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by him to his headquarters for a decision by a legal section of CIA. (S)(u)

Due to the allegations concerning the importing of narcotics by subject, close liaison has also been maintained with U. S. Customs, Miami. It is noted that U. S. Customs has a parallel case on subject concerning his narcotics activities.

This report is classified "secret" since it contains information from CIA also classified. (S)(u)

In evaluating information developed to date in this matter, it is apparent subject has not furnished complete information concerning his contacts with the Cuban Intelligence Service during interview with subject. It would appear Miami has three courses of action open at this junction, as follows:

1. Advise the Federal Parole Board of subject's travel out of state under a false name, which travel can be attested to by FBI Agents, for purpose of having subject's parole revoked.

2. Reinterview subject and confront him with the fact that we are aware of his plan and his past contacts with Cuban Intelligence Service as well as his deception during previous interview; attempt to double him using threat of prosecution and revocation of parole. (S)

3. Continue contacts with the subject under pretext of utilizing him as double agent and continue to follow his activities separately under instant caption. (S)

Miami recommends that third course of action be followed in this matter and solicits Bureau's opinion in this regard.

Two extra copies of this report are being retained by Miami in the event additional dissemination is desired at a later date.

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**- INFORMANTS -**IdentityLocationMM T-1 is ~~CIA~~, Miami ~~(S)~~(u)

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MM T-2 is MARIO ANDRES ROMERO ARIAS,  
Apartment 1, 1021 S.W. 3rd Street,  
Miami, Florida.

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MM T-3 is PSI ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO.

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MM T-4 is JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ,  
PSI (UD).

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**- LEADS -**NEW YORKAT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will obtain handwriting and hand printing specimens of [JESUS JIMENEZ ESCOBAR] and forward them to FBI Laboratory for comparison with Western Union money order and envelope postmarked New York on November 30, 1967.

2. Will conduct discreet background investigation of RICARDO LEZCANO, 515 West 171st Street, New York. It is noted subject claims LEZCANO is a friend who is unaware of his Cuban Intelligence connections; however, one of the telephone calls from New York to subject reportedly emanated from telephone registered to LEZCANO.(u)

3. Will conduct review of toll calls made from telephone of RICARDO LEZCANO for past six-month period, if feasible, upon receipt of Bureau authority.

4. Will discreetly determine if person named ELIZA MARTIN resides at 42 West 120th Street, New York City. This name and address was used as a return on the envelope allegedly used to transmit a money order to subject on November 30, 1967.(u)

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5. Will discreetly determine if anyone named JULIAN MONTES resides at 207 or 209 West 113th Street, New York City. This name was utilized by the sender of Western Union money order in the amount of \$200 to subject from New York on February 26, 1968 (u)

6. Will further identify MARIA ALVAREZ, Apartment 44, 515 West 171st Street, New York City. Subject was observed to enter this apartment on March 10, 1968 (u)

SAN JUAN

AT PONCE, PUERTO RICO

\* Will check indices against name RENE TORRE, BL-321, Constancia Gardens, Ponce, and discreetly identify this individual. This lead was previously set out by Miami airtel dated 3/2/68 (u)

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will maintain contact with PSI ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO and PSI (UD) JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ regarding this matter.

2. Will maintain contact with STEPHEN CSUKAS, U. S. Customs, and coordinate investigation with his narcotics case re subject.

3. Will determine subscriber to Post Office Box 2057, Miami address given in letter to subject from V. B. GARCIA as that of the father of RODRIGUEZ (u)

4. Will consider contact with JAMES PETERS, 238 N.W. 43rd Street, Miami, telephone 757-7564, for information regarding HAROLD and FLORENCE CAMPBELL, 250 N.W. 43rd Street, mentioned in letters of V. B. GARCIA to subject. (u)

5. Will identify subscribers to telephone numbers in subject's possession.

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6. Will discreetly identify FELIX PELAEZ and determine if he is manager of the 7-11 food store at the corner of N.W. 27th Avenue and 17th Street. Will thereafter consider pretext interview with him. It is noted he is one of the individuals subject was allegedly requested to investigate by CIS, reason for request unknown. (u)

7. Will forward copy of application for Western Union money order dated February 26, 1968, sent to subject, and original envelope postmarked November 30, 1967, in New York, addressed to subject, to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with any available handwriting of JESUS JIMENEZ ESCOBAR, Chief Secretary, Cuban Mission to the United Nations. (S)

