communists and Pro-Communists:

- ✓ 1. Jose Luis CESENA: On 2 November Albert K. MATVEYEV, Soviet Attache, attempted to locate Jose Luis CESENA, (economist) and PCM member, to send him an invitation from the Soviet Embassy.
- ✓ 2. Efrain HUERTA HUERTA, official of the IICMR (Mexican-Soviet Cultural Institute), contacted the Embassy on 1 November and left a message that he would like to see Yuriy M. PABONOV, Cultural Attache. On 6 November PABONOV contacted HUERTA at the IICMR and made arrangements for him to come to the Embassy the following day. They discussed a party, to be held on the 10th or 12th, and HUERTA suggested having the inauguration of an exposition at the same time. On 10 November MUKICIA,

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PAPOROV, and Dr. Francisco ~~EMILIO~~ Alatorre, Communist and IICAR official in Guadalajara, were to meet at the Tampico restaurant. PAPOROV referred to the three of them as "the three musketeers."

3. Luis GARCIA Lagos: On 7 November an unidentified individual called the Soviet Embassy on behalf of Luis GARCIA Lagos, Spanish Communist, and gave a phone number to Professor Adolfo SANCHEZ Vasquez, employee of the Soviet Embassy propaganda office. (The phone number mentioned, 27-63-60, is believed to be the phone of Emilio GARCIA Lara, Spanish Communist and employee of the Czech Legation.)
4. Ignacio GONZALEZ Guzman: GONZALEZ Guzman, Communist front member, made arrangements to meet with PAPOROV on 17 November at 11:00 a.m. (also see HMM 246)
5. David ALFARO: ALFARO, son of Mexican communist artist David ALFARO Siquieros, attempted to contact Matvey P. IZOTOV, formerly of the Soviet Commercial Office and the representative for International Book, on 19 November. He was told that IZOTOV had left Mexico and that he should call on Aleksey CHEVCHENKO for anything he wanted.
6. Eli de GORTARI: During the latter part of November several contacts were made between GORTARI, of the Society of Friends of China, and PAPOROV concerning the visit to China and the USSR of a group of persons from Mexico. The departure date for the six persons was originally set as 28 November. GORTARI was to prepare a letter from the Society concerning visas for the Travellers. (see HMM-2162)
7. Sra. del Carmen MA-SERRAT Puchi aka MONCE: MONCE, believed to be a Spanish Communist, was in contact with Josefina ZAVALLA of the Soviet propaganda office on 26 November. They planned to see each other the following day at Versailles. (Offices of the Partido Comunista Espanol - PCE - are located at Versailles 90.)
8. Wenceslao ROCES: On 28 November CHEVCHENKO informed ROCES, Spanish Communist, that Manuel MESA Andraca, pro-Communist, would receive them that evening at his home.
9. Clara Forcet de GUERRERO: On 14 November PAPOROV informed Clara Forcet de GUERRERO, wife of Communist Xavier GUERRERO Saucedo, that he had not been able to find an apartment, as everything was very expensive. On 29 November, however, he told her that everything was arranged and that the painters would be there the following day. They planned to meet at his new home, Nuevo Leon 192-10, the next day.

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10. Dolores Varela de FRANCISIDOR Subject held an appointment with Ambassador Anatoliy GLAZHENKOV on 25 November at 11:00 a.m. (see HMM-2169)
11. Information on the following Communist contacts during the month of November is contained in separate reports:

Diego RIVERA	- HMM-2321	no details
Moises BARRIO Duque	- HMM-2320	" "
Berta Arenal de UCAMP	- HMM-2118	CS-111606
General Heriberto JARA Corona	- HMM-2161	CS-3, 301, 273

B. Contacts of Special Interest:

1. As MONTESSI Bradley (pn): On 24 November MONTESSI contacted Lev SHUKOV, First Secretary, and asked to postpone their meeting until 26 November, at the same place.
2. Francisco (lnu): On 26 November one Francisco (lnu) of the Migration Department was in contact with Yevgeniy M. POPOV, Third Secretary. (see HMM-2104)

C. Miscellaneous Contacts:

1. On 1 November Nikolay V. AKSENOV, Second Secretary, attempted to contact Marie FORASTIERI Garcia, member of the UGOCM (Union General de Obreros y Campesinos de Mexico), trade union group which was invited to Moscow in April 1956 by the Soviet Trade Union Council, and was informed that he would not be back to work until Saturday. AKSENOV left a message for him to "call Nicolas of the Soviet Embassy."
2. Pepe BULNES of 35-98-45 attempted to contact Boris A. KAZANTSEV, Soviet Embassy Counselor, on 6 November. (In the 1956 Mexico City telephone directory this number is listed under the name of Oliverio ARRIETA, Customs Agent, San Juan de Letran 8-24.)
3. On 6 November Enrique BORDES of BIP (Buro de Investigaciones Politicas) contacted Vladimir M. MASYUKEVICH, Second Secretary, stating that he had been in Tamaulipas traveling from one side of the state to the other, and had just returned. He had heard of the reception being given on the following day, but had not received an invitation. MASYUKEVICH informed him that he had given the Embassy a list of all members of the BIP. On 7 November MASYUKEVICH informed BORDES that he had the invitation for him and for (fnu) ALZONDO. He also told BORDES that he should inform Sergio NOVELO and Victor RICO that the invitations were personal, only for the person

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designated and they could not arrange that anyone else not mentioned on the invitation enter. HOWES, NOVELO, and RICO had previously asked to bring guests with them.

4. One (Sra.) (Inu) ~~ROMERO~~ called Boris P. ~~KOLOMIYAKOV~~, Attache, on 12 November. He had apparently seen her that morning and arrangements were made to meet again the following day.
5. On 14 November Arturo ~~SOLOMAYOR~~, leftist journalist, informed KAZANTSEV that he had a book belonging to Vitaliy A. ~~KRASNITONOV~~, First Secretary, and that he would bring it by the Embassy in fifteen minutes.
6. One (Inu) "LOPEZ", engineer, was in contact with KOLOMIYAKOV several times during the month of November. Arrangements were made to meet together on 15 November and 27 November at the same restaurant. ("LOPEZ" is believed to be Carlos Augusto LEON, Venezuelan exile.)
7. (Inu) ~~DURAZO~~ asked Aleksandar S. ~~SHKIN~~, Embassy employee, on 14 November to inform ~~PRONOV~~ that he had arrived from Veracruz the previous day. (DURAZO may be a clandestine contact of the Soviets.)
8. On 15 November Jose ~~SAN MARTIN~~ attempted to contact Alejandro ~~ORSHININ~~. (see HMM-2141) *no dinner*
9. On 13 and 15 November Gaston ~~GARCIA~~ Cantu, of previous record, was in contact with the Embassy concerning avisa to the USSR. (see HMM-2116)
10. Pedro ~~ROJAS~~ of the National University made an appointment to see ~~PRONOV~~ on 20 November at 11:00 a.m.
11. On 17 November ~~MATVEYEV~~ spoke with an unidentified woman concerning the best place to send an invitation to Manuel ~~ZORRILLA~~ Rivera. He was given ZORRILLA's home address, Calle de Lerdo 102, Tizapan, and his office address, Madero 34-17. On 22 November ZORRILLA and Ricardo J. ~~ZEVALA~~ of the Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior, informed the Embassy that they might be a little late to the luncheon with the Ambassador that day, as they had to attend an urgent meeting at the Union de Azucar (Sugar Union.)
12. Boris ~~SCHHEIMAN~~, partner in De Swan, S.A., invited the Ambassador to dinner on 25 November, but the latter was unable to accept, and they then made arrangements for the Ambassador to visit ~~SCHHEIMAN~~ at his home, Lomas Altas 190 on Sunday, 30 November. (see HMM-2166)

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- ✓ 13. PAPOROV and Ramon LUBETSKI arranged to meet on 23 November in PAPOROV's office and then go out to contact a third person.
- ✓ 14. One Luis VAZQUEZ invited TROFINOV to a party at his home on 1 December. (see HMM-2167)
15. On 26 November Francisco ARADO, of previous record, attempted to contact KOLOMIYAKOV (see HMM-2165)
16. KOLOMIYAKOV and Julian (probably Julian CARRILLO) made arrangements to meet on 28 November upstairs at the corner of 16 de Septiembre and San Juan de Letran; KOLOMIYAKOV referred to "wanting to appreciate the advantages" to which Julian replied that "the advantages are appreciated after some twenty years, but in the meantime let's initiate the appreciation."
- ✓ 17. AKSENOV arranged to visit Eduardo GARDUÑO, director of Banco Cinematografía, the following ^{November 29} day at 11:00 a.m. Later on the 28th, Georgiy KROBOV of the Commercial Office contacted AKSENOV and asked him to come to his office to meet GARDUÑO.
18. Antonio ORTIZ informed Leonid M. ROMANOV, Third Secretary, that he had taken up "the matter" with Ignacio GOMEZ Urquiza, the President of the Foundation, and the latter had requested that the meeting be held in his office at Gante 4, 4th floor, phone 46-16-70.
19. Orlando MANCISILOR, probably the son of Jose MANCISILOR, deceased director of the IICAR, was in contact with PAPOROV on 30 November. (see HMM-2255)
- out 20. AKSENOV asked Manuel NOGAREDA, Spanish leftist, to come by his office on 1 December to discuss a personal matter with him.
- out 21. On 20 November CHEVCHENKO attempted to contact Manuel AMUCHTEGUI (ph), a Spaniard, (His phone numbers, 22-23-77, 22-26-56, are listed under the name of the following firm: Industrias Mexicanas, El Nervion, S.A., Vulcanizacion 14). Arrangements were made for AMUCHTEGUI and his wife to visit Pavel LATSKOV, Consul, concerning the matter of AMUCHTEGUI's brother-in-law, Urtijo, on 23 November.
22. On 30 November MATVEYEV contacted the home of Dr. Gustavo BAZ, after obtaining the phone number from Dr. Carlos NOBLE, Communist and physician, to ascertain if the invitation to the wedding of their daughter addressed to former Soviet Ambassador KAPUSTIN, who had departed Mexico three years ago,

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was to be used by Ambassador KULAZHENKOV. He was told that KULAZHENKOV would be welcome at the religious ceremony and at the reception at their home afterward.

