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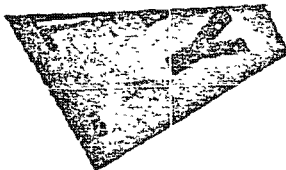
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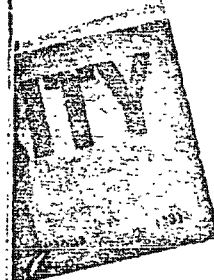
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Re - Manuel Ray

*WASH Star News, 9 Feb 1973*

# Costa Rican's Call for Talks With Castro Shocks Exiles

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY  
Star News Staff Writer

## Interpretation

Costa Rica's President Jose Figueres has thrown the Western Hemisphere's half-million Cuban exiles into a state of shock by his declaration that they should seek a dialogue with Fidel Castro.

It happened at an exile banquet in San Juan, Puerto Rico, last week attended by many anti-Castro leaders and by the leading officials of the island commonwealth, including Luis Munoz Marin and the new governor, Rafael Hernandez Colon.

Figueres had seemed to be an ideal choice as the speaker to the exile leaders because no Latin American leader has been a more open and vigorous enemy of Castro. The occasion was the 12th birthday celebration of Jose Marti, Cuba's national hero and a man idealized by both the exiles and by Castro supporters. For most of his speech, the eloquent and democratic-minded Figueres gave a stellar performance, combining fine oratory with wit. But then, toward the end of his speech, "Don Pepe" Figueres dropped his bombshell.

### Seek a Dialogue

He said the Cuban exiles should seek a dialogue with Castro because there is no prospect of overthrowing him. And he offered himself as an intermediary.

"If I have to share with you actions which are not pleasurable but bitter, and mediate with Fidel, Russia or the devil, I am at your disposal," Figueres said to the stunned au-

dience. Such exile leaders as Jose Mira Cardona and Manuel Ray, who once were active in militant attempts to overthrow the Communist regime set up by Castro, were described as barely able to restrain themselves.

The surprise declaration by Figueres was greeted with almost total silence, although a few women reportedly cried at his words.

Figueres appeared to have second thoughts about what he had said later in the week when he arrived in Panama. Reporters asked him about reports that he had offered to be a mediator among the Cubans and Figueres replied evasively that he had said nothing specific.

"I am always at the disposal of the Cubans for whatever they please," he told Panamanian newsmen.

### Close to Exiles

Asked if it was true that the militant exile organization Alpha 66 had rejected his offer, Figueres said he was not familiar with the organization.

Well-informed sources on Caribbean and Central American affairs say Figueres knows as much as any man about the Cuban exile movements and the men who lead them. After the Bay of Pigs disaster, some of the survivors of the invading force went to Costa Rica. Figueres himself, in his youth, was a leader of guerrilla forces fighting against such dictators as Ra-

fael Trujillo and Anastasio Somoza Garcia.

But Figueres also is known as a realistic man. When Costa Rica found itself with a huge coffee surplus, Figueres established diplomatic relations with Russia and sold his entire surplus to the Soviet Union.

His Marti dinner speech seems to mean that he has decided that, realistically, Castroism is here to stay and will have to be accepted. Only Figueres, however, would have chosen a Cuban exile conclave to state his new stand.

WASH STAR NEWS, 9 FEB 1973

RAY, y Rivero, Manuel Antonio

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

Qualified for: Minister of Public Works

Biography: Born<sup>13</sup> June 1924 in Havana. Educated in Cuban universities and became a very able construction engineer. He was politically unknown until 1957. In early 1957 he joined the Internal Resistance Movement (MRC). After engaging in numerous clandestine activities, he was made Secretary General of the MRC and a leader of the 26th of July Movement for Havana Province. At the time, he was President of the Havana Society of Civil Engineers and was employed by the Frederick Snare Corporation on the Hotel Hilton project. When Batista was overthrown, Castro made Ray his Minister of Public Works. Ray did a very creditable job "re-building" Cuba and acquired a substantial popular following. As Minister of Public Works, he showed a great understanding of the needs of the people of Cuba and a real concern for their welfare.

Political Affiliation and Attitudes:

Although liberal and pro-revolutionary, Ray resented the Communist domination of the Castro regime and in November 1959 he was replaced by a Communist. He lived for several months under surveillance that amounted to house arrest and was unable to acquire another post. However, he remained in Cuba and organized the MRP as an anti-Castro movement. He escaped to the US in October 1960. His leadership, ability, and integrity are unmistakable.

Current Position and Location:

In the US as an MRP leader.

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RAY Rivera, Manuel

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Minister of Public Works

Manuel Ray, an earnest young civil engineer in his early thirties, was appointed Minister of Public Works in January 1959. He is a stocky man of youthful appearance who has been praised in government circles for the enthusiasm which he has exhibited in organizing an ambitious public works program.

Ray joined the Civic Resistance Movement (MRC) in April 1957. After engaging in numerous clandestine activities, he was appointed Secretary General of the MRC and a leader of the 26th of July Movement for Habana Province in September 1957. At the time, Ray was President of the Habana Society of Civil Engineers and was employed by the Frederick Snare Corporation on the Hotel Hilton project. He subsequently lost his job and devoted all of his time to the 26th of July Movement. Nothing is known of his domestic affairs or competence in foreign languages.

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2. THIS AGENCY HAS REVIEWED THE RAY FILE BUT WE HAVE NO REPORTING BEYOND JULY 1974, INCLUDING TRAVEL. WE HAVE QUERIED OUR REPRESENTATIVES [ ] CONCERNING YOUR REQUEST WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS. Y
3. OUR REPRESENTATIVE [ ] STATED THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM, RAY HAD BEEN IN BUSINESS IN MONTEGO BAY UNTIL DECEMBER 1976 AND THAT HE FREQUENTLY TRAVELLED IN AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY ("SHUTTLLING" WAS TERM USED). IN DECEMBER 1976 RAY WAS DECLARED "PERSONA NON GRATA" ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER MANLEY, WHO BASED HIS DECISION ON VAGUE ALLEGATIONS THAT RAY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE NO TRACES ON AMALIA ANGELINA ZABALA MAS. Y
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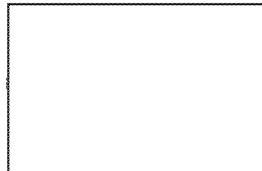
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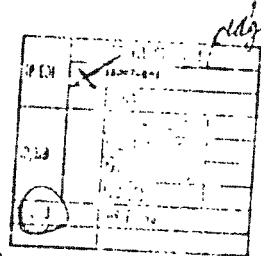
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2. THROUGH ELICITATION RUAGBE-13 (R-13) DETERMINED THAT RUAGBE-7 HOLDS A FILE ON RAY BUT HE WAS UNABLE OBTAIN FILE. R-13 WAS TOLD THAT RAY HAD BEEN IN BUSINESS IN MONTEGO BAY UNTIL DECEMBER 1976 AND THAT HE FREQUENTLY TRAVELED IN AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY ("SHUTTLING" WAS TERM USED). IN DECEMBER 1976 RAY WAS DECLARED "PERSONAL NON GRATA" ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER MANLEY, WHO BASED HIS DECISION ON VAGUE ALLEGATIONS THAT RAY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITIES.

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 CUBA. OCCUPATION: CIVIL ENGINEER. IN 63 RAY REPORTED LEADER  
 PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT MIAMI. EARLY 64 RAY AND  
 EIGHT OTHER PERSONS CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ENTRY AND POSSESSION  
 FIREARMS BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES NASSAU. ALL ACCUSED, INCLUDING  
 TWO AMERICAN FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHERS, PLEADED GUILTY AND EACH  
 FINED FIVE POUNDS STERLING. THEIR INTENTIONS WERE TO LEAD  
 SMALL SCALE INVASION CUBA. SINCE 65 RAY REGULAR VISITOR  
 JAMAICA. HE DEPARTED FOR SAN JUAN ON 26 JAN 73 AND CLAIMS  
 558 RAMON GANDA HATO REY, SAN JUAN AS HOME ADDRESS. HE TRAVELED  
 ON PPH A7-056-49716/6/72.

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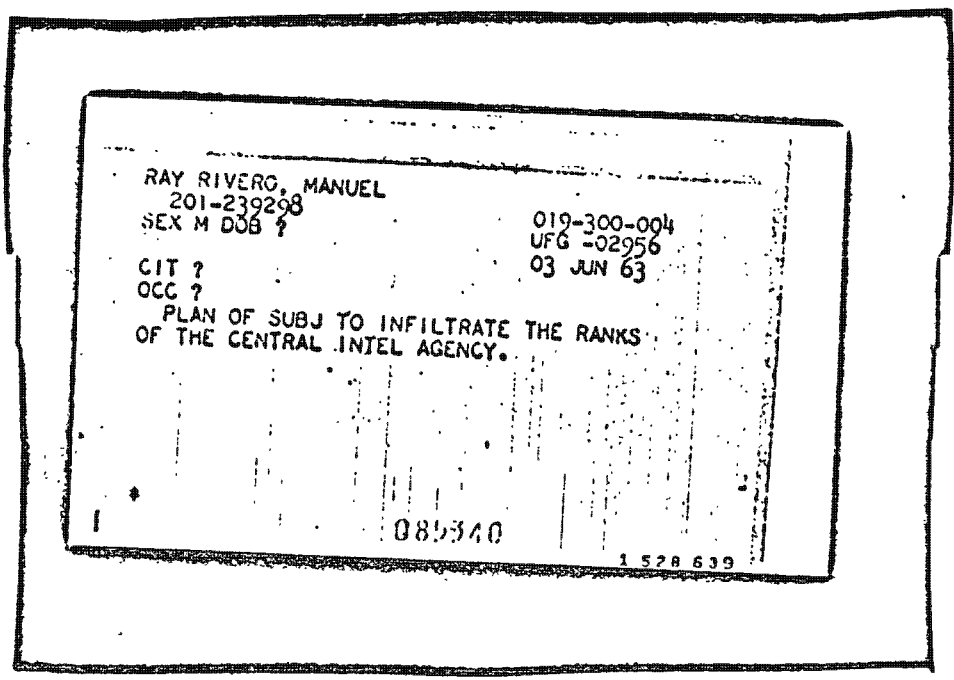
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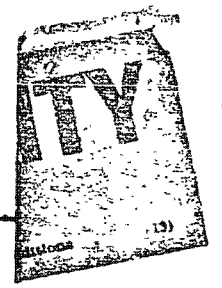
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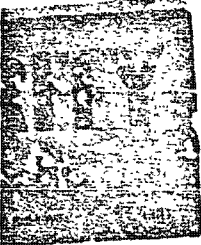
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1. Reference is made to your request dated 18 December 1970, Subject as above and to your San Juan, Puerto Rico report dated 10 December 1970, same Subject, which reported information received by Manolo RAY Rivero from a contact in Mexico.

2. A review of this Agency's file on Manolo RAY Rivero has failed to show any current operational interest in him.

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1. MOST RECENT INFO OUR FILES ON ACTIVITIES MANUEL RAY RIVERO, AKA MANOLO, IS AMOT REPORT OF 9 AUG 68 INDICATING RAY PLANS TO DISSOLVE THE JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA (JURE) WHICH HE HEADS AND HOLD A CONGRESS OF CUBAN EXILES IN 1969 TO CREATE NEW ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT CASTRO. REPORT CONTINUES THAT RAY AND ALFREDO (PEREZ) ALLEN STATED THEY WORKING WITH HAITIAN GROUPS WHO PARTICIPATED IN RECENT ABORTED INVASION HAITI. AMONG RAYS HAITIANS CONTACTS IS PIERRE RIGOT (PROBABLY RIGAUD) WHO IS MENTIONED AS THE ONE WHO WILL COPY OUT A NEW INVASION ON HAITI. RAY CLAIMS RIGOT HAS PROMISED GIVE RAY OPERATIONAL BASES AND RADIO STATION IN HAITI IF INVASION SUCCESSFUL. RAY STATED HAITIAN OPS BASE WAS LOCATED IN BAHAMAS UNDER PROTECTION BRITISH GOVT AND THAT MOVEMENT TO FREE HAITI HAD SUPPORT OF PUERTO RICAN EX-GOVERNOR MUNOZ DARIN.

2. ACCORDING TO UPI PRESS RELEASE FROM PUERTO RICO PUBLISHED IN DIARIO LAS AMERICAS, 20 JUN 68, RAY ANNOUNCED HE WAS WORKING WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR AID TO HAITIAN FIGHTERS. RAY MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT A PAINTING EXHIBIT HELD AT PUERTO RICO ATHENAEUM TO

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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/MI/COG

SUBJECT : Donn MUNSON, Author of SAGA Article, and  
Juan ERQUIAGA, Subject of Article.

1. Donn Hale MUNSON, born 1905, resident of Los Angeles, approached LICOMET/1 in 1964 claiming he represented a large group of Cuban exiles in the Los Angeles area. MUNSON asked LICOMET/1 about the location of training camps, etc. LICOMET/1 reported the discussion to Station Mexico City and was instructed to avoid MUNSON. Donn Hale MUNSON is probably identical with the Donn MUNSON who authored the Saga article. There are no additional identifiable traces on MUNSON.

2. There are numerous traces on Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe, the owner of the weapons plant named in the Saga article. The FBI also reported ERQUIAGA was involved in the sale of arms to Cuban revolutionaries in 1965. Although RI was unable to locate the report, it was classified to Manolo RAY's 201 file. This would tend to support the Saga claim that any weapons supplied by ERQUIAGA's firm went to the JURE crowd, not to any Agency supported group.

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# GUN MERCHANTS TO AMERICA'S HATE GROUPS

By Donn Munson



*CIA-approved Arizona factory sold 45-cal. "Spitfire" machine guns as sporting weapons to Cuban exiles (photo), paramilitary "home defense" groups, and black nationalists . . . until IRS crack-down.*

Intelligence Agency was secretly subsidizing the manufacture of thousands of machine guns which were being snapped up by some of the worst extremists in the U.S. today!

Last year, Attorney General Thomas Lynch of California ordered a raid on a secret machine gun plant in City of Industry (a suburb of L.A.), which did not have state permission for the manufacture, possession, sale or transportation of such weapons—but was churning them out illegally with the blessings of the CIA!

Of all the dangerous elements that exist in our society today, the most subversive would have to be any organization found arming the extremist elements—of either side—with modern weapons for possible civil war.

In this light, brought to the public's attention for the first time anywhere, is SAGA's *l'accusat*. The CIA is responsible for arming far-out extremist groups in their preparation for civil conflict which could ultimately produce chaos in America. The CIA has, indeed, been covertly bankrolling the manufacture of thousands of revolutionary automatic weapons in secret plants under the very noses of high state and city officials.

While the Administration, Congress and various law-enforcement groups have worked for years for some sort of gun-control legislation, the shocking truth is that the Central

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Further, the U.S. military has been an unwitting source of arms to these same elements which, together with CIA-supplied arms constitutes one of the gravest threats to the country today. . . .

The shabby building at 15036 E. Procter Ave. in the City of Industry (a Los Angeles suburb), looks like any of a score of other small manufacturing plants in the area. It could turn out lamp shades, dog collars, aluminum awnings, or can openers. Maybe it has at some time. But for years it was one of several factories where a mysterious Peruvian named Juan Erquiaga, a 50-ish beetle-browed gun genius, churned out machine guns illegally . . . with the blessings of the CIA.

The Erquiaga Arms Company sought anonymity and got it for years. It was organized and designed so skillfully owners of neighboring plants did not know what was being made next door. "Point, I think," guessed one neighbor.

But behind the exterior of normalcy and calm there was furious activity. Machine gun parts were stamped and tooled. Ammunition clips were shaped and welded. Barrels were chambered and stocks were fitted.

Every employe of the plant was a guard. There was a loaded gun behind every door, under every lath, always near at hand. And over this busy, deadly business presided Juan Erquiaga, a major league merchant of death whose goods were for sale to the highest bidder. Or to whoever the CIA said "Sell!"

Born in Lima, Peru, he studied at the Escuela Militar (military school) there and from 1940 to 1944 according to police records served in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant. Returning to Peru, he was graduated from the Politecnico Principal del Peru as a tool designer. But after having tasted life in the U.S. and realizing he could ply his trade more rewardingly here, he came back to the States and became a naturalized citizen in 1956.

A genius with guns, he had trouble with language. "I spent many hours learning English so I could communicate my ideas to others," he once recalled.

And he had ideas, plenty of them . . . and all of them lethal. Even before he came to the U.S., Erquiaga invented many types of weapons. Once here as a citizen, he put his fearsome talent to work by opening a firearms manufacturing shop in South Gate, another Los Angeles suburb.

Military rifles were his specialty . . . modifications of old guns that under his magic touch could fire faster and deadlier than their inventors had ever dreamed. Leger customers from South and Central America, where the winds of revolution blow constant and hot, competed with homegrown kook organizations, such as the Minutemen and California Rangers for his products.

Two years later, Erquiaga smelled bigger game. Fidel Castro was on the rise in Cuba and he needed mon like Juan Erquiaga. Fidel waved money under Erquiaga's bulbous nose and the Peruvian reacted like a starving tiger smelling fresh meat.

Castro gave him some cash and lots of rank. He made Erquiaga commander of his ordnance department. When the Cuban Communist swept dictator Batista out of power and into exile, Erquiaga stayed on. Fidel promised him new glory and he delivered, making Juan a minister of public works. Erquiaga was riding high with the rebels. But then—in 1956—he found it expedient to flee Cuba.

"I do not like to talk about those days. I . . . we . . . were betrayed," he said later. What betrayed him was a love not for freedom but for money. The big loot was not in Latin America but in southern California, where blazing sunshine fails to illuminate many dark plots and counterplots.

Erquiaga came back to the Golden State via Mexico, where he took a brief fling at making machine guns for anti-Castro forces. He never had any political convictions cash couldn't change.

By 1962 Erquiaga was back in the big league, this time in El Monte, not far from the scene of his earlier success as an arms maker for the malcontents. Once again he was turning out fast-firing rifles. But within three months he was into something deeper and deadlier.

In the City of Industry plant, he was grinding out 20,000 machine guns. And what guns! Feather light (six pounds loaded) and of his own design, the Erquiaga weapons are chambered for 9 mm parabellum ammo, carry 32 rounds and fire 1,300 rounds per minute. They combine full and selective automatic firing. The action is inertial, or "blowback."

Judd Smith, a California journalist and small arms expert, says they out-perform existing U.S. military submachine guns both in terms of rate of fire and accuracy in short and prolonged bursts.

"The most notable feature of them is that the muzzle doesn't climb uncontrollably during sustained bursts, permitting amazing accuracy," Smith says.

Erquiaga proudly pointed out that the muzzle is prevented from climbing by a special device of his own design affixed to it. "Other similar devices have been designed by the U.S. Army, but none has ever proved as effective as this," he boasted with some justification.

Juan Erquiaga had a good thing going for him and he knew just how to keep it rolling . . . deep underground. Business was great. Even if Juan did not have the right permits hanging on his factory wall, he had something better—several things, in fact.

One was a contract for 500 machine guns signed by Manuel Roy, leader of Junta Revolucionaria Airia Cubana (JURIC), an anti-Castro outfit then trying to oust Fidel, with the CIA picking up the tab.

A prominent Cuban exile now living in Los Angeles boasts that he personally delivered \$50,000 advance cash to Erquiaga as part of \$250,000 put up by the CIA. The 500 machine guns were to be the first of thousands.

"I was working for the CIA," the exile brags. "I made the payoff. No, I'm not certain where the guns were supposed to go. But I was hoping they were scheduled for anybody fighting Fidel."

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... unexpectedly, after years of full blast operation, the roof suddenly fell in on Juan Erquiaga. By now, he was a flush business man with a wife and 10 children living at 550 Charleston Ave. in the comfortable L.A. suburb of La Puente. Once again Juan Erquiaga blew the whole setup because next to his love for guns came his love for money.

Not satisfied with his CIA payoffs, he tried to pick up some extra cash on the side. Reliable sources say his vendor guns began to end up in some peculiar hands. At the same time, he began to modify M-14 rifles into full automatics for the extremist National States Rights Party, a particularly vicious anti-Negro, anti-Jewish guerrilla gang which has its headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. It requires its members

to wear white shirts, black ties, black Sam Brown belts, black trousers, and an arm band emblazoned with a thunderbolt insignia.

As recently as Sept. 1, 1968, the white supremacy outfit waged a gun battle against Negroes in Berea, Ky., leaving two dead, several injured, and 13 charged with murder.

The States Rights Party had a large following in California, some of whom had big mouths and whose bragging fell on the ears of an alert but anonymous local police officer. He promptly turned in a report on Erquiaga's activities and it came to the attention of Attorney General Thomas Lynch.

Attorney General Lynch, who later engineered legislation outlawing private armies in California, ordered a raid. Los Angeles county and state (plus federal) officers swooped down on the Erquiaga plant, armed with a search warrant signed by Judge Fred W. Raab and issued to Deputy District Attorney Maurice Oppenheimer.

It was a big raid which netted only little fish—the big one got away.

Sheriff's deputies grabbed 373 automatic weapons (which they still have as evidence), and 100,000 rounds of ammunition. Erquiaga's wife said he was in Panama. Police said he had high-tailed it for Guatemala, where machine guns are very much in demand and where assassination has claimed 4,000 lives (including the U.S. Ambassador and two U.S. military attaches stationed there). It is possible Erquiaga, Castro's on-again, off-again employee, may have found work there in the current guerrilla war being waged against the government.

However, Erquiaga, still wanted in Los Angeles, has never been seen since in the States. His disappearance opened some startling revelations. Among them, these—

A possibility that President Lyndon Johnson personally knew about the plant and its operation. A former aide who lives in Pico Rivera, Calif. told a reporter he presented an Erquiaga Special to the President "as a favor to Juan."

Malcolm F. Warner, then supervisor of the L.A. Bureau of the Internal Revenue Services Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, charged with enforcing the Federal Firearms Act, said he didn't have any knowledge of Erquiaga's wrongdoing. Juan, he said, had a federal permit.

True enough, admitted the sheriff's office, but Erquiaga did not have state authorization for the manufacture, possession, sale or transportation of such weapons.

Clearly, the CIA had slipped up.

Perhaps Erquiaga did not have local permits because he had a local record. Incidentally, it was revealed by the IRS that Juan had been arrested in Lynwood, Calif., for making machine guns without any kind of permit in 1953 and that for four years he had been a fugitive. He gave himself up, paid only a \$500 fine and was back in business until the big raid.

Lowell Knudson, another Erquiaga associate at the gun plant, was convicted of possession of illegal firearms and fined a mere \$100 and put on probation for three years by Pomona (Calif.) Superior Court Judge Howard McClain.

But that didn't end the Erquiaga case. At least 100 of his guns vanished to reportedly reappear in a secret San Fernando Valley cache to become the nucleus of still another illegal operation—this one run by the Minutemen.

Lloyd Pullen, of Long Beach, a 20-year-old one-time lieutenant of Minuteman National Commander Robert DePugh, revealed to this writer that the extremists were unable to buy enough automatic weapons in any single market, open or underground.

They were forced to go into manufacturing, Pullen said. The ex-Minuteman, who has now formed his own "home defense" unit with the backing of some John Birch Society members, declared he broke with DePugh because the national commander "was too kooky, a real Nazi bastard." Pullen had no connection with the guns.

The underground gun-making remained secret for some time. Then, early in 1968, DePugh and some of his cohorts allegedly attempted to hold up a bank in the Northwest as "part of a guerrilla warfare training exercise."

He was indicted Feb. 20, 1968, by a grand jury at Seattle, Wash., on a charge of conspiracy to commit bank robbery. The U.S. Attorney at Seattle won the indictment but now refuses to reveal details of the case, refusing to answer written or telephone requests for particulars. Why he shrouds the case in mystery at this point cannot be determined.

DePugh is now wanted by the FBI and is the object of an international manhunt. Presumably, he fled the U.S. by way of Canada, a la James Earl Ray. But he has communicated with newsmen. He sent a letter, saying in part:

"We are fugitives, not because we made machine guns, or robbed banks, or kidnaped little girls. We are fugitives because we openly opposed traitors in our own government. We are not criminals—we are political refugees."

He is going to have a tough time convincing a jury of that when he is caught; for he has a long record and has led a tough guerrilla outfit not noted for its bravery. In 1966, a Minuteman testified during a trial on a firearms count that DePugh's men once discussed assassinating Sen. J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and a scheme to put cyanide gas in the air-conditioning ducts at the United Nations building in New York.

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...with their own eyes for testimony and their possession of automatic weapons.

Though the Minutemen are now deeper underground than ever, they occasionally break out in wild, mindless riots. At Volunton Conn. on Aug. 24, 1968, six men described by the FBI as "secret, extremist and anti-Communist" snout it out with Connecticut state police in a pre-dawn raid on an encampment of pacifists.

Masked and armed, the Minutemen broke into a training camp. They wore old Army fatigues and carried bayonet-tipped rifles. FBI men had alerted the state troopers and both were waiting for the attack.

"When the Minutemen were spotted," said State Police Commissioner Leo J. Mulcahy, "we identified ourselves and the firing began."

Six persons (four raiders, one state trooper and a woman resident of the camp) were wounded, none fatally.

The fact the raiders carried only bayonet-tipped rifles indicates they are low on the totem pole when it comes to being combat-equipped. Because subversives are experiencing no trouble in getting automatic weapons straight from CIA factories and, indeed, from Uncle Sam's arsenals.

Shortly before Christmas last year (1967), Marine Corps officers at Camp Pendleton, Calif., discovered that 18 M-79 grenade launchers, each capable of destroying tanks and armored cars, had vanished from the military post. It was a serious, though not highly unusual, theft. In the hands of extremists, they could be devastating.

Word was flashed to the FBI, the National Guard, the CIA, Naval Intelligence, and police units the length and breadth of the country. The 18 grenade launchers joined an alarming list of guns and ammunition currently being stolen on an almost continual basis from military installations all over the United States.

The reaction of Lt. Col. G. W. Ferguson, spokesman for the Marines at Camp Pendleton, was almost one of resignation. "There are 43,000 Marines, plus special units of the Navy and Army, in training here," he said. "We cannot search each and every one of them each time he goes out of the gates. Weapons and ammunition can be stolen anytime some guy decides to walk off with them and go over the hill."

Each week a long list of stolen arms is circulated to police and military intelligence officials who are no longer surprised to see on it such items as the grenade launchers, or even machine guns. These losses are rarely made public.

Nor is news of their recovery—if any—broadcast. In fact, police and the military go to extraordinary, and sometimes ridiculous lengths to cover them up.

While Lt. Col. Ferguson admitted the 18 M-79s had vanished, the civilian police who recovered them denied they were ever stolen!

Lt. Col. Ferguson declared that credit for their recovery should go either to the Santa Ana Police Department or to the Orange County Sheriff's Office; he

couldn't be sure where they were, but the Marine stock, were captured less than 60 days after the M-79s were taken and returned to the USMC. But official spokesmen for both civilian police departments, one of whom was in charge of his unit when the case broke, denied any knowledge of the affair.

"If any Marine weapons were stolen, that would be a federal case," one high ranking civilian cop said. Pressed for details, he insinuated the whole matter was now FBI-controlled and refused to discuss it further.

Not all thefts from the military are state-wide. Recently, the Post Office Department in San Francisco, through which most Vietnam mail passes, announced that it had spot-checked packages being shipped home from the war zone. What postal inspectors found shocked them to the core. . . . M-16 rifles, grenades, live ammunition, even fully dismantled machine guns! They did not reveal the names of the senders or the potential receivers. They did not even report what means they were taking to prevent future shipments.

In fact, the cloak of secrecy which surrounds illegal weapons activities is being drawn tighter and tighter, sometimes with embarrassing results.

This past summer, as the nation braced itself for an outbreak of civil violence and a possible race war, Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin told a press conference he had definite information that well-armed guerrilla groups existed in his city.

Los Angeles still shaking from frequent shoot-outs in Watts and the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, reacted nervously to the news. So did Chief Reddin and sources above him.

Before the day was out, he called two other news conferences—the second to explain what he meant by the first announcement, and the third to deny his original statement. At least one Los Angeles radio station broadcast all three of the chief's statements consecutively. It made highly interesting, if confusing, listening and left people wondering who had slipped Reddin the word.

When Watts did explode with another gun battle not long afterward, it left Angelenos more confused than ever. Three civilians were slain and 41 persons, including six cops, were wounded. But a news blackout was imposed. "Who shot whom and with what?" demanded *The Los Angeles Times*, a newspaper with nearly 1,000,000 daily circulation.

One of the less confused persons in Los Angeles was Coker King III, head of the L.A. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A calm, collected, moderate leader of the black community, highly respected in all civic circles, King declared L.A. had a right to not only be confused but to be scared. The city, he said, was then, and is now, in a "touch and go" situation. "It could explode any minute," he said.

"There are more guns here than in Saigon," he said flatly.

King added he was considering only registered guns. The number of unregistered weapons, including fully automatic firearms, was beyond his speculation.

Many of them, he believed, come from an active gunrunning operation which flourishes between Arizona, Nevada and California. In the two previous states they are easier to obtain than in California. Hand-guns are bought cheap there, run into California by car and plane by both white and black gunrunners, and then sold at tremendous profit to buyers who want to avoid a five-day waiting period and a police investigation.

Until May 1968, it was possible to buy a fully automatic machine gun without registering it in accordance with federal law.

Thanks to Uncle Sam's generosity, it was possible for subversive groups and individuals to purchase them over the counter for as little as \$99.

Thousands of them are now secretly owned by individuals and groups all through the United States, the IRS admits, as it futilely pleads for the owners to come into government offices and pay a \$200 fee to register each one. Few have done so, an IRS spokesman admits, recalling sadly, "I think there was one fellow. He said he wanted it for a wall decoration. Anyway, he paid the \$200."

The story behind their manufacture and sale is both fascinating and shocking, many of the details still hidden by embarrassed government officials.

It begins in Phoenix, Ariz., where on a quiet street in a nondescript building a small organization called the Spitfire Manufacturing Company set up shop some time ago. Its purpose was to make and sell a featherweight, .45 caliber carbine as a "sporting weapon."

At \$99 each retail, they were something of a sensation among certain "sportsmen." Anti-Castro Cuban groups, planning on hunting big game on their native isle, snapped them up. After all, there's no law against non-citizen Cubans owning sporting guns.

So groups like the recently reborn Bay of Pigs Brigade and Exilio Cubano hurried to their local gunshops and stocked up. Then many of them took to the mountains and deserts to practice hunting maneuvers which, strangely enough, included ambushes, patrolling, scouting, and wild charges which are not ordinarily associated with California jackrabbits and coyotes. Such critics stood in little danger because the Cubanos sometimes accidentally used each other as targets.

Minutemen, black nationalists, and paramilitary "home defense" troops eagerly bought the lethal little Spitfires. And all because they, like the Cubanos, knew something it took Uncle Sam many months to learn.

The "sportsmen" learned that what one branch of the government considered a simple carbine, but which actually resembles a submachine gun, could be made fully automatic merely by depressing the safety lever at the same time the trigger was pulled!

"That thing," said a disgusted IRS man charged with enforcing the law against illegal machine guns, "doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to a sporting gun."

Then, requesting his identity be protected, the IRS man disclosed that

"As I get it, the company that made them was fully aware of their automatic

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capability. In fact, Hen told untruthfully that the company was set up financially by the House Small Business Administration loans section in Washington. The guns were never supposed to be put on public sale. Something got fouled up."

"The IRS man said 'another agency had asked that the company be established. It was concluded he was referring obliquely to the CIA. Also, it duplicates to some degree the Erquaca case."

The operation was brought to a screeching halt July 7, 1968, when the IRS ordered the registration of the Smiths. The plant itself was reportedly shut down in May. IRS sources said "some arrests" had been made but because a trial is pending no more information would be made public. When this writer attempted to learn further details, he received unsolicited long distance telephone calls from IRS headquarters in Washington and California demanding to know "why" he was gathering facts.

A recent 104-page report on "Firearms, Violence and Civil Disorders," prepared by Arnold Katz of the Stanford Research Institute for the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, does not concern itself with machine guns or other fully automatic weapons.

The report cost its sponsors—two of the nation's largest firearms manufacturers, Winchester and Remington—\$35,000. It concludes that "guns have not played a major role in America's urban riots to date, but exaggerated press reports of rioters using guns have apparently frightened many citizens into arming themselves for future disorders."

This report may be correct with regard to the frightened citizens (though there is no concrete evidence), but is inaccurate on the subject of urban riots. The Stanford Research Institute study, which is addressed to the White House as the word on firearms, violence and civil disorder, is convinced that reports about civilians using firearms (not to mention machine guns) during urban riots is pretty much accurate.

It will be very difficult to convince Cleveland, Ohio, Police Chief Michael Blackwell of that.

He told Mayor Carl Stokes on July 30, 1968, that if the mayor had not ordered white policemen out of the violence-torn eastside area of the city earlier in the month that the officers "would have walked into a slaughter."

Chief Blackwell said there was evidence that black nationalists who ambushed police, touching off a savage gun battle that killed 10 persons, had "tripped military type machine guns" and would have used them had the white officers not been withdrawn.

The chief disclosed that police informants saw at least one machine gun and that the black nationalists had stitched ammunition belts which would have been useful in any other type of weapon.

"They (Cleveland officers) should thank their lucky stars they were pulled out. There were machine guns up there waiting for them," Chief Blackwell said. Then he declined to amplify the disclosure. Once again the curtain was drawn around the subject of machine guns and a news blackout was on.

However, Chief Blackwell did say that he didn't know where the machine guns are now. Nonetheless, his own intelligence unit recovered 15 high-powered weapons, including one machine gun, from the charred ruins of an apartment house in which a black nationalist died in the gun battle, according to an Associated Press report from the embattled city.

Where might these lethal, high-powered weapons have been obtained? They could have been bought from the CIA's underground factories, or they could have been stolen from the military, or they could have even been purchased from the Army, indirectly. According to the Stanford Research Institute's report, the U.S. Army has indeed been duped by extremist groups in the past into indiscriminate selling of weapons.

Admitting deep concern over the proliferation of paramilitary organizations, the Stanford report says the Civilian Marksmanship Program administered by the Secretary of the Army in conjunction with the National Rifle Association sold excess military firearms and ammunition at reduced prices to not only the all-white Minutemen but in 1967 to a group called RAM (Revolutionary Action Movement). RAM is the parent organization of UHURU, the Afro-American Youth Association, Afro-Student Association and the Black Panther Party. RAM is aligned with the Communist Viet Cong under leadership of the notorious Robert Williams, a fugitive American now in Peking, China.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities considers RAM one of the most dangerous radical groups in America.

The purchases of these military arms were made by subversives of every stripe who formed phony gun clubs which then joined the NRA (which has since repudiated them and set up a careful screening process).

Lamentably, the five-month, \$35,000 study concludes also that "there is no information as to who is buying firearms by age group, sex or race, or the declared motivation for purchase . . ." The report also says "adequate information is also not available as to the number of guns stolen or transferred annually, the number of guns in the inventory of individual possession in each state or city, or the number of guns currently being sold to residents of each state or city."

The Stanford Research Institute "estimate" is that individuals possess at least 115 million firearms—maybe as many as 200 million, or one for every man, woman and child in the U.S. Considering the number the Stanford Research Institute does not know about, as for example military thefts, there's no doubt about it.

If motivation for buying weapons is a mystery to Stanford's learned scientists, they might do well to consult some of the 115-to-200 million owners. Today, in an America rent by turmoil and conflict, where there is at least one gun for every man, woman and child, there is great fear that extremist activity will precipitate a virtual civil war. And if the extremists

start shooting for keeps, they will do so with sophisticated weapons sold to them by the CIA factories that may still be going today, or with modern weapons supplied by an unwitting military establishment.

Little wonder, then, that so many people feel uneasy about the gun situation today. They've been reading about RAM and they've been reading about the Minutemen . . . and wondering what other extremist groups are stockpiling weapons, just waiting for their day . . .

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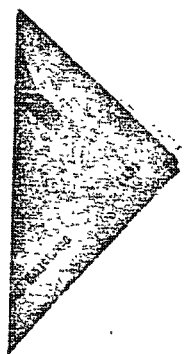
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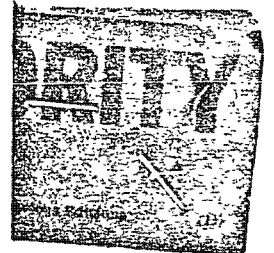
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Security  
Chief, Operational Support Division

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Dr. And Mrs. Julian Gallo  
Cancellation of Proposed Travel

REFERENCE : WH/COG #67-312, 6 October 1967

1. In the reference it was requested that a welcoming officer meet Dr. and Mrs. Gallo, Cubans residing in Puerto Rico, on their arrival at Kennedy Airport from Lisbon on 9 November 1967.

2. Dr. Gallo telephoned Mr. Harry Mahoney, WH/COG/CICS from Puerto Rico on 19 October 1967 to say that his European trip has been cancelled.

3. Your cooperation in this case has been appreciated.

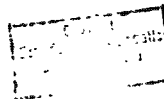
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MFTR:

19 October 1967

Subject: AMRAGOR/1

1/The Subject called me on the sterile phone at approximately 1500 hours this date to report that he had just received word that his mother in Cuba was dying of glaucoma. He had had to cancel his trip to Europe (OS has already been notified to cancel the VIP reception in New York that we had planned for the Subject) and instead was coming to the US to consult with his sister in Petersburg, Virginia (Telephone 703-733-9082).

2. He will be arriving at Dallas International Airport at 1210 hours on/ on 20 October 1967----- PAA 280. (This is a flight that leaves San Juan at 0830 hours the same date). I told him that I would meet him and that we could have lunch together with Earl Williamson. (Subsequent check with Williamson approved this appointment). 3. The Subject will leave right after lunch for Petersburg by rented car or by bus. When he returns to Washington (sometime around 24 or 25 October 1967) he will stay overnight ~~with Williamson~~ with [redacted]

Harry T. Mahoney

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WH/COG # 67-312

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Security  
Chief Operational Support Division

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gallo

1. On 9 November 1967 Dr. Julian Gallo and his wife, who are both Cuban, and who reside in Puerto Rico, will be returning to the United States from Lisbon, on Pan American Airways (PAA) Flight 155 arriving Kennedy Airport at 4:15 PM.

2. Mr. Gallo has been a most valuable contact of this Agency for a number of years, reporting on the Cuban exile community in Puerto Rico. Previously he was a productive contact in the Havana Telephone Company in Cuba.

3. Mr. Gallo is about fifty-five years of age, approximately 5'8" tall, rather portly, and is medium dark complexioned. Normally he uses glasses only for reading. Mrs. Gallo is somewhat shorter than her husband and is quite stout.

4. The Gallos plan to rent a car and go from New York to Philadelphia to visit his sister there.

5. It is requested that Mr. and Mrs. Gallo be met at Kennedy Airport by a welcoming officer, and that they be given all possible help to facilitate their going through customs, I & NS, etc. Every possible courtesy should be extended them.

6. Mr. Gallo knows both  and Harry Mahoney of WH/COG by their true names. Their names may be used as bona fides by the welcoming officer.

David A. Phillips  
C/WH/COG

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Envelope: Dr. Manolo J y Rivero  
La Rabida 210  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Hubert, ca  
4/27/61

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Dear Manolo,

I am writing to ask you to do me a special favor. As you probably already know, Expo 67 and the Fifth Pan-American Games are being held this year at Montreal and Winnipeg respectively in celebration of Canada's centennial as a confederation. I have heard some of the Cuban exiles are planning some actions against the Cuban delegations to these events, and I am interested in knowing anything that may come your way regarding this.

I hope you are well and am looking forward to hearing from you in the near future should I have the opportunity to visit San Juan.

In the meantime Earl joins me in sending best wishes to you.

Personal regards,

*Blaney*

P.S.  
Should anything of a priority nature come to your attention please let me know through Julian.

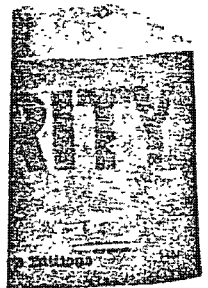
Many thanks,

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LX-3245

24 March 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Operational Meetings with Manolo Ray

1. Manolo Ray arrived in Washington, D.C., by air from San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 20 March 1967 on a personal business trip. At the request of AMBADGER he phoned the writer and we met for approximately 1 1/2 hours in the bar of the Hotel Ambassador in downtown Washington. This meeting was followed by a luncheon meeting on 21 March at the Occidental Restaurant. Ray returned to San Juan on 22 March. The following are the highlights of our conversations.

a. Ray claims he has "lost access" with the MI-6 pilot whom he had previously reported as a defection target. He no longer has any means of contacting him or of knowing his present whereabouts or attitude.

b. He claimed he does not have any direct communication--or access--to any significant military or government officials in the Castro regime.

c. He still maintains his half hour radio broadcast over Puerto Rican radio stations. This program is prepared by his people and the radio time donated so the cost is minimal.

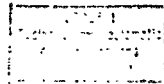
d. Although he maintains contact with active members of his "movement" they have no present or projected plans for "action" except in the propaganda field.

e. His business in the prefabricated housing field is progressing satisfactorily. He has obtained private financing to start a prefab plant in Santo Domingo and recently visited Panama where the prospects are good.

2. Future Plans:

a. Ray mentioned that his organization plans to send a representative to Mexico City before the end of March to talk to Gustavo Arcos' sister who recently left Cuba. Ray is

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anxious to do everything possible to assist Arcos in obtaining his freedom but admitted he had no commo or means of making contact with him in prison.

b. Ray is interested in expanding his propaganda radio broadcasts. He spoke in terms of renting time on a U.S. short wave station to beam broadcasts to Cuba. This would be done at his own expense. He also mentioned that during Roid's former administration in the Dominican Republic he had been promised a site and permission to set up a short wave station for Cuban broadcasts. He may explore this possibility with Balaguer's present government during one of his business trips to the D.R. I suggested he sound out other stations in L.A. to see if he could get some free time and replay for his Puerto Rican material and have since mailed him via AMBADGER a list of stations in L.A. who are known to have accepted and used other Cuban exile tape broadcasts. At my suggestion he prepared a brief outline of what he would like to do in the radio/propaganda field and what he would hope to accomplish.

3. Ray mentioned that he thought someone should utilize Pardo Llada, who now lives and works on a newspaper in Cali, Colombia, in propaganda activity against Castro.

4. He did not ask or hint for any financial assistance for his organization.

5. We discussed briefly the Olympic Games to be held in Winnipeg, Canada, this summer. AMBADGER had asked him to bring up the subject. I told him in essence that we were not interested in inducing the defection of any athletes but that if he received any information indicating that any of the Cuban officials attending the games might be disaffected we would be interested in checking out any leads.

6. In general Ray was as usual pleasant, friendly and talkative. It is evident that he is now concentrating on earning a living for himself and his family. However, at the same time he maintains a keen interest in Cuban

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developments; hope to maintain somewhat of a name for himself and his organization in exile circles by a limited amount of propaganda activities and stands ready and willing to help in any major plans if and when they should ever materialize.

7. Regular contact will be maintained with Ray in Puerto Rico by AMBADGER who Ray speaks highly of and is pleased with the handling arrangement.

Deputy Chief, WH/COG

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25 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings with Manolo Ray, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
13 and 15 October 1966

MIG-21--Defecting Pilot--et al.

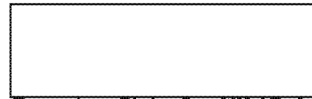
1. In lengthy discussions on this point it developed that Ray has been unable to obtain any more pertinent information since he first called the matter to AMBADGER's attention almost two months ago. The basis of the "Mig Plot" is a tip he received from an inside contact which was brought to him by someone exiting Cuba. Ray considers the inside contact reliable but prefers not to identify him. Ray has not been able to determine if the inside contact is personally in contact, or can arrange contact, with the Mig Pilot who reportedly is fed up with the situation in Cuba and plans to defect with his airplane whenever he has an opportunity. The "tip" Ray received was to this effect i.e., that there is a Mig Pilot who is disenchanted and plans to defect with his plane. One point Ray was specific on was that the plane was described as "one of the smaller Migs" and according to Ray it is not a Mig-21.

2. After Ray's original contacts with AMBADGER on this subject (wherein the plane was apparently erroneously identified as a MIG-21) Ray claims he sent a message to the inside contact requesting the complete details we had asked for. He has received no reply. In response to my request at the meeting on 13 October 1966 he told me at our subsequent meeting on 15 October that he attempted to reach his inside contact by phone but was unsuccessful. He was urged to continue until he reached the party and to obtain as much detail on this matter as possible so we could hopefully clarify the situation. He assured me he would follow-through on this and report to AMBADGER. (It seemed pretty obvious to me after two discussions with Ray on this subject that he has no direct means of reaching the original reporting source on the "Mig Plot" and consequently may never be able to verify the original "tip" and obtain further details.

3. In any event I outlined for him in general the U.S. Government interest in obtaining a modern version of the MIG-21 and the financial and other rewards available to a pilot who would bring one out. I emphasized that any activity along this line would have to be strictly Ray's and the JURE's operation and done through his contacts and sources reiterating again that therefore it was essential that he confirm the plane, model, pilot, etc. reported to him to determine if the operation was feasible.

4. We spent sometime discussing his "image" both inside Cuba and with the exiles. He agreed that at the present time it could hardly be lower and something rather dramatic was needed to improve it. We both agreed that if he could pull off a successful operation to defect a MIG-21 pilot with his plane it would do much to restore his and the JURE's name and prestige.

5. Although Ray is obviously far removed from the action agent (the pilot), if such exists, the idea of the operation intrigues him and he will undoubtedly do everything he can to stimulate some action. Any further information developed by him will be forwarded to us through AMBADGER.



Deputy Chief, WH/Cuba

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25 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Manolo RAY

1. The following are the highlights of meetings held with Manolo RAY in San Juan, Puerto, Rico, on 13 and 15 October 1966. The matter of the possible defection of a MIG-pilot previously reported by RAY has been covered in a separate memorandum:

Personal Situation:

a. RAY has an engineering and planning office in San Juan which he shares with Emilio Guede, a personal friend and JURE colleague who is in the publicity business. RAY said he just signed a contract for the planning of a commercial development site in San Juan, from which he will realize several thousand dollars profit. His principal (and pet) project is the promotion and attempt to raise through private funds the financing of a plant to mass produce low-cost prefabricated housing designed by him. He claims with an investment of \$200,000 he can mass produce prefabricated homes to sell for \$3,000 which would be ideal for Puerto Rico's needs.

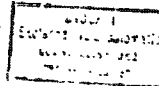
Recent Trip to Santo Domingo:

b. RAY said his recent trip to Santo Domingo was strictly for business purposes. He hopes to start a small project in Santo Domingo to produce prefabricated housing. The small project he has in mind can get underway with an expenditure of \$80,000, which he feels confident can be raised in Santo Domingo. He said he naturally talked with some people in the government about Cuba and the JURE, but that the government must become stronger and more confident before there would be any possibility of obtaining their assistance--or blessing--in conducting any activities against Cuba.

MIG-21, Defecting Pilot, et al.

c. This matter has been covered in a separate memorandum.

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Internal Contacts.

d. One gets the impression that RAY lives somewhat removed from the actual realities of the Cuban internal situation. He has a tendency to compare the internal situation today with that which existed in Batista's time when he (RAY) was one of the leaders of the 26th of July underground resistance movement in Habana. RAY maintains direct personal contact with many new arrivals seeking asylum both in Puerto Rico and the U.S. and also undoubtedly receives a certain amount of general information and gossip from other JURE contacts and supporters. He claims to have many friends and former associates inside, which is probably true, but does not have any regular or secure means to communicate with them. It appears obvious that these friends and contacts are not working together, if at all, and that he has no cohesive resistance group or force as such inside.