#### REQUEST OF BUREAU

Will determine through CIA liaison if that agency has any information leading to the identity of V. B. GARCIA, Generalissimo 50, Alfaz del Pi (Alicante), Spain, or JAIME BARCELO, Av. Perez Galdos 116, Ap. 26., Valencia 8, Spain. (S) (u) 1 24-30

Bureau is requested also to determine through CIA if JAIME RODRIGUEZ, Havana telephone number 35-861, is identifiable. (S) (u) 1 2 page 46

Bureau is requested to authorize New York to conduct review of toll calls from telephone of RICARDO LEZCANO, telephone 795-6287, noting subject received at least one call from this number in December, 1967. It is possible LEZCANO may be acting as liaison between subject and his Cuban Intelligence superior in New York. (S) (u)

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[and furnished partial information re recruitment by CIS and subject referred by this agency to FBI. (U) Upon contact by FBI Agents, subject furnished partial information re recruitment, including contact with G-2 official in New York identified as JESUS JIMENEZ, First Secretary, CMUN. (S) Subject advised he was instructed by JIMENEZ to travel to Cuba for conference with RAMIRO VALDES, chief of G-2. (S) Subject volunteered to cooperate fully with FBI in this matter. Informant advised subject paid \$3,900.00, which money was furnished by Cuban contact in New York for (U) boat to travel to Cuba, construction of boat to be completed on 4/17/68. Description set forth.

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The source met EPIFANIO ROMERO DELGADO, also known as "Pichi" Romero, and another Cuban refugee in Miami, in about 1962 or 1963 and has maintained infrequent contact with him since that time. ROMERO is from Candelaria, Pinar del Rio Province, Cuba, and is married to HILDA, lastname unknown, who still resides in Cuba. The source described EPIFANIO as a person of little education who has a strong aversion to any type of work and constantly smokes cigars and "plays the big shot." ROMERO is a white male Cuban, age about 33, 5'8", 160 pounds, thick black hair, dark eyes, and round face. He drives a 1964 Ford Mustang automobile. He resides at the apartment of ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO, 1050 Northwest First Street, Miami, another Cuban refugee and close friend of ROMERO. Also residing in this apartment are the mother and sister of BORGES.

EPIFANIO ROMERO is not employed at the present time but was recently employed at a doll factory in Miami. He is on parole, having been recently released after having served three months of a fifteen-month sentence for Assault Upon a Federal Officer. This incident occurred in about February, 1967, when ROMERO was involved with others in a shooting incident with United States Customs off the Florida coast. The incident occurred during the last of a number of unauthorized boat trips to Cuba by ROMERO over the past few years. It is the source's understanding that one of the conditions of ROMERO's parole is that he not again attempt to travel to Cuba by boat.

The source had planned a clandestine boat trip to Cuba in November, 1967, in order to attempt to rescue a friend of his in hiding in Havana. This friend is JOSE LUIS FORNELI JACINTO, also known as "Piquili," a Cuban refugee who had been intercepted by the Cubans during a clandestine trip to Cuba and who has been in hiding since early 1967. The source was unsuccessful in his attempt to rescue FORNELL.

About the middle of November, 1967, at around 2:00 A.M., ROMERO came to the home of the source and advised that he had recently received a letter from Cuba which was sent [by diplomatic pouch to the "Czechoslovakian Embassy in New York" (source noted he was probably referring to the Czechoslovakian Mission to the United Nations)]. (S)

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This letter was in answer to a previous letter from ROMERO to the Cuban Government. ROMERO showed the source a type-written, one-page letter which instructed him to determine and report upon the activities of the following: (S) (u)

1. MANUEL ~~X~~ARTIME and the Nicaraguan problem.
2. RAMON ~~X~~FONT, who has explosives of FL2 Comandos L. (anti-CASTRO organization in Miami). (u)
3. FELIX ~~X~~PELAEZ, manager of the 7-11 food store at the corner of Northwest 27th Avenue and 17th Street, Miami. FL2 (S)

According to the source, the letter also contained an instruction in the last paragraph to call the writer at a certain time, time not recalled by the source. The source said, however, this time was written in military style, for example, 1330, and the source could not recall if a day or date was mentioned. The letter was unsigned, as best the source could recall. (S) (u)

The source stated that EPIFANIO explained that the letter had been sent to him from a Cuban in New York through whom he had made contact with the Cuban Government. He said he had been instructed by this person to form a clandestine group of five persons, composed of himself, the source, ALFREDO BORGES GALINDO, JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ and JOSE LUIS FORNELL-JACINTO. Although the last named individual is in Cuba, he is to be taken into the group upon his return to Miami. (S) (u)

