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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3171)

FROM : *PIN*
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Re Mexico City letter, 11-27-72. (X)U

CELSO CARRETO

During the course of investigations by [MEX-34] at Subject's old address, Amsterdam 82, Penthouse, Mexico, D.F., Mexico, he determined that Subject had a manservant named CELSO CARRETO while he was residing at that address. Supposedly, CARRETO had moved to the United States and, in fact, there was a report that a friend of the Subject arranged his documents to immigrate to the United States. CARRETO was supposed to have gone to New York. (X)U

Subsequently, this same source contacted Mexico City architect ROBERTO MORALES, described as a close associate of the Subject, on a pretext. MORALES also identified CELSO CARRETO as Subject's house servant and said that he had gone to the United States and that Subject and other friends had arranged his documents. (X)U

Thus, it appears that from two sources there was information that CARRETO was Subject's servant and, with Subject's aid, got a visa to go to the United States. (X)U

[MEX-170] conducted investigation at Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, in November, 1972, and determined from the records of Social Security that a CELSO CARRETO BENITEZ, address Las Casas 5, Cuernavaca, born 3-18-30, Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, was a waiter who had worked at various hotels and restaurants in Cuernavaca, including Las Mananitas and Las Quintas. (X)U

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It is known that the Subject, in the past, has frequented both these restaurants and, therefore, logically could have come into contact with CARRETO at these locations. (X)u

[MEX-34] advised 1-9-73 that he could not locate CARRETO at the address Las Casas No. 5; however, he is continuing efforts to locate and identify him. (X)u

MEX-170 advised 1-4-73 that he determined CARRETO was issued Mexican passport 22096, 3-10-72, at which time he furnished his address as Tepeyahualco No. 5, Cuernavaca, Mexico. His wife was listed as JUANA GAMIZ DE CARRETO, address Callejon de la Mora No. 4, Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico. His purpose in applying for the passport was to travel to the United States. (X)u

After considerable difficulty, it was confirmed that CELSO CARRETO BENITEZ, Callejon de la Mora No. 4, Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico, born 3-18-30, Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, Mexican passport 022096, was issued a B-1 visa 3-20-72 at the American Embassy, Mexico, D.F. (X)u

On the visa, it was specified that this was for the purpose of accompanying his employers, Mr. and Mrs. GRANOFF, who reside six months of the year in Cuernavaca, Mexico. (X)u

The records of U.S. INS indicate that this individual departed New York 9-25-72, destined for Mexico City. It appears that he entered the United States 3-21-72, at Laredo, Texas. His U.S. address was given as 135 Winthrop Place, Englewood, New Jersey. u

It develops that the Vice Consul issuing this visa well remembers the circumstances of its issuance. Vice Consul PATRICIA LANGFORD advised that the visa was issued in part upon the recommendation of JOHN O'GRADY, former Labor Attache at the American Embassy, Mexico City, who brought Mr. and Mrs. GRANOFF to her personally and requested that everything possible be done to expedite the issuance of the visa. It appeared that there was some health problem and that they wanted CARRETO's services as a chauffeur to drive them back to the United States. She remembered the incident in part because

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of the extraordinary pressure exerted by O'GRADY and the GRANOFFs. Mrs. GRANOFF was supposedly a singer who was known by the stage name of KITTY CALLEN. u

Above is for the information of Newark and New York, Newark because CARRETO reportedly was going to Englewood, presumably the residence of the GRANOFFs, and New York because of reports that he was going to that area and because he departed from the New York airport. u

It would appear that CARRETO worked for Subject and then, possibly subsequently, for the GRANOFFs. His apparent stay in the New York area until September would appear to constitute a possible INS violation. u

It is considered that, as a former employee, he might be a rich source of information concerning Subject's activities in the United States. It may be also that the GRANOFFs were operating as a front for Subject, or may have just met Subject casually in Cuernavaca. u

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NEWARK OFFICE

At Englewood, New Jersey . u

Will conduct investigation at 135 Winthrop Place to identify the occupants and determine their relationship with CARRETO and possibly the Subject. It is suggested that Newark may wish to handle this through U.S. INS without mentioning the Subject. u

[MEXICO CITY] Xu

At Cuernavaca, Morelos, and Taxco, Guerrero (97) u

Will, [through MEX-34] attempt to locate CARRETO and explore the possibility of direct contact with him concerning Subject. (97)

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