I questioned him about several personalities such as Carlos Franqui, Pedro Miret, Emilio Aragones, and others. He had no specific information at all on their activities in recent months but said he "could get it if you want it." In summary on this point, it would appear that RAY and the JURE maintain no regular contact with any internal "supporters"; that he undoubtedly still has many former friends and supporters inside but just what they would do-- or how far they would go--to support him is a moot question.

JURE Propaganda Activities.

e. The JURE, Manolo RAY, Emilio Guede, and others, have a half-hour weekly program which is carried on 4 different Puerto Rican radio stations between 6:30-7:30 PM each Sunday. This program, which is taped in advance, features commentaries on news and events in Cuba, interviews with recently arrived refugees, and other items of current interest regarding Cuba. The program is composed without cost and all radio time on the 4 stations is donated free of charge.

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### Future Plans.

f. RAY is a man who is relaxed, is now engaged in making a legitimate livelihood for himself, his wife and three children but still seriously dedicated and motivated towards seeking the overthrow of the Castro government. He has a realistic outlook to a considerable degree, although as mentioned in paragraph d., above, his viewpoints on the reality of the internal situation in present day Cuba are somewhat naive. As an experienced resistance organizer and fighter in the 26th of July movement against Batista, he knows the value of propaganda in preparing the general populace for resistance. He also knows that propaganda is useless and counterproductive without follow-up positive results. He speaks of continuing his local radio broadcasts (which he readily admits are useful only to maintain some spirit amongst the exiles for possible future use), and at some later date--he has no timetable--hopes to obtain facilities in Venezuela, Puerto Rico, or some other site where he can beam broadcasts into Cuba. His intention being to follow-up the broadcasts with action. He speaks again of clandestine entry into Cuba himself to contact sources within, prove to people that there is a resistance movement, and to form a nucleus for later action. He openly admits the blunder of his last "publicized" return and that if it is done again it must be completely clandestine and unannounced. He seems to have no fear of returning and claims he still has plenty of friends who would hide and help him. He made an off-hand reference to the Agency furnishing him assistance to enter clandestinely at some future date. He was told that his sources in Miami surely knew of several "family run" operations which could take him successfully to Cuba if and when he was ready to return.

### Financial Situation.

g. RAY made no request for financial assistance and from all indications is doing fairly well in his local business.

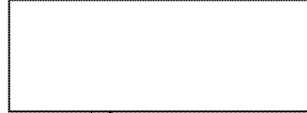
2. RAY plans to travel to the U.S. in early November for about two weeks and said he would visit JURE representatives in several large cities, including D.C. He will be in touch

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with AMBADGER who will be vacationing in the U.S. at that time and hopefully they will be able to get together with the writer while in D.C. In any event, RAY obviously likes, respects and accepts AMBADGER as our go-between in San Juan and I believe he will keep AMBADGER posted on most of his activities.

3. Manolo RAY, as exiles go, certainly seems like one of the better of the lot and contact on the scene by AMBADGER on a regular basis should be adequate to keep up with his activities. Occasional contact by an Agency staff officer, however, could be useful in keeping AMBADGER's relationship fully alive.



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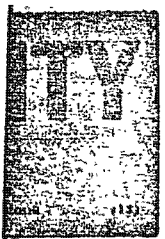
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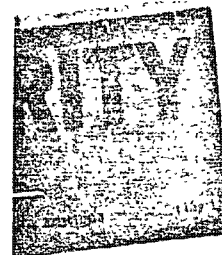
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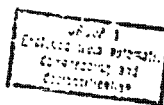
SUBJECT: AMBADGER/Manolo RAY

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1. AMBADGER phoned this A.M. to tell me that he had met again with Manolo RAY on the night of 3 September. He said RAY claimed he had passed the word to his inside ~~control~~ <sup>contact</sup> (who is either the MIG pilot or the man in contact with the MIG pilot) by telephone to tell the pilot to proceed with his defection plans. AMBADGER still does not know the name of the MIG pilot or any further details concerning RAY's plans.
2. AMBADGER has another meeting scheduled with RAY on 10 September at which time RAY has promised him biographic data on two of his alleged internal contacts which emerged (??) recently after RAY's meeting with Garcia Bango in Madrid.
3. RAY still plans a seminar for JURE supporters for early October, date as yet undetermined, in San Juan. JURE supporters from Mexico, other Latin American countries, and the U.S. will be invited.
4. AMBADGER plans a two-week vacation in early October, but if RAY follows through with the seminar AMBADGER will remain in San Juan until it ends.



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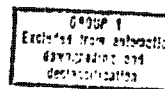
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Manolo RAY / File

1. During a brief TDY stopover at Headquarters on 23 August 1966, QUSPORT-1 said he had talked with Manolo RAY in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 22 August. According to QUSPORT-1, RAY had no additional pertinent information concerning his alleged inside contacts or his recent meeting with Garcia Bango in Madrid, Spain. RAY continues to insist that he has inside support in Cuba and contacts who are anti-regime and prepared to assist him when needed. He did not reveal to QUSPORT-1, however, who the people were or where they are located.

2. RAY told QUSPORT-1 that he wanted very much to see the writer concerning a delicate operational matter. When pressed by QUSPORT-1 RAY said he had access to a MIG pilot in Cuba who was ready and anxious to leave Cuba and was willing to fly out a MIG aircraft. RAY did not mention the name or location of the pilot or the model MIG aircraft he was flying. Neither did he discuss his ways and means of communication with the pilot and how he had determined the pilot's intentions to defect with his airplane. RAY told QUSPORT he wanted to discuss the matter with the writer. He admitted that a MIG aircraft might not now have as much value to the U. S. because of the recent access to a MIG-21 in Isreal but that it would have tremendous propaganda value if a Cuban pilot defected and brought out a MIG. He said he particularly wanted to discuss the matter with the writer because if the operation were successful he did not want Manuel Artime and the MRR or any other exile group taking credit. He wanted to make sure that he and his group received all the propaganda advantage which he would in turn exploit internally as further evidence to his supporters inside that the JURE was active on the island. RAY in the latter part of the conversation on this subject when he learned QUSPORT-1 was coming to Washington the following day, asked him to check with the writer to determine if it was OK for him (RAY) to discuss this subject with AMBADGER. (AMBADGER is the man who was recently introduced to RAY in San Juan by Harry Mahoney as the man who would insure that any information RAY wanted passed to the Agency would reach them.) QUSPORT told RAY that if he did not receive a phone call from him before the evening of 20 August he should give AMBADGER all the details.

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3. I told QUSPORT to phone RAY and assure him that I wanted him to pass all the details to AMBADGER even though according to QUSPORT-1's arrangement this was not necessary. QUSPORT-1 was unable, however, to reach RAY by phone during the afternoon of 20 August.

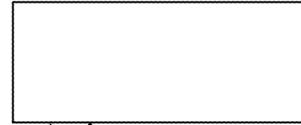
4. About 8 p. m. on 20 August I received a collect phone call from AMBADGER from San Juan. AMBADGER was very excited and said he had to see me right away. After he settled down a bit he told me he had just left RAY and his two local lieutenants Emilio GUEDE and Arturo VILLAR (the so-called triumvirate of the JURE). He said RAY had contacted him and the four of them discussed the possibility of defecting a Cuban MIG pilot and having him bring out his plane. In essence and from what I could discuss over the phone the details were substantially the same as those given to me by QUSPORT-1 earlier in the day. AMBADGER said he needed my guidance right away and further urged me to come to San Juan to discuss the matter with RAY who was pressing AMBADGER to see me. He said he had agreed to see RAY later that night. I told AMBADGER I could not make the trip in the next few days and that further there were a few basic facts I needed to convince me that RAY really had the potential to pull off the operation. I told AMBADGER to see RAY later that evening and to try and determine the following:

- a. Name of the MIG pilot.
- b. Military field where he is stationed.
- c. Type MIG he flies.
- d. RAY's commo if any with the pilot.
- e. Estimated timing for the defection, i. e., has the pilot indicated he was ready to defect and awaiting instructions, etc.

I asked AMBADGER to phone me if he could develop any further information. AMBADGER phoned Mr. Mahoney on the afternoon of 24 August to report he had attempted to obtain further details from RAY following his conversations with the writer but that RAY had replied he did not know the name of the pilot or other details of the operation. (See Mr. Mahoney's memo attached)

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5. As soon as time permits I plan a short trip to San Juan to see AMBADGER and to sit down with RAY and try and clear up many of the obvious questions concerning his Madrid/Cuban internal contacts and the MIG pilot.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: MIG 21

1. Approximately 2030 hours on 23 August 1966 DC W. C. Williamson called me to report that he had just received a call from AMBADGER from San Juan, Puerto Rico. AMBADGER had a report from AVBANG that agents of his inside Cuba were prepared to fly a MIG 21 to the United States. Williamson asked AMBADGER for more information, but AMBADGER claimed that he did not have any additional details. In view of AVBANG's previous reluctance to source his information there is always a certain skepticism about AVBANG's claims of accomplishment. Williamson told AMBADGER to find out from AVBANG the who, where, how, what, when, and how and to report back. AMBADGER stated that he did not have this information but they planned to go ahead with the operation. Williamson told him that if a Cuban pilot wanted to fly a MIG 21 to the U.S. we could do nothing to stop him.

2. At 1400 hours on this date AMBADGER called me to report that he had discussed Williamson's suggestions with AVBANG who had replied that he honestly didn't know the name of the pilot or the details of the operation. In short, he had been informed by a contact of his in Cuba that some of his people were going to steal a MIG 21. AMBADGER commented that AVBANG did not appear to be evasive or reluctant to discuss the matter but apparently didn't know the details. In any event, AVBANG stated that they were going ahead with the operation and planned to "do some damage" before they left and AMBADGER asked for my approval. I told AMBADGER that I could not approve anything like that and thought that the chance of losing the aircraft outweighed the possible gain. I suggested that if they were going ahead with the operation anyway it would be of more value to just get the aircraft. AMBADGER replied that AVBANG appeared adamant in this respect and wanted to be certain that if the operation was successful that he be allowed to take all the credit for it. I replied that if in fact he was responsible for the operation he could have all the credit.

3. I have called Lt. Col. Norman H. Stazer, Yellicott Sands Office, U.S. Air Force, extension 3207 and informed him that there is the possibility of a MIG 21 pilot defecting to the U.S. in his aircraft. He in turn has alerted the Southeast Air Defense Command who will be on the alert for such a possibility.

Harry Mangels


Memo No. 771  
1 September 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, OPS Cuba/WH Division/DDP

ATTENTION: Mr. Harry Mahoney

SUBJECT: MIG-21

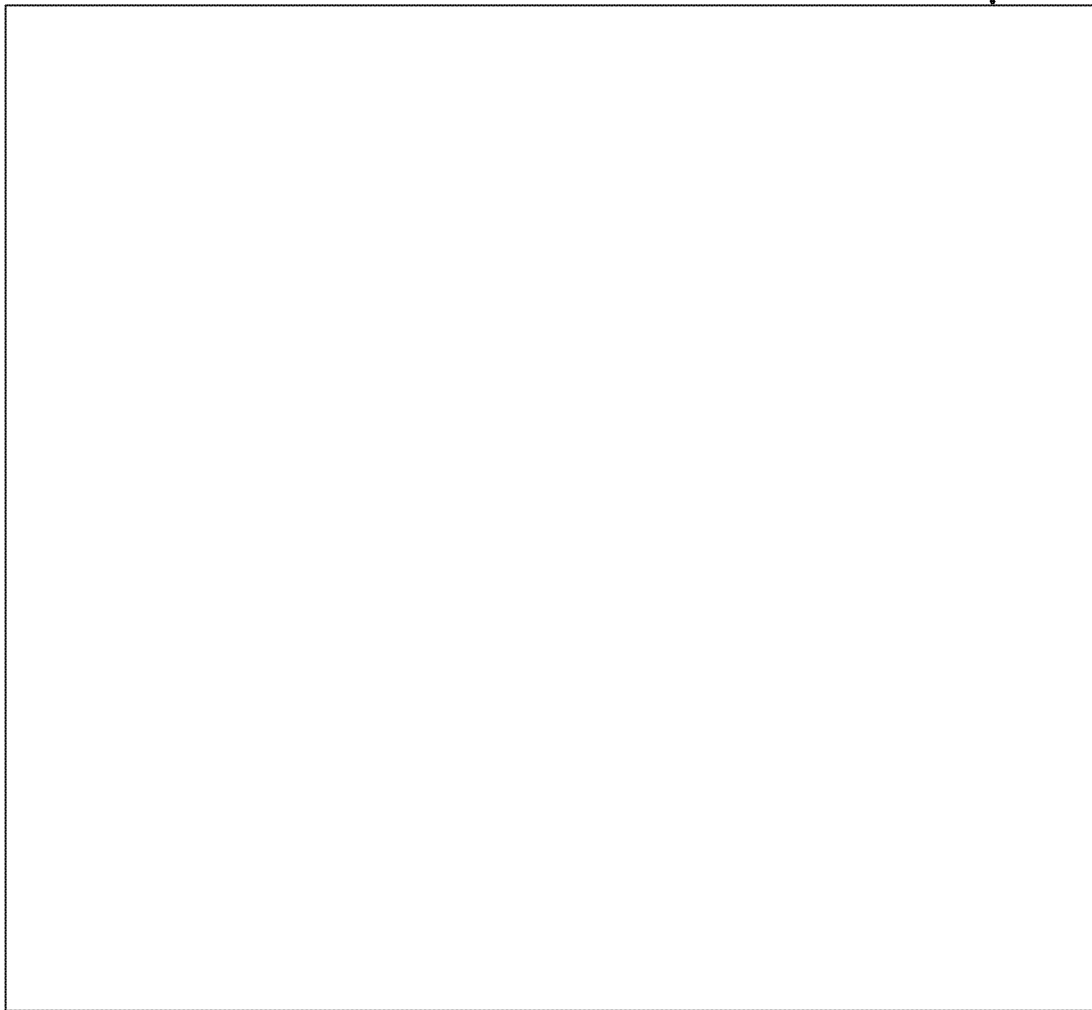
Attached is a copy of the communication in which DIA authorizes \$100,000 should your operation to acquire a MIG-21 succeed. As is indicated in the message, funds are already on hand in Sovmat to effect the immediate reward for the pilot.

  
Chief, Sovmat Staff, DCS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Harry Mahoney

201-237272

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July 22, 1966

Dear Harry:

I believe to have located the person that meets with the details you sent me. His name is Jose Medina who arrived in Madrid on July 3 with a standard named Jose Gallego. Medina works with a firm here in San Juan, Fernandez & Medina and he seems to be related to a partner of the firm, wholesalers that represent Armour Meat Products. Their address here is P.O. Box 3927 San Juan, and their telephone is 724-5532

No more information yet but we have several feelers out and may have more on him by next week without letting our mutual friend know of course. By the way, I am having a talk one with him this afternoon to see if there is anything new and to maintain the pressure. He told me he has a very important meeting today and perhaps he will let me know about what when we meet this afternoon, if it is really important I will call you if not I'll write you next week.

In the course of the investigation on Medina there is another by this name that was in some way related to Cubela but this is 45 yrs old.

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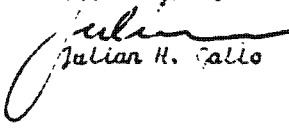
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Thanks for the information you sent me on the money for mother and my wife's residence. In the first I believe I have found a very good contact in Tampa and on the subject of the residence I am going to wait until further news from you on the modification on the travel requirements by Congress.

Give my regards to the "Eagle".

Best regards

  
Julian H. Gallo

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Chief of Station, Madrid

RETRAY POLIZKA/AMBANG-1 Contact with 201-772270 in Madrid

Act: For your information

- act: A. MAIL ID-4526  
B. MAIL ID-4527  
C. MAIL ID-4528  
D. MAIL ID-4529

1. The following information supplemental to references was acquired during two station meetings with AMBANG-1 (21 and 23 June 1967) and several meetings with QUERTEL-1 during the same period.

2. AMBANG-1 expects that Subject (201-772270) will be returning to Cuba in the near future. (In relation to the return of Subject to Cuba, Subject told QUERTEL-1 on 12 July that he had received permission to return and had discussed this with AMJEM-1 earlier that same day.) Although AMBANG-1 expressed doubts concerning the character and general reputation of Subject, he nevertheless felt that Subject, in conjunction with his brother (201-772402), had potential for contact within military circles inside Cuba.

3. In general no definite plans were made during the conversations between AMBANG-1 and Subject in Madrid. However, various means of communication were established for future contact:

A. Mail. AMBANG-1 gave Subject three different mail drops in the United States (New York, Miami, and San Juan, Puerto Rico) for his correspondence to AMBANG-1 from inside Cuba.

B. Telephone. In the event that telephone contact is desired, Subject is to call heretics "Borrita" MORALES, who resides in Miami and is the daughter of the former owner of the Portage Cigarette Company in Cuba. MORALES in turn is to contact AMBANG-1. (continued)

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C. Personal Meetings. The following plan was established for personal meetings. Subject will send a picture of a boat that is utilized by INDER for excursions to AMBANG-1 via mail drop. It appears that INDER has boats which are rented to sportsmen for deep sea fishing trips. AMBANG-1, in turn, will attempt to procure a boat identical to that in the picture sent by Subject. Accordingly, on given instructions the boat rented by INDER will depart from a point in Cuba, heading for another port in Cuba. All official Cuban Government communication regarding the clearances necessary for the INDER boat will be made by INDER prior to the departure of the boat. The INDER boat would then depart Cuba, heading out to sea ostensibly destined for Havana. The two boats (the INDER boat and the identical boat acquired by AMBANG-1) will rendez-vous on high seas and make appropriate exchange; then the INDER boat will return to its port of destination.

D. Contact with 301-736492. In San Juan the contact between AMBANG-1 and 301-736492 will be made through "El Sordo", who is a cousin of Subject's family and resides in San Juan.

4. AMBANG-1 commented that he had a 102-foot boat which he is willing and intends to use against Fidel. He lamented the fact that approximately \$80,000 worth of arms had been lost in Santo Domingo as a result of the insurrection in that country.



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DATE 14 July 1966

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8 July 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: IDEN A

1. IDEN A telephoned IDEN B on 15 June 1966 who asked him to come to Madrid as soon as possible so that he could be back in San Juan before the 25th of June. The implication was that IDEN A should be back in San Juan in time to talk to a PBRUMEN who was with the PBRUMEN delegation to the Tenth Central American and Caribbean Games. (IDEN C, was a delegate to the Games).
2. IDEN A and IDEN B developed a plan that involved two action agents already inside PBRUMEN. One was to assassinate AMTSUG either by rifle fire or remote controlled radio activated explosives while the other agent was to establish a military base in the central part of PBRUMEN. Station [redacted] spoke with IDEN A who reported that he believed AMTHUG would topple within the next few months and that he already had a group inside PBRUMEN.
3. IDEN A was interviewed upon his return to San Juan where he reported that he did not have any firm evidence that AMTHUG would topple within the next few months but only that he intuitively believed that AMTHUG's downfall was imminent. He based this on reports that things were getting worse in PERUMEN and that the people were ready to revolt. He also based it on the fact that he now has two action agents of the same caliber as AMLASH inside PBRUMEN who are ready to do his bidding.
4. IDEN A's 'agents' inside PBRUMEN are probably IDEN C, who might cooperate with IDEN B but not necessarily

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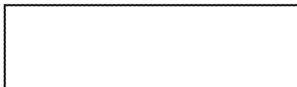
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with IDEN A. Further there is no firm evidence that IDEN C is against the present regime in PERUMEN. IDEN D is another possible contact. Again, other than some unsupported allegations there is no independent firm evidence that IDEN D is anti-regime.

5. IDEN A also claimed in [ ] that IDEN E had sent him a message and that he was considered a potential ally. He explained this in San Juan by saying that during a press conference his name had been mentioned and that IDEN E replied that he considered IDEN A to be his friend. IDEN A rationalized that if IDEN E had not wanted to indicate in some way that he was "with" IDEN A he would have taken this opportunity to blast him.

6. I debriefed IDEN A on his Madrid trip and intentions generally before I introduced him to AMBADGER/1. I had first asked him if he would mind reporting to us via a trusted PERUMEN exile now living in San Juan and, after I had identified AMBADGER/1, he replied that he knew him and respected and liked him. The three of us had a meeting and it was agreed that IDEN A would keep AMBADGER/1 completely informed of his plans and that AMBADGER/1 would convey them to me in PEPRIME. IDEN A refused to reveal the identities of his agents inside PERUMEN despite strong pressure. He also stated that IDEN F and IDEN G would have to know about his arrangement with AMBADGER/1 and with KUBARK. IDEN F and IDEN G, together with IDEN A, are the triumvirate of the JURE.



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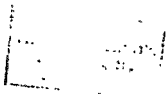
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and leader of the *CUBAN* delegation  
to the Tenth Games

IDEN F - Emilio GUEDE

IDEN G - Arturo VILLAR



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Ambang

21 June 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with AMBANG-1, 28 April 1966

1. On 28 April 1966 the undersigned, using the name Andrews as in the past, contacted AMBANG-1 (201-239298) at the Hotel Sheraton in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The following points were discussed, in addition to matters pertaining to a projected meeting of Cuban exiles, covered in a separate memo.

a. AMBANG seemed much less aggressive than when I used to talk to him a year and a half ago. He seemed dispirited about the exiles and their chances of ever doing anything to settle affairs in Cuba.

b. The exiles do not seem to have any plans for doing much of anything. AMBANG-1 agreed that the overthrow of Castro will probably come from the inside, and that the exiles will have little influence on the move that accomplishes it. AMBANG-1 feels this is not all to the bad since, as he says, there are a number of good men in Cuba in important posts who have gotten sucked bit by bit into support of communism but are really not communists. I told him I believed the US would probably be willing to deal with such persons if they achieved the overthrow of the regime and that the US would probably oppose a wave of vengeance against "decent revolutionaries". I told him this because I thought there was some chance he might spread it about and the word might get back to "decent revolutionaries" in Cuba.

c. In general, AMBANG-1 had less information on the purge situation than I did. He told me that relatives of Gustavo ARCOS (201-205568) in Puerto Rico had been in telephone contact with the family inside

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Cuba about 25 April, that Arcos was as of that date still in prison but the charges against him were thin and it was hoped he would be out in a few days. (This means there was at least one more telephone call than we knew of previously, and this has probably served to increase the pressure on Arcos). I asked AMBANG-1 if his contact with Arcos in late 1964 might not have been responsible for the arrest. AMBANG-1 said he did not think so. We talked some about the symbolic value of the Arcos family and I expressed a strong interest in Arcos's welfare and in getting the latest news about him. I did this on the chance that AMBANG-1 might assume Arcos had been our agent and we were concerned about him. I do not know if he will actually construe my remark in this way, however, but it seemed like an opening to use an important exile channel as a possible deception mechanism. AMBANG said he does not believe there is any truth to the charge of financial dishonesty levelled against Arcos.

d. Rene RODRIGUEZ Cruz (201-224329): AMBANG-1 regards him as a compulsive, capable of doing harm to anyone, including Fidel Castro. AMBANG-1 knows him quite well but does not know his associate, Carlos Laplace, who shows up in Mexico from time to time.

I raised the matter of Rene RODRIGUEZ merely to sound AMBANG out, but it may be he thinks we have some special interest in him.

e. About Osmani CIENFUEGOS (201-270164), AMBANG stated he was a member of the PSP in the middle 1950's. He is a competent architect but otherwise a person of limited capacity. He is not a member of the inner circle of the Old Guard PSP and never was. He got involved with the PSP out of opportunism, he is a schemer, self seeker and very unreliable.

f. I told AMBANG I had heard Emilio Aragonés had been arrested. AMBANG was surprised and said he would inform me if he heard anything about it. I raised this to supplement rumors I am trying to spread through exile mechanisms.

