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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Miami, Florida

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Re: DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL
(DRE) (Students Revolutionary Directorate)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On December 2, 1963, a confidential source abroad brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation a news article which appeared in the "Miami Herald," Miami, Florida, on September 22, 1963, claiming that the British Honduras border was being used for the infiltration of Communist revolutionaries into Latin America. According to this source, this article was later the basis for a report in the "Belize Billboard," which echoed the view of the opposition party in British Honduras (at that time accusing the government of having pro-Communist sympathies) and which was allegedly designed to embarrass the government. (C)

Also, according to the source, the Government of British Honduras subsequently issued a statement to the effect that the security authorities of that government were not aware of any evidence to confirm that the country was being used by Communist agents, and requested the "Miami Herald" to furnish confirmation of the allegations contained in the article appearing on September 22, 1963. The "Miami Herald" reporter who had written the article replied that his story was based on information received from the Cuban Student Directorate, which is identical with the captioned organization, located at Miami, Florida. (C) E

The "Miami Herald" article in question, written by DOM BONAFEDE, Chief Latin-American Correspondent for the

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RE: DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTEL (DRE)
(Students Revolutionary Directorate)

Reference is made to your communication dated December 2, 1963, captioned "Cuban Student Directorate, Miami," with enclosure, your number S/5063. (C)

On December 9, 1963, an intelligence officer for the DRE stated that a Vice Consul from the British Consulate in Miami, Florida, had contacted the DRE and requested any facts or evidence which would corroborate the allegation that the British Honduras border was used by Latin-American revolutionaries who receive training in Cuba. The intelligence officer stated that the DRE does not have a delegate in British Honduras but receives information from various sources which are regarded as reliable and that it was in such a manner that the information concerning the travel of revolutionaries through British Honduras to Mexico and into Cuba was received. He stated intelligence information of this nature is received from clandestine elements of the DRE who have infiltrated various segments of the Cuban Government and also from DRE members and Cuban refugees in general who arrive in the United States. He stated that other sources of intelligence material utilized by the DRE are newspapers and periodicals printed in Cuba as well as Cuban radio programs monitored in the United States. The above-mentioned intelligence officer stated that the information which appeared in the "Miami Herald" on September 22, 1963, and which referred to the use of the British Honduras border by revolutionary elements was originally set forth by the DRE in its biweekly newsletter, "The Cuban Report" on September 13, 1963. The above-mentioned individual made available a copy of "The Cuban Report" of September 13, 1963, which is written in the English language. With reference to the involvement of British Honduras, the following extract was noted: (C)

"To be able to get into Cuba, the group of men that is to be trained has to be first taken into Mexico. This is sometimes done by illegal means through the frontier with (sic) British Honduras, and others (presumably meaning other frontiers) as regular passengers, by plane or highway." (C)

The above-mentioned intelligence officer was asked whether the Government in British Honduras knew or could know that those travelers going through British Honduras into Mexico had the intention of proceeding to Cuba for training in guerrilla warfare. In reply, he stated that his information could not establish that point.

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On December 12, 1963, the editor of "The Cuban Report" advised that approximately one month previously Mr. D. H. Cooper, the British Vice Consul at Miami, had contacted him for details concerning the article which appeared in the September 22, 1963, issue of the "Miami Herald." The editor at that time advised the Vice Consul that he would check into the original sources of the information and would subsequently advise the Vice Consul of the results. The editor stated that he did subsequently call the Vice Consul and told him that the information had come through DRE personnel in Latin America. (c)

On December 12, 1963, another intelligence officer of the DRE stated that it was his responsibility to assemble much of the information which is printed in "The Cuban Report." He stated that the information is obtained principally from the underground organization of the DRE in Cuba. He stated that the information is furnished by the underground sources in Cuba generally through regular mail to DRE members in Miami using fictitious names and addresses or names and addresses of persons who would not be suspect by the Cuban Government. He displayed a typewritten report which he stated contained data identical to that received in a letter from a DRE source in Havana, Cuba, known by the code name "Rica." It was observed that the report by "Rica" was dated August 18, 1963, and, when translated into English, related as follows: (c)

"Groups of Communist youth from various Latin-American countries arrive in Cuba from Mexico for training in sabotage and guerrilla warfare. Through reports from the Porfirio Ramirez cell, which has access to the office of the Secretary of Special Affairs in the Ministry of the Cuban Armed Forces, it has been ascertained that groups of ten to twelve Latin-American youths are lodged in various houses and farms in Mexico, from which they are transported to the Islands of Cozumel. From these islands, they are taken by small boats during night time to the high seas, where they transfer to Cuban boats. I am informed that some of the boats arrive at Coloma and at Puerto de la Fe, but have not confirmed on the latter port. Our informant reports that the Cuban Government is obtaining in this manner replacement parts and medicines, and that this contraband is brought to Cuba from the Isla de las Mujeres. It is not known if this is the way used for travel of the agitators. (c)

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"The entrance into Mexico is made in various ways. Some arrive by the airport with tourist visa. Others enter by the British Honduras frontier. It is believed that many Panamanians use this latter route. (C)

"Several of the groups recently arriving have been sent to the area of San Julian base. I don't know what nationality. (C)

The second intelligence officer stated that neither the above-mentioned report nor any other intelligence report which the DRE has received has indicated that the Government of British Honduras is aware of or condones the reported travel of individuals from Latin America through British Honduras for training in Cuba. He stated that it would have to be assumed that there is no way for the Government of British Honduras to know that persons passing through British Honduras into Mexico are destined for Cuba. He stated he did not believe there was any ulterior intention to indict the Government of British Honduras in the DRE news item contained in "The Cuban Report" of September 13, 1963. He said that British Honduras was mentioned because it had been mentioned in the original intelligence report received from "Rica." (C)

This is for your information.

NOTE:

Stott on 12-2-63 advised Miami newspaper contained article that British Honduras border was being used for infiltration of communist revolutionaries into Latin America. British Honduras Government subsequently issued statement that its security authorities were not aware of anything which would confirm that British Honduras was being used by communist agents and requested the Miami newspaper to confirm its allegations. In reply the author of the article stated story he reported was what was claimed by captioned anti-Castro organization and suggested inquiries be made. Inquiries made at captioned organization in Miami by British Consul have produced no information to substantiate allegations. Stott asked if we had any information which would confirm the allegations and whether there were any inquiries we could make to determine the basis of the report. (C)

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DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE)
(Students Revolutionary Directorate)
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ReBuairtel to Miami, 12/5/63, which furnished an enclosure from a confidential source abroad, requesting inquiry concerning an article attributed to the captioned organization, which was utilized by opposition forces in British Honduras to embarrass the government there. JC

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

The letterhead memorandum is classified **CONFIDENTIