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TO : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: February 1, 1964

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

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At 6:55 a.m. 2/1/64 Assistant Legat Attache Pete Winter-Paris called E. T. Turner, the Agent on duty in Domestic Intelligence Division, and referred to Bureau cable 1/31/64 requesting that General Protero, who has written the Attorney General and the President's Commission from Portugal, be located and interviewed. *u*

*Amadora*  
 Winter advised that contact was made with Agostinho Barbieri, a ranking official of the Portuguese International and State Security Police who has been very cooperative with the Bureau. Barbieri advised that "General Protero" is well known as a senile and partially demented former communist who is now in his seventies and spends his time being an "anticommunist." He is not a general, has never been connected with the military and "Protero" is an assumed name. Barbieri said he is a harmless fool and should be ignored. Barbieri will try to suppress further communications. *(c)*

In view of this information, Winter advised that "Protero" will not be interviewed. Barbieri will furnish additional information on him which will be forwarded to the Bureau when received. *(c)*

Winter will confirm this call by cable, Monday 2/3/64. *u*

**ACTION:**

On receipt of the cable from Paris, letters will be sent to the Attorney General and Mr. Lee Rankin, Counsel of the President's Commission, informing them concerning "General Protero." *u*

ETT:pah  
(8) *pah*

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-C.

REBUCAB JANUARY 31 LAST AND PARIS TELEPHONE CALL FEBRUARY 1 LAST.

Barbier 1883-1892

AGOSTINHO BARBIERI, PORTUGUESE POLICE OFFICIAL, ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 1 LAST THAT "GENERAL PROTERO", OF AMADORA, PORTUGAL IS WELL KNOWN TO PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AS A SENILE AND PARTIALLY DEMENTED INDIVIDUAL NOW IN HIS SEVENTIES WHO, IN HIS YOUTH, WAS A COMMUNIST, AND WHO NOW SPENDS HIS TIME PRODUCING ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA OF NO SIGNIFICANCE. BARBIERI SAID THAT "GENERAL PROTERO" IS AN ASSUMED NAME AND THAT THIS PERSON HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE MILITARY. (c)

BARBIERI FURTHER CHARACTERIZED PROTERO AS A HARMLESS FOOL WHOSE STATEMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT SHOULD BE IGNORED. BARBIERI COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY RECALL THE CORRECT NAME OF "GENERAL PROTERO" BUT AGREED TO FORWARD TO PARIS OFFICE AN OFFICIAL NOTE CONTAINING PERTINENT DETAILS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL'S BACKGROUND. BARBIERI SAID THAT HE WOULD ARRANGE TO SUPPRESS FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM PROTERO ON INSTANT SUBJECT. BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED THE DETAILS WHICH BARBIERI SUPPLIES IN THIS MATTER. (c)

US EMBASSY, LISBON TODAY CONFIRMED BARBIERI'S ESTIMATE OF PROTERO BUT SAID HE NEVER WAS A COMMUNIST. (c)

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Yellow to Paul  
 with 2/3/64  
 AG 2-11-64  
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 NORMAN W. PHILCOX

3RD CC: MR. [unclear]

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