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RE: EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA (S)

President Kennedy was unaware of the above contribution. The second contribution was a \$1,500 contribution to United States Representative Daniel J. Flood of Pennsylvania. The latter contribution was reported by Pearson to have been made through Frank Berry, who Pearson described as a registered Nicaraguan agent.

Incidental to the above, the informant also learned that Barry had requested Sanson-Roman to get him a copy of Nicaragua's hotel laws. Barry noted that he had been contacted by one John Wayne, who wants to go to Nicaragua to study the possibility of building a hotel there. Wayne and an individual identified as Bob McGrath are to go to Nicaragua in April, 1963. According to Barry, Wayne does not intend to undertake the hotel project by himself, but will get some of his California friends, such as Bill Holden to put some money into the project. Barry is of the opinion that the mere fact that "Duke" Wayne is interested in such a hotel is worth a million dollars in publicity to Nicaragua.

The informant was unaware of the identity of John "Duke" Wayne, Bob McGrath and Bill Holden, but it is noted that one John Wayne and one William Holden are prominent in the motion picture industry in California.

The position of Daniel J. Flood was verified through the "Congressional Directory" dated January, 1962.

verified through the "Diplomatic List" dated November 11962, published by the USDS (\$\(\mu\)) (u)

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Reference is made to your airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/12/63/regarding Embassy of Nicaragua, your file 105-19678.

For your information, material contained in referenced memorandum was furnished by Bureau to Attorney General and appropriate officials of Department with statement that no inquiries into the matter would be made in absence of a specific request. You are also referred to Bulet 6/19/61 to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley enclosing copy of WFO report dated 6/14/61 and stating no further action would be taken in this case in absence of a specific request. No request from Department for further investigation by Bureau or advice as to action taken by Department has been received.

You are advised that Bureau has received word from Department that Senate Foreign Relations Committee has recently exhibited interest in Davidson. As you know, this Committee is currently conducting hearings relative to activities of agents of foreign principals. For these reasons you are instructed to remain particularly alert for pertinent information concerning subject and to furnish any received promptly to Bureau in form suitable for dissemination. At such time you should furnish your recommendations regarding additional investigation but should conduct no such investigation until instructions are received from Bureau.

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Letter to WFO Re: I. IRVING DAVIDSON 2-1423

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<u>MOTE</u>: In May, 1961, we examined books and records of Davidson at request of Department, complaint being that his Supplemental Registration Statement had not been sufficiently detailed. Results of examination were furnished Department in WFO's 151 page report dated 6/14/61.

WFO's memorandum of 2/12/63 revealed subject's concern about two checks of which Drew Pearson was aware and which subject claimed he knew about approximately a year ago (according to our special coverage on Nicaraguan Embassy) (16) In his column 2/13/63 Pearson identified checks as \$10,000 contribution to President Kennedy's 1960 campaign and \$1500 contribution to campaign fund of Representative Daniel J. Flood (D) Pennsylvania. According to Pearson, contributions were made by Nicaraguan President Luis Somoza and his brother, Anastasio, through Frank Barry, registered agent of Nicaragua.

Subject is a registered agent of Nicaragua and also of Ecuador and Israeli Military Industries. Although we have closed our investigation of Davidson and gone on record with Department, WFO should be aware of current interest in him and alerted to necessity for prompt reporting of pertinent information.

