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Will contact EDWARD HART, 3702 Harrison Street, N.W., to obtain all memoranda and correspondence concerning subject's actions on behalf of BATISTA.

MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

- 1. Will attempt to locate another possible bank account for subject.
- Will review records of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, and ascertain toll calls for subject.
- 3. Will continue to follow and report activities of subject, including info re B-26.
- 4. Will recontact MARIANO FAGET DIAZ and GILBERT BARRERAS for additional information concerning subject and his activities in Cuban political and revolutionary matters.

ADMINISTRATIVE

An additional copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau for transmittal to the Legat, Havana, for information purposes inasmuch as subject continues to be part owner of the Tropicana Night Club, Havana.

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N. ROBERT HAMMER, Cashier, reviewed records Pan American Bank of Miami.

The original FD 302 concerning interview with ARDURA is being maintained in Miami file 52-3290.

INFORMANTS

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MM T-L is JULIO SORDO, Instant report, page 5,6.
PSI (Under Development)
contacted by SA JAMES D.
HAYES on November 13, 1959.

MM T-2 is FLOYD MINER, PCI, Instant report, page 6,7. contacted by SA ROBERT F. FETZNER on September 10, 1959.

MM T-3 is EXPEDITO FELIX Instant report, page 7. SANTIAGO, PSI (under development) contacted by SA JOHN R. BARRON on October 9, 1959.

MM T-4 is Dun and Bradstreet Instant report, page 8,9. records checked by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER on November 9, 1959.

MM T-5 is WILLIAM H. DICKSON, PCI, contacted by SA ROBERT F. FETZNER on June 4, 1959.

Instant report, page 11.

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MM T-6 is GILBERT BARRERAS, PSI (under development) contacted by SA JAMES D. HAYES January 13, 1959. Instant report, pages 11, 11A.

MM T-7 is MARIANO FAGET DIAZ, PSI (under development), contacted by SA JAMES D. HAYES on December 16, 1959. Instant report, page 11A

MM T-8 is JAMES P. DOWRICK, Instant report, page 12.
JR., 320 Hibiscus Street,
Miami Springs, Florida,
contacted by SA THOMAS H.
ERRION on 12/9/59.
(By request).

MM T-9 is HERREL BELLAMY, General Manager, L. B. Smith Aircraft Company, Miami, Florida, contacted by SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. on 12/22,23/59 (By request). Instant report, page 12.

MM T-10 is RICARDO MADAN, PSI Under Development, contacted by SA THOMAS H. ERRION on 1/13/60. Instant report, pages 12,13, 14.

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Additional sources and impormants contacted and referred to in instant report as having been unable to furnish any information concerning captioned subject are:

MM 676-PC, contacted by SA ROBERT F. FETZNER November 3, 1959.

MM 639-S, contacted by SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER, on October 19, 1959.

ABELARDO DIAZ, former PSI under development, contacted October 9, 1959, by SA WILLIAM P. KELLY.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report, and "T" symbols have been utilized only in those instances where identity must be concealed.

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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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Synopsis

Subject. Miami INS file #A11263188, born 7/28/21, Havana, Cuba, resides 7421 Beachview Drive, North Bay Village, Miami Beach, Florida, with wife, MARIA DEL CARMEN ISABEL DE LA CARIDAD VARONA Y ALMOHALLA DE ARDURA and family. Subject became permanent EDWARD HART, registered with resident 10/15/59. Department of Justice as agent of BATISTA as of 7/13/59, indicated he had been associated with subject and NORMAN ROTHMAN in his work for BATISTA, not further Subject and ROTHMAN were allegedly described. associated in purchase of Biltmore Terrace Hotel, 8701 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. advised he currently owns Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, through Alcama, Inc., and stated ROTHMAN was not employed at hotel, but served as a "glad-hander" at the hotel. ROTHMAN was allegedly a notorious gambler who had establishments in Cuba during the BATISTA regime, and was a supervisor of slot machines in Camaguey Province, Cuba. Subject advised he was part owner of Tropicana Club, Havana, Cuba, and denied he was an agent for BATISTA. He stated he was a very close friend of General ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, brother-in-law of BATISTA whom he also considered a good friend and would endeavor to take whatever action he could to assist BATISTA's legal entrance into the

good friend and would endeavor to the could to assist BATISTA's legal United States.