III. Goods and Services:

- X A. On 2 November Leonid IVASHKOV, employe-guard of the Soviet Embassy, contacted the firm of Kiertink (ph) to ascertain if his suit was ready.
- X B. ZHUKOV attempted to contact Dr. Andres BUSTAMANTE Gurria, a physician, on 5 November.
- X C. On 5 November RUSHCHIN contacted Jose Alfredo HOLZER of Holzer y Cia. and arranged to go by to see him about a watch for his wife.
- X D. On 8 November MATVEYEV contacted Berta HERNANDEZ Lopez, probably a costume supplier, concerning renting some women's dresses of the last century. He had apparently rented them for a play several weeks before.
- X E. Dr. Carlos NOBLE was asked on 10 November by POPOV to visit KHARITONOV who was ill. POPOV made arrangements to go by and pick up NOBLE and take him to the hotel where KHARITONOV lives.
- X F. On 27 November Vasily F. SIDYAKIN, Administrative Officer, made an appointment to see Dra. Carlota GUZMAN.

IV. Personnel:

- X A. Leonid L. BOLSHAKOV, Commercial Counselor, informed MATVEYVA on 3 November that he could not attend choir practice, as he was going to see Andrey VOLCHKOV of the Commercial Office off. VOLCHKOV left that evening for the USSR.
- X B. Georgiy BROBOV of the Commercial Office is taking English lessons.
- X C. On Sunday, 11 November, MASYUKOVICH was asked to be on duty at the Embassy.
- X D. Nikolai KAMLIUK, new member of the Commercial Office, arrived in Mexico via KIM on 1 November, accompanied by his wife Raisa and son Aleksandr.
- X E. Soviet diplomatic couriers Sergei FOMINE and Valeri KARPINSKI departed Mexico on 15 November via Air France.

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- * F. On 20 November Vladimir SOKOLOV was promoted from Major to Lt. Colonel.
- X G. KOLOMYAROV was staying at the Hotel Diligencias in Veracruz on 30 November, and held reservations for three for the following day in Jalapa.
- ✓ H. Matvey P. IZOTOV, employee in the Commercial Office, with wife Anastasiya and sons Igor and Aleksandr, departed Mexico at Laredo on 17 November, with reservations on the QUEEN ELIZABETH leaving New York on 23 November.
- I. Aleksey CHEVCHENKO and wife Nina arrived in Mexico via Air France on 1 November. CHEVCHENKO replaced IZOTOV in the Commercial Office as the representative of International Book.
- ✓ J. Andrey P. VOLCHKOV of the Commercial Office departed Mexico by KLM on 3 November, on return to the USSR.

V. Miscellaneous:

A. Anti-Soviet Demonstrations:

1. During the month of November the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City received numerous complaints concerning the Russians' action in Hungary. Various Mexicans contacted the Embassy, accusing the Soviets of being murderers, and threatening to attack them.
2. An unidentified man, who claimed to be a member of the Comité de la Paz and a friend of Dionisio ENCINA and General Heriberto JARA, confidentially informed PAPKOV on 7 November concerning certain activities being carried out against the Soviets. He stated that around five thousand leaflets were being printed for circulation protesting the Hungarian situation, and that an employee of Ultimas Noticias, Raul RODRIGUEZ, was being paid (by the United States) to publish articles in his paper against the Soviets. He also mentioned that a friend of his, who is a member of the Frente Popular Anti-Comunista, had approached him for aid in painting anti-Soviet signs on walls in Mexico City, but he had not been interested as he did not sympathize with their organization.
- X 3. On 8 November the head of the Mexican Police Service conferred with AKSENOV on the subject of police protection for the Embassy. AKSENOV indicated that Secret Service men were around the Embassy at that time, and that he would be glad to furnish them with a pair of uniforms

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grenadier guards to stand at the corner or door of the Embassy if they so desired. ARSENOV consulted with the Ambassador who agreed with the idea, and plans were made to have the grenadiers be at the Embassy for ten to fifteen days, or as long as was necessary.

- X 4. On 10 November one Francisco ALONSO contacted the Embassy to inform them that the writer of an article in Lumiere protesting the Hungarian situation was a despicable person who was paid by the "Yank Embassy."
- 5. On 10 November MASLAKOVICH sent Aurelio SANCHEZ Valques of the Soviet propaganda office down to witness an anti-Soviet demonstration taking place in front of one of the Secretariats. SANCHEZ reported that some three-hundred persons were there.
- X B. On 18 November BROBOV informed members of the Embassy that on that evening he was going to show films of Bulganin's reception in London.
- X C. A Mexican medical student contacted the Embassy on 19 November requesting the name and address of the Soviet discus thrower who was involved in the unfortunate incident in London. He indicated that he would like to send her a letter and gift as an expression of friendship from a Mexican admirer.
- X D. On 27 November SIDIYAKIN, Administrative Officer of the Embassy, contacted the firm of Almacen Chica concerning an automatic door which they wanted installed.

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