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12 July 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Task Force W

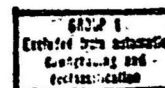
SUBJECT : Manolo RAY Rivero

1. On 2 July 1962 A. RODRIGUEZ, Task Force Officer, proceeded to San Juan, Puerto Rico, via JMWAVE with the intent of making contact with the Subject. While contact was never made with Manolo RAY, arrangements have been made with the San Juan Station to have RAY proceed to Baltimore, Maryland, soonest in order to meet with RODRIGUEZ. RAY indicated to the San Juan Chief of Station that he was willing to attend such a meeting and that he would indicate the date to the Chief of Station on 10 July. San Juan will cable RAY's itinerary and it is expected that RODRIGUEZ will meet him at the Baltimore International Airport.

2. Due to the following series of events, it was impossible to make contact with RAY during this trip.

- A. While at WAVE, WAVE sources reported on 3 July that RAY was expected to arrive in Miami on 6 July.
- B. In order to confirm RAY's intent to travel to Miami, a priority cable was sent San Juan at the close of business on 3 July asking for details of RAY's plans. While the written cable furnished the Office of Communications at WAVE indicated the addressee to be San Juan, this was inadvertently changed to San Jose and as a result there was no answer from San Juan prior to RODRIGUEZ' departure to San Juan on 4 July.
- C. Upon arrival in San Juan, the Station had made no contact with RAY and did not know his whereabouts.

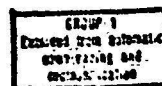
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- D. July 5 was spent discussing ways and means of contacting RAY.
- E. On 6 July having finally agreed upon a source, this being a prominent Puerto Rican businessman, ⁰²[SKEWER-1], it was learned that RAY was departing that day for Miami. Efforts to reach RAY prior to his departure failed.
- F. As RAY was expected to return on 8 July to San Juan, RODRIGUEZ remained there in order to make contact then. At 2200 hours on 8 July, RODRIGUEZ personally called ⁰²[SKEWER-1] in Ponce, Puerto Rico, to determine if RAY had returned. ⁰²[S-1] had not yet heard from his contact, one (fnu) MELENDEZ, if RAY had in fact returned.
- G. On 9 July ⁰²[S-1] stated that RAY had not returned. On this same date RODRIGUEZ called Chief of Station, JMWAVE, who informed him that RAY was still in Miami and would probably remain there two or three more days. This time RODRIGUEZ decided to proceed immediately to Miami, it was learned that RAY had in fact returned to San Juan in the evening of 8 July.
- H. After talking with Mr. ZOGBY on 9 July, RODRIGUEZ intended to return to San Juan in order to make contact; however, due to the strike of Eastern Airlines and the heavy loads being carried by PAA, there was no space available for the weekend and possibly not until after 16 July. *A cable in on 13 July indicates no space available until 16 July.*
- I. Because it was felt that an advantage would accrue to us if RAY were met in the continental U. S. rather than in Puerto Rico, RODRIGUEZ called COS, San Juan to see if RAY were willing to meet with him in the USA. Finally arrangements were made as are described in Para 1 above.

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3. From information available in San Juan and particularly available to WAVE, it can be said with some certainty that RAY is surely the personal instrument of Governor MUNOZ Marin to head a future Cuban government. WAVE sources covered RAY's trip to Miami in great detail and it appears that the following is RAY's plan.

RAY will create an unnamed organization of key Cuban exiles which once informed, will with the initial backing of Governor MUNOZ seek support of President Romulo BETANCOURT and Ex-President Jose FIGUERES. With this backing, it will then be possible to bring considerable pressure on the U. S. Government to buy this package. RAY has indicated to WAVE sources that whereas he is not persona grata with the Agency, he has important political connections in Washington and is thus kept informed of much of the Agency's activities. RAY's new organization is not to be military or engage in military thrusts against Cuba because military activity is presently controlled by the Agency and cannot be wrested from it at this time. RAY's new organization will cooperate with the Consejo and attempt to move in on it with the ultimate aim of taking over and dominating it.

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