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## Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (163-17380)

DATE: 2/17/67

FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (163-351) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

PEDRO JOSE TORRES VELASQUEZ  
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Re Bulet, 1/20/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM, dated as above, and captioned "PEDRO JOSE TORRES VELASQUEZ". Also enclosed for the Bureau are 22 documents provided by TORRES, bearing the numbers 1 through 22, and a typed statement prepared and signed by TORRES. These items are for transmittal to the Italian government.

Warning and Waiver Forms concerning the interviews of SAM BENTON and the first interview of TORRES are filed in Miami file 87-23127, and the form for the second interview with TORRES is filed in Miami file 71-420.

The Bureau should note that TORRES and BENTON are the subjects of a number of Miami files in swindle type cases, the details of which would not be pertinent to the investigation requested by the Italian government.

SAM BENTON was interviewed by SA RONALD TODD and SA ROBERT L. WILSON. The first interview of TORRES was conducted by SA TODD and WILSON and the second interview by SA JOHN P. LENIHAN and SA WILSON.

Permission for dissemination of INS material was granted by INS Investigations Supervisor WALTER O'KON.

The INS file of TORRES was reviewed by SA JOHN E. BYRNES.

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20 Rome  
1001 3cc LHM & 22 enc furnished by Jones  
+ 1 typed statement  
prepared by Torres  
H. J. Jones

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to be originals, because: First the Italian Government will never let them to be exported, and second all Europe would of being fighting to obtain them for their musseums. From this statement I amd under the impression that all this paintings are false & imitations, and Mr. Ranchella and Mr. Lorenzi were only out to take the money from the letter of credit and that was it. Thanks God that the letter of credit was not funded, because if at this moments we are having troubles to have Ranchella return the letters of credit, that do not belong to him, suppose how difficult will be to have those bandits return the cash.- Also attached as attached #22 several letters, cables, etc. that will hel to coraborate what I have said.

"/s/ Pedro Rivera Torres

"Witnessed: "/s/ Robert L. Wilson, Special Agent  
FBI, Miami, 2/16/67

"/s/ John P. Lenihan Special Agent  
FBI Miami, Fla. 2/16/67"

The following is the identification record  
of Sam~~X~~ Benton, as obtained from the FBI Identification  
Division under FBI No. 3967754:

| Contributor of<br>Fingerprints                    | Name &<br>Number                 | Arrested or<br>Received | Charge                     | Disposition  |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Canal Zone Police<br>Balboa Heights<br>Canal Zone | Samuel<br><del>X</del> Finkelman | 6-25-39                 | vio Immg Reg<br>(stowaway) | 7-10-39<br>placed on SS<br>Talamanca<br>for Havana<br>Cuba |

Army

Samuel~~X~~ Fink 6/20/42  
#31117079

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| Contributor of Fingerprints   | Name & Number                  | Arrested or Received       | Charge | Disposition |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-------------|
| USINS-AR                      | Samuel Finkleelman<br>#3875433 | 10-2-44                    |        |             |
| DCGO<br>1st ND<br>Boston Mass | Samuel Fink<br>#01-6-39482     | appl<br>prt rec<br>3-2-45  |        |             |
| PD<br>Ft Lauderdale<br>Fla    | Samuel Fink<br>Benton          | appl<br>prt rec<br>5-22-47 |        |             |
| USINS-AR                      | Szmul Finkleelman<br>#3875433  | 3-31-44                    |        |             |

On February 3, 1967, an examination was made of the files of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at Miami, Florida, concerning their file number A11241356 on Pedro Jose Torres Velasquez. This file disclosed the following information:

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Name                               | Pedro Jose Torres Velasquez                            |
| Dates of Birth                     | July 22, 1924<br>July 22, 1923                         |
| Place of Birth                     | Higuerote, Venezuela                                   |
| Father                             | Pedro Jose Torres                                      |
| Mother                             | Victoria Velasquez                                     |
| Height                             | 5'10"  |
| Eyes                               | Dark   |
| Hair                               | Black  |
| Address since<br>December 23, 1966 | Apartment 6D<br>Brickell Town House<br>Miami, Florida. |

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RE: PEDRO JOSE TORRES VELASQUEZ

Torres has formerly resided as follows:

- 4/4/58 - Casablanca Hotel  
Miami Beach, Florida
- 7/28/60 - Miami Colonial Hotel  
Miami, Florida
- 4/5/63 - Hotel San Juan  
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 5/17/63 - Hotel San Juan  
San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 7/64 - Everglades Hotel  
Miami, Florida
- 8/18/64 - 28 West San Marino Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida
- 3/65 - Room 308  
Hotel Everglades  
Miami, Florida
- 7/28/65 - 28 West San Marino Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida
- 8/16/65 - 936 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, Florida

The INS file indicated a warrant of arrest was issued for Torres September 29, 1965, warrant number 1797, for the misdemeanor of swindling the Venezuelan Loan Company of four million bolivars. The place of issuance of the warrant was not shown.

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