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TITLE OF CASE CHANGED: RICARDO MADAN RIVAS		Report made by THOMAS H. ERRION	Typed By: THE: bna

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The title is changed to add the second family name RIVAS to subject's name and surname making complete family name read RICARDO MADAN RIVAS, as furnished by him in voluntary contact with Miami Office.

- REFERENCES:**
- Bureau letter to Miami dated 11/10/59 captioned "Report of Cuban Intelligence Agents in the United States; Internal Security - Cuba" (S)(U)
 - Bureau airtel 1/22/60, captioned "RICARDO MADAN; IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA".
 - Miami letter to Bureau 2/4/60, entitled "Cuban Political Activities; IS - CUBA".
 - Miami letter to Bureau 2/8/60, entitled "FNU SALVAT; RA - CUBA".
 - Miami report of SA MAURICE F. FARABEE, 2/9/60, entitled "Cuban Intelligence Activities in the United States." (S)(U)

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PRIO through RICARDO MADAN, who, at that time, was in the airline express business in Miami. MADAN took VAZQUEZ to see PRIO. VAZQUEZ transported guns from Key West by way of a plane which he flew for "Q" Airlines from Key West to Camp Columbia in Cuba, and the weapons were taken to his home, and men employed by MADAN picked up the material for delivery to the PRIO organization. At that time AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO was in charge of the PRIO group in Cuba. The storage of the guns in the Key West area was arranged for by one CARLOS MEDINA, a mechanic at "Q" Airways in Key West who also helped load the plane.

On June 30, 1958, MARIA SOLIDAD VAZQUEZ, wife of DANIEL VAZQUEZ, above mentioned, furnished to Agent DAVIS a list of Cuban exiles who were in Mexico as of 1953, and one of those so listed was RICARDO MADAN.

Mrs. VAZQUEZ also furnished a list which was given to her by PRIO in 1953 which contained the names of people on whom PRIO felt he could rely. The name RICARDO MADAN appeared on this list.

Again it should be noted that current instructions are that information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. VAZQUEZ is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau without prior Bureau authority.

As set forth in Miami letter to the Bureau dated February 25, 1960, MADAN has been in periodic, regular contact with the Miami Office on a voluntary basis, and has furnished information which, where subject to verification, was found to be correct.

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MADAN has admitted being a member of the Authentic Organization of ex-Cuban President CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, and has admitted pleading nolle contendere to the charge of illegally exporting arms without a license in New York City in late 1954, and subsequently paying a fine of \$2,500.00. He claims that at the time that the entering of the nolle contendere plea was discussed with him by his attorney he did not fully understand the entire process until it was too late to do anything about it, so kept quiet and paid the fine.

MADAN admits participation in the attacks on the presidential palace in Havana, Cuba, in March, 1957, and subsequent imprisonment in Cuba for his part in said attacks.

MADAN said that he has never been an agent of the CASTRO Government or the BATISTA Government, and has not been involved in any activity on behalf of either. He stated that he has had no part in any activity which could be termed political or revolutionary subsequent to the fall of the BATISTA Government January, 1959. He voluntarily advised that he had been approached by agents of the Cuban Government during the Spring and Summer of 1959, to work for them and stated that he emphatically refused, pointing out to them that he has ceased all activity of a political nature and is devoting himself to his business interests. He stated that he is known to be anti-BATISTA, and that he has never been known to be pro-CASTRO, that all activities he engaged in in Cuba were on behalf of CARLOS PRIO, whom he stated at this time is not active in any way.

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MADAN is on friendly terms with CARLOS BERTOT, the current Commercial Attache of the Cuban Consulate in Miami, and in January, 1960, furnished for examination a letter listing the personnel of the Cuban Consulate in Miami with BERTOT's comments concerning same to the Miami Office for examination. This letter was given to MADAN by BERTOT for delivery to the then incoming new Cuban Consul General for Miami named A. LEON BLANCO. BLANCO, at that time, was Consul at West Palm Beach, Florida, and BLANCO is married to MADAN's half sister. MADAN has also informed of a possible fifth column type infiltration of the Nicaraguan Government by CASTRO agents which has been reported to the Bureau by previous communication in a form suitable for dissemination. (S)(u)

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In view of the above and the fact that no specific information has been disclosed by investigation which reflects that MADAN is acting as an agent on behalf of the Cuban Government, instant matter is being closed.