According to the plan as outlined by ROMERO to the source, ROMERO would make a trip to Cuba, where he would be furnished certain documents from ranking officials in the Cuban Government indicating their dissatisfaction with the Cuban Government and a willingness to cooperate with the United States. With these documents in hand, ROMERO would return to the United States and attempt to interest MM T-1 in this information. (S) (u)

According to the source, ROMERO did not state that he would attempt to interest MM T-1 in conducting an (S) (u)

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infiltration effort into Cuba in which the participants would be arrested, but only indicated that he would attempt to interest MM T-1 in the possible defection of some important Cuban Government officials based on the documents furnished to him for this purpose. (S)(u)

According to the source, ROMERO stated he hoped to be paid by both the Cuban and United States Governments at the same time and to thus solve his financial problems. (S)(u)

According to the source, ROMERO stated he had already discussed this plan with JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ and although he did not mention having talked with ADOLFO BORGES, the source assumed he had also discussed details of the plan with BORGES since they are extremely close friends and reside together. (S)(u)

The source stated that ROMERO requested that he take him, ROMERO, with source to Cuba on his next trip in order that he could obtain these documents and initiate this plan. Although the source agreed to do so, he subsequently left for Cuba within a few days without ROMERO and returned to Miami in mid-December, 1967. During a later contact with ROMERO, the source explained to him that he had not taken him because ROMERO was on parole and the source feared he might get into trouble with the authorities. (S)(u)

The source further advised that in general conversation with one MANUEL CHAMISO, 435 Southwest 4th Street, Miami, supervisor at the doll factory where ROMERO recently worked, he had determined that ROMERO had made two trips to New York City in November and December, 1967. According to CHAMISO, ROMERO had said he was making these trips in an effort to obtain a boat to travel to Cuba.

The source stated he was of the opinion that ROMERO holds no loyalty to the Cuban Government and is not a Communist, but is strictly an opportunist who would do anything for money.

On January 8, 1968, STEPHEN CSUKAS, Enforcement Agent, United States Customs Service, Miami, advised that

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This message is translated as, "Greetings. We remember you well. We are well. Love to all. Kisses." The sender was shown as MARIANO TEJEDA, 1151 Southwest 11th Terrace, telephone 444-5026.

CSUKAS could not furnish any information as to the significance of the above messages or if, in fact, any one of them was actually written by the subject.

It is to be noted the sender of all the above messages furnished the same telephone number and house number, but used different names and street addresses.

Bresser's Cross Reference Telephone Directory for Miami shows telephone number 444-5026 is actually listed to one JULIO GUTIERREZ, retired, wife CONNIE GUTIERREZ, 1867 Southwest 17th Terrace, Miami. A call to this number revealed no one named "RENE" was known there.

(S) On February 23, 1968, MM T-3, who is identical with the above-mentioned source of U. S. Customs Agent CSUKAS, furnished the following information:

(u) MM T-3 has known EPIFANIO ROMERO DELGADO about two years. ROMERO has lived in the apartment of ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO, 1050 Southwest First Street, Miami, for about one year and reportedly pays \$40 per month rent to BORGES. ROMERO owns a 1965 black Mustang automobile and is currently unemployed. He was previously employed as a butcher at a Cuban grocery store called "Oso Blanco" on West Flagler Street, Miami, for about two weeks prior to his arrest on March 23, 1967, for assaulting a federal officer. The subject was sentenced in early May, 1967, to 15 months in prison and was released on parole in August, 1967, after having served three months. The subject has not been employed since his release from prison.

(u) MM T-3 first began to suspect the subject was in contact with Cuban G-2 while he was still in prison. In about June, 1967, MM T-2 observed a letter sent to the subject from Cuba, which letter had been sent via Costa Rica. The letter, which was unsigned, stated

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records of the Money Order Audit Bureau, Western Union Telegram Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, were found to contain an original application for a money order dated February 26, 1968, in the amount of \$200, payable to EPIFANIO ROMERO, Apartment 3, 1050 Northwest First Street, Miami, Florida. The sender on the application is shown as JULIAN MONTES, 207 West 113th Street, New York, New York, and the only message with the money order was "Saludos" (u)

Western Union records also contain an original draft, number FS 25199, dated February 26, 1968, in the amount of \$200, payable to EPIFANIA ROMERO. The original application and draft are maintained at the Money Order Audit Bureau. (u)

The original application and draft, should they be needed for prosecutive purposes, may be obtained only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to the manager of the Western Union office in the city where prosecution is had. (u)

MM T-4, a Cuban National who has resided in the United States for a number of years, and who is well acquainted with the subject, furnished the following information on April 4, 1968: (u)

