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TO : Director, Office of Security
United States Information Agency

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Hugo TULLIO Melendez

1. Reference is made to CSCI-S/773,047, dated 23 December 1962, and CSCI-S/778,766, dated 19 November 1962, which provided information on Subject.

2. In an effort to try to clarify the details of derogatory information available on Subject in the records of this Agency, there follows information recently received from our representative in Mexico City, which includes all information available in the files there on Subject. No additional information on TULLIO is contained in the files of this office which has not already been made available to you in the memoranda cited in paragraph one.

a. Hugo TULLIO Melendez (erroneously described as a Cuban) was the fourth speaker on 25 March 1958 at a rally of Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Dominican political exiles held at the Juarez Monument in Alameda Park, Mexico City. He asked Mexico to give aid to Cuba, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic as "enslaved" countries. (See CS-3/355,862.)

b. Universal, 11 January 1959, reported Hugo TULLIO Melendez as a speaker in a meeting held 10 January 1959 at Beniciclo a Juarez. The meeting was a rally to attack President Miguel YDIGORAS Fuentes of Guatemala as a dictator and as a lackey of the United States.

c. Excelsior, 11 January 1959, reported the same meeting as "b" above and had a photograph of Hugo TULLIO Melendez as one of the principal agitators. It said he advocated that Mexico break diplomatic relations with YDIGORAS.

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d. La Prensa, 24 June 1959, cited Hugo TULLIO Melendez as one of the speakers at a rally at the "Auditorio de Humanidades" who spoke against dictators in Latin America.

e. A report dated 17 July 1959 reported in Field Comment 3 that Hugo TULLIO Melendez attended ceremonies in connection with the inauguration of summer school classes at UNAM. During these ceremonies -- and with United States Ambassador Robert C. Hill on the platform -- Hugo TULLIO Melendez suddenly got up on the platform and began to make a speech attacking the United States and its policy toward Latin America. Hugo TULLIO Melendez was forcefully removed from the platform by Lic. Antonio CASTRO Leal, Director of the UNAM Summer School. (See LS-J/407,923.)

f. The same report above said that a student rally was held in the auditorium of the UNAM to support revolutionary activities in Central and South America. Hugo TULLIO Melendez was one of the persons who presided at this rally. Leaflets by the PCN were distributed at this rally.

g. A memo of 30 July 1959, from a fairly reliable source, reported on the National Oratory Contest held at Jalapa, Veracruz. The report stated, "There were two main types of orators: the very bad and the adherents of the radical left, who may be considered as future agitators. The most dangerous of this (agitator) type were Miguel LOPEZ Erron, the Morelos representative, and Hugo TULLIO Melendez, who despite being an out-and-out demagogue, knows well how to attract the masses."

h. A report dated 14 August 1959 on a "Visit of Cubans at National University of Mexico" reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez was one of five organizers of a meeting held in the Jacinto Palarea auditorium of the Law School (at UNAM) to honor the Cuban Communist visitors.. (See LS-3/409,685.)

i. A report dated 28 August 1959 reported a meeting held on 25 July 1959 at Ateneo Espanol (Communist meeting hall) to pay tribute to Fidel

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CASTRO RAZ. Hugo TULLIO Melendez was the first speaker. He praised the Cuban Revolution and attacked the governments of Nicaragua, Paraguay, and the Dominican Republic, and blamed the "pseudo blondes" of the North (United States) for all dictatorships. He said the press had been paid to distort the truth about the Castro revolution. He said he knew his words would be reported to the District Attorney, since the Mexican Government always sent paid agents to listen. (See CS-3/411,174.)

j. On 14 December 1960 USIA asked for clearance from the Security Office for Hugo TULLIO Melendez (born on 31 July 1938 in Mexico, D.F.), who was cited as an influential student at UNAM and who was being considered for a student travel grant under the educational exchange program. (See attached memo to the Security Office in reply -- Attachment A)

k. Excelsior, 5 June 1960, cited Hugo TULLIO Melendez as one of the leaders of the "Frente Universitario Latino-Americano" and one of the three writers of a letter to Mexican Foreign Minister Manuel TELLO asking that Mexico break relations with the Dominican Republic (Trujillo) for the murder (which these students say was done by Trujillo agents) of Jesse ALMOIRA.

l. Excelsior, 10 June 1960, reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez (of the Frente Universitario Latino-Americano) was among a group of "students, workers, and Communists" who welcomed Osvaldo DORTICOS, President of Cuba, to the airport in Mexico City.

m. On 18 July 1960 a usually reliable source reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez was among a group of Mexican students invited to visit Cuba. The invitation came from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, which promised to pay all expenses.