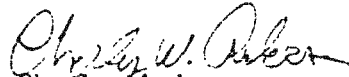
g. AMBANG stated that Pedro Miret (201-169120) is a man of slight capacity who would not be to upset of the Castro regime fell so long as he did not get his throat cut in the progress. I expressed a great deal of interest in Miret, asking especially why he should have been selected to make two recent trips to Moscow. AMBANG did not have any idea. I raised the subject of Miret, again, to put him into the exile rumor mill as a person of special interest to the US, and thus to flesh out some of the other parts of our program.

h. Armando Hart (201-222675), according to AMBANG, does not have the qualities of an administrator but he is very good at situating himself politically, organizing politically and, in general, wheeling and dealing. He is NOT under his wife's thumb, as many say. AMBANG regards Hart as a much more decent person than Aragones and to be well placed in Aragone's old job because he does not have notoriously close connections with any of the personalities or factions within the 26th of July crowd but gets along with them all.

i. Concerning the differences between the city and sierra fighters in the 26th of July, AMBANG stated they are real and that the city group fought and suffered much more.

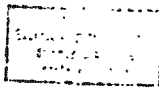
j. AMBANG believes this is not the time for the US or exiles to make menacing gestures against Cuba, for this would merely provide Castro with distractions from internal problems and perhaps enable him to rally popular support.

2. I believe that later in the summer it might be a good idea to have another talk with AMBANG to keep up with exile thinking, and feeding more deception thoughts.

  
Charles Anderson  
C/WH/C/CA/PA

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8 July 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Manuel *RAY*

1. The Subject telephoned Rafael GARCIA-BANGO Dirube on 15 June 1966 who asked him to come to Madrid as soon as possible so that he could be back in San Juan before the 25th of June. The implication was that the Subject should be back in San Juan in time to talk to a Cuban who was with the Cuban delegation to the Tenth Central American and Caribbean Games. (Jorge GARCIA-BANGO Dirube, Rafael's brother, was a delegate to the Games.)

2. The Subject and Rafael GARCIA BANGO developed a plan that involved two action agents already inside Cuba. One was to assassinate Fidel Castro Ruz, either by rifle fire or remote controlled radio activated explosives while the other agent was to establish a military base in the 'central part of Cuba'. Station  spoke with the Subject who reported that he believed Fidel CASTRO would topple within the next few months and that he already had a group inside Cuba.

3. The Subject was interviewed upon his return to San Juan where he reported that he did not have any firm evidence that CASTRO would topple within the next few months but only that he intuitively believed that Castro's downfall was imminent. He based this on reports that things were getting worse in Cuba and that the people were ready to revolt. He also based it on the fact that he now has two action agents 'of the same caliber as AMLASH inside Cuba' who are ready to do his bidding.

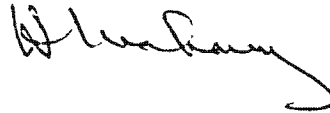
4. The Subject's 'agents' inside Cuba are probably Jorge GARCIA BANGO Dirube, who might cooperate with his

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brother but not necessarily with the Subject. Further there is no firm evidence that Jorge is against the present regime in Cuba. Aldo SANTAMARIA, Chief of the Cuban Navy, is another possible contact. Again, other than some unsupported allegations there is no independent firm evidence that SANTAMARIA is anti-regime.

5. The Subject also claimed in Madrid that Jose LLANUSA Gobel Minister of Education and leader of the Cuban delegation to the Tenth Games, had sent him a message and that he was considered a potential ally. He explained this in San Juan by saying that during a press conference his name had been mentioned and that LLANUSA replied that he considered the Subject to be his friend. The Subject rationalized that if LLANUSA had not wanted to indicate in some way that he was 'with' the Subject he would have taken this opportunity to blast him.

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13 July 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AMBADGER-1

1. On this date, Subject called me from San Juan, Puerto Rico to report on his meeting with AMBANG-1 on 13 July. (AMBANG-1 remained adamant concerning his refusal to reveal the names of his sources inside Cuba. However, AMBADGER-1 believes that AMBANG-1 is in a better frame of mind than previously and he needs some added push to reveal the names.

2. AMBADGER suggested that Growery come to Puerto Rico to give AMBANG-1 that added push. AMBADGER-1 said that AMBANG-1 speaks fondly of Growery and he believes that Growery might convince AMBANG-1 to reveal the names. Alternatively, AMBANG-1 and AMBADGER-1 could come to Washington, D.C. for discussions with Growery.

3. I agreed to write AMBADGER-1 the details of processing his wife's citizenship. AMBADGER-1 wants to process his wife's citizenship in Montreal. I also agreed to look into the matter of transmitting money to his mother in Cuba at a rate of exchange more favorable than one to one.



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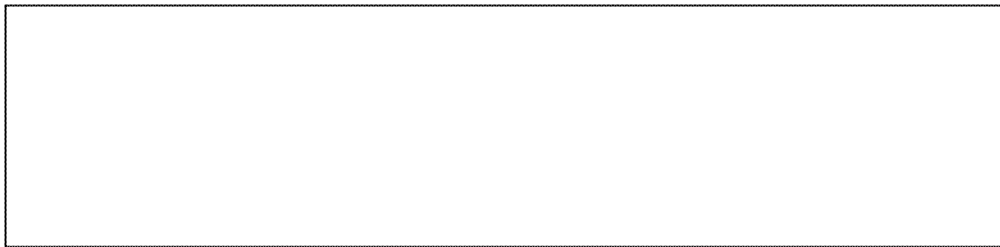
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SUBJECT PLANS OF CUBAN EXILES FOR POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS TO USURP  
POWER OF FIDEL CASTRO RUZ



1. ON 15 JUNE 1966 RAFAEL GARCIA-BANGO, A CUBAN EXILE RESID-  
ING IN SPAIN, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL IN MADRID FROM MANUEL RAY  
IN PUERTO RICO, LEADER OF THE CUBAN EXILE GROUP JURE, REGARDING  
PLANS TO ASSUME POWER IN CUBA. GARCIA-BANGO TOLD RAY THAT IT WAS  
ESSENTIAL THAT HE COME TO MADRID BEFORE 25 JUNE. HE IMPLIED THAT  
RAY SHOULD BE BACK IN SAN JUAN IN ORDER TO TALK TO A MEMBER OF THE  
CUBAN DELEGATION FOR THE 10TH CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN GAMES  
IN PUERTO RICO, PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF THE DELEGATION TO CUBA.  
RAY AGREED TO DO SO.

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2. GARCIA-BANGO MENTIONED THAT A PLAN WAS UNDER WAY TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE ISLAND, WHICH POSSIBLY INCLUDES THE ASSASSINATION OF FIDEL CÁSTRO RUZ. THE PLAN ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED PEOPLE WHO OUT-RANK GARCIA'S BROTHER, JORGE GARCIA-BANGO DIRUBE, A SUB-DIRECTOR OF INDER (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPORTS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND RECREATION), AND INCLUDES AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE ARMY. CONVERSATIONS AMONG EXILES INVOLVED IN THE PLAN, INDICATE THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES ACTIVATED BY RADIO.

HOWEVER, PROBLEMS OF OBTAINING EQUIPMENT AND IRONING OUT TECHNICAL DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED.

3. GARCIA-BANGO CLAIMS THAT IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN A VISA TO RETURN TO CUBA, HE SAW FRANCISCO CALZADILLA NUÑEZ, THE CUBAN CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES IN MADRID. HE TOLD CALZADILLA THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL CUBAN MINISTERS SUPPORTING GARCIA-BANGO'S RETURN TO CUBA. GARCIA-BANGO, WHO HAS STATED HIS INTENTION TO RETURN TO CUBA AS SOON AS HIS VISA IS ISSUED, HAS SOLD HIS APARTMENT IN MADRID AT A LOSS AND APPEARS TO BE MAKING PLANS TO LEAVE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. HE CLAIMS FRIENDSHIP WITH ALDO SANTAMARIA CUADRADO, CHIEF OF THE CUBAN NAVY, AND OTHERS, INCLUDING HIS BROTHER, WHOSE POSITIONS WILL FORM A BASIS FROM WHICH FUTURE INSURRECTIONARY ACTIVITIES CAN BE LAUNCHED. PLANS FOR DELIVERY OF ARMS AS WELL AS A METHOD OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GARCIA-BANGO AND RAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

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4. RAY IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF TOPPLING CASTRO WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. HE STATED THAT HIS PURPOSE IN MADRID WAS TO CONTACT GARCIA-BANGO, WHO HE FELT HAD SUFFICIENT CONTACTS INSIDE CUBA TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR AN INSURRECTION. ALTHOUGH RAY IS AWARE OF GARCIA-BANGO'S UNSAVORY REPUTATION, HE FELT THAT HE COULD PROVE USEFUL IN FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THIS TYPE. HE BELIEVED THAT GARCIA-BANGO'S BROTHER, JORGE GARCIA-BANGO DIRUBE, WHO ENJOYS A MORE RESPECTABLE REPUTATION, WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. RAY ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INDIRECTLY A MESSAGE FROM JOSE LLANUSA GOBEL, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CURRENTLY IN SAN JUAN FOR THE CARIBBEAN GAMES, AND CONSIDERS HIM A POTENTIAL ALLY.

5. RAY IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SAN JUAN ON 26 JUNE.

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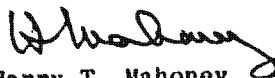
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Manolo Ray

The Subject's current address is La Rabida  
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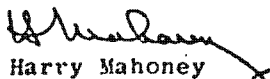
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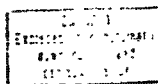
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Manolo Rey

I talked to AMBADGER at 0800 (Home 766-3337) and told him that both "The Eagle" (Williamson) and I agreed that our position was firm. We would not give Manolo REY any support or assistance until he cooperated with us fully by giving us the names of his sources. I told AMBADGER that he should be firm with REY and likened it to a blind date, i.e., it could be a beautiful romance if both sides cooperated but it would be a very bad date if he wanted it to be a one sided affair. AMBADGER is having lunch with REY this afternoon and will write me the results by airmail.

  
Harry Mahoney



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Dear Harry:

Here goes my first promised weekly report. I do not know how good they will be or what good will they do, I will just keep my fingers crossed and hope for the best.

Yesterday I got together with M.R. on the three questions and the results were completely negative.

On the first question about the Mexican visa he was as softly mad as he can get. He said that that was no way to start a relationship that was supposed to be of mutual cooperation and trust. That he was not an informer, paid informer that is, but somebody willing to give honest cooperation for the mutual benefit of the common cause. That a few days ago he sent a cable informing about the arrival of a certain person in Madrid that was believed to be of no use to us but that he knows or believes to be on the fence and ready for an approach. That if this was the way he was going to be treated by us he was perfectly willing not to continue as he had no doubt he could find other people in the government willing to listen and cooperate in more reasonable grounds. He mentioned the risks he took in Havana by meeting Jim Neal (I don't know if I got the name right) when he was minister of Public Works with Fidel as to show his willingness to cooperate but refuses to do so on unequal grounds or without due consideration. After quietly blowing off steam for a while we went on to the second question of the Radio broadcast plans: He says that the material will be recorded here in San Juan but broadcast from outside U.S. I asked him from where and he just smiled and said, That is the other matter we have? The other matter were the addresses: His answer was that this was the same as if he had given us who his contacts in Cuba were and that he had already refused to do this. I explained as you suggested that this was for the purpose of keeping him advised of any information we may pick up regarding those addresses he did not accept this as a valid enough reason for him to furnish the addresses.

After this I went back on the three questions but he was firm and refused to budge. I believe that he is trying 1.- To obtain recognition or some kind of a commitment that will bolster his position in the already shaky position he holds at this time. 2.- To justify to himself and his followers however few they may be, that he maintains

an independent position in accordance with his stated views on this matter.  
3.- He may also be feeling us out in this first interview to study our reactions and see what course to take in future meetings.

At the end of our meeting he stated again his willingness to work with us for mutual benefit and hoped that future meetings would bring a better understanding.

Although at this stage I am not very optimistic I believe nevertheless that we should keep punching to see if something can be accomplished in future contacts. Next will be Friday 8.

Your comments or suggestions before the next meeting will be most welcome.

Best regards

Julian

P.S. He told me about a broadcast to Cuba during a base ball game which he succeeded in taping and inserting an anti-castro message. He still has not received any confirmation on if the message was heard. Have you?

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Hable el JURE. Fidal Castro, tirazo inco-  
lente y asesino; tus días están co-  
fronto será libre y la justicia. La  
revolución que traicionaste te hará pagar  
por tus crímenes y tu traición.

El JURE juró: con él la Cuba del ex-  
nismo en América.

! Viva Cuba libre !

*Radio San Balduino  
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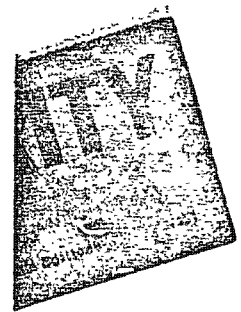
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TO: The Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: ROJCE Cerezo, Jose

1. Reference is made to the request dated 30 November 1965 concerning Subject (A 12 498 923 TC). The files of this office contain the following pertinent information.

2. According to information dated August 1963, from a member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection who have provided useful information since 1961, Subject was designated chief of intelligence by the National Direction Abroad of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta), an anti-CASTRO Cuban exile group. Source said the intelligence group had been created in March 1963 on the orders of the national chief of the JURE, Manuel RAY Rivero (aka Manolo RAY), for the purpose of infiltrating JURE members into the various organizations which operated in the Miami, Florida area, as well as into agencies of the United States Government; further, that in April 1963, RAY had issued orders to infiltrate a trusted JURE member into this Agency in order to learn the details of any plans with regard to Cuba. The JURE also intended to introduce into Cuba leaflets containing information of a derogatory nature regarding the United States Government. Included in these leaflets was Subject's manifesto against the United States Government and against this Agency.

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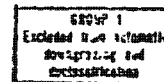
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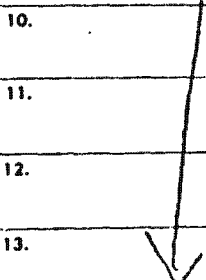
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**TO:** United States Secret Service

**FROM:** Deputy Director for Plans

**SUBJECT:** O RAY Rivero, Manuel Antonio  
aka: RAY, Manolo

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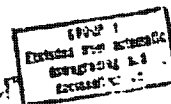
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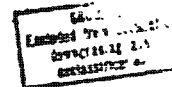
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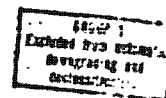
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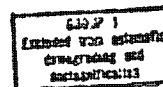
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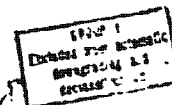
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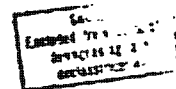


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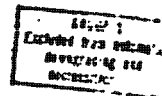
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- REFERENCE: A. HPLW-3906 (24 May 1965)
- B. LIMA-6589 (29 April 1965)

Attached for the Station's information and interest is a sanitized copy of a report concerning Subject recently received from OGENVY.

ERNEST A. LUSBY

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PERSONAL DATA

So much has been said about him, pro and con, that I will confine my comments to my own personal impressions.

He is short, unimpressive and insignificant in appearance. He strikes me as intelligent, sincere, intense, and well-intentioned. He speaks very quickly and is hard to understand. He makes his points with conviction but his remarks have very little ideological content and on occasion are confusing. I know of his reputation of being able to inspire both strong loyalties and strong dislikes among Cubans, gained mainly as a result of his roles in the anti-Batista struggle and at the beginning of the Castro regime. These considerations aside, to me he seems like a pleasant but uninspiring individual, nothing more.

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Manuel Ray Rivero, leader of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta), will arrive in Miami from Puerto Rico on 31 July 1965 to meet with the Miami council of JURE.

Field Comment: The position of JURE within the Cuban exile community was weakened after Ray failed to keep his widely-publicized promise to land in Cuba by 20 May 1964. Since then the organization has been relatively inactive. Recently Ray has been making an effort to again establish a strong JURE. On 22 May 1965 he gave a lecture in Miami to JURE delegates from Tampa, Orlando, and Miami, in which he stressed the need to raise money for the organization. The feeling of some members who attended the lecture was that it was rather late to start asking people to contribute money to the JURE. A meeting of delegates of the JURE was held in Tampa, Florida, from 3 to 5 July 1965 to discuss the program and future plans of the JURE. On 5 and 6 July Ray held discussions with representatives of the Segundo Frente Nacional del Escambray (SFNE, Second National Front of the Escambray), concerning a unification of the two organizations.

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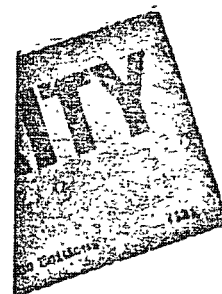
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DATE OF INFO. 23 JULY 1965

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SUBJECT

NEW PLAN OF MANUEL RAY, LEADER OF JURE, TO ENTER CUBA

PLACE & DATE ACQ. UNITED STATES, MIAMI (28 JULY 1965)

REF IN-20179

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

FIELD REPORT NO.

A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF CUBAN ÉMIGRÉS TRAINED IN THE TECHNIQUES OF INFORMATION COLLECTION, FROM ANTONIO ARIAS GONZALEZ, FORMER PROPAGANDA CHIEF OF JURE, WHO IS NOW A REPORTER FOR RADIO STATION WFAB. ARIAS, WHO IS STILL IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH JURE EXECUTIVES, CLAIMED THAT HE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM "INTERNAL JURE REPORTS".

1. ACCORDING TO ANTONIO ARIAS GONZALEZ, MANUEL RAY AND THE JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA (JURE, CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA) ARE RECEIVING MONEY FROM AN UNNAMED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SERVICE, BUT NOT FROM THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

2. RAY IS AGAIN PLANNING TO ENTER CUBA. IF HE SUCCEEDS, HE WILL START A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT THE CIA BY ACCUSING IT OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY IN FREEING CUBA. RAY CLAIMS THAT HIS PLAN IS IN AGREEMENT, OR HAS BEEN COORDINATED, WITH UNNAMED AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO OPPOSE "CIA POLICY" REGARDING CUBA.

3. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO.

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1 JUL 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John H. Crimmins  
Coordinator of Cuban Affairs

SUBJECT : Erquiaga Arms Company,  
Industrial, California

1. Attached is a report which was forwarded to this Agency by our Los Angeles office. It is forwarded together with a listing of names of individuals with whom the Erquiaga Arms Company had correspondence as well as a few pieces of miscellaneous correspondence.

2. As stated previously, this Agency has no interest in subject nor any of the individuals mentioned in the attached list.

(Signed) Thomas J. Flores

John L. Hart

Attachment: a/s

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17 June 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Contact Division, Office of Operations  
ATTENTION: Mr. Richardson, Operations Support Staff  
VIA: WH/Cuba/Operations  
SUBJECT: Erquiaga Arms Company (Case # 45436)  
REFERENCE: LA 453-65, dated 2 June 1965

1. Further to our telephone conversation of 16 June we should like to clarify that whereas it is true that we had, and to a limited degree have, contact with Manuel Ray, who apparently bought some of the arms impounded by the California authorities in the Erquiaga plant, we are in no way connected with Subject. Ray purchased these weapons strictly on his own initiative. He was neither counselled to do so by us nor have we ever referred him to Erquiaga. Furthermore this Agency has no connection whatever with any of the individuals mentioned in the paragraph 1 listing of reference. What little contact we maintain with Ray is mainly within the context of our general interest in keeping abreast of Cuban exile activities. Our interest in Erquiaga, therefore, was in keeping with this general interest.

2. We are most appreciative of your Los Angeles office's efforts on our behalf. Should the FBI query your Los Angeles office about our interest and connections with Subject it is suggested that they answer along the lines set forth above. It is also requested that your office continue to keep us apprised of the current developments in this case.

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LA-564-65

6 July 1965

SUBJECT: David D. Mulla, aka David De Mulle, dba  
Communications Specialties, Box 354, San Gabriel,  
Glen Mart Co., 2850 Tanager St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
Unistrut Products, 2850 Tanager St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
Kim Lock Tray Systems, Los Angeles, Calif.

REF. : (a) LANG-8604  
(b) OSS Memo, Same Subject, dated 22 Jun 65  
(c) LAFO Speed Letter, Same Subject, dated 23 Jun 65  
(d) OSS Speed Letter Reply, undated

1. The following is meant to clarify ref. (a), and to bring you up-to-date. An unnamed source of FBI-LA advised that office that subject, then representing the last three of the above business styles, called on him in April and inquired as to the latter's ability to turn out vaguely described metal products, supposedly office equipment items. This presumably was a pretext as subject called again in May, then representing Communications Specialties, and asked if (this FBI) source could manufacture about 1,000 silencers, for use on 9 mm machine pistols, and meant (very confidentially) for a customer in northern California. Subject implied for himself an earlier association with Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., a highly reputable scientific instrument manufacturer, and with Aerojet General Corp., which we know to be dabbling in ordnance specialties. Subject also made reference to some vague sales or business relationship with "the City of Commerce concern that was raided recently", undoubtedly Erquiaga Arms Co.

2. FBI-LA feels it must alert Customs on the off-chance that subject may be exporting this item, and also that it cannot afford not to advise the State of California Department of Justice, since mere possession of a silencer is a felony, and prior knowledge, in the event there was a major incident of any kind, would be difficult to explain.

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SUBJECT DAVID MULLER

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SAN GABRIEL, CALIF

REF CASE 45486 IS UICOG 4111 CO

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ERQUIASA ARMS CO

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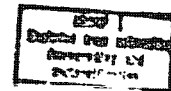
Subject: Case 45486 - Erquiaga Arms Company

Ref: (a) LA-404-64, dtd 27 Oct 64

1. Attached list (Encl. A) supposedly contains the names of all those with whom subject was in correspondence - at least as far as is reflected by the records which the L.A. County District Attorney has in his possession.
2. Encl. (B) shows the JURY markings on the receiver of subject's MR-64, as previously reported in ref (a).
3. Encl. (C) is a packet of 6 letters and translations having to do with Peru.
4. Encl. (D) represents miscellaneous photos of subject's products. All are regarded by fire arms experts as outstanding in performance.
5. The enclosures made available by the <sup>LAPD</sup> LARB, are all for retention.

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Mr. F: I just wanted to bring you up to date on Ori and Bosch. He's on a hunger strike in the Orlando jail. He's in pretty bad shape but everyone is pretty firm. He will be arraigned tomorrow. I have gotten in touch with a priest who is a friend of Jack Vaughan. He needs some way to save face. Bosch told the doctors that if he loses consciousness to rush him to the hospital.

Mr. F: There's another way to save face. When arraigned tomorrow, have the judge order him fed intravenously. Put him in a prison hospital.

Mr. C: He wants a press conference in the jail, as one of his conditions for stopping his hunger strike. He says he has bombshell announcements to make re his involvement in CIA activities. I told Father Hays who knows nothing of this and told him Bosch was a rather adroit fellow. Anyway, I wanted to warn you of the revelation. He said to me "I understand he wants to have his bill made once he's out of jail, and plans to make more statements. Well, hell, he can make any statement he wants to once he's out of jail."

Mr. F: The only trouble with this thing is that this guy is going to start talking about CIA and CIA hasn't got a tinker's damn of saying anything.

Mr. C: Oh, we'll do something about that. He's being arraigned tomorrow with bond being set at \$1000.

Mr. F: \$1000 is pretty cheap. In fact, it's an insult.

Mr. C: Well, they felt a little vulnerable so they are knocking it down. It normally is \$5000.

Mr. F: My feeling is that I'm sorry we're enforcing the law. He's a kook but a lot of these kooks could keep Fidel off balance.

Mr. C: It's a much higher price to pay in terms of propaganda loss.

On another subject,

Mr. F: We'll be sending you over a note about this but I got a call from Manolo Ray. The case is still under way, but he had an offer from someone in the local government to see what they could do to get the case dropped. I said that the USG was not going to get involved but if he had personal friends who could talk to the California authorities there, we would not interfere. You know who started this thing off? IN Our friends in the Treasury Department. The Nicholas ~~tax~~ tax unit. They are the guys that urged the California Authorities to take action.

