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SUBJECT: NORMAN ROTHMAN
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Re report of SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL, 11/18/58, at Dallas, and Dallas letter to Bureau, 11/18/58, reflecting administrative data concerning that report. Referenced report and letter are enclosed herewith.

Inasmuch as consideration is being given by the Dallas Office to interviewing subject, data concerning him is submitted as follows:

1. Subject resides at 10715 Coogan Drive, Dallas, Texas. He is a citizen of the United States, having been born on January 2, 1927 at Bronx, New York. Subject is employed by Bermuda Pools, Inc., 2609 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas. This firm was incorporated in Texas on April 9, 1958, with NORMAN ROTHMAN being Vice President. That firm is engaged in the selling and installation of swimming pools and in handling maintenance work concerning swimming pools.

Information also has been received reflecting that subject's wife, as of September, 1958, commented that subject was traveling some and had made a trip to Los Angeles, Calif.; that he was engaged in public relations work. The Los Angeles Office verified that subject, accompanied by two businessmen from Dallas (JAMES C. HADSELL and GEORGE AARON) was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, from September 3-10, 1958. These three individuals made numerous telephone calls to various Los Angeles firms, including City of Hope, 208 W. 8th Street, Los Angeles, for which agency subject was employed prior to 1957 as southwest public relations director in Dallas. (No derogatory data is known to the Los Angeles and Dallas Offices concerning HADSELL and AARON.)

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Subject wrote a letter dated 1/13/58 on stationery captioned, "Southwest Associates - Public Relations, Publicity, Promotion, Merchandising, Consultants", to the United States Department of State, Washington, D. C. Subject signed this letter as president of that firm. ROTHMAN advised his company was investigating the possibility of representing as public relations consultants, on a year-round basis, "certain Indies, Central and South American countries". ROTHMAN indicated he understood certain steps were necessary in order to clear with the U. S. Government and requested necessary forms and information.

Investigation revealed that subject had ceased operating his firm, Southwest Associates, 1708 Patterson, Dallas, as of April, 1958, after which he was connected with the firm Bermuda Pools, Inc.

- II. Subject is married to GLORIA KING ROTHMAN, a housewife. She and subject reside at 10715 Coogan Drive, Dallas.
- III. Subject, on 1/21/58, [telephonically] contacted [MANUEL DE MOYA, Dominican Republic Ambassador, Washington, D. C.] ROTHMAN asked if any decisions had been made concerning his working for the Dominican Government "on a year-round basis". [DE MOYA told him] he would advise him when [his government] had made a decision. ROTHMAN indicated he might go to the Dominican Republic to see Generalissimo TRUJILLO about the matter.

The above information was made available by [WF 984-S*] That source further advised subject also indicated [DE MOYA that] one Mr. POUJIBET [phonetic] had previously spoken [to DE MOYA] about subject's working for the Dominican Republic on a year-round basis. That source further stated that Col. ENRIQUE POUJIBET [phonetic] was believed to be a Dominican Republic official visiting in New York City on 1/13/58, and was believed [with Ambassador DE MOYA] in Washington, D. C., on 1/15/58. [WF 984-S*] furnished information that POUJIBET [phonetic], used Plaza 9-5500 New York City, and was on 1/13/58 in [telephonic] contact with [the Dominican Embassy, Washington, D. C.]

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they would "sell out" any associate or country to achieve their mercenary aims.

(S) In 1949, information was made known to this Bureau that an invasion and overthrow of the Dominican Republic government was to be commanded by Col. JULIO LOPEZ (MASSAGOZA); that ALFREDO MIRANDA was in 1949 acting as a front in the purchase of planes and equipment for the LOPEZ (MASSAGOZA) group. On 8/14/58, information was received by this Bureau from an informant concerning a plot being formulated to overthrow Haitian government. ALFRED MIRANDA, who operates out of Mexico City, was supposed to have agreed to deliver firearms to the revolutionary forces in Haiti as soon as \$250,000 was raised.

A mail cover, in May, 1958, revealed subject NORMAN ROTHMAN in Dallas received correspondence from ENRIQUE E. PUGIBET, 505 Main Street, Dallas (address of county jail). ROTHMAN in Dallas also, during January, 1958, was in telephonic contact with a person in New York City believed identical with ENRIQUE PUGIBET on a few occasions.

Records of the Dallas County SO reflect ENRIQUE ERNESTO PUGIBET was arrested in New York City and returned to Dallas, Texas, on February 7, 1958, for PWC and to be held for immigration authorities. PUGIBET was given a sentence of two years on the check charge at Dallas and was, on May 28, 1958, deported by I&NS. PUGIBET, according to I&NS, was born in Paris, France, is a Mexican citizen, and resides in the Dominican Republic.

Dallas County SO fingerprint records list PUGIBET has a friend named NORMAN ROTHMAN, 10715 Coogan Drive, Dallas. PUGIBET's occupation was listed as cattleman for International Livestock Exports, Dominican Republic. SO records reflect no indication of contacts between PUGIBET and ROTHMAN.

It is to be noted that an unidentified person using NORMAN ROTHMAN's business telephone number (at 2609 Cedar

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Springs Road, Dallas), on 3/5/58, made a telephone call to Kim's Children's Wear, 124 Plymouth Park Shopping Center, Irving, Texas. That store was visited from 5:12 P. M., until 6:09 P. M., on the previous day, 3/4/58, by (RAFAEL MEDAN, Assistant Director of Press Relations, [S] Israeli Delegation to United Nations, New York, New York.) The significance of this information as pertains to ROTHMAN is not known.

- IV. None, except as shown under III.
- V. None known.
- VI. Unknown.
- VII. None known.
- VIII. It is believed that an interview with subject would reveal his present sympathies. If found to be cooperative, it is expected he would explain the nature of his association with Dominican representatives and possibly would reveal whether or not he has any affiliation with any foreign country, which activity could possibly be a violation of the registration act.
- IX. If authority is granted for an interview with subject, it is contemplated inquiry will be made of subject concerning the identity of PUGIBET, who listed on Dallas County SO fingerprint records that subject was his friend. If in the interview subject is found uncooperative, the interview will be terminated. If subject appears willing to answer questions and indicates some cooperation, subject, after being advised of his constitutional rights that he does not have to make any statement, that any statement could be used against him, and that he could have an attorney, will be allowed to volunteer any information he desires to give concerning his affiliations and connections with any foreign country.

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject, in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects.

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Care will be exercised to protect the original source in this matter. No direct questions will be asked during the interview which will disclose the identity of (the official or the establishment) contacted, (the method used in the contact) or the fact that we are aware of the contact. No affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview (to direct his activities). If subject is cooperative, a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau, setting forth results of the interview (and requesting further contact) with subject (as a PSI or double Agent) (S) (CS) (CS)

ADDENDUM-Bureau files contain no additional pertinent information other than information already in possession of your office.

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