n. A report dated 20 July 1960, paragraph 3, from a usually reliable source, reported that on 7 July 1960 Hugo TULLIO Melendez invited Milos KALETIC, Second Secretary of the Yugoslav Embassy

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in Mexico City, to attend a student meeting to be held on 8 July 1960 by "progressive political parties" to select delegates to take part in the Latin American Congress of Youth to be held in Cuba. MALETIC accepted. (See CS-3/445,119.)

o. A report dated 20 July 1960, from a usually reliable source, reported a pro-Cuban, anti-United States student demonstration in front of the United States Embassy and the National Palace. One student, Carlos CASTIZ Tejada, tried to burn a United States flag (but police forcefully prevented this). One of the three principal organizers and leaders of this demonstration was Hugo TULLIO Melendez. (See CS-3/445,036.)

p. Excelsior, 26 July 1960, reported that seven Mexican professors and 26 Mexican students left for Habana on 25 July 1960. One of the students was Hugo TULLIO Melendez.

q. On 8 August 1960 a usually reliable source reported that Vicente LOMBARDO Toledano told TULLIO Melendez that his work looked very good. LOMBARDO Toledano wanted to see TULLIO Melendez on the "next Wednesday" and said he would look forward to the visit "with much pleasure."

r. On 10 August 1960 a usually reliable source reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez was leaving by way of Veracruz aboard a Yugoslav ship on 11 August 1960 for Yugoslavia. A portion of TULLIO Melendez' expenses were being paid by the Yugoslav Government, according to this source.

s. On 5 October 1960 a usually reliable source reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez was one of a group which arrived in Merida from Habana.

t. On 10 October 1960 a fairly reliable source reported Hugo TULLIO Melendez as one of the leaders of the "Bloque Latino-Americano" or "Frente Universitario Latino-Americano" which was reported to be constantly attacking the Mexican Government.

u. The United States Naval Attache, Mexico, has additional information on Subject's travel behind the Iron Curtain.

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v. On 15 January 1961 a usually reliable source reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez had been arrested ("along with other communists") and jailed for the duration of the visit of President PRADO of Peru to Mexico. This source said that Hugo TULLIO Melendez and Alfredo RIOS Camarena (he called them "Communist students") had been in touch with the Yugoslav Embassy, the Polish Embassy, and the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. He said these two had visited Yugoslavia, Poland, the USSR, and Cuba, with "expenses paid by these Communist governments."

w. On 15 February 1961 reliable sources reported plans and financial arrangements for Hugo TULLIO Melendez to visit the Soviet Union.

x. A report of 7 March 1961, from a source of unknown reliability, said that Hugo TULLIO Melendez, who "had Communist tendencies," had just returned from a visit to Czechoslovakia.

y. A fairly reliable source reported on 2 October 1961 that Hugo TULLIO Melendez was one of the leaders of the Communist Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN) at the National University.

z. According to a reliable source, on 1 August 1962 a "Colonel Melendez," who said he was the father of Hugo TULLIO Melendez (who, the Colonel said, was "plenamente identificado con Fidel CASTRO Ruz") asked for an interview with Cuban Ambassador Carlos LECHUGA Nevila.

aa. According to a reliable source, on 31 August 1962 Hugo TULLIO Melendez spoke with Marta de SINDORAS (wife of Ramon SINDORAS, former First Secretary and Charge d'Affaires in Mexico, where he engaged in Cuban intelligence activities), of the Cuban Embassy, to say he would arrive late at SINDORAS' home. Hugo TULLIO Melendez gave his home address and said he had to participate in a "round table" at the preparatory school before coming to see the SINDORASes.

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bb. On 8 May 1963 a reliable source reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez informed Branko MILIJANOVIC (Intelligence Officer of the Yugoslav Embassy) that he (TULLIO) was unable to meet Manuel, the secretary of the Boat Cutters' Union, today because Manuel had to go to Toluca. Hugo TULLIO Melendez suggested that he arrange to bring Manuel to breakfast on 9 May 1963 in honor of "Carrade de LEON" and let Manuel take part in this breakfast. MILIJANOVIC agreed to have a breakfast at 9 a.m. on 9 May 1963 at the Maria Isabel Hotel and to have de LEON there. Hugo apologized to MILIJANOVIC in advance because he (Hugo) could have arranged also to have had the leader of the miners, Filiberto BORELARA (phonetic), who is also a Deputy in Congress, to meet them. Hugo TULLIO Melendez asked Branko MILIJANOVIC how the meeting with Fidel VELANQUEZ (President of the Confederacion de Trabajadores Mexicanos - (CTM) went, and Branko said that he and de LEON had a very cordial meeting with VELANQUEZ from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. on 7 May 1963. He said that de LEON speaks Spanish and get along very well with Fidel. Hugo then said that on 23 May 1963 he will have lunch with President Adolfo LOPEZ Mateos and, in addition to that, he has some very important things to report to Branko. Branko interrupted Hugo and said that these reports should be told to me when we meet personally." Hugo TULLIO Melendez offered to introduce Branko to the leader of the PSSTE National Union (Union of Government Employees). Hugo described this organization as having 17,000 members. Hugo said that he knows its leaders well and indicated he can be of service to Branko here also.