Mr. C: Oh no. Really?

Mr. F: Yes, sir.

Mr. C: They told me that they have never had anything to do with this.

Mr. F: Maybe in Washington, but in California they are up to their ears.

Mr. C: I will take this up with them, not from the Cuba angle but on the basis of embarrassment to Costa Rica.

Mr. F: I also noted that the documents ~~were~~<sup>were</sup> out of Erquiza's files had nothing to do with Costa Rica which bears out what Rey said about the papers not being in there. Once this thing is in court, the charges cannot be dropped.

Mr. C: When is this supposed to come to trial?

Mr. F: Well, it's a funny thing, but the defense keeps asking for postponement because his lawyers are afraid he'll be thrown in jail. Apparently he is a reasonably respectable businessman but he got caught up with Erquiza. Last time we heard, Erquiza was in Peru.

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Note to

1. Attached is a telegram received at OO Washington from their man in Los Angeles concerning the Erziaga Arms Company. You will notice that the FBI in Los Angeles has enquired if the company or any of the individuals meant anything to us. We will have to reply.

2. I suggest you advise Crimmins and that our reply be to the effect that we are aware that the arms being manufactured by Erziaga were destined for the JURE, that we have been interested in monitoring the case as part of our responsibility to cover the activities of Cuban exile groups, but that the Agency has no interest either in the individuals involved or the company.

  
Thomas J. Flores

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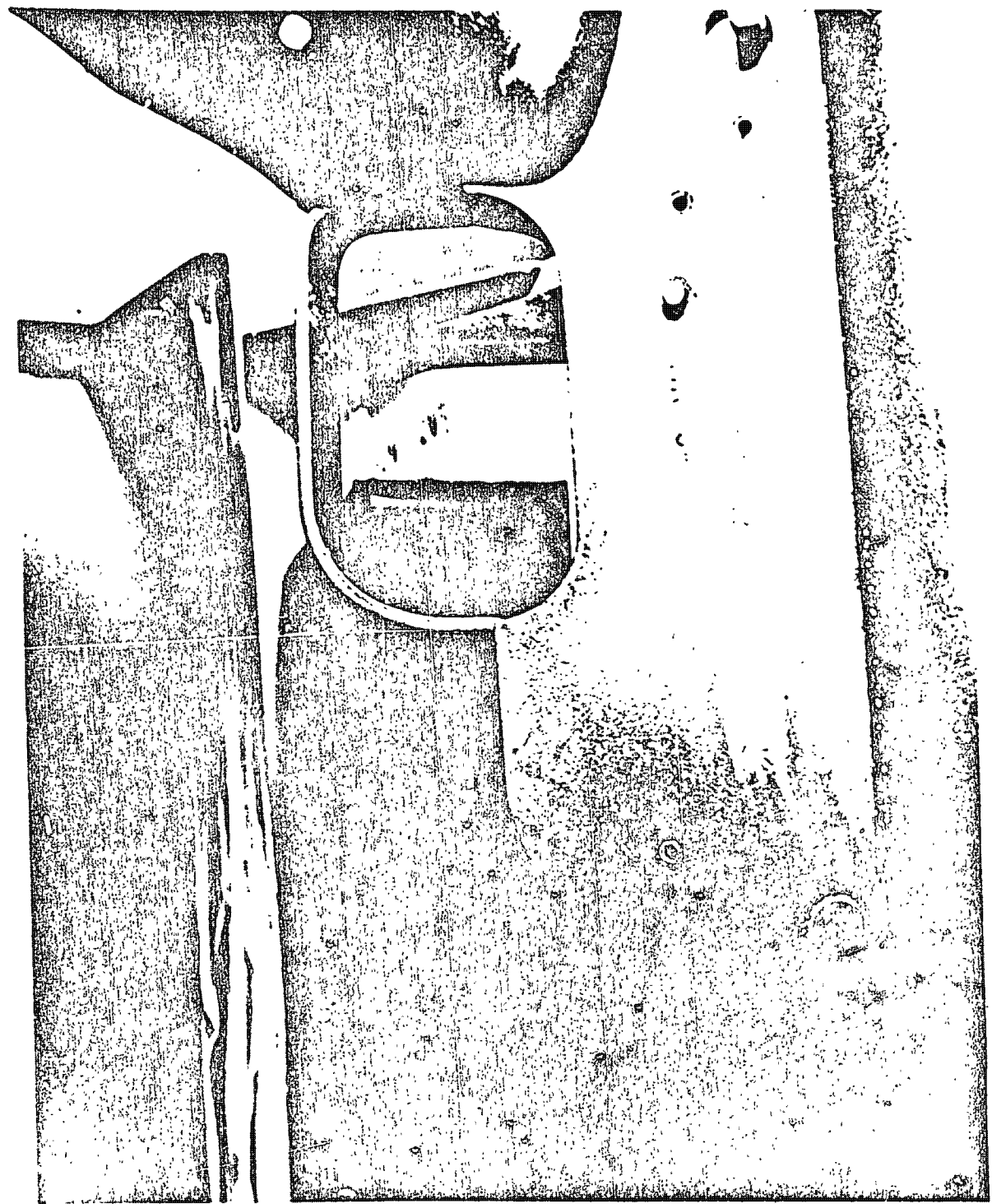
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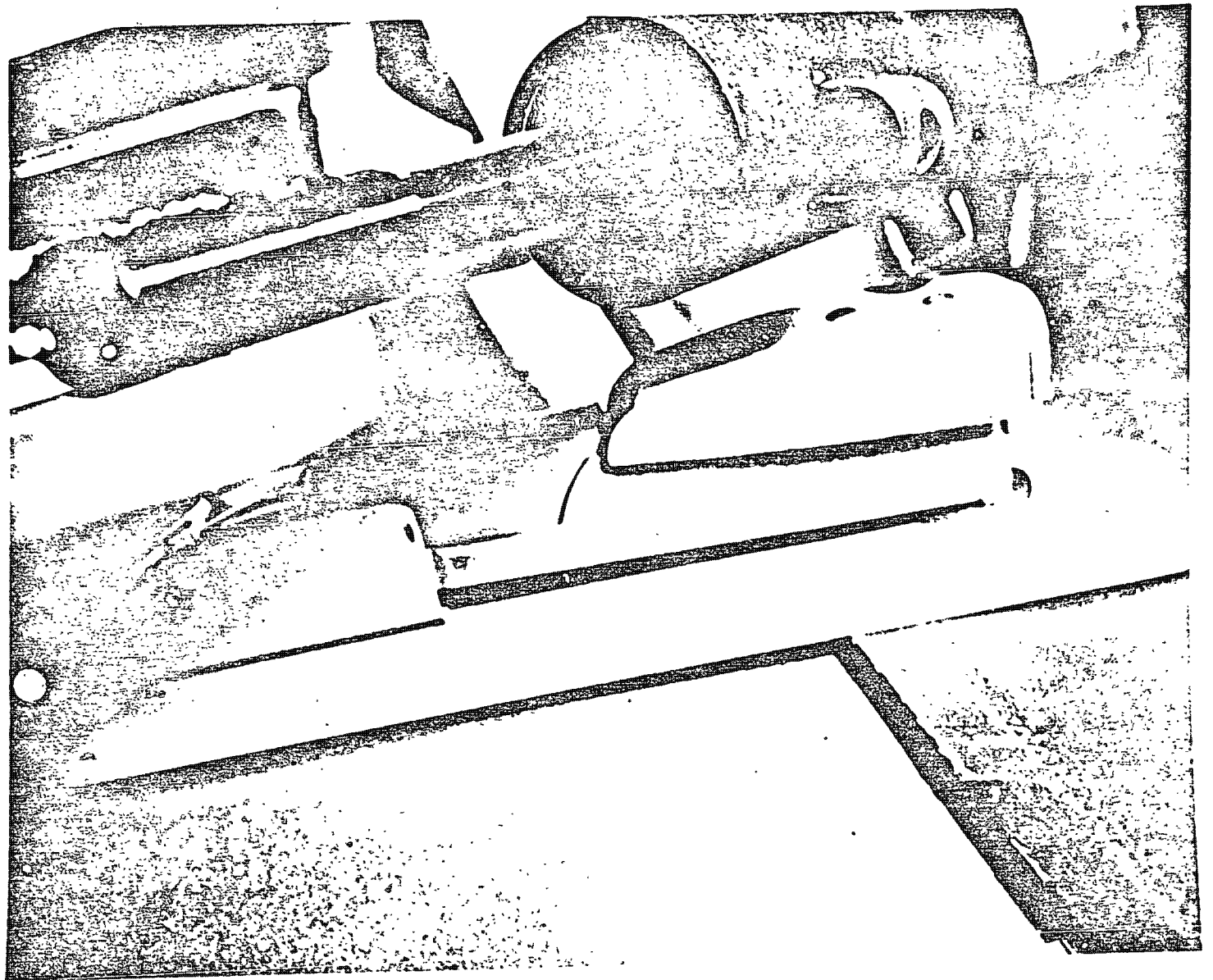
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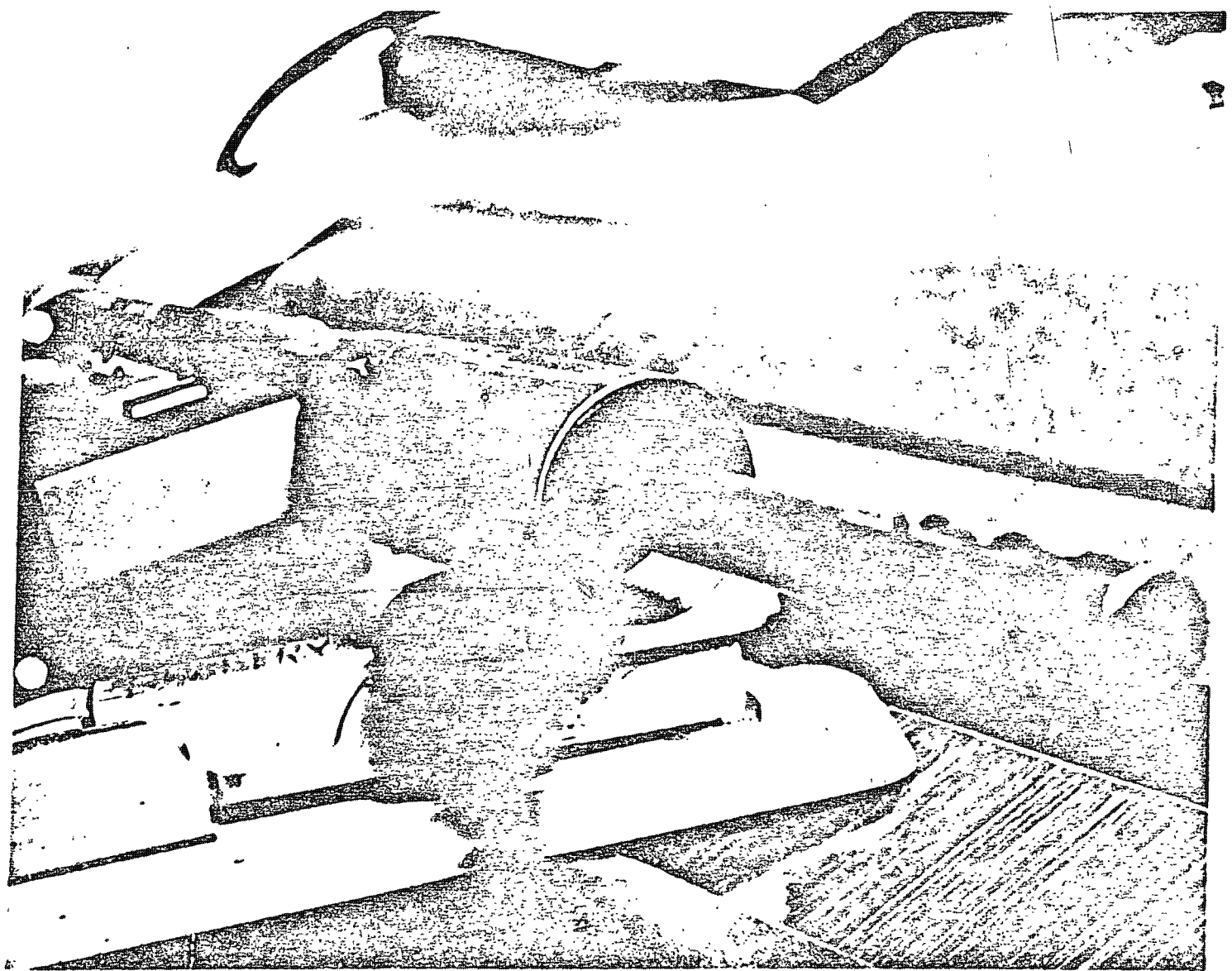
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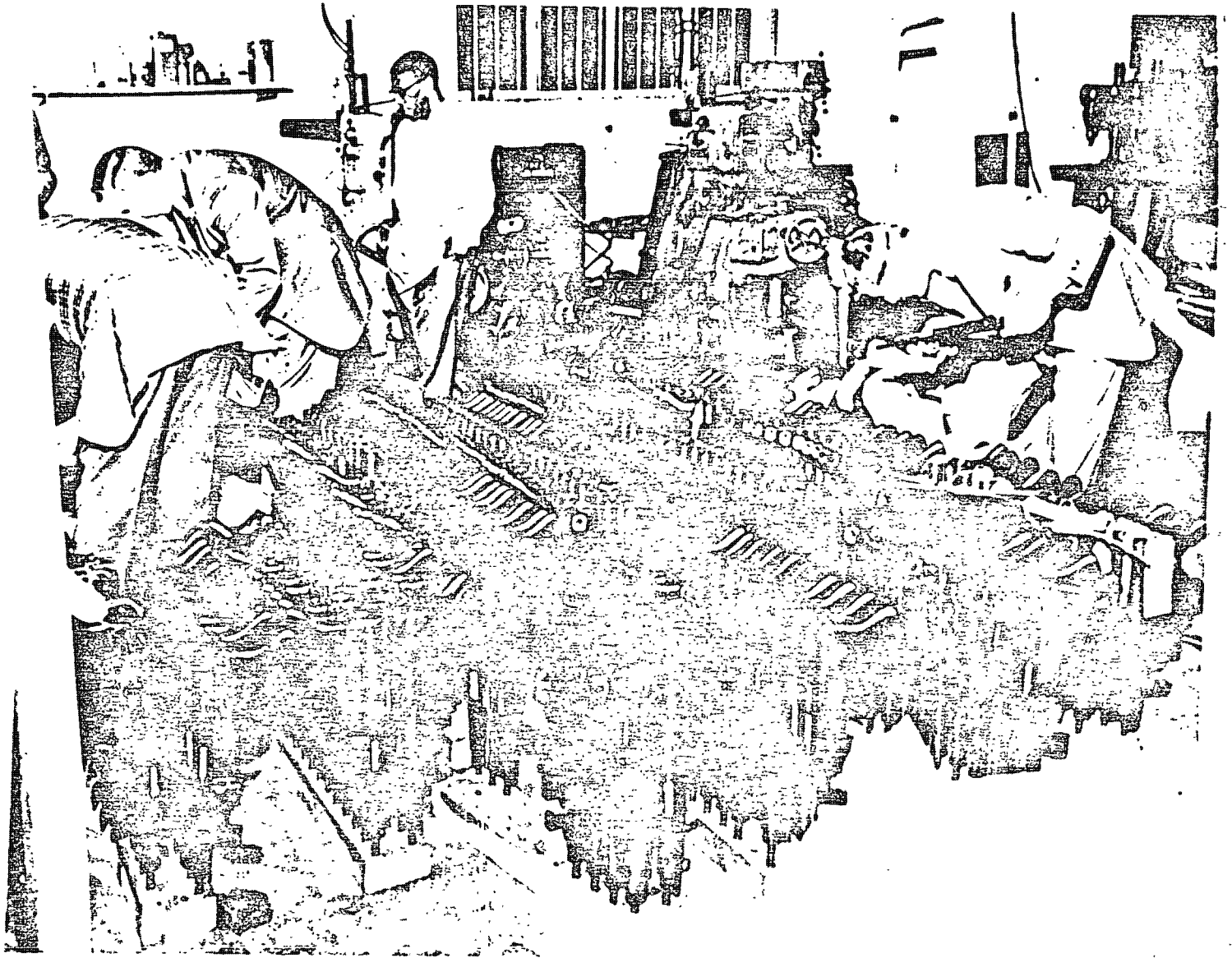
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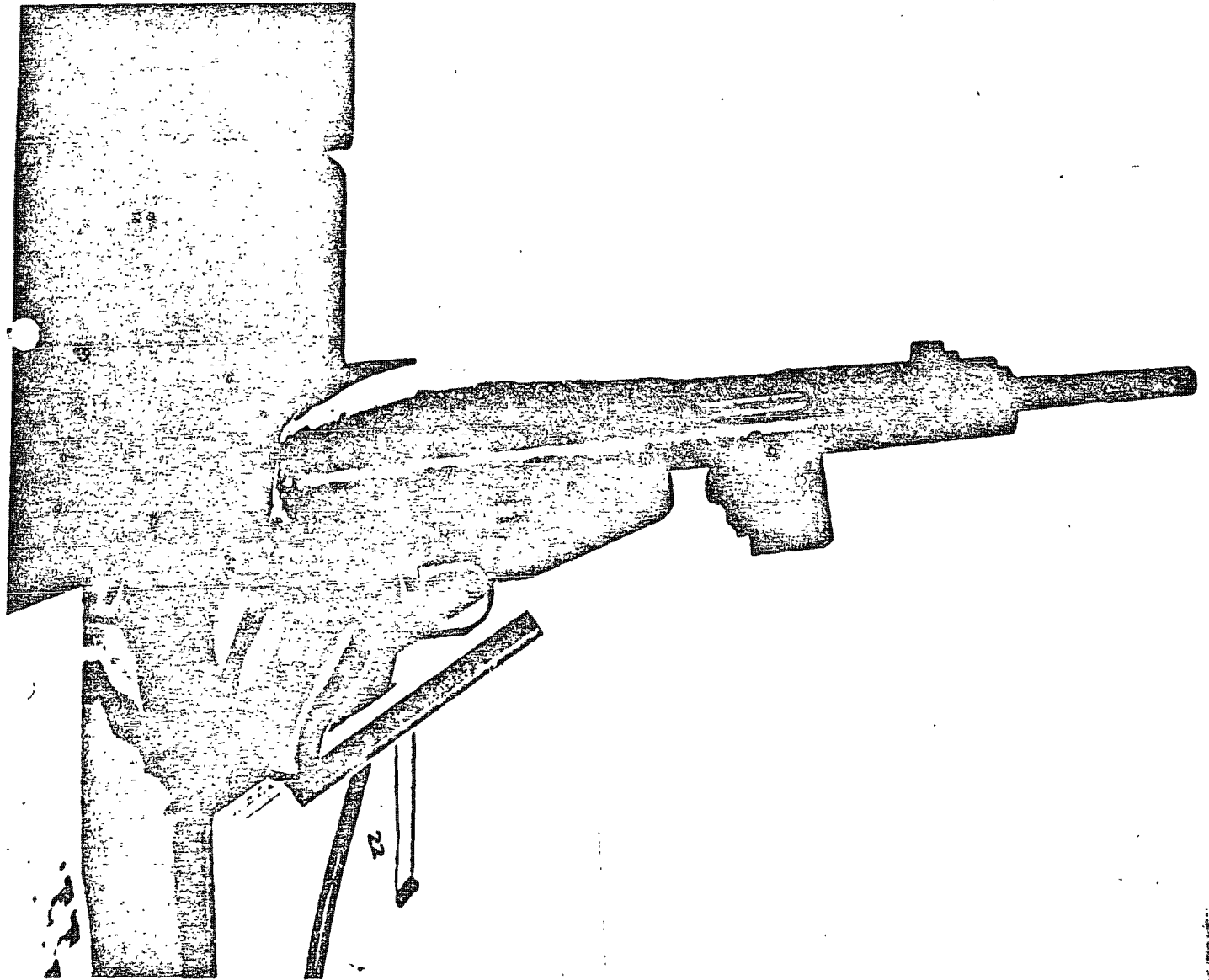
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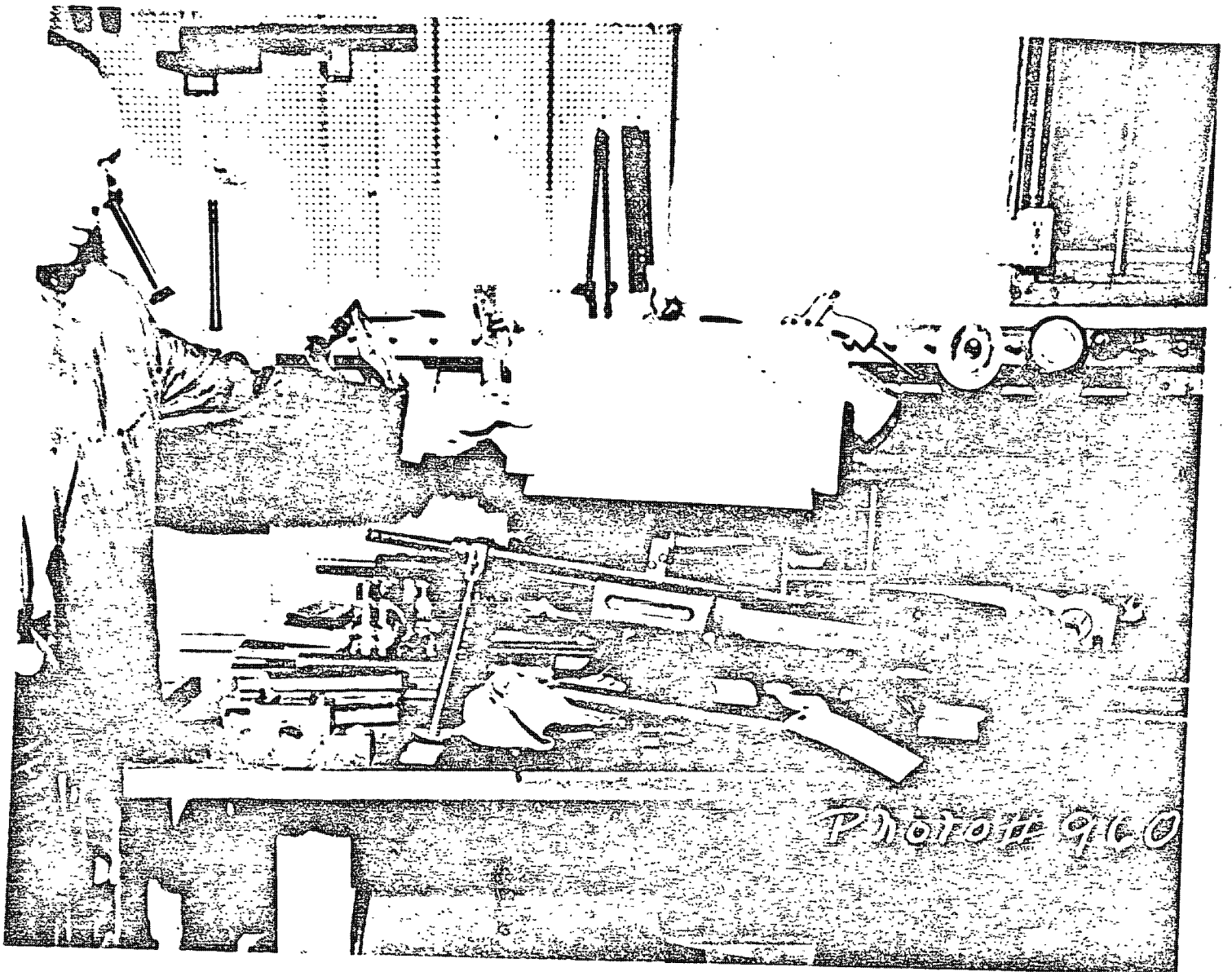