A 134 file has already been opened on MADAN, and he is being considered for development by the Miami Office as a PSI.

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MM T-1 is [CIA letter dated 10/29/59, forwarded by Bureau letter 11/10/59, captioned "Report of Cuban Intelligence Agents in the United States; IS - CUBA".] (S)(u)

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MM T-2 is former
MM CS-492-S,
MARIANO FAGET,
75 S. W. 32nd Court
Road, former Chief
of BRAC (Bureau for
Repression of Communist
Activities) in BATISTA
Government, currently
under development as
PSI, Miami.

9/24/56

2-165-1730-6

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2-165-1730-51

2/16/60

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MM T-3 is EDUARDO
HERNANDEZ, former
Cuban Consul General,
Miami, under BATISTA.

2-165-1928-66

MM T-4 is Captain
B. PERDOMO, former
Chief of investigations
who furnished the
information to the
Legat, Havana,
on 5/9/57.

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MM T-5 is (INS, Miami - their report dated 10/11/57, in their case entitled "CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS".) (S)(C)

2-165-2493-7.

MM T-6 is FRANK PEREZ PEREZ, former Cuban politician, currently residing 1424 N. W 13th Terrace, Miami, who admittedly was agent for Cuban investigative agency - Logistica - in early 1959.

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109-47-15.

1/27/60

Instant report, Page 12.

MM T-7 is MM 635-S, 1/13/60

134-211-Sub A-162.

MM T-8 is ROY KATON, owner of Tamiami Gun Shop, Miami, PCI of the Miami Office, who was contacted by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY and who is acquainted with numerous individuals buying and selling firearms legally and illegally over the past few years in the Miami area.

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MM T-9 is MM 658-C,
contacted by SA
WILLIAM F. HEIST,
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MM T-4 said that on December 27, 1956, it was reported that SANCHEZ was working with RICARDO MADAN, and they were responsible for shipping a large quantity of arms into Cuba by use of the Air Express Service.

MM T-4 said that on April 27, 1957, a report was received that SANCHEZ and MADAN had been sentenced to death by certain elements of the "PRIO cause", who accused them of not having distributed all of the ammunition for the attack on the Presidential Palace in Havana on March 13, 1957. MM T-4 said that this report of April 27, 1957, indicated that SANCHEZ had accused MADAN of being the only one responsible for the failure of the attack on the Palace.

On October 11, 1957, MM T-5, another government agency which conducts personnel or intelligence investigations, stated that RICARDO MADAN RIVAS, presently a resident of Miami Springs, Florida (as of October 11, 1957), had admitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service Agents in Miami that he had been active in revolutionary activities, but he denied that he had purchased or furnished any tickets to Cubans who went to the Dominican Republic for military training. (S)(C)

On April 6, 1959, MM T-6 advised that RICARDO MADAN, who lives on Lenape Street in Miami Springs, Florida, has an office at the Eagle Shipping Company, 3212 Northwest North River Drive, Miami, reportedly was appointed as an investigator by SERGIO SANJENIS, the then Head of the Cuban investigative agency known as DIER (Department of Investigations of the Revolutionary Army). MM T-6 said that others who were appointed were ALBERTO LOPEZ LOPEZ, TONY FARINAS, JOE PAULA, and CARLOS MARTINEZ.

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MM T-2 advised that he knows MADAN personally and does not like him, but believes that during the period of the mid-1950's MADAN was working for money.

MM T-2 stated that he would describe MADAN as an exporter of arms and textiles in 1957.

MM T-2 said that in 1957 the largest cache of dynamite seized during that general period by the Cuban Government was reportedly MADAN's own, at least he was held to be responsible for its being in Cuba.

MM T-2 stated that MADAN now gets marble from Cuba and Mexico, and that MM T-2 has heard that MADAN has purchased machinery for making terrazzo flooring from Italy, and that he still owes money for such machinery.