cc. According to a reliable source, on 10 May 1963 Hugo TULLIO Melendez contacted Branko MILIJANOVIC and reported that he had succeeded in contacting Alfredo HUISCO Moreno (who is known by our representative in Mexico to be a contact of the Yugoslav Embassy). Hugo TULLIO Melendez suggested that they meet at 7 p.m. on 14 May 1963 at the "Caga de la Cultura del Instituto." Branko said he would consult his Ambassador and would then let Hugo know if such a meeting were all right. They later arranged a meeting for 1 p.m. on 20 May 1963.

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dd. On 6 October 1963 a reliable source said that, according to Branko MILICANOVIC, Hugo TULLIO Melendez was one of the directors of the Instituto Mexicano-Yugoslavo and that, as such, President TITO should receive TULLIO Melendez during TITO's visit to Mexico, along with the other directors of the Institute.

ee. On 30 October 1963 a reliable source reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez contacted Nikolai S. LEONOV, Cultural Officer of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico, who is an identified KGB officer. TULLIO asked to have time to visit and talk at length with LEONOV over the possibility of the Soviet's helping to supply books and publications to the "Instituto de la Juventud Mexicana." LEONOV promised to have the desired discussion with TULLIO -- and said the Soviets would be pleased to supply books and periodicals to the Institute.

ff. On 4 February 1964 a reliable source reported that Hugo TULLIO Melendez contacted Jaroslav KUBELNITZ, of the Czech Embassy in Mexico City, to tell KUBELNITZ that he (TULLIO) had the "discursos" of Lic. Gustavo DIAZ Ordaz and would send these to KUBELNITZ. TULLIO further said that a dinner for 4 February 1964 had been cancelled, but he made an appointment to see KUBELNITZ on 5 February 1964.

3. The report containing the information in paragraph "a" was circulated to the Ambassador; the reports in paragraphs "c," "b," "i," "n," and "o" were circulated to the Ambassador, Political Affairs Officer, and several Attaches.

4. The attached memoranda, prepared by our representative in Mexico City, were given distribution to the offices indicated on each memorandum. These memoranda concern Hugo TULLIO Melendez and his activities in Mexico.

Attachment A: Memorandum to the Office of the Security Advisor, dated 15 December 1959. (See paragraph 2 "j" above.)

Attachment B: Memorandum for the Ambassador, dated 30 June 1959, concerning anti-United States activity of students at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

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Attachment C: Memorandum for the Ambassador (also sent to the Counselor for Public Affairs), dated 10 August 1960, concerning travel of Mexican students to Yugoslavia. This report was disseminated at Headquarters in TDCS-3/446,415.

Attachment D: Memorandum to the Ambassador, dated 16 July 1963, concerning Station traces on Hugo Tullio MELLENDEZ, aka Hugo TULLIO Melendez. (An exact copy of this memorandum was furnished the Acting Legal Attache on 10 September 1963.) Paragraphs 2 and 18 have been deleted, as they have no bearing on the background of the USIA request from this office for traces on Subject, and since the information contained there was for the information of the Ambassador only in connection with another sensitive matter. Please note that our representative in Mexico City says in this memorandum that Subject is an informant (believed paid) of the Yugoslav Intelligence Service, and is also connected with Polish and Cuban Embassy officials.

Attachment E: Memorandum to the Ambassador on Subject, dated 11 October 1963.

Attachment F: Memorandum for the Chief, Visa Section, dated 6 February 1964, concerning Subject's visa application.

5. The information contained in this memorandum clearly shows that, according to reliable information gathered by sources of this Agency, Hugo TULLIO Melendez has been working and agitating for Communism and against the United States for years, both openly and clandestinely. TULLIO reportedly has visited Yugoslavia and other Soviet bloc countries and is known to have gone to Cuba; it is reliably reported that he received payment from the Communists for travel he made to these Communist countries. He is an informant for the Yugoslavs, and also is known to be in contact with Nikolai S. LEONOV, a known KGB officer, and with the Polish, Czech, and Cuban Embassies.

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6. The information contained in this memorandum and the attachments hereto comes from extremely sensitive sources and should receive no further dissemination in whole or in part outside your office without prior approval of this Agency.

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Attachments:

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