MM T-4 met the subject in 1964 when the subject and informant were together in a training camp of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (Cuban Revolutionary Board) (JURE), an anti-CASTRO organization, which camp was located near Tampa, Florida. The subject, in about 1965, began making "family runs" to Cuba and had no difficulty until February, 1967, when he was arrested and sentenced to 15 months following an altercation with U. S. Customs Agency. The subject served three months of this 15-month sentence and was released in about August, 1967, when he returned to live in Miami. (u)

According to MM T-4, the subject approached him in December, 1967, and advised him of his contacts with an individual in New York connected with the Cuban G-2. According to the subject's story, this individual called on numerous occasions, identifying himself first as "JULIAN" and later as "MONTES DE OCA." He persuaded (u)

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the subject to come to New York and sent him money for this trip. (S)(u)

(U) The first such trip to New York by the subject of which MM T-4 was aware occurred about the end of December, 1967. At this time, the subject received \$100 from his New York contact and purchased a ticket to New York in the name of ADOLFO BORGES, believed by the source to be a friend of the subject. Subject on this occasion was driven to the airport by JOSE BENITO CLARK SANCHEZ, a Cuban National and friend of the subject. ROMERO remained in New York over a week end and contacted MM T-4 upon his return to Miami. ROMERO related that he had been met by a Cuban at a designated spot in New York, after which they had entered several taxis and a movie theater in an effort to assure they were not being followed. MM T-4 had no details as to how they met or where they finally talked. According to the subject, the Cuban in New York asked the subject if he wanted to work for Cuban G-2 and the subject gave him a noncommittal reply. ROMERO indicated to MM T-4 (S)(u) the Cuban G-2 official desired information concerning the operations of MM T-4, the U. S. Government agency. (S)(u)

(S)(u) MM T-4 stated the subject's second trip to New York was sometime in February, 1968, exact date unknown to him. On this occasion, ROMERO was driven to the Miami Airport by ADOLFO BORGES and it was the informant's understanding that ROMERO had been sent several hundred dollars by the G-2 official in New York prior to his departure. (S)(u) MM T-4 stated he had no information as to how long the subject remained in New York on this occasion but believed that he returned sometime during early March. According to information provided by the subject to MM T-4, the subject's New York contact identified himself on this occasion as JESUS JIMENEZ, First Secretary of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN), and member of the Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (Cuban Department of State Security) (DSE). He reportedly offered to send the subject to Cuba, where he would be placed in contact with DSE officials. (S)(u) The subject reportedly was told he would be contacted by telephone after his return to Miami concerning this matter. (S)(u)

(S)(u) MM T-4 stated that about a week ago, the subject received a call from his New York Cuban contact in which (S)(u)

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(S)(u)  
he was authorized to make the trip to Cuba. ROMERO now wants to make a "family run" to Cuba in effort to bring out relatives of several Cuban refugees here in the United States, none of whom are aware of his Cuban G-2 contacts. The subject has a number of legitimate contacts in New York who are interested in having their relatives brought to the United States from Cuba and has a number of letters in his possession from these Cubans. He is currently attempting to locate a boat to make this trip. MM T-4 advised that he has no information and has been furnished no information by subject to the effect that he had been instructed by the Cubans to "penetrate" any United States Government agency. (S)(u)

MM T-4 advised he feels ROMERO holds no loyalty for the Cuban Government or for democratic principles of the United States Government but is an opportunist who would work for the one who would pay him the most money.

MM T-4 also advised that he is of the opinion subject has confided in no one except himself. MM T-4 concerning his Cuban G-2 contacts. (S)(u)

On April 3, 1968, MM T-1 advised that the subject had contacted this agency, exact date of contact not revealed, and had furnished the following information: (S)(u)

Jesus Jimenez Montes de Oro  
ROMERO advised MM T-1 that during November, 1967, he received a long distance telephone call from a man who identified himself only as "MONTE DE ORO." This man asked ROMERO to come to New York and "talk business" with him. He offered to provide ROMERO with funds necessary for the trip from Miami to New York. ROMERO accepted the offer and in late November, he received a \$300 money order and instructions for the trip to New York. He traveled by Eastern Airlines to New York and once in New York, he was instructed to proceed to 116th Street and North River Drive in Manhattan, where he was met by an individual who identified himself as JULIAN HERNANDEZ or GONZALEZ. The individual also identified himself as the originator of the long distance telephone call and as a member of the DSE and CMUN. ROMERO described the individual as a Cuban male, 5'6", 28 to 30 years old, hair cut short but full, eyes brown, weight 140 pounds, complexion light, spoke good English. (S)(u)