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ARDURA advised that he was represented by Attorney MAX LURIE, 1409 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami. Also contained in the file was a letter dated September 21, 1959, which reflected that Mrs. CARMEN VARONA DE ARDURA was a former resident at the Princess Issena Hotel, Daytona Beach, Florida.

The following is a description of the subject obtained from the files of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami:

Name ALBERTO JUAN ARDURA MOYA Sex Male Race White 38, born 7/28/21, Havana CUBA Age Residence 7421 Beachview Drive, North Bay Village, Miami Beach, Florida 5'93" Height . Weight 165 Eyes Brown Hair Brown Complexion Fair Marital status Married Wife MARIA DEL CARMEN ISABEL DE LA CARIDAD VARONA Y ALMOHALLA DE ARDURA Children Daughter - MADELINE ARDURA, born December 6, 1943, Havana, Cuba; Daughter - MARIA DEL CARMEN ARDURA VARONA, born Cuba. Father GUILLERMO ARDURA Y SUAREZ Mother Cul CONCEPCION MOYA Y PASCUAL

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On November 13, 1959, MM T-1 advised that he was a former neighbor of ARDURA in Cuba, and they





both attended the Excelsior school, Marianao, Havana, Cuba, at the same time. During ARDURA's youth he was an active athlete and played amateur baseball in Cuba. As a result of this, according to MM T-1,40 he became closely associated with ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, who was, at that time, Director of Sports in Cuba during the BATISTA regime. Subsequently, OPPM T-1#stated that ARDURA apparently became a partner of FERNANDEZ in the slot machine business in Cuba, and also that ARDURA was one of the owners of the Tropicana Night Club, Havana MMM T-145 Tated that he had not been closely associated with ARDURA since his arrival in the United States, but that he had observed him on numerous occasions at the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, of which he, ARDURA, and FERNANDEZ were reportedly the owners COMM T-1 PWas not familiar with any Cuban political or revolutionary activities in which the subject might have been engaged, but stated that he understood from source whom he believed to be in a position to know that FERNANDEZ was actively endeavoring to aid BATISTA in his return to the United States. He further believed that ARDURA, because of the close association with FERNANDEZ, would also aid BATISTA, wherever possible, to gain entry into the United States.

ARDURA was in partnership with MARTIN FOX at the Tropicana Night Club, Havana, Cuba, when BATISTA was in power. According to MM T-2 The main interest in the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, was allegedly held by ARDURA, who purchased it in a pesos exchange deal with SAM KAY, previous owner.

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On June 4, 1959, MM T-5 advised that RICHARD H. PARKER, Attorney, DuPont Plaza Building, Miami, was attorney for Alcama, Inc., doing business as Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami/Beach, Florida.

On January 13, 1960, MM T-6 advised that ARDURA was closely associated with ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, BATISTA's brother-in-law. He stated ARDURA was the reported owner of the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, but that he believed BATISTA and FERNANDEZ both had an interest in this hotel. He also advised that ARDURA attended a meeting at the home of EMILIO RIVERO, former representative in Cuba and Treasurer of the Electric Company of Cuba and brother of the former provisional president of Cuba. He stated this meeting was held around the middle of November, 1959, and was also attended by ROLANDO FISHER, Cuban currently residing in Miami Beach. He believed the purpose of this meeting was to help finance a group rendering aid to Cuban exiles in Miami and associated with General JOSE PEDRAZA, currently residing in the Dominican Republic.

MM T-6 also advised that the principal purpose of this meeting was to raise \$2,000,000.00 for the purchase of a newspaper in order to put out counter propaganda against FIDEL CASTRO and the current Cuban Government. They also discussed the possibility of obtaining a radio station in furtherance of their counter propaganda activities.

Reportedly they submitted a bid for the Miami daily Spanish language newspaper "Diario Las Americas" and were refused by HORACIO AGUIRRE, who stated he would sell the paper for \$7,000,000.00.

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MM T-6 further advised that subsequent to this meeting he had learned ARDURA, RIVERO and FISHER had decided that only financial aid would be given to Cuban exiles in Miami for necessities of life in order that they might continue to live in the manner to which they were accustomed in Cuba.