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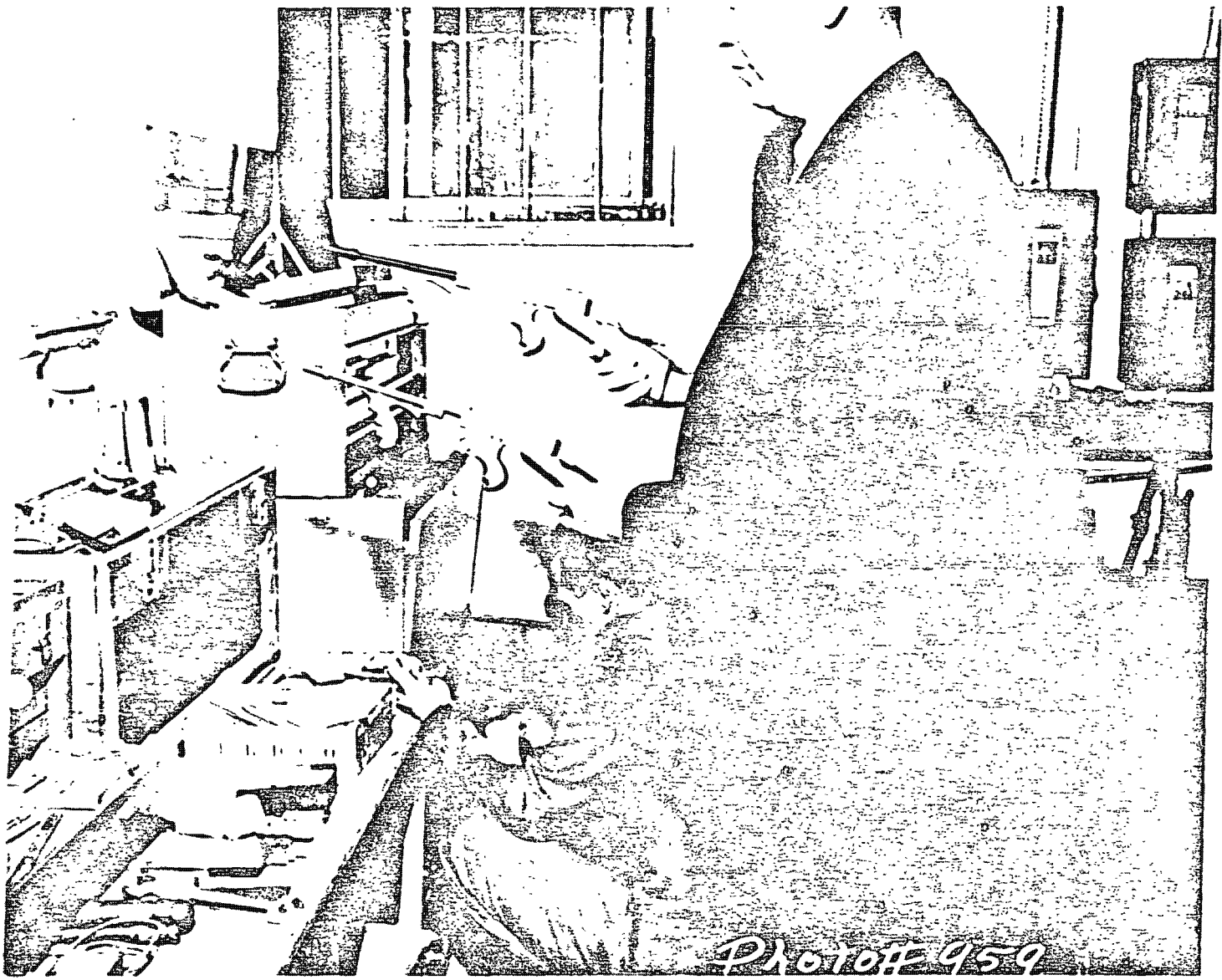


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LA-438-63

23 May 1963

Subject: Case 45486 - Erquiaga Arms Company

Ref : (a) LA-384-63, same subject, dtd 4 May 63  
(b) LARG 8339

1. One day last week (w/e 22 May 63) in a chance encounter between (George) Patrick Coleman (ref. b) and Gene Price, old friends, the latter volunteered his suspicion that CIA was involved here somewhere. Price added, however, that if he had known this to be true, he would have held off the raid long enough for subject to remove the guns.

2. Price, a green beret (Special Forces) reserve Major, doesn't like the idea of interfering with anyone planning to shoot Castro. Apparently Price and Mosk are not ideologically close.

3. We will check Superior Court on or after 14 June and see to whom Case 303253 has been assigned.

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**B. INVOLVED SENDING ARMS CUBA FOR ANTI-BATISTA REVOLUTION THRU**

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**C. LOAD OF WEAPONS FROM ERQUIAGA ARMS CO, 15036 PROCTOR AVE,**

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1. DURING MEET IN GENEVA ON APRIL 1965 A SUBJECT, WHOSE NAME IS NOT KNOWN TO HIM AND BASED ON VIEWING INFORMATION WHICH APPEARS CONTRADICT MOST OF PARAS 5 AND 6 REF A.
  - A. HAS NEVER BEEN CHIEF OF MATRONS
  - B. DOES NOT VISIT ALL PORTS BECAUSE IS LIMITED TO PORTS OF CALL.
  - C. KNOWS SECRET SHIPMENTS TAKE PLACE BUT CANNOT TALK ABOUT THEM TO HIM AND BASED ON VIEWING INFORMATION
  - D. DID NOT REQUEST BROTHER GET OF MATRONS BECAUSE FELT IF MATRONS HAD INTEREST COULD HAVE CONTACTED HIM ANY PART OF CALL OUTSIDE PERIOD.
  - E. WIFE DOES NOT HAVE HIGH POSITION IN COMPANY AND SECRETARY. IDEN A STATED IDEN B WAS CLOSE FRIEND HIS WIFE VOICES FOR HER BACKGROUND. WIFE AND IDEN B DO NOT IN FACT VERY SELDOM SPEAK TO EACH OTHER.
  - F. DID NOT PLAN GET SELF AND FAMILY OUT UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRED SUCH ACTION.

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THE SHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN ...

B. G-48 WHO WAS ...  
ARDINIA AND GENOA CLAIMED IDEN A ASSISTED HIM BY REPORTING FALSE  
MECHANICAL DEFICIENCIES.

C. IDEN A TOLD FAHLINGER HE BROUGHT 2 SUITCASES FOR ALBERTO  
TORRES GOMEZ DE CADIZ WHO SUPERVISING SPAIN SHIPBUILDING FOR  
PBRUMEN. IDEN A STATED TORRES TOLD HIM DOES NOT INTEND RETURN  
PBRUMEN IF RECALLED THEREFORE ASKED IDEN A BRING OUT PERSONAL  
BELONGINGS EACH TIME RIO CAONAG COMES EUROPE. IDEN A COULD HAVE  
REPORTED TORRES INTENTIONS TO PBRUMEN SECURITY OR MAMBISA.

D. IDEN A FURNISHED FAHLINGER WITH CARGO MANIFEST AND  
DICALITE SAMPLE IN GENOA. ON THE OTHER HAND BEGGED OFF ON DAYTIME  
MEETINGS AND HOURS SUGGESTED BY FAHLINGER. IF HE PROVOCATION  
WOULD SEEM HE WOULD BE TOLD BY HIS CO TO COMPLY ALL MOST INSTRU-  
CTIONS.

4. AGREE IDEN A BE LOFLUTTERED AND TECTED FOR OPS ASSIGNMENT  
ONE OR TWO DAY STOP LAS PALMAS APPROX 7 MAY RULES OUT FLUTTERING IN-  
TRIP UNLESS FLUTTER OPERATOR COULD BE IN LAS PALMAS ON DAY SHIP  
ARRIVAL. BELIEVE COULD GET G-48 COOPERATION REEF SHIP LAS PALMAS

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WITHIN TWO DAYS.

5. THE TEST SUGGESTED PARA 2 BLY B WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO IN  
VITES TO MAKE ACCOR ADDRESS RE SITES MOVEMENT, AND IF REPORTS LOCATED  
LEAD DROPS WHEN NET NEXT TIME OUT.

6. IDEN A DID NOT RECEIVE OPS ASSIGNMENT ACCEPTANCE FROM LATER  
ROLE WAS IN CONTEXT FOLLOWING CONVERSATION. FANLINGER STATED HE HAD

IDEN A WAS ANTI REGIME AND WILLING WORK AGAINST IT. HE ANSWERED YES  
BUT WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS BECAUSE OF FACT HIS ANTI REGIME SENTIMENTS  
WELL KNOWN AND CONCERN PERSONAL SECURITY. FANLINGER ASKED IF HE WOULD

REPORT FI FROM HIS PBRULEY CONTACTS AND POSSIBLY TAKE IN ITEMS FOR  
CACHING. IDEN A ANSWERED YES TO BOTH SUGGESTIONS BUT NOTED THAT  
ARTICLES WOULD HAVE TO BE SMALL ENOUGH TO CARRY ON PERSON AND  
CAMOUFLAGED.

7. CONTACT CAN BE REORIENTED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OUTLINED AND B  
PENDING HIS APPROVAL. WISH POINT OUT CASE WAS HANDLED KEEPING IN MIND  
THE POSSIBLE PROBLEM.

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SUBJECT: Case 4588C - Brquige Arms Company

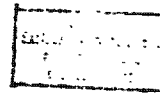
LA-384-65  
4 May 1965

REF : Support Speed Letter  
Dtd 12 Apr 65

1. The following will bring you up-to-date.
2. As we suspected (see LANJ 8557, paragraph 2), the Search Warrant signed 26 Mar 65 was predicated upon the testimony of Desmond O'Neill, Investigator, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax Division, US Treasury Department, given the same date, to the effect that "in pursuant to his authorized legal duties" he had observed 369 machine guns and one firearms silencer inside the building at 15036 Proctor Avenue, City of Industry, California, occupied by subject. Gene Price, Special Agent, (State of California) Department of Justice, testified also that he had probable and reasonable cause to believe that subject had machine guns in its possession.
3. The affidavit in support of the Search Warrant, the Search Warrant and its return with five pages of inventoried weapons were all filed on 5 Apr 65. On the 7 Apr 65 preliminary hearing of co-defendant Lowell V. Knudson, one machine gun, two silencers, and company books and records were introduced as exhibits. Several individuals testified, including a firearms expert and Gordon Ingram. Co-defendant Knudson was represented by Donald H. Kettner. After all witnesses were heard, Knudson was held to answer and ordered to appear for arraignment in Department A of the Superior Court on 22 Apr 65. He was released on his own recognizance.
4. On 22 Apr 65, Knudson was arraigned and trial was set for 14 Jun 65 at 0900. It will then be assigned to a particular Superior Court judge. (Superior Court, Case No. 303253).
5. Incidentally, there is a fair chance that the trial judge may be A. Andrew Hawk, former shipmate and good personal friend of both the Chief and Deputy Chief, LAPD. Judge Hawk is a former GAI officer, and assistant counsel for Union Oil Company, Los Angeles.

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9 MAY 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John H. Crimmins  
Coordinator of Cuban Affairs

SUBJECT : Current whereabouts of  
Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe

1. This Agency has received information from the Peruvian National Intelligence Service that Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe, owner of the Erquiaga Arms Company, P. O. Box 3404, City of Industry, California, is currently in Lima, Peru. Subject held a meeting with the Peruvian authorities in which he stated that at one time he was an officer in Fidel Castro's Army, but resigned upon discovering that Castro was a Communist.

2. ERQUIAGA further indicated that he was currently attempting to relocate his arms company to Peru since the U. S. Government had denied him permits to export arms from the U. S. to various unspecified countries.

3. This Agency will continue to keep your office informed concerning the activities and plans of the Subject.

(signed) John L. Hart

Desmond Fitzgerald

DDP/WH/C/CA/EA/ [ ] bh (30 Apr 65)

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4. July 1953 - a new camp was formed,  
 joining those which had been forming  
 since 1950 or 1952, it was  
 called the 20<sup>th</sup> of July Movement.  
 This took place in Santiago.

In Miami in 1957 there was established  
 the "señala de Liberación cubana."  
 This was considered the revolutionary  
 camps in - ... On 15 Oct 1957  
 this camp agreed that its terms would  
 be held as - ... in ... & not longer  
 than after a period of 18 months.

In Dec 1957 denunciated the pact with the  
 "señala de Liberación cubana" ...  
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In the ... signed in the ...  
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3 May 65

FRD - Tony Varona  
 Manuel Ferrnandez (To Sin)

MRP - Manuel Rey  
 Raoul Chirias  
 R. Lopez Fresquet

- 14 P.Rico - Encina Gutierrez

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PRB - Unified five groups, etc

Lead was Manuel Antonio Varona, former  
minister in the 1940s in 1947.

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\* Capt. Jose Perez San Roman, a former  
B-17 pilot, was in charge of  
the Camp in T. ran.

\* Chief of the General Staff in Mexico was Col.  
Mariano Sanchez, a former pilot. B-17 pilot

\* Money was withdrawn from La Libertad N.R.P.

\* In protest to C-4 trucks owned by the firm (FBA)  
leader, Sanchez was not independent of  
Mariano Sanchez. Sanchez took his group  
out of the service.

# Personalities

Ray file

Residence: Friends, Contacts

Associates, Etc

Sister-in-law

Of Amburg, Ill - see  
WAUE 3894 for details.  
She is in Miami. This is  
presumably sister of Alice  
Wife.

The MIRA was formed in Cuba in 1950  
Its organizers were 30, mostly in Havana, Cuba, and  
Provincias (Chinatowns) - Antonio Kennedy, Marco  
Rojas Gonzalez - pres. of several Cantinas  
MIRA - Suggested by Raul Chibas.

Included

- a) 20 many Groups of Ray
- b) Accion Democratica of F. 800
- c) Accion Vertebrada - Lopez Mezquita
- d) 30 Nov. Movement - David Sarrach  
which started as joint with  
others
- e) Chibai group with Jose Benf  
d. Thelife Pazos.
- f) Dr. Valdez Pino

Jose Lopez Mezquita - Regol. on by  
L. H. d. 9. etc.

Chibas - Anteb.:)

- what was the basis of  
taking over!

- Econ & Polit Views - R. R. -

Regol. Gonzalez role on in  
the movie - Was brown and  
- was in names. He was a  
head of Kishman, given TV.  
what says. movie that?  
- etc +

- Torquemada colony - what later Ray -  
think of him + Morales, joined her  
were getting worse  
in 2 months. Hoja

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4. ...
5. ...
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Jose ... would be done - his

helps ...

Murvel Ray y Riveno - (Gambler)

Medicine's Revolution - old people.

- Ray's camp joined last month  
with the ... Revolution  
started by ... of ...

Ray ... pressure to  
cause his ...

Ray told by ... that a few  
days prior his ... was approached  
by members of ... who told him operational  
plans ... Ray  
... +

- In plan ... by Ray - ... \$2,043,000  
for ... of ... 19 June 46. ...  
complete ...

What ...

\* ...  
Mendoza as replacement for Ray

\* Rojas (Argenio) Cisneros - mentioned  
in ... article of ... He was  
the top clandestine coordinator in ... He  
came to ...

- Those who signed manifesto of Extreme  
Committee of the MIRA were

- \* Cisneros - Chibas, Pazos,
- Barquin - Rojas, Castro
- Estes - ...
- Ponce - Barrios - Benf
- Dominguez - Lora - Moran
- ...

(etc - Consejo Político - R. Rojas  
Tome ... - ...  
Eleva - M. Rojas)

Ray employed as a Consultant by the  
United States - ...

7 June 61 - ...  
Morales + ...



# RAY: BIOG

AKA: Campa

B. 13 June 24; Havana

- Chief Movimiento de Resistencia  
Cívica (MRC)
- Mbr. Exec. Comm. 26<sup>th</sup> July
- Min. P.W. Prov. Govt of Dr. Manuel  
VARRUTIA.
- 7 Jan '59: Took office of P.W.

# LEADS

Ray file

RESUME: Jure Leadership

Prop. Chief of En Miami:

ANTONIO ARIAS GONZALEZ

Chief of Intelligence:

JOSE ROIGER

(Note: Designated by Jure  
National Security Council)

National Labor Chief:

JOSE GOMEZ RODRIGUEZ  
AKA "CABEZAS"

(On 31 Aug 63 Extraordinary  
Mtg. of Jure Sec. to sound  
w/ Subj. Mang. Sec. during  
Secret Session Emergency  
Signed because Ray seemed  
to be only one who could  
make decisions)

1) Geometric Model

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2) Topological Model - Def. No.  
part.

3) Regularity - Def. No.  
part.

# Political

Ray Tilo:

Resume: Political

Week of 7 Sept

Costa Rica-Honduras  
Visit.

MET Oduber

" CRICH

During CR trip agreement  
reached in principle  
name

Costa Rican Liberation Party  
youth movement & "  
CR Labor Federation

Mount Campaign to Support  
Torres' efforts at Cuban  
Liberation. They will form  
Committee which will have  
Name something like  
'Committee for Aid to  
True Cuban Revolution'

Villeda of Hank. - Told Ray  
H. planning invite Rep. of  
'Democratic party' con-  
sensus - forming with  
Villeda promised key & Polito  
personnel will be General  
- Cuba. Rep.

Tip made to Polit. Junta

- See OFG 2052. (11/10/72)  
Selected files (OFG 2042.)

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23 APR 65 IN 54644

DIR INFO WAVE CITE [redacted]

1. DUEBONS REQUEST TRACES ON JUAN ERQUIAGA AIRCORP. PERUVIAN CITIZEN, APPROX 43 YRS, OWNER OF ERQUIAGA ARMS COMPANY, 1000 NUC 1500, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CALIF. ERQUIAGA HAS LIVED IN U.S. AREA IN 1960. IN INTERVIEW WITH DUEBONS SAID HE WAS OFFICER WITH CASTRO ARMY (GAVE GRADE OF LT COL) BUT LEFT WHEN CASTRO TURNED COMMIE.
2. ERQUIAGA ATTEMPTING RELOCATE BUSINESS OUTSIDE OF U.S. DUE FACT HE DENIED ARMS EXPORT PERMITS FOR UNSPECIFIED COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND AFRICA. HE CURRENTLY EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES LOCATING BUSINESS IN PERU.

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ABSTRACT

201-239298  
29 April 65

To COS [redacted]  
Subject: [redacted] (29 April 1965)

RYBAT

REF: [redacted] (29 April 1965)

1. With reference to the above trace request on Subject the following is noted. On 2 April 1965, a felony complaint was filed by the California State Department of Justice against Juan Arzorbe Erquiaga and Lowell Knudson of the Erquiaga Arms Company accusing them of: a) possession of machine guns and offering them for sale, b) possession of silencers for machine guns. Knudson appeared for arraignment on this date with counsel and was released on his own recognizance. Erquiaga was not present and also on this date, a warrant was issued for his arrest. The case is scheduled to be tried in the Superior Court of Los Angeles on 14 June 1965.

2. The background to the above is that on 29 March 1965, California State and U.S. Treasury agents, on instructions from California State Attorney General Thomas Lynch raided the Erquiaga Arms Company at 15036 Proctor Avenue, City of Industry, California seizing 373 machine guns and some silencers. The raid was ordered by Lynch because the firm did not have a state license authorizing the manufacture, sale and transport of machine guns.

3. Extensive press coverage was given to the seizure, and Attorney General Lynch gave statements to the effect that the

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was not intended to "assist" anyone in the  
organizations in California. Knaflitz publicly denied this and  
stated the arms were purchased by the Government of Costa Rica  
and had been manufactured with ODACID approval. Some press  
releases noted the arms were actually destined for Cuban  
exile sources and bore the markings "JURE". Knaflitz also  
stated that the Erquiaga Company possessed a Federal license  
which precepted a state license for manufacture of machine guns.  
According to the press, Erquiaga left the U.S. for Guatemala  
in early February 1965.

4. For Station information only: For some time in the past,  
KUSAK and ODACID had been aware that Manuel Antonio Ray Rivero,  
Cuban exile leader of the group, Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE)  
had ordered arms from the Erquiaga Company and was seeking ways  
to export them out of the country. Moreover, it was known that  
Ray had secured the backing of the highest official circles  
of the Government of Costa Rica to set as consignee for arms orders  
La ERQUIAGA  
*RECEIVED*  
In October 1964, ODACID requested a request from the Erquiaga  
Arms Company for an export license in which the consignee was  
listed as "Casa Presidencial, Costa Rica". FRANKING San Jose  
was requested to confirm the transaction prior to issuance of  
any license.

5. At this juncture, in the official discussions which

were held with officials of the Government of Costa Rica, these were advised that ONYX was in no way involved in the arrangement for procurement of these arms and this was to be considered strictly an independent act on the part of Ray. It was explained that Ray would have to abide by all the legal export regulations for these arms <sup>and this</sup> which possibly would present difficulties. The decision as to whether or not to aid Ray was left completely up to the Costa Ricans, but it was noted to them that the consignment could well become a political hot potato for them in the future. COACID did not issue the export license and at the time it was believed that the Costa Ricans had withdrawn their sponsorship of the arms order. However, it subsequently came to light that the Costa Ricans in fact never did rescind the original purchase order, ~~from Erquiaga~~. (See para. 7 below)

6. On the day following the arms seizure in California, KUPASK learned Ray was the owner of the arms <sup>and</sup> anxious to recover them since all but a balance of some \$9,000 had been paid <sup>for</sup> on the order. (A total of some \$50,000 was involved.) Erquiaga had left California in February 1965 with the job unfinished and Ray had continued his negotiations with Erquiaga's partner. Moreover, it was learned that at the time of the seizure, the original purchase order



signed by the Costa Ricans was not to be found in the company files.

It was presumed (by KURANE) that Erquia's had gone off with the original order and was waiting for the right moment to use it.

7. When translations of the press items that had appeared in California were given considerable replay in ~~the~~ Costa Rican ~~press~~ and provoked such comment, that Government feared a scandal and urged ODACID and/or KURANE to help keep secret the existence of the original Costa Rican letter ordering the arms. In their official statements, the Costa Ricans denied any and all involvement in this arms purchase. ODYKE replied that while in sympathy with their situation, there was little to be done to quash the matter since it was completely in the jurisdiction of state authorities.

8. In brief the situation as it now stands is that the principals of the company have been accused of operating without a state license, and although Erquia's has skipped out, Knudson will stand trial. The State case incidentally is not secure (given a) possibly a Federal license <sup>does</sup> preempt the need for a state license, as Knudson ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> claimed and b) the seizure was made without a proper warrant. Also the California political climate is such that public officials hesitate to make a name

~~have listed considerable progress report~~

for these res/ ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~investigation~~ <sup>investigation</sup> for *this investigation*

and prosecution. (Crackdown on gun makers and dealers, ~~is a~~

is a ~~very~~ popular issue since the Kennedy assassination.)

Ray since arms and money is sought by COVINT. *Report Clocking is King*

*One* in Puerto Rico. Ray who also has a copy of the original order

presumably will not use it since he is eager to remain in the good

graces of the Costa Ricans. KUBARK and CDACID are trying to stay

out of the ~~whole situation~~ as far as possible, and are maintaining ~~a~~

discreet silence given the rumors in the press reports, ~~and the~~

~~various hints in local California circles.~~

9. Until receipt of reference, Erquiara's whereabouts

were unknown. Erquiara incidentally is something of a genius

as an ~~adms~~ <sup>ad</sup> maker. Given ~~the~~ <sup>all</sup> foregoing, it is difficult to

suggest what can be said to DUEYONS without blacklisting Erquiara, *perhaps*

*unjustly.*

It is therefore suggested that in order to avoid further complications

in an already complicated tale that the information officially

exchanged in this instance be limited to the overt information

in pages 1 and 2 above. It has been believed advisable to

provide the <sup>complete</sup> details of Erquiara's background just in case something

develops which prompts him to use the incriminating Costa Rica

letter and also so that the ~~STATION~~ Station will be

completely aware of the delicacy of the ~~situation~~ <sup>matter</sup>

10. ~~COVINT~~ <sup>(not cleared for exchange)</sup> report reflect that Erquiara was employed by the

Cuban Co

Government of Cuba from 1959 to 1960. In 1958, he was in the U.S. where he participated in illegal <sup>arms</sup> procurement activities for the pro-Castro 26th of July Movement in Los Angeles. In May 1958 he fled to Mexico, and in January 1959 was in Cuba. Here he was employed as Civilian Chief of Organization in the Cuban Army, later as Chief Engineer of the Maintenance Department of the Ministry of Public Works, as well as technical assessor for Department of Education of the City of Havana, and ballistic instructor for reserve officers at the University of Havana.