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ROMERO advised MM T-1 that during the first meeting, he was asked if he desired to work for the Cuban G-2. He claimed he did not commit himself but asked what was in it for him financially. He did not receive an answer and was told he would be advised at a later date. During the first meeting, ROMERO was questioned about his previous employment in the United States and about several individuals in the Miami area. He claimed to MM T-1 that he denied any previous association with any United States Government agency and denied knowing any of the individuals named. (S)(u)

ROMERO stated he returned to Miami after the initial meeting and did not hear from anyone until early February, 1968, at which time he received another long distance telephone call from the same individual. He was again instructed to travel to New York and meet with the caller. He departed for New York on March 9, 1968. In New York he met the same individual and was taken to a hotel, name and address unknown, where the individual identified himself as [JESUS JIMENEZ] and produced an identification card bearing that name and showing him to be a member of the CMUNY (S)(u)

During this second meeting, according to information provided MM T-1 by ROMERO, he was again questioned about his previous employment in the United States and certain persons in the Miami area. He again claimed to have denied any association with any United States Government agency or acquaintance with any of the persons named. ROMERO said he was asked if he was prepared to take a trip to Cuba and meet with certain members of Cuban G-2, possibly RAMIRO VALDES, head of Cuban G-2. Answering in the affirmative provided the pay was right and proper arrangements were made for the trip, ROMERO was assured he would be contacted in the near future concerning this matter. The meeting was terminated and ROMERO returned to Miami on March 11, 1968. ROMERO indicated he had been provided \$200 for this second trip. (S)(u)

On his first trip to New York, ROMERO stated he traveled under the name of ADOLFO BORGES. On his second trip, he traveled under the name of JOSE ALFREDO GALINDO. He said he used the alias because he is on (S)(u)

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ROMERO advised MM T-1 that in the absence of any interest or instructions from this agency, he was continuing the contact and would keep MM T-1 informed of any developments (S)(u)

MATERIAL IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION

\*On March 9, 1968, MM T-3<sup>7(u)(u)</sup> made available certain material which was in possession of the subject on that date. This material consisted of the following items, translated from Spanish where applicable:

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ITEM 1:

"July 31, 1967

X "Mr. EPIFANIO ROMERO  
1050 N.W. 1 St., Apt. 3  
Miami, Florida

"Epifanio, we received your letter, asking to discuss something of great importance for both, and on our part, we are ready to listen to the questions which bother you.

"We feel you should set the conditions for the interview, telling us where and how to handle it. We do not know about your possibilities, but we will give you some ideas, and you can see if they are workable. If you have any differences, say so.

X "Within the possibilities which we see, is that of going to Cuba or another country clandestinely; this, logically, is something you should decide. Your trip to Cuba would mean a permit to remain 5 days, and then you would have to go back. Before carrying out this or any other plan, you should wait for our approval.

"However we manage to have our talk, first you should write us clearing up certain questions; i.e., what is the concrete problem you want to discuss. Is it a personal problem, a report, what kind, etc.

"You can write us at the address we are giving you, telling us, in a general way, without including anything which might compromise you, the things you want to say.

"You can send the letter to: [Santos Montes de Oca  
Calle 54 #5419, e/45 y 47, Marianao.] (s)

"Saludos,

"/s/ [Rene.] (s)

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ITEM 2:

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"V. B. Garcia  
Generalissimo 50  
Alfaz del Pi (Alicante) Spain

"October 25, 1967

"For Captain Romero  
Miami

"My dear Friend:

"I received your letter of the 15th, although I think it came by chance, because the address you used is not complete. To avoid future problems, I am enclosing an envelope showing the proper address. Losing mail could alter our plans, and that should not be.

"I wrote to [RODRIGUEZ's father], and I think it odd that I received no answer; if you know him, or meet him, please ask him to send me a note, for my peace of mind. I wrote him at the address which [Manolito] gave me, [P.O. Box 12057]. I suppose my letter was not lost. Now I want to know about the motion they sent to the Judge.

"I received no reply from [Bilbao], either. I sent news to his old home on Miami Beach, as he suggested to me. Tell him to write and give me his new address.

"I also want you to telephone the [Mrs. Harold] wife of [Campbell], Mrs. Florence, 757-75.64; she lives at 250 N.W. 43 St. I think that if our friend is not home yet, he should be arriving soon. What I want is to have news that everybody is in good health.

