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Memorandum

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE Class/sbr 11/14/83

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4110)

DATE: NOV 2 1960

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FROM : SAC, MIAMI (97-328)

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATICO CHRISTIANO (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT) (MDC) RA - CUBA

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Enclosed are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled as above.

MM T-1 is ~~Lieutenant Colonel MAURICE H. SHORAGO, Group Commander of 9187 Air Reserve Group, who is a member of Decor International, an import-export firm located at 1795 Coral Way, Miami.~~ SHORAGO stated that his firm has lost \$300,000.00 in Cuba as a result of CASTRO's regime. Colonel SHORAGO went off of active duty in 1953 in Korea. JUAN MESA is employed by Decor International by SHORAGO. (S)(u)

Colonel SHORAGO reported on October 3, 1960, that Mr. JAY GLEICHAUFF, CIA representative in Miami, had recommended that he contact this office with respect to Movimiento Democratico Christiano (MDC). (S)(u)

It is to be noted that the FRD, or "Frente" is sponsored by CLIP and that the MDC was one of the original member organizations of the Frente.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 9)(RM)
- 2 - Jacksonville (Encls. 2)(RM)
- 4 - Miami (2 - 97-328)

(1 - 97-359) (Decor)
(1 - 62-3573) (CLIP)
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[Clark Seminars] CIA advised that organization is not being supported by CIA. Some applies to alleged training activities. 11/17/60

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On October 14, 1960, ^(S) [Mr. BOB HOPKINS] CIA, Miami, advised that CIA neither condemned nor condoned the group of 70 men who were allegedly intent upon setting up a training camp at Ocala. He said that Dr. RASCO, representing the MDC, is a member of the Frente. ~~(S)~~

On October 14, 1960, [Colonel SHORAGO] said that he was most desirous of assisting the FBI and the U. S. Government. in any way possible, but at the same time he did not want to violate any laws of the United States nor in any way jeopardize his standing with the U. S. Air Force Reserve. He said that for this reason he had also notified Mr. DON WARD of OSI, Miami. He said that he has known Mr. WARD for a considerable period of time and sees him almost daily, as he spends one hour each day at the Air Force Reserve Offices in Miami where Mr. WARD also has an office. ~~(S)~~(u)

On October 14, 1960, Mr. DON WARD, OSI, verified that he is in contact with Colonel SHORAGO concerning instant matter. Mr. WARD said that Colonel SHORAGO appears to be a man of considerable discretion and good judgment. ~~(S)~~(u)

In view of the information contained in attached letterhead memorandum, Miami will re-open this case and maintain it in a pending status in order to report pertinent information from Colonel SHORAGO. ~~(S)~~(u)(S)

Miami is furnishing two copies of this communication to Jacksonville and will notify that office of any additional, pertinent information concerning progress toward location and establishment of a camp at Ocala. ~~(S)~~(u)

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