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Chief, WH Division

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Chief of Station, ¹⁶⁻¹⁵ [San Jose]

Operational/PBRUMEN/Blackmail of local JURE leader

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1. Attached is a letter received by Ambassador TELLES on 15 December from an unknown source who left same at the Embassy reception desk. While there is apparently little of substantive intelligence interest therein, it is felt that the tone of same and the visionary scheme presented may be of interest to Headquarters and JMWAVE, particularly in view of the personalities involved.

2. While the ¹⁶⁻¹⁵ source of this letter is not known, ¹⁶⁻¹⁵ [the Station] suspects it is Manuel Antonio STRASBURGER since [HUBUMP-1] recently told [the Station] that Raimundo QUIDIELLO Castillo (local J.U.R.E. representative) had informed [HUBUMP-1] that he was being blackmailed by STRASBURGER, a former business partner. STRASBURGER threatened QUIDIELLO with a disclosure of his personal letters which would embarrass QUIDIELLO, ODYOKE, and KUBARK. Apparently QUIDIELLO did not yield to the threat hence the letter to the Ambassador and at least one other copy which [HUCROG-1] showed to [HUGIRD-1] on 15 December.

3. ¹⁶⁻¹⁵ [Station] now investigating STRASBURGER in view of above activities and his reported close connections with Communists Marcial AGUILUZ and Alvaro MENENDEZ Franco.

4. Headquarters: request traces on STRASBURGER.

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Letter to Ambassador TELLES

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