"I am attaching a list of books which my nephew needs. He is studying advanced math; these are books which are not published in [Spain]. The bookshop will ship them directly to him; they know more about mailing such things. I think they should cost about \$30.00. If you don't have enough money to pay for them, see if [Bilbao] can spare the money.

"There has been no answer from New York yet. This doctor, like almost all doctors, was born tired, and you have to keep after him to remind him, which people of our character don't like to do. We like to count on ourselves, first, and above all. If you think it would be useful, tell me only if your present plan is workable or not, or if

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"you need my help or advice in any sense. Possibly it would be better to wait until we are nearer, but finally, you are the one who has to decide about your own movements. Don't forget that the future belongs to us. Don't lose it by acting too hastily.

"I think that during the first two weeks in December, I will be ready to start my return trip to South or Central America; you will know in time. I am resolving all my problems. My steps are firm.

"Don't hesitate in consulting me about your doubts.  
Regards, and an abrazo

"/s/ [GARCIA.] (S)

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ITEM 3:

"V. B. GARCIA  
Generalissimo 50  
Alfaz del Pi (Alicante)

(S)

"December 20, 1967

"For E. Romero  
Miami

"My dear Friend:

"I have been waiting in vain for an answer to my letter of October 25th. I even thought it might have been lost, but since it was not returned to me, I have finally decided that you are being a little lazy about writing.

"We are approaching the season when everybody in the world wants to receive news from any place. I send you my regards, and I hope that you are keeping your spirits up and are ready for anything, as a fighting man should be.

"I was disagreeably surprised to have a letter returned which I wrote to [Hector] about 3 months ago. I am sending it to you, in case you have a chance to locate him and give it to him.

"Also, in my previous letter, I asked you to get some technical books for a relative of mine. I don't know whether or not it is convenient for you to spend the 28 or 30 dollars we think they will cost, and have the bookshop send them directly to my nephew. Until we hear from you, I don't know what to tell the student. I am interested in helping him; he is a genius, and we must help as much as we can; he has been offered a scholarship in Canada, and he needs these books to help in his studies of nuclear physics. People like you and me are the kind who should help enthusiastic, pure young men. If you need anything, don't hesitate to call on me.

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"I am running into some difficulty about traveling again, but I am sure I can handle it. During the second part of January, I am sure I will have news for you. I already have the map in my hand.

"Tell me how you are getting along, and if you are becoming more patient.

"I hope you have the best possible holiday season, although I can understand that your "Cuban sorrow" will not permit you to be really happy. However, we men have imagination to be used when needed; and we have to make up in dreams what we lack in reality.

"WRITE ME IMMEDIATELY: don't let the thread be broken. Tell me about [Campbell] (S) is he there, or about [Rodriguez] (S) if you know anything. Regards to [Dona Nila] (S) and to you, the greatest affection, with an abrazo from your good friend

"/s/ [Garcia.] (S)

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ITEM 4:

"V. B. Garcia  
Generalísimo 50  
Alfaz del Pi (Alicante)

(S)

"January 27, 1968

"For Epifanio Romero  
1050 N.W. 1st St., Apt. 3  
Miami, Florida

"My dear Captain and friend:

"I have received your letter of the 17th, which I am answering.

"Actually, in the month of January, many important men were born, men mentioned in history, and men still talked about, as for example, Marti, you and me. Two things distinguish people born under the sign of Capricorn: tenacity and loyalty, and with such qualities, one never knows where he may reach.

"I also received your New Year's card. You said you were going to send the books for my nephew. I wish you would tell me if you already ordered them at the bookstore or not, and if you need any money. It is hard to find "green" here, but I could scrape up 25 or 30, if it is necessary. I am also writing [Hector] today, asking him to give you a hand in this matter, if you need it.

"I wish you would tell me what happened with [RODRIGUEZ]; he shouldn't delay in resolving his situation. I received no answer from his father, when I wrote. Don't forget that if the team is formed, which is almost certain, our goals will make the crowds yell!.....

"Because you are a Cuban, audacious and romantic, nobody can hold you back, and you will have to face your future, even though it hurts those SOBs. Those 90 days (and 90 nights) should always be present in your heart, to keep it hard. But I don't have to remind you of anything, because men like us usually speak only once.

"Don't be discouraged by anything; if it is necessary, work, carramba, there will come a day when you have land enough to bury an army (with just one cross per caballeria).

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"Write me again whenever you like; my affairs are delayed a bit because of the papers, but the time is coming, regardless.