On February 18, 1960, the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that MADAN's number is A10-178-023. Their records reflect that his passport number was 03987, issued by the Republic of Cuba on March 12, 1953, and that it had an expiration date of March 11, 1958. His date and place of birth were listed as Havana, Cuba, December 25, 1912, and his address, at that time, was 4th Avenue between 48th and 50th Streets, Miramar, Havana, and his United States address was 1225 Southwest 22nd Terrace. His places of residence were listed as from birth to 1953, Havana, Cuba, and from 1953 to 1955, the time of the filing of the application for temporary stay in the United States, as in Miami most of the time. Reports from the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Cuba and from the municipal jail in Havana, both dated December 29, 1954, reflect that there was no record which would reflect on the character or the morality of MADAN as of those dates. A check of the Miami Police Department record of January 11, 1955, showed no record of MADAN, according to information contained in the above mentioned Immigration and Naturalization Service file.

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MADAN listed a brother, RAFAEL MADAN RIVAS, and a friend, ESPERANZA V. ~~ROMERO~~, address in 1954 6648 Southwest 65th Street, Miami. In 1954, in his application to extend his stay in the United States, which was dated December 20, 1954, he stated that he had entered the United States by Air France Airlines on October 23, 1954, as a visitor. He claimed to be a political exile and stated that to return to Cuba would mean his execution. He submitted a copy of an indictment in case number C-144-174 which reflected that in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in the case entitled, "United States of America versus CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL", in which the name RICARDO MADAN was also listed, that the defendants were charged with the statement that on or about March 10, 1952, and continuously thereafter, they did combine, conspire, etc., to commit offenses against the United States, to-wit: violations of Title 22, United States Code, Section 452(D) and 452(i) Proclamation 2776 dated March 26, 1948, and Proclamation 3038 dated November 18, 1953, and as part of the conspiracy they purchased and caused to be purchased rifles, shells, vessels, etc., and that, too, they did export and attempt to export from the United States to another state, to-wit: Cuba, the above mentioned items without a license and without an advice to the Secretary of State. The indictment also charged them with the violation of the Conspiracy Statute, Title 18, Section 371, United States Code.

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Filed with a copy of the above indictment was a petition to reconsider the application of MADAN for temporary stay in the United States, which listed his attorney as W. EMORY ~~DAUGHERTY~~, JR. This petition asks that the application for extension to extend temporary stay be reconsidered on the basis that MADAN

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was a bona fide political refugee, was unable to return to Cuba, and that although he had pleaded nolle contendere to the above indictment charging him with conspiracy to purchase and export arms and ammunition and implements of war without having obtained a license, there was no moral turpitude involved, and fourth, at the time he was attempting to get a Presidential pardon because of the above plea. A relative of MADAN's was listed as one MAX LICKI who lived at 158 San Rafael Street in Havana. *CUBA*
A description of MADAN, from interview, observation and records, is as follows:

Name	RICARDO MADAN RIVAS
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	Cuban
Citizenship	Cuban
Age	46
Born	<u>December 25, 1912,</u> Havana, Cuba
Height	5'10"
Weight	170
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, wavy
Eyes	Brown, dark
Complexion	Medium tanned
Scars & marks	Slash scar left forearm, approximately 1"; mustache
Address	224 Lenape Drive, Miami Springs, Florida
Phone number	TU7-5145
Business	Marble Fabricating Plant, 7100 N. W. 69th Avenue, Miami (TU7-9966)

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MADAN

Wife SUSANA LICHY de MADAN

Children ~~MADAN~~ RAFAEL 11, RICARDO 10, ROGELIO 3

Father ~~MADAN~~ ANDRE MADAN (dead) ~~MADAN~~ B. APPROX 1949

Mother ~~MADAN~~ DULCE MARIA RIVAS (dead) No LOC

Brothers JORGE MADAN (Cuba)

Sisters NORA, NORMA and CONCHA (Cuba)

Uncle AGUSTIN MADAN, Medical Doctor, Havana CUBA

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Military Service None

Alien Registration No. A 10178023

Entered U.S. April 13, 1955, as immigrant

Previous businesses Plumbing business at 155 Calle 23, Havana, Cuba. Import - Export business 305 Compostela., Havana Cuba.

Education High School, Havana, Cuba

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