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██████████ noted that early in his involvement with anti-CASTRO organizations he had been furnishing information to ROBERT HURWITCH of the U. S. Department of State (USDS), but has discontinued this practice.

██████████ advised and it was confirmed by MARSHALL that when he was approached by ARTHUR and BUCHANAN and made aware of their plans, he advised MARSHALL of all the details and told him he did not want to represent the group but considered them foolhardy enough to cause serious trouble. He said he would represent the group if the U. S. Government would be interested in their activities, but wanted assurances from MARSHALL that all government agencies which should know of his cooperation would be so advised. He was told by MARSHALL to go ahead with the organization and that MARSHALL would inform the proper government agencies. The Bureau and Miami are aware of subsequent developments in this regard.

The same circumstances surrounded ██████████ involvement with BENOIT when he advised MARSHALL of BENOIT's request.

██████████ also said that he considered his action in this regard to be a revelation of privileged information ██████████ but felt that efforts of the instant organization were of a serious enough nature to affect the policy or security of the U. S. and that the information concerning the organization's plans properly belonged in the hands of U. S. authorities. He emphasized that at any time matters of such seriousness come to his attention, the fact that it is privileged information would not prevent him from furnishing it to the proper authorities.

Both ██████████ and MARSHALL requested that ██████████ identity be concealed. ██████████ made his request because he felt disclosure of his identity would affect his representation of and dealings with anti-CASTRO groups and MARSHALL made his request because ██████████ is "in the middle of a big narcotics case," and working in the interest of the Bureau of Narcotics.

BENOIT advised ██████████ that he had previously been in contact with a CIA representative named "CHARLEY" in the Bahamas and had received some financial support from CIA while in the Bahamas. BENOIT later told ██████████ that "CHARLEY" from CIA had contacted him just after his arrival in Miami. but he did not disclose the details of this contact.

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On 9/27/63, SA CHARLES M. BEALL, JR., was advised by a representative of CIA that no pertinent identifiable information is located in their files concerning captioned organization or EDWARD ARTHUR or EDWARD LOMBARDO [SFI] (X) (u)

On 9/24 and 10/2/63, a representative of the Security Office, USDS, advised SA KENNETH J. HASER that the files of that office contained no information identifiable with EDWARD ARTHUR or Americans for Freedom, respectively.

On 10/7/63, a file was located on an individual possibly identical with EDWARD LOMBARDO.

WFO will review the above file at the USDS Security Office and if identical with EDWARD LOMBARDO of instant organization, will furnish information to Bureau and Miami.

San Francisco is requested to review indices, contact logical sources, and furnish Miami all available background information regarding Major CLAIRE A. CHENNAULT, 723 - 15th Avenue, San Francisco 18, Calif.

Miami is requested to verify whether SAM BENTON is, in fact, an agent for BENOIT and subject to registration under the Foreign Agent's Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

WFO does not recommend further contacts with [redacted], however, information voluntarily furnished by [redacted] should be accepted inasmuch as he stated his intention to advise, through MARSHALL, of any further pertinent developments.

It is the opinion of WFO that [redacted] will furnish information regarding pertinent developments. Inasmuch as [redacted] feels instant organization is dying a natural death, his coverage and the coverage afforded by Miami 639-S should adequately inform Bureau of activities of instant organization and no further active investigation, other than that set out above, is recommended at this time.

The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" inasmuch as the information contained therein could result in identification of an informant of another government investigative agency.

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Concerning assurances that [REDACTED] wanted that his cooperation would be made known to all government agencies which should know of his cooperation, it was pointed out that no such assurances could be given him and, further, that concealment of his identity made it impossible to advise other agencies of his cooperation.

[REDACTED] was additionally advised that the Bureau appreciated his cooperation but that his actions in this regard had to be completely voluntary and that he could not be directed or guided in any way.

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 and San Francisco two copies each, and to Cincinnati, Detroit,
 New York, and Tampa one copy each of a LHM dated and captioned
 as above.

Informant mentioned in the enclosed LHM is [redacted]
 [redacted], who was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of
 Narcotics Agent EUGENE MARSHALL. [redacted] is further identified
 in the LHM.

Indices WFO reflect that the Bureau and Miami are
 in possession of all pertinent information regarding ALEXANDER
 RORKE, GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, and JOE GARMAN as well as individuals
 possibly identical with JERRY BUCHANAN and ROBERT AYALA
 (phonetic). HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, SAM BENTON, Doctor OSTROFF,
 CLAIRE CHENNAULT, EDWARD LOMBARDO, EDWARD ARTHUR, and HOWARD
 DAVIS are not possible to identify in WFO files. WFO files
 contain numerous references to JAMES BUCHANAN of the "Miami
 Herald" but none to JAMES BUCHANAN of the "Pompano Beach Sun-
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