"So long, an abrazo from your true friend,

"/s/[Garcia"] (S)

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It is noted Items 2, 3 and 4, above, were accompanied by three envelopes containing Spanish postage and postmarked [Spain.] (S) These envelopes were addressed to "EPIFANIO ROMERO-DELGADO, 1050 N.W. First Street, Apartment 3, Miami, Florida, USA," and contained the return address of [V. B. GARCIA, Generalisimo 50, Alfaz del Pi (Alicante), Spain.] (S)

ITEM 5:

One-half sheet of paper containing the following typewritten note, as translated:

"NOTE FOR THE BOOKSTORE

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title of Books</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
W. B. Thompson	AN INTRODUCTION TO PLASMA PHYSICS	Pergamon Press
Beno Gutemberg	INTERNAL CONSTITUTION OF THE EARTH	Dover
Edouard Goursat	A COURSE IN MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS (3 volumes)	Dover

"Send to:

Jaime Barcelo  
Av. Perez Galdos, 116 ap 26. (S)  
Valencia - 8 -

[Spain.] (S)

It is noted this item was included in the envelope with Item 2, above.

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ITEM 17:

Statement from El Cromo Jewelry, Inc., 1124 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, to EPIFANIO ROMERO, 1050 Northwest First Street. This statement was dated February 7, 1968, and showed ROMERO had a balance outstanding of \$2.46.

Concerning Item 2 above, it is noted the Polk's 1968 City Directory for Miami, Florida, shows telephone number 757-7564 is listed to JAMES PETERS, retired, 238 Northwest 43rd Street, Miami. Occupant of 250 Northwest 43rd Street, Miami, which address has no telephone, is shown as HAROLD CAMPBELL, seaman, wife FLORENCE.

TRAVEL TO NEW YORK

On March 9, 1968, Agent STEPHEN CSUKAS, U. S. Customs, Miami, advised that EPIFANIO ROMERO DELGADO and ADOLFO BORGES GALINDO, in whose apartment ROMERO is residing, met with Agents HERBERT FEINSTEIN and CSUKAS of U. S. Customs on March 8, 1968. The meeting was arranged with Customs Agents at the request of ROMERO and the meeting concerned ROMERO's efforts to travel by boat to Cuba. ROMERO reportedly requested U. S. Customs' permission to travel to Cuba to rescue a friend, JOSE LUIS FORNELL, who is reportedly hiding in Havana. CSUKAS stated ROMERO's request was denied. CSUKAS also stated he felt ROMERO's true purpose in this proposed travel to Cuba may concern efforts to bring back the narcotic cocaine for sale in the United States. CSUKAS said the subject made no mention at this time of his plan to travel to New York on the following date.

(J.A.)  
(X) On March 9, 1968, MM T-3 advised the subject planned to travel to New York on that date, using a ticket issued in the name of JOSE A. GALINDO. The source stated the subject would meet in New York with one JULIAN (last name unknown) and although the exact purpose of his trip to New York was unknown, it was believed to relate to the subject's Cuban intelligence activities. The source (S) (u)

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advised the subject received a second money order from JULIAN in New York on February 26, 1968, and may have received additional money, approximately \$1,000 having been observed in subject's possession on March 9, 1968. (S)(u)

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LEZCANO is married but has no children, is a painter by occupation, and is described as white male, 33 years old, 6' tall, 190 pounds, brown hair. LEZCANO is not aware of ROMERO's contacts with Cuban Government officials. (S)(u)

The morning following his arrival in New York, ROMERO went by taxi to the corner of 116th Street and North River Drive, where he followed instructions previously given him by the individual who called from New York. He had been instructed to stand next to a bust of a female at this location, which ROMERO believed to be a bust honoring motherhood. He wore a coat, white shirt with no tie, and carried an unlit cigar, as instructed. He was approached by a white male Cuban, 29 to 30 years old, 5'6" tall, about 135 pounds, brown hair and dark brown eyes. This individual called ROMERO by name and instructed that ROMERO accompany him. They entered a taxi and thereafter, changed taxis on at least two occasions. They entered a movie theater, name and address unknown to ROMERO, where they remained approximately 20 minutes, and thereafter left and entered another taxi. After about one and one-half hours of this type of activity, they finally entered a large hotel, name and location unknown to ROMERO, where his companion approached the desk and rented a room. His companion spoke excellent English and all of the instructions to the taxi drivers and desk clerk were in English. (S)(u)

After they were secure in the hotel room, this individual identified himself as JULIAN GONZALEZ or HERNANDEZ, ROMERO not being certain of the last name. He produced an identification card approximately 2 x 3½ inches, which had a black border. This card contained his photograph and the Spanish words, "Departamento de Seguridad del Estado" (Department of State Security). The man advised ROMERO that he was an agent of the Cuban Government and he was aware that ROMERO was formerly a member of the Cuban revolution. He thereafter spoke in glowing terms of the glorious Cuban revolution. He spoke of ROMERO's recent jail tenure and told him the only offense of which he was guilty was that of trying to return to his fatherland, stating the Cuban Government (S)(u)