Subject left Cuba and came to the U.S. in July 1960. (Passion DBA 7724).

*a copy of*  
11. Attached is another COMINT report which notes that Juan Erquiaga had been indicted in California for violation of the law in connection with illegal manufacture and possession of firearms <sup>in</sup> February 1959. (Comment: Presumably when he was acquiring arms for the 26th of July Movement.) The

report also contains ~~interesting~~ biographic data on Erquiaga and his wife. ~~which will be useful to the St. Louis~~ This information has not been *reported also* cleared for passage. Other Headquarters traces were summarized in

WAVE 1598 of 7 May 1969.

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21 April '65  
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from San Jose

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TRAVIS FROM DEVANON

SUBJ: CASE 43486 - ERQUIAGA ARMS COMPANY

INS CONTACT ADVISES ACTION REPORTED IN LANG 8564 WAS  
SPONTANEOUS REACTION OF SOME ONE IN INS CENTRAL OFFICES WHO READ  
THE PAPER. INQUIRY WAS BUCKED TO REGION, THENCE TO DISTRICT.  
DISTRICT HAS SENT LEAD TO SAN JUAN P.R. TO SEE IF THEY CAN FIND  
RAY THERE.

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INS SAN JUAN P R RAY

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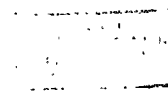
SUBJ: CASE 45486 ERQUIAGA ARMS CO

ASSUME NO ONE AT HQ CARES MUCH, BUT WE UNDERSTAND INS IS TRYING  
TO FIND MANOLO RAY. OBJECTIVE - QUERY RE GUNS AND POSSIBILITY OF  
ERQUIAGA'S REPATRIATION.

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CFN 8564 STUNTZ DEVANON 45486 ERQUIAGA ARMS INS MANOLO RAY ERQUIAGA

BT



FBI

13 April 65

Re: Juan Erquiaga Aizcorbe



State of California  
Dept of Justice  
Bureau of Criminal Identification  
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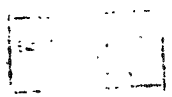
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with AMBANG/1, 7 April 1965

1. Subject phoned (collect) from San Juan on the morning of 7 April 1965. The undersigned, whom he calls Antonelli, spoke with him. AMBANG/1 (A/1) wanted to know whether we had any further information on the status of the legal case arising from the seizure of the arms being manufactured for him by the Erquiaga Manufacturing Company. He was told that we had received further information indicating that the case was undertaken by the state authorities and that there were some irregularities involved in the search warrant. Under the circumstances, we plan to take no action to interfere with the legal process since it would appear that the manufacturer has a very good case, and since federal involvement with publicity hungry state authorities could lead to totally counterproductive publicity and complications. A/1 said he understood and agreed. He asked how long the matter might be delayed. He was advised that this would have to be checked with the manufacturer's attorney, but since the seizure took place, it would appear that the court would have to take prompt action to rule on its legality. He was told that a hearing was scheduled for 6 or 7 April on the matter.

2. He said that he had checked with his man in Costa Rico who had spoken with President Orlich and with Daniel Oduber. They had advised that they cannot receive the arms in Costa Rico at the present time because of publicity and scandal raised by the opposition. They are willing to consider the matter later. A/1 said that the manufacturer had been unable to locate in his files the original purchase order for the arms which was signed by Oduber. A/1 said that he has a signed copy in his possession. He was advised not to use this without checking with Oduber since its use might hurt Oduber's chances of winning the presidential elections. A/1 said he would not use this paper since he agreed that the friendship of the PLN is more important, even than the arms, which are the key to his current plans. He praised the PLN's past support and said he did not want to risk losing this support.

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3. A/1 said that negotiations with the Dominican Government concerning the arms continue.

4. He said he would phone me on the week of 12 April 1965.

Thomas J. Flores  
WH/C/COPS

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ORIG. [ ]  
UNIT: 132  
EXT: 6110  
DATE: 6 April 1965

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FOLLOWING IS COACID REPLY TO QUESTION POSED BY CHIEF PBSWING:

"COACID SEES PROBLEM FOR OOCR RE LETTER ONLY IF: 1. IT FAILED CANCEL ORDER AFTER DECISION NOT TO BECOME FURTHER INVOLVED, IN WHICH CASE COMPANY MIGHT BE EXPECTED PRESS FOR PAYMENT, OR 2. IF LETTER WORDED SO INDISCREETLY AS TO INDICATE ARMS ULTIMATELY DESTINED FOR CUBAN EXILES. NO TEST OF LETTER AVAILABLE HERE. CAN YOU DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN WHETHER LETTER IMPLIES SUCH CUBAN INVOLVEMENT? VERBATIM TEXT WOULD BE USEFUL. SHOULD BE NOTED HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY HEARING ON CASE SET 0900 PACIFIC COAST TIME 7 APRIL."

END OF MESSAGE.

COMMENT: Messers Sowash, Adams and Sause of State request above message be sent.

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IF REF INFO NOT ALREADY PASSED TO CHIEF PBSWING PLS HOLD  
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 PLS EXPLAIN FURTHER GUIDANCE ON WAY.

END OF MESSAGE

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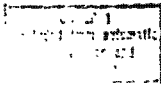
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SUPPORT (STUNTZ) FROM DEVANON  
SUBJ: CASE 45486 - ERQUIAGA ARMS COMPANY  
REF: DEVANON-STUNTZ TELECON, DTD 2 APR 65

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1. FILES REVIEWED 5 APRIL:

A. RECORDS SHOW FELONY COMPLAINT FILED 2 APR 65 BY GENE FRICE, FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ACCUSING JUAN ARZCORBE ERQUIAGA AND LOWELL V. KNUDSON OF (COUNT ONE) VIOLATION OF SEC 12220 (POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUNS AND OFFERING THEM FOR SALE) AND (COUNT TWO) VIOLATION OF SEC 12520 (POSSESSION OF SILENCERS FOR MACHINE GUNS) OF THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE. COMPLAINT ASKED FOR ISSUANCE OF WARRANT FOR DEFENDANTS' ARREST.

B. WARRANT ISSUED SAME DATE FOR ERQUIAGA.

C. ALSO SAME DATE, KNUDSON APPEARED FOR ARRAIGNMENT WITH COUNSEL, DONALD KELLNER. HE AGREED TO APPEAR AT PRELIMINARY HEARING, 0900, (WEDNESDAY) 7 APRIL 65 AND WAS RELEASED ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

D. ALL ABOVE IN MUNICIPAL COURT OF CITRUS JUDICIAL DISTRICT, WEST COVINA, CASE F-3636.

2. FILE CONTAINED NO AFFIDAVIT AND REQUEST FOR SEARCH WARRANT, NOR COPY OF SEARCH WARRANT, RETURN, NOR RECEIPTS FOR SEIZURE. CLERK CLAIMED IGNORANCE AND REFERRED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

3. CASUAL CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEVANON AND CITY PAT  
COLEMAN (REFERENCE) AND BETWEEN COLEMAN AND DEPUTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY OPPENHEIM, BOTH ON 2 APR 65 RAISE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. BECAUSE OF FEDERAL LICENSING, STATE MAY BE PRE-  
EMPTED, AS REGARDS MACHINE GUNS.

B. IF SEARCH WARRANT RECITED ONLY MACHINE GUNS, SEIZURE  
OF SILENCERS WAS ILLEGAL, AND EVIDENCE NOT ADMISSIBLE.

C. IF SEARCH WARRANT IS TO BE ATTACKED IT MUST BE PRIOR TO  
PRELIMINARY HEARING (7 APRIL). FAILURE TO MOVE TO SUPPRESS  
SUSTAINS PROBABLE CAUSE.

4. THE SEARCH WARRANT NOT AVAILABLE IN FILE TODAY. TRUST  
OVER ANXIOUS PROSECUTOR IS NOT CORRECTING OVERSIGHT ON SILENCERS.

5. STRONGLY RECOMMEND REFERENCE TO ATTORNEY COLEMAN IF  
ACTION CONTEMPLATED. HE IS JR, EX-LAPD INSTRUCTOR, EX-ASST.  
CITY PROSECUTOR, EX SPECIAL ASST. US ATTORNEY CURRENTLY LT.  
CDR. ONI-RESERVE. HAS NAVY SECRET AND OO/C CLEARANCES.  
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REPEAT [ ] (IN 34957)

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ODACID INFORMED KUBARK HQS IT WILL TAKE NO REPEAT NO ACTION TO INTERCEDE  
 IN THE ERQUIAGA ARMS COMPANY LEGAL PROBLEM INVOLVING COSTA RICA. PLS PASS  
 THIS MSG TO CHIEF PERSWING.

END OF MESSAGE

WII/Comment: \*Amb wonders if State or CIA would give consideration to prevent  
 surfacing of ~~MUMAP-9~~ MUMAP-9's letter to arms company.

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1. KUBARK IN NO RPT NO WAY INVOLVED IN ERQUIAGA/MANUEL RAY ARMS DEAL. AS WE UNDERSTAND SITUATION, RAY ACTED INDEPENDENTLY TO SECURE COSTA RICAN BACKING FOR ARMS ORDER. SHORTLY AFTER AGREEING TO HELP RAY ORLICH TOLD CHIEF PBSWING THAT COSTA RICA NO LONGER INTERESTED IN DEAL AND WAS WITHDRAWING SPONSORSHIP OF ORDER. WITHOUT OFFICIAL GOVT UNDERWRITING ODACID WILL NOT ISSUE EXPORT LICENSE.

2. PRELIMINARY CHECK BY HQS SHOWS CLEARLY THERE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN ERQUIAGA COMPANY BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES WHO ALLEGE COMPANY ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURE OF ARMS FOR "PRIVATE ARMIES IN CALIFORNIA". ALSO, KUBARK HAS NO CLEARED CONTACTS OR READY ACCESS TO OFFICIALS OF COMPANY.

3. HQS RECALLS ALREADY RATHER EMBARRASSING POSITION CHIEF PBSWING AND ODYOKE NOW IN AS RESULT CR CONGRESSIONAL ATTACK.

4. IN VIEW ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES HQS WILL TAKE NO RPT NO ACTION THIS TIME TO INTERCEDE WITH COMPANY TO PREVENT LETTER SURFACING. WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH HUMAP-9'S POSITION WE CANNOT MOVE IN

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DIRECTION SUGGESTED BY STATION. ODACID QUERIED THIS MATTER AND WE WILL CABLE RESPONSE WHEN RECEIVED.

*(2) FOR CONSIDERATION FOR USE IF ASKED OR LICHT MIGHT GIVE THOUGHT TO DENYING INVOLVEMENT IN DEAL AND BRANDING LETTER AS FABRICATION AND FORGERY BY ENEMIES OF STATE?*

END OF MESSAGE

WH/Comment: \*Amb wonders if State or CIA would give consideration to prevent surfacing of HUMBP-9'S letter to arms company.

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| ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES   |                                      |                            |  |
| <p>Action: FYI</p> <p>1. AMTOD-1 reported on 29 March 1965 that AMDOG-1 has been going to JURE's Miami office every day and on several occasions has talked to Jose PUENTE Blanco. Each time PUENTE has told him to be patient, that Manuel RAY Rivero is solving the problems so that JURE can start fighting again.</p> <p>2. The last time AMDOG-1 talked to PUENTE, on 27 March, PUENTE said that the M/V VENUS has been transporting cargoes of fruit between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.</p> <p>3. RAY is expected in Miami during the first week of April.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Margaret R. Reuteman</i><br/>Andrew K. REUTEMAN</p> |                                      |                            |  |
| <p>Dist:</p> <p>3 - Hqs.</p> <p>2 - [redacted] - <i>To cut pouch 2cc and include</i></p> <p>2 - WHD</p> <p>Group 1: Excluded from Automatic Downgrading and Declassification</p> <p style="text-align: right;">201-238298<br/><i>201-238298</i></p>  |                                      |                            |  |
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| Remarks:<br>Tom: we have sent your<br>office time memo re this<br>outfit. -<br>a) LA 404-64- 27 Oct 64<br>b) LA 412-64- 27 Oct 64<br>162:00 report on Am. base 9 arms.<br><i>TF</i> |                  |                          |              |                          |        |
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SUPPORT (STUNTZ) FROM DEVANON

SUBJ: CASE 45486 - ERQUIAGA ARMS COMPANY

REF : (A) LA-484-64, DTD 27 OCT 64

(B) SUPPORT MEMO, SUBJ: ERQUIAGA 10 SUBMACHINE GUN,  
DTD 8 DEC 64

(C) VA-67881

1. AS BEST WE SEE IT, SEIZURE REPORTED IN REF (C) IS LONG STORY. ACTUALLY OUR DELAY IN REPLYING TO REF (B) WAS PURELY DISCRETIONARY, SINCE THE WIND HAS BEEN BLOWING STRONG ON THE WEST COAST WITH TREASURY (ACCOUNT THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION), AND WITH CALIFORNIA (THEN) ATTORNEY GENERAL (WHOSE PRINCIPAL VOICES SEEMED TO BE FASCISTS AND RIGHT-WINGERS) AGAINST GUN MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS, ETC. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IT SEEMED THAT ERQUIAGA'S PROBLEMS WERE INEVITABLE, THOUGH POSSIBLY NOT ALTOGETHER DESERVED.

2. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, NEW CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL LYONH (ROSK, HIS PREDECESSOR, WENT TO STATE SUPREME COURT) HAD STATE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAUNCH SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS, GETTING INTO THE SAME ACT THAT SENATOR DODD WAS INITIATING AT FEDERAL LEVEL. SOME TREASURY PEOPLE, PIQUED BY SUBJECT'S HAVING OBTAINED A LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE, APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN WILLING TO ASSIST STATE AND COUNTRY AUTHORITIES. UP TO THE TIME OF THE RAID, THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S STATION DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SUBJECT.

3. THE 26 MAR 65 RAID WAS UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE CALIFORNIA (STATE) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE GUNS WERE BOOKED INTO THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S OFFICE. PRESUMABLY TITLE IS STILL IN SUBJECT. DISPOSITION WILL PROBABLY BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT, AND MAY WELL BE RETURNED TO SUBJECT.

4. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE SEIZURE WAS WELL THOUGHT OUT. HOWEVER, WHAT SEEMS TO BE POSSIBLE BUT NOT SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WITH SEVERAL RIGHT WINGERS IS BEING BLOWN UP INTO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE RAID, WITH OMINOUS REFERENCES TO PRIVATE ARMIES, AGAINST WHICH THERE IS A BILL IN THE STATE HOPPER.

5. IN LIGHT OF SOFTLY WORDED RUMORS OF AGENCY INTEREST (GUNS FOR ANTI-CASTROISTS, JURE, ETC.,) WE HAVE WALKED VERY QUIETLY, BUT WILL KEEP YOU POSTED. PHOTOSTATS OF CLIPPINGS BEING POUCHED.

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CFN 8557 STUNTZ DEVAHON 45486 ERQUIAGA ARMS COMPANY (A) LA-484-64  
27 OCT 64 (B) ERQUIAGA 10 8 DEC 64 (C) VA 67831 (C) (R) KENNEDY  
NOT ALTOGETHER LYNCH POSK DODD DIDN'T KNOW 26 MAR 65 NOT APPEAR  
NOT SIGNIFICANT ANTI-CASTROISTS JURE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Phone Call from AMBANG, 1 April 1965

1. Subject phoned (collect) on 1 April to determine what information I had arrived at concerning the seizure of arms being made to his order by the ERQUIAGA Manufacturing Company.

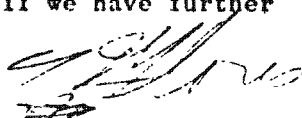
2. I told him as far as we were able to determine on the basis of incomplete information that the arms had been seized by the State of California and that their legal right to effect the seizure is open to question. I said I could not give him more definite information because we are awaiting word on the specific statutory authority for the seizure.

3. He said that in view of this situation he will proceed on the premise that the arms will probably be returned and will continue efforts to arrange the exportation.

4. I told him that the seizure had caused quite a public stir in Costa Rica, and while we did not have all the facts, it might be well for him to check on the current climate there. He said he would.

5. He claims that he now has DR agreement to import the arms and that the question of re-export to Venezuela has been abandoned.

6. He will phone on 6 April to see if we have further information.

  
Thomas J. Flores  
/WH/C/COPS

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1. PRESIDENT ORLICH QUITE CONCERNED BY REF MATTER. ALTHOUGH  
 GOGR BOTH HERE (IN LA NACION ON 30 MARCH) AND THROUGH AMB FACIO  
 IN WASHINGTON HAS DENIED ORDERING ARMS FROM ERQUIACA, ORLICH  
 REALIZES THAT COMPANY HAS HUMAP-9 LETTER WHICH IF SURFACED WILL  
 BE POLITICAL DYNAMITE.

2. AMBASSADOR WONDERS IF THERE IS ANY WAY <sup>A</sup>KURK AND/OR  
 ODACID CAN INSURE THAT EXISTANCE LETTER IS KEPT SECRET. PLS  
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31 MAR 65 IN 34390

1. MANOLO RAY ID - FINAL SUBJ PARA ONE REF.
2. WAVE HAS NO SPECIAL REQMS APART FROM GENERAL INTEREST PURPOSE RAY VISIT, CONTACTS MADE, IF READILY AVAILABLE. VISIT BERUMEN CONSULATE WOULD BE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT.

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1. DISCOVERY OF ERQUIACA ARMS CACHE, ACCORDING HUMAP-9 THE SAME ARMS DISCUSSED IN REFS, GETTING FRONT PAGE TREATMENT LOCAL PRESS. PRENSA LIBRE ISSUE OF 29 MARCH CARRIED AP STORY QUOTING LOWELL KNUDSON OF ERQUIACA THAT HIS COMPANY WORKING WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN MAKING THE ARMS IN QUESTION. KNUDSON ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THE ERQUIACA HAS A PURCHASE ORDER FROM THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT FOR 500 AUTOMATIC PISTOLS THAT ERQUIACA IS MAKING FOR USE BY CUBAN PARTIOTS AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO. KNUDSON DENIES THAT ARMS WERE FOR RIGHT-WING PRIVATE ARMIES IN THE US. LA REPUBLICA OF 30 MARCH CARRIES AMBASSADOR FACIO'S DENIAL (ALSO AN AP STORY) THAT GOCR HAD ORDERED ARMS FROM KNUDSON'S COMPANY. WE ASSUME THAT IF PRESSED KNUDSON CAN PROVE GOCR INVOLVEMENT IN REF A ORDER BY SHOWING ORIGINAL LF LETTER SIGNED BY HUMAP-9.

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2. VIEW RECENT OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT HQ GOVERNMENT MEDDLING IN COSTA RICAN AFFAIRS AND SUPPORTING PARTIDO LIBERACION, WE EXPECT ARMS STORY WILL CONTINUE AS FRONT PAGE POLITICAL ISSUE. TO COMPLICATE MATTERS ODWIFE HAS 500 THIRTY-EIGHT CALIBER PISTOLS ON ORDER FOR GUARDIA CIVIL AND DISCOURSE THESE ADDITIONAL ARMS WILL EXACERBATE TENSIONS AND THEY WILL PROBABLY BE CONFUSED WITH AMBANG ARMS.

3. SINCE WE GETTING GARBLED VERSIONS CALIFORNIA ARMS DISCOVERY, AMBASSADOR AND STATION WOULD APPRECIATE ALL PERTINENT FACTS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Communication from ANBANG, 29 March 1965

1. ANBANG (A) phoned (collect) from Puerto Rico on 29 March 1965. He said that the seizure of arms being manufactured for his organization by the ERQUIAGA Manufacturing Company in the Los Angeles area of California was very damaging to his plans. He said there were some 493 submachine guns being manufactured by this company. 20 of these are for replacements for possibly defective guns. He said each weapon is marked with a special mark and a serial number which will make them attributable to his organization. He further said that the guns were paid for except for \$9000. Erquiaga left California about a month ago with the job unfinished, and A said that they had been negotiating with Erquiaga's partner. He did not give the name of this individual. He said that there was some question as to how much was owed on the arms, but that the partner had agreed on the \$9000 figure.

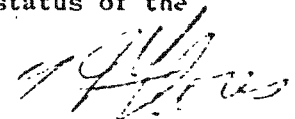
2. A asked if we could arrange to have the arms released.

3. I said that I would have to look into the legal aspects of the problem since the question of the title and the charges under which they were confiscated would have to be clarified. I pointed out to A that if the title had not yet passed to him despite his payments, and if the charges under which the arms were seized are valid, he might have no other recourse than a civil suit against the Erquiaga Company to recover the money paid.

4. A was very insistent that he must have those specific arms because of the markings and the importance of the psychological effect that these would create.

5. I asked how long he would be in Puerto Rico and he said he would remain a week or ten days. I told him that I could not give him an answer at this time, and it was agreed he would phone me again on Thursday, 1 April.

6. Immediately after this conversation, I contacted Mr. Mayo Stunz in OO, who agreed to query his Los Angeles office immediately to find out the legal status of the seizure.

  
Thomas J. Flores  
WH/C/COPS

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WH/C 85-143  
29 March 1965

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Plans  
**VIA:** Chief, Western Hemisphere Division  
**SUBJECT:** Seizure of Arms in California Claimed  
by Manuel RAY Rivero  
**REFERENCE:** UPI Press Release printed in  
Washington Post of 28 March 1965,  
Page A-1 (Copy Attached)

1. Manuel RAY Rivero called from Puerto Rico to the WH/C office at Headquarters on the afternoon of 29 March 1965 and requested Agency intervention to assist him in recovery of weapons mentioned in referenced press release. RAY claims ownership of the weapons and says they are paid for except for a balance of \$9,000.

2. WH/C is investigating the matter and hopes to have the basic facts in hand by 1 April, when RAY is scheduled to call again.

JOHN L. HART  
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Federal agents examine arms seized at the Erquiaga Co., City of Industry, Calif.

## Seized M-1 Rifle Linked To Extremist Leader

INDUSTRY, Calif., March 27 (UPI) — A rifle belonging to the California leader of an "extreme racist" group was found today among hundreds of weapons confiscated by sheriff's deputies in a raid on a gun factory in this industrial suburb of Los Angeles. State Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch said an M-1 rifle which records showed belonged to Terrell Eddy of San Diego, was among the weapons seized by 30 State agents and sheriff's deputies last night. Lynch described Eddy as "the California leader of the extreme fascist National States Rights Party."

In addition to the rifle, 373 machine guns and 100,000 rounds of ammunition were seized.

Lynch said at least some of the weapons were destined for extreme right wing groups which have "private armies."

The M1 rifle, he said, was left at the Erquiaga Arms Co. apparently so it could be converted into a semiautomatic weapon.

Lynch said the group was "closely associated" with the Ku Klux Klan and had headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.

The raid on the arms factory last night was the culmination of several months of investigation. No arrests were made.

There were three employees present and they said the owner, Juan Erquiaga, left for Guatemala Feb. 6. Erquiaga was once a member of Fidel Castro's revolutionary forces in Cuba but has since become anti-Castro, the employees said.

The establishment had a Federal license to manufacture machine guns but lacked state authorization for posses-

sion, sale and transportation of weapons, according to Sheriff Lt. E. D. Villines. He said the factory started operations last October.

State Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch said "speed was necessary in this raid since our office has definite information that some of these illegal weapons were intended for private armies in California."

L. V. Knudson, who said he had a financial interest in the arms company, denied the weapons were meant for private armies. He said they were going to the Costa Rican government.

### Medal for Fay

PHILADELPHIA, March 27 (UPI)—William Patrick Fay, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States, will receive the silver medal of merit from the Poor Richard Club on March 31.

### CORRECTION

The item below was incorrectly described on page A-11 of The Washington Post, March 25, 1964. The following information is correct.

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# Valley Raid Uncovers Giant Arms Arsenal

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## 373 Submachine Guns Seized

About 373 submachine guns which State Atty. Gen. Thomas Lynch described as intended for "private armies" in California were seized late Friday in a warehouse in the City of Industry.

State agents assisted by sheriff's deputies, FBI and Treasury agents swooped down on the Erquiaga Arms Co., 15036 Proctor Ave., and confiscated the cache.

Agents counted 373 operable submachine guns which had been manufactured by the company. They also uncovered at least one silencer.

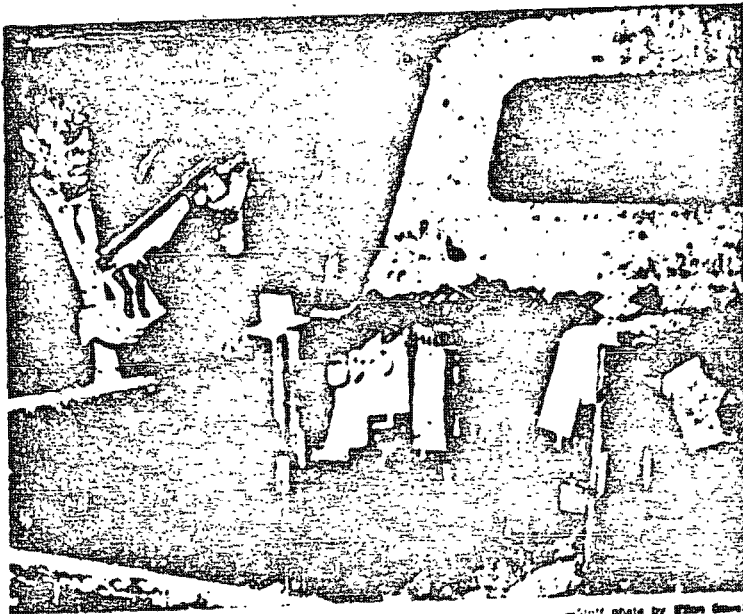
### Speed Necessary

Lynch said, "speed was necessary in this raid since our office has definite information that some of these illegal weapons were intended for private armies in California."

A spokesman in the attorney general's office said the only known "private armies" in the state were the Minutemen and Rangers. He said the Minutemen have boasted of membership of more than several thousand.

Lynch recently proposed legislation urging the outlawing of extremist organizations.

A spokesman for Lynch said the company did not have a state license for the manufacture, possession, transportation or sale of machine guns.



CONFISCATED MACHINE GUNS—Sheriff's Deputy Frank O'Farrell checks one of the 373 submachine guns taken in a raid of City of Industry gun factory.

### Identify Owner

State agents said the company was owned by Juan Erquiaga, who was now believed to be in Guatemala.

According to the agents, the seizure was the largest of its type in the history of the United States.

Sheriff's robbery detective Lt. E. D. Villines said the guns were a combination of a U.S. government issue .45-caliber "grease" gun and a 9mm British Sten gun.

The gun was described as a magazine-fed weapon made from stamped metal parts using a 30-round clip. It has a retractable wire stock developed during World War II.

### Guns Described

The gun weighs six pounds, has a 300-yard range, firing 450 rounds per minute and is 24 inches long with the stock retracted, Villines said.

Villines said the guns were made to use 9mm ammunition. Several thousand rounds of that size ammunition were found at the plant and were left there since possession of ammunition is not illegal.

Nine mm ammunition is similar to that used in P38 German Luger guns used by German, NATO troops and, is slightly smaller than American .38-caliber ammunition.

### Hauled Away

Three pickup trucks were needed to haul the guns to the sheriff's department where they will be stored pending further investigation of possible responsibility of the three employees found working when the raiders entered the plant. No arrests were made Friday.

The deputies and agents were armed with a search warrant obtained late Friday in Citrus Municipal Court.

Employees of the plant told the raiders they had not seen Erquiaga since Feb. 6, but that the plant had been in operation since last October. Villines said the plant had been under investigation several months by federal agents.

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# Minutemen Deny Purchase From Arms Company

Troy Houghton, Western area coordinator of the Minutemen, today denied published reports that his organization has purchased or contracted for any automatic weapon or weapons from the Erquiaga Arms Co. in the City of Industry.

State Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch's men and deputies seized 373 machine-type guns and other weapons at the arms plant Friday.

Lynch's men believed some of the weapons were destined for "private armies" and mentioned the Minutemen.

Terrel E. Eddy of San Diego also denied a denial that the "Erquiaga Arms Co. has in its possession a machine gun alleged to belong to me."

"Any connection between myself and the arms company," he said, "concerned only the modification of a particular sporting rifle, and at no time was there any discussion or mention of any other weapons in any form."

Owners of the plant said they had a Federal license to make machine guns for troops of Cuba's Fidel Castro in Costa Rica. The Costa Rican ambassador yesterday denied that his government had ordered any weapons.

Lynn B. Compton, chief deputy attorney, conferred with representatives of the attorney general's office and the attorney, and said the court attorney's office participated only in the preparation of

the search warrant in connection with the raid.

"We have requested that they furnish us with additional written reports," Compton said. "When we have received all evidence, we will evaluate it and determine what action is appropriate."

## PERMIT REFUSED

A spokesman for Lynch's office said the company's export license, which had been applied for last Jan. 4, was refused by the State Department.

He said the firm had been cautioned four months ago that regardless of any Federal license it was required to have state licenses.

And he added that six licenses — three were reportedly confiscated at the arms plant — were illegal in California.

## Body Found Beach

The fully clothed body of an unidentified man, about 60 years old, was found on a beach at Brookside last night.

# Costa Rica Purchase of Guns Denied

The Costa Rican government Monday denied Lowell Knudsen's statement that it had ordered 300 submachine guns from his City of Industry plant for use by anti-Castro Cubans. Knudsen made the statement after federal, state and county officers seized 373 machine guns and other arms from the Erquiaga Arms Co. at 1934 E. Proctor Ave. Friday, Monday, Knudsen said he was starting court action to have the seized arms returned to the factory.

Earlier Monday, California Atty. Gen. Thomas Lynch reported the U.S. State Department denied another Knudsen statement that he was making the guns for Costa Rica with State Department approval. Instead, the State Department said a request from the company for an export license had been denied and the department had no intention of issuing the company an export license.

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# Arms Factory Raid Yields 373 Machine Guns

BY WALTER AMES and  
CHARLES E. DAVIS JR.

Investigators seized 373 machine guns late Friday at a City of Industry arms plant "to prevent them from falling into the hands of private armies in California."

Armed with a search warrant, the raiding party entered the Erquiaga Arms Co., 15036 E. Proctor Ave., just after 5 p.m.

They found the machine guns stacked in racks, muzzles down. They also seized about 100,000 rounds of ammunition and three machine gun silencers which had been built inside empty beer cans.

### Former Castros

The raid was made by about 30 federal and state agents and deputy sheriffs. Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch said.

The plant, reportedly owned by Juan Erquiaga, it was understood that he is now on a trip to Guatemala. It also was understood that Erquiaga once was a member of Castro's revolutionary

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## MACHINE GUNS

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forces but is now strongly anti-Castro.

The search warrant issued by Municipal Judge Fred Rabb of Circuit Municipal Court in West Covina charged that the company had no state permit for possession or sale of machine

guns. However, Atty. Gen. Lynch admitted the implications were much more serious and that there had been reports the guns would be sold illegally to U.S. citizens.

"Speed was necessary in this raid," said Lynch, "since our office has definite information that some of these illegal weapons were intended for private armies in California."

A spokesman for the attorney general identified such extremist organizations as the Minutemen and the Rangers as among intended recipients. Lynch has proposed a bill to the state Legislature urging that such organizations be outlawed.

The machine guns are about 20 inches long. They have a pistol grip instead of a stock, so one could easily be concealed beneath a man's papers and files

coat. They fire a 9 mm bullet at a reported rate of 35 rounds a second.

When the raiding party entered the one-story plant, they found four employees here. The agents said George Ingram was the man in charge and that he informed them Erquiaga was out of the country.

Workers at an adjacent plant told reporters the machine guns were frequently tested in an area behind the arms plant, test rounds being fired into a barrel.

This news surprised Sheriff's Lt. E. D. Villines who led deputies on the raid. The plant is only two long city blocks from the City of Industry sheriff's office.

Each of the machine guns bore the marking "MRE" and below this, "MR64" and also the name "Erquiaga."

Although no arrests were made, Dep. Dist. Atty. Maugers Oppenheim, who prepared the search warrant and accompanied the raiding party, said evidence seized will be studied by the district attorney's office with a view to possible prosecution.

The raiders spent hours at the plant studying company

LATimes  
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# Court Battle Looming Over Weapons' Seizure

## Return Of Arms Sought

### Authorities Study Action

A court battle looms over the seizure of 373 machine guns and 100,000 rounds of ammunition from an arms firm by state and local authorities.

The weapons and three silencers used for testing them were confiscated last Friday at the Brodaga Arms Co. in a raid ordered by California Atty. Gen. Thomas Lynch.

#### Charge Made, Denied

Lynch said the weapons were destined for use by extremist groups and private military forces—among them the Minutemen and Rangers. The plant operator denies this.

"We have engaged a law firm to ask for a court order returning the weapons to our factory," said Lowell Knudson, who described himself as a partner in the arms firm and operator of the plant.

Lynch, however, was conferring with the district attorney's office to decide what action should next be taken.

#### No State License

The weapons were seized by raiders armed with a search warrant issued by Citrus Municipal Court on grounds that the firm lacked state license for manufacture, possession, sale or transportation of machine guns. Authorities acknowledged, however, that the firm did have federal authorization for such activity.

"We are licensed by the Internal Revenue Service and are working with the approval of the U. S. State Department in making these machine guns," Knudson said.

"We have a purchase order from the Cuban Government for 100 automatic machine pistols, which are being for use by Cuban patriots against Fidel Castro," Knudson said.

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## Arms . . .

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"It has never been my understanding that we needed a state license."

"This talk of our making guns for private armies is a lot of hogwash," Knudson said.

Lynch said that one weapon found at the plant was an M1 rifle owned by Terrell Eddy, whom Lynch identified as head of the California National States Rights Party. Lynch said the organization was anti-Negro and anti-Jewish.

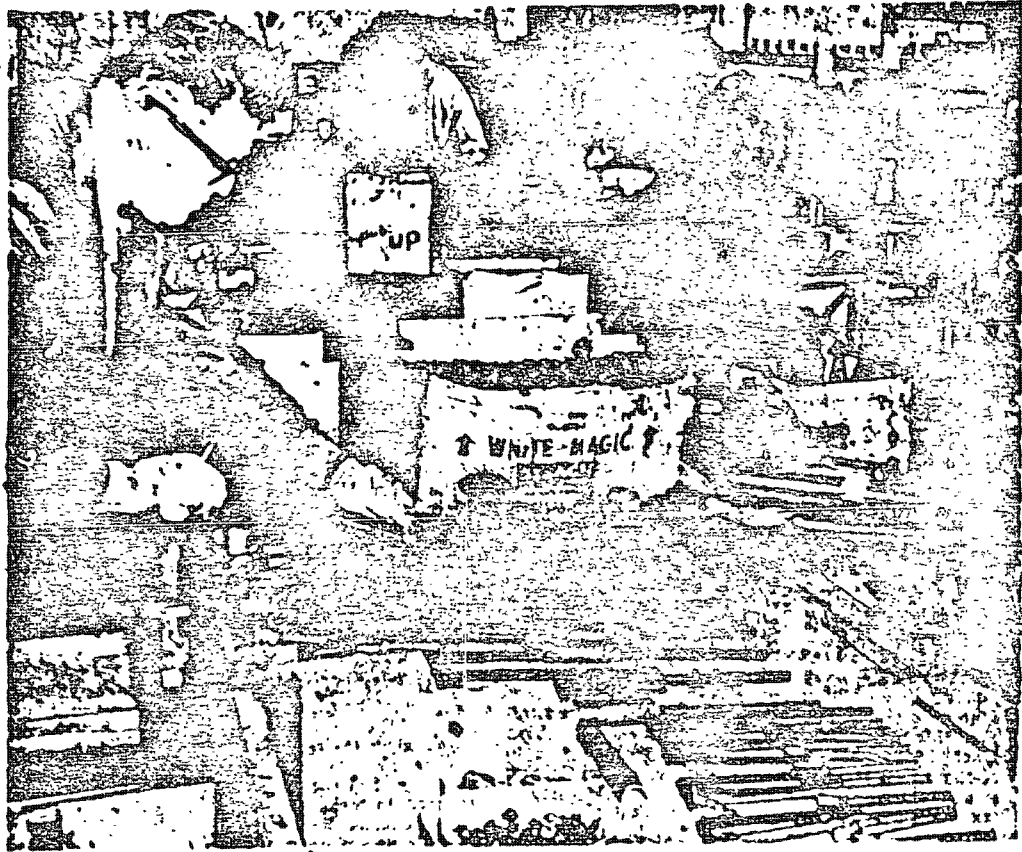
Lynch said the organization claims to be a political group, but actually is para-military. He said Eddy's rifle was at the arms company to be converted to increase its rate of fire.

Said Knudson:

"We receive M1 rifles from individuals all over the United States, which we modify into the M14 automatic version for \$20 apiece. We have no orders from any groups."

Lynch, who has asked the state Legislature to outlaw instances of para-military organizations said the Minutemen are a national group whose members say they are arming against the day of a Communist takeover of the United States. He said the Rangers are a similar organization, but apparently confine its activities primarily to California.

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Staff photo by Gordon Dees

**ARMS INVESTIGATION** — Reporter Phil Hanna of the Valley Times looks over a tableful of converted M-14 rifles at the Erquaga Arms Co. in City of Industry. The

state attorney\*general has confiscated 373 machine guns manufactured by the firm because the firm has no state license and because "they may be used by private armies."

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# Lynch 'Up In Arms' Over 373 Illegal Machine Guns

By PHIL HANNA  
Staff Writer

A decision is expected today in the disposition of 373 machine guns confiscated from the Erquiaga Arms Co. in the City of Industry.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Lynn Compton said his office wanted to wait until all the evidence was available before deciding what to do.

State Atty. Gen. Thomas Lynch ordered the arms seized last Friday night because the manufacturer didn't have a state license for the possession or sale of automatic weapons.

He also charged that the weapons "were destined for the use of private armies such as Minutemen and the ultra-conservative Rangers."

Troy Houghton, western area coordinator of the Minutemen, today denied his organization has purchased or contracted for any automatic weapons from the arms firm.

Yesterday the U.S. State Department denied that an export license was granted to the company to deliver the new-type machine guns to Costa Rica and the federal officials said they "have no intention of granting such a permit."

Lowell V. Knudson, who operated the plant for Juan Erquiaga, said "the company has a large order for the machine guns for the army of Costa Rica. We wanted to have the job completed by April 1 and Costa Rica would pick up all the weapons at one time."

Knudson said "we are abiding by the Federal

Firearm Act . . . we have a federal license . . . and we believe this takes precedence over everything else."

He said he didn't obtain a state permit because "we believe we fall into an exemption in the state law."

When searching the premises last Friday, the investigators found a rifle which allegedly belonged to Terrel Eddy, leader of the National States Rights Party in California.

The attorney general said that correspondence was found indicating that Eddy's rifle was to be converted from an M-1 semi-automatic to M-14 automatic rifle.

(In San Diego, Eddy said any connection between himself and the arms company "concerned only the modification of a particular sporting rifle and at no time was there any discussion or mention of any other weapon in any form")

Knudson called it a "publicity deal and an attempt to link us with the rightwingers."

"Anyone can send us M-1 rifles for conversion to M-14 automatics, that's

our business."

He said he didn't know Eddy from any other customer of the plant.

Employees of the arms manufacturer said that Erquiaga is in either Costa Rica or Guatemala and has been out of the country since Feb. 6.

Lynch said his office informed the gun maker last November that regardless of any federal license he might possess, state permits were needed for the manufacture, possession or sale of machine guns.

Furthermore, Lynch said, "he was informed that silencers of any sort are totally illegal in California, and there is no provision in state law for their manufacture under any circumstances."

Three silencers were confiscated during the raid.

Gun dealers in Southern California called Erquiaga and Knudson "fools" who knew that if they "kept up their practice they would be knocked over."

The machine guns confiscated by the attorney general are similar to "grease guns" used by the

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## GUNS

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U.S. Army during World War II, and British Sten guns

The gun was designed by Gordon Ingram, 4223 Wilkinson Ave., Studio City.

Employees and the attorney general's office say that it is an "outstanding weapon."

Last October Erquiaga said he hoped to manufacture 26,000 of the machine guns in 1965, and 20,000 assault rifles as well, for sale to South American countries.

The machine guns are chambered for the 9 mm parabellum bullets, carry 31 rounds, fire 750 rounds a minute, weigh 8 pounds and combine full and selective automatic firing. The action is inertia or "blow back" operated.

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## Gun Company Got Warning<sup>LAT 3/30</sup> State Discloses

The Erquiaga Arms Co. which yielded 373 machine guns to a raiding party last week, was warned four months ago that it was operating without a state license. Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch's office disclosed Monday.

The arms company did not respond to the warning, the attorney general said.

Lynch said he learned Monday that the U.S. State Department had denied a gun export license requested by the firm.

### For Foes of Castro

An Erquiaga spokesman had been quoted as saying the State Department approved of the manufacture of machine guns because they would be supplied to anti-Castro Cubans.

A raiding party of 30 federal, state and local officials confiscated the automatic weapons and 100,000 rounds of ammunition Friday night at the company, 15036 E. Proctor Ave., City of Industry.

Meanwhile, suggestions that the machine guns might be destined for such extremist "private armies" as the Rangers brought a complaint from the Ranger Battalion Assn. of World War II, a legitimate veterans organization. The association said it is against extremist movements and opposes the use of the name, Ranger, by any other group.

LAT, 3/30

# Arms Plant: Costa Rica Denies Order

Ambassador Gonzalo Facio denied in Washington today that Costa Rica has ordered 500 automatic weapons from the Erquiaga Arms Co. in the City of Industry.

State officials seized 373 machine type guns and other weapons there Friday night.

"The government of Costa Rica asserts emphatically that it has not ordered such weapons, and the published report is untrue," Facio said.

"If at any time the government of Costa Rica should need to purchase weapons, it would do so only through official US Government channels."

An executive of the arms company had been quoted as saying: "We have a purchase order from the Costa Rica government for 500 automatic machine pistols which we are filling."

Owners of the plant had said they had a Federal license to make machine guns for foes of Cuba's Fidel Castro in Costa Rica.

Meanwhile, State Atty Gen. Thomas C. Lynch planned to confer with the district attorney's office on possible prosecution of owners of the gun factory. Lynch said he believed some of the weapons were intended for "private armies" established by right-wing extremist groups.

The attorney general said possession of automatic weapons is illegal under California law. Most of the weapons seized in the raid were .30 caliber and combined characteristics of the "grease gun" and the Ben gun.

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16 MAR 1965

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S.J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe

1. Reference is made to your report dated 23 April 1963, Title: Rene Miguel Valdes; Los Angeles Bureau File 97-3806.

2. Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe was reported in May 1964 to be living at 430 Chesterton Street, La Puente, California.

3. It is requested that this Agency be provided with any information which may be developed concerning travels of Subject since 1 January 1965. Of special interest would be any information which may be available concerning trips to Latin America during this period.

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On 1 March 1965 Manuel Ray Rivero, leader of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta), said that he and his group have no plans for action against Cuba at the present time. He and his group, according to Ray, have changed their plans completely with regard to the fight against Communism in Cuba. Ray believes that it would be almost impossible to use guerrilla tactics during the Castro régime; for this reason, he believes it would be preferable to begin operating clandestinely in the large urban centers and then slowly expanding operations to the rural areas of Cuba.

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TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S.J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe

1. Reference is made to your report dated 23 April 1962, Title: Rene Miguel Valdes; Los Angeles Bureau File 97-3805.

2. Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe was reported in May 1964 to be living at 430 Chesterton Street, La Puente, California.

3. It is requested that this Agency be provided with any information which may be developed concerning travels of Subject since 1 January 1965. Of special interest would be any information which may be available concerning trips to Latin America during this period.

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REF: DIR 86272

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*Leslie H. Hendrique*  
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Asunto: ESTANCIA EN ESPAÑA DE MANUEL RAY DURANTE EL  
MES DE FEBRERO.

El súbdito cubano MANUEL RAY, de 41 años, dirigente máximo de la organización anticastrista M.R.P., llegó a Madrid por el Aeropuerto de Barajas, procedente de París, el día 18 de febrero próximo pasado, saliendo por dicho Aeropuerto con destino a Nueva York, el 21 del mismo mes. Durante su estancia en Madrid se alojó en el Hotel Gran Vía de la Avda. de José Antonio.

Según los informes recogidos, uno de los objetivos de su viaje a nuestra capital, fue el de entrevistarse con un funcionario del Ministerio español de Asuntos Exteriores, con la finalidad de influir y activar la salida de Cuba de su secretario, el súbdito cubano ARTURO DIAZ, ex-Director General de Espeleología de Cuba, que se encuentra asilado en la Embajada del Uruguay en La Habana. ARTURO DIAZ está casado con la ex-esposa del ex-ministro fidelista AUGUSTO MARTÍNEZ SANCHEZ, que hace poco intentó suicidarse en Cuba.

Durante su estancia en Madrid visitó al súbdito cubano exiliado JESUS MANZARBITIA GURRUCHAGA, en su domicilio de la Plaza de España nº 12-59, teniéndose conocimiento que en el curso de la entrevista RAY - solicitó gestionase entre la colonia cubana de Madrid la obtención de ayuda económica para el movimiento contrarrevolucionario que RAY dirige.

Se supo, por otra parte, que RAY tenía la intención de entrevistarse con el vice-ministro 2º de Relaciones Exteriores de Cuba ARNOLD RODRÍGUEZ CAMPS, - aprovechando la estancia de este último en Madrid, entrevista que no pudo efectuarse por razón de que el vice-ministro salió de España dos días antes de la llegada de RAY a Madrid.

Según parece, RAY RIVERO es amigo personal de ARNOLD RODRÍGUEZ, con quien estuvo preso durante el mandato de Batista.

Por último se sabe también que en el tiempo que permaneció en Madrid RAY RIVERO, se relacionó con el súbdito cubano residiendo en Madrid FLAVIO LUIS LÓPEZ LÓPEZ, domiciliado en Viriato 69, quien le fue a despedir al aeropuerto de Barajas.

El citado FLAVIO llegó a España por Barajas el 31-12-61, fue interventor de la "Texas Oil Company" en Cuba y carece de antecedentes desfavorables.

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*M. J. ...*

TO : Commissioner of Customs  
Department of the Treasury  
Attention: Mr. Lester D. Johnson

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Request for Additional Information

REFERENCE: Conversation of 20 May 1964 Concerning  
Juan ERQUIAGA Aizcorbe in the  
Los Angeles Area

1. This memorandum is a request for additional information concerning the subject which was discussed by Mr. Oscar Neal on 20 May 1964 with Mr. Joseph O'Neill of this Agency.

2. It would be appreciated if your office would provide us with any additional information concerning a lot of weapons from:

Erquiaga Arms Company  
15036 Proctor Avenue  
City of Industry, California

which was located recently by your representatives at:

Apex Rifle Company  
7623 San Fernando Road  
Sun Valley (California)

We are specifically interested in ascertaining (a) the quantity and the type of weapons which were located and whether or not they were confiscated and (b) to whom the arms actually belong. For your information we have a report that the weapons were specially made for Manolo RAY, Cuban exile leader.

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