MM T-7 advised, on December 16, 1959, that he was acquainted with ARDURA in Cuba, and that ARDURA had been very closely associated with ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA in Cuba and in the United States. He advised that the only information that he possessed concerning any alleged Cuban political or counterrevolutionary activities concerning the subject was that ARDURA, FERNANDEZ and MARTIN DIAZ TAMAYO had recently had a meeting at DIAZ TAMAYO's home concerning Cuban problems. He described DIAZ TAMAYO as former military leader in Cuba, and stated he was informed that ARDURA and FERNANDEZ want DIAZ TAMAYO to head the army of the proposed Cuban counterrevolutionary movement against Cuba in the future. MM T-7 continued that he did not have any details concerning this, but that ARDURA and FERNANDEZ were opposing General JOSE E. PEDRAZA, Cuban exile currently in the Dominican Republic and reportedly leader of the Cuban counterrevolutionary army. ()

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On 5/12/60, WALLACE SHANLEY, Agent, U. S. Customs, Miami, advised his office is currently investigating ARDURA and NORMAN ROTHMAN concerning the exportation of munitions of war. SHANLEY stated ROTHMAN and ARDURA had approved the purchase of materials (flares) intended for use and used in flights over Cuban sugar cane fields. SHANLEY requested this information be kept confidential and not disseminated outside of the FBI. He continued the matter would be brought before the next Grand Jury in Miami during 6/60, after which his office would prepare a detailed report and furnishs copy to the FBI.

An additional copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau for transmittal to the Legat, Havana, for informational purposes, inasmuch as subject continues to be part owner of the Tropicana Night Club, Havana.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY:

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION:

Miami T-1 is MM 660-C

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Miami T-2 is Dun and Brad- 97-281-12 page 8,9 street records checked by IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER on 11/9/59.

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Additional sources and informants contacted concerning this matter, who were unable to furnish any additional information, are:

MARIANO FAGET DIAZ, PSI, former Director of BRAC from 11/57 to 12/31/58, contacted by SA JAMES D. HAYES on 5/12/60.

MAXIMILIANO PEREZ, 1569 Southwest First Street, Miami, Cuban Catholic priest, residing in Miami in exile, contacted by SA JAMES D. HAYES on 4/21/60.

GILBERT BARRERAS, PSI, Affiline purser and private investigator of Cuban decent, acquainted with anti-CASTRO elements in the Miami area, contacted by SA JAMES D. HAYES on 5/9/60.

RICHARD B. JAFFE, former PSI, acquainted with many anti-CASTRO individuals in the Miami area, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD on 5/3/60.

MARIO MARTINEZ, PSI, acquainted with certain phases of anti-CASTRO activities in the Miami area, contacted by SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD on 5/12/60.

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into Cuban matters.

4) Will contact Chief of Police MARTIN F. DARDIS, North Bay Village Police Department, for information concerning activities of subject.

INFORMANTS

Identity

Location of Original Information

MM T-1 is GILBERT BARRERAS, PSI, a WA purser and private investigator. MM 134-409, Sub A, Serial 6

MM T-2 is PCI Instant report, page 3 PATRICK LAYNE, Private detective, 6986 Abbott Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

MM T-3 is RICARDO MADAN Instant report, page 5 RIVAS, 224 Lenape Drive, Miami Springs, Florida, (at request).

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Report of: Date:

RICHARD B. KELLOGG

July 29, 1960

Field Office File #:

Miami 97-281

Title:

ALBERTO JUAN ARDURA MOYA

Character:

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Information developed subject only managed and did not own Biltmore Terrace Hotel, which hotel now attempting to go into bankruptcy. Subject reportedly has split with ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA over management of that hotel and subject, ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA and others associated with them reportedly not now active in anti-CASTRO activities. Subject's past activities in that regard said to have been financed by FULGENCIO BATISTA.

DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

On April 17, 1960, MM T-1, an American who travels extensively in Latin-America and has many acquaintances among Cuban exiles in the Miami area, advised that EMILIO RIVERO AGUERO, former representative in Cuba and treasurer for the Electrical Company of Cuba, and brother of former Provisional President of Cuba, ANDRES RIVERO AGUERO, had a meeting at his home during the early part of 1960 which was attended by described as a wealthy Cuban currently

residing in Miami Beach. reportedly is helping to finance a group rendering aid to Cuban exiles in Miami A

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