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was not an agent of the United States Government. The official then produced an identification card which identified him as JESUS JIMENEZ, First Secretary of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations. The identification card was printed in English. (S) (u)

During the ensuing conversation, the official asked if ROMERO was still in favor of the Cuban revolution and still wanted to work for the Cuban Government. ROMERO replied in the affirmative and stated he would gladly cooperate with them. He was again asked the same questions concerning his previous employment by a U. S. Government agency and other individuals so employed. ROMERO claimed he did not furnish any information of value to the Cuban official. (S) (u)

During the above conversation, the Cuban official told ROMERO he would have to make a trip to Cuba, to which he agreed, and the Cuban official stated when he arrived in Cuba, he would talk with RAMIRO VALDES, Cuban Minister of the Interior and chief of Cuban G-2. (S) ROMERO was instructed to advise the Cuban official when and where he would arrive in Cuba when he learned these details in order that the Cuban Coast Guard could be alerted and he would be permitted to enter. The Cuban official also instructed ROMERO upon his arrival in Havana to call telephone number 35-861 and ask for JAIME RODRIGUEZ. (S) (u) N.Y.

ROMERO on this occasion asked the Cuban official for money and was told that it would be sent to him. (S) (u)

ROMERO denied that he was given any instructions to contact MM T-1 or any other U. S. Government agency to obtain intelligence information for Cuban G-2, or any other type of specific instruction. He stated he was given no code training and was only told it would be necessary for him to make a trip to Cuba. (S) (u)

Following the above conversation, ROMERO departed the hotel alone and traveled by subway to LEZCANO's apartment, where he remained overnight. He thereafter departed (S) (u)

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"The first trip to New York was during the first days of December, 1967, by airplane. By means of a signal given me by MONTES DE OCA, I met with a Cuban who identified himself as [JULIAN HERNANDEZ or GONZALEZ] (s) member of the Department of State Security of Cuba. He asked me to cooperate and work for the Intelligence Service of Cuba. I told him I would (s)

"My next trip was by airplane to New York on March 9, 1968. During this trip, on March 10, 1968, I met with the same individual and he showed me an identification card which identified him as [JESUS JIMENEZ, First Secretary of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations.] (s) He instructed me to make plans for a clandestine boat trip to Cuba, where I would see [RAMIRO VALDEZ, chief of Cuban G-2.] (s)

"I received money by money order from New York, as follows: 1) \$200 on about the first of December, 1967; 2) \$300 on February 28, 1968; and 3) \$200 by Western Union in March, 1968.

"I have never initiated contact with the Government of Cuba and prior to November, 1967, I had not been contacted by this government or its representatives. (s) (u)

"I have read this statement of this and two more pages and it is correct.

"/s/ Epifanio Romero

"Witnesses: Samuel W. Jones, SA, F.B.I., 4-4-68  
Miami, Fla.  
Joseph C. Ball, FBI, Miami, Florida,  
4/4/68"

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In connection with the above reference to an individual named JESUS JIMENEZ (S) it is noted that as of April 1, 1968, JESUS JIMENEZ ESCOBAR, 401 East 88th Street, Apartment 8D, New York City, was First Secretary of the CMON in New York (S) C 62

\*On April 15, 1968, MM T-3 advised that during the previous week, EPIFANIO ROMERO apparently received a large sum of money from his Cuban Government contact in New York City inasmuch as he paid RAMON DONESTEVEZ, boat builder in Hialeah, Florida, the sum of \$3,900 to build a boat capable of transporting him to Cuba. The boat is a white "Piranha" 23-foot inboard motor launch, equipped with an auxiliary gas tank. The boat is scheduled to be completed on April 17, 1968 (u)

According to the informant, ROMERO has obtained the services of a captain and a navigator, both Cubans, whose identities are unknown to the source, and plans to travel to Cuba with them and ADOLFO BORGES. The subject has a letter for personal delivery to RAMIRO VALDES from RAMON DONESTEVEZ (S) who is aware of the purpose of the subject's trip. (S)

The informant stated that in preparation for the trip, the subject received three long distance calls from "JULIAN" in New York on Thursday, April 11, 1968, and three additional calls from him on Saturday, April 13, 1968. The informant was not aware of the substance of their conversations. (S) (u)

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