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Information copies of the report are being furnished to Miami, NY and WFO as they have an interest in Dominican matters.

No request for mail cover is being submitted inasmuch as JUNE CHAVEZ advised Agents of the L. A. Office that she knew little about CHAVEZ and his union affairs and that she had no knowledge of any associates of the subject, making it appear as if all mail was forwarded to the union office. Inasmuch as subject's bank account and subject's present wife's bank account have been located, it is recommended that mail cover not be used at this time.

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Synopsis:

IDA ELISA ESPAILLAT, sister of ARTURO R. ESPAILLAT, advised that FRANK CHAVEZ was married at ARTURO R. ESPAILLAT's home in the DR at the end of 1960. [CHAVEZ reported [6] to have visited Nassau Bahamas during October, 1961. CHAVEZ paid hotel bill with a Teamsters Union check. Two other checks were returned by the bank for insufficient funds. Bahama authorities in Nassau did not request CHAVEZ and his wife to depart upon arrival of powerful "Trujillistas" in Nassau.] No record concerning entry of CHAVEZ into Canada located. [5]

IN VIEW OF CHAVEZ' ARREST ON 4/19/61 FOR CARRYING ARMS, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

IDA ELISA ESPAILLAT, sister of ARTURO R. ESPAILLAT, was interviewed on March 19, 22, 26, 1962, at Washington, D. C., by SAS JAMES CALVIN CONRAD and GERARD C. CARROLL, at which time she advised that FRANK CHAVEZ, whom she described as a gangster leader of the Teamsters Union of Puerto Rico, was well known to her brother, ARTURO R. ESPAILLAT. She stated that ESPAILLAT permitted CHAVEZ to be married in ARTURO's home (in the Dominican Republic) (DR) at the end of 1960.

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CHAVEZ originally came to know ARTURO R. ESPAILLAT because of CHAVEZ' interest in starting a Teamsters Union in the DR. When CHAVEZ learned that ARTURO ESPAILLAT was imprisoned (in the DR) in the summer of 1961, CHAVEZ made it known to RAMFIS TRUJILLO and those responsible for ARTURO's imprisonment that if anything happened to ARTURO, "the Dominican Republic would forget what a ship looks like" and that "Chavez would get Jimmy Hoffa to back him".

ARTURO R. ESPAILLAT is a former general in the army of the DR and served as Consul General for the DR in New York. ESPAILLAT presently is reported to reside in Canada.

SJ T-1, a confidential source abroad, has advised CHAVEZ checked in at the Nassau Beach Hotel on October 21, 1961, in company with two men, one being JAIME AMADOR, 800 Figueroa Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico, with whom he shared a suite until their departure on October 24, 1961. On checking out of the hotel, CHAVEZ paid the hotel bill with a Teamsters Union check drawn on the Banco de Puerto Rico, Stop 17 Branch, Santurce, Puerto Rico. Besides paying the hotel bill, CHAVEZ cashed two checks for himself but these have since been returned by the bank in Puerto Rico for insufficient funds. The hotel manager has written CHAVEZ at the address furnished by him, namely 30 Calle Doncella, Santurce, Puerto Rico, but to date has received no reply. (C)

According to SJ T-1, Bahama authorities in Nassau did not request CHAVEZ and his wife to depart upon the arrival of powerful "Trujillistas" in Nassau. CHAVEZ departed from the Bahamas on October 24, 1961, and was not in the Bahamas at the time of ARISMENDE TRUJILLO on November 1, 1961. (C)

SJ T-1 further advised that it was rumored that on October 22, 1961, ARTURO ESPAILLAT spend the afternoon drinking with some "foreigners" in a room at the Nassau Beach Hotel. CHAVEZ may have been present but this has not been confirmed. (C)

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JAIIME AMADOR may be identical to JAIIME ISMAEL AMADOR CASANAS, President of Local 901 of the Teamsters Union in Puerto Rico.

ARISMENDI TRUJILLO may be identical with JOSE ARISMENDI TRUJILLO MOLINA (Petan), brother of the late Generalissimo RAFAEL LEONIDAS TRUJILLO MOLINA.

SJ T-2 on April 16, 1962, advised that the Canadian Department of Citizenship and Immigration could locate no record of entry into Canada for one FRANK CHAVEZ of Puerto Rico. (S)

Captain JOSEPH E. STEVENS, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, on April 17, 1962, advised he had no pertinent information concerning CHAVEZ, nor did the files of the Los Angeles Police Department contain any information not previously furnished.

JUNE CHAVEZ, nee JUNE EARSON, born in June, 1921, Redondo Beach, California, and who resides at 1521 West 204th Street, Florence, California, furnished the following information to SAS WILLIAM W. COLBY and GRANT C. EARL on March 1, 1962.

She married ^{MRS} FRANK CHAVEZ about ten years ago and of this marriage they had two children, a son, MARK CHAVEZ, age 7, and GENE CHAVEZ, age 4.

B. APPROX. 1955 Several years ago her husband was sent to Puerto Rico to establish a local and organize employees in San Juan and vicinity. She understood that JAMES HOFFA sent him there.

For about the first year that she and CHAVEZ lived in San Juan, they had no marital difficulties, after that, however, he spent very little time with her and she suspected, and obtained evidence that he had girl friends. CHAVEZ

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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico
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Re: Frank Chavez
Internal Security -
Dominican Republic - Cuba

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John A. Norris, Jr., dated and captioned as above at San Juan.

SJ T-1 and SJ T-2 (are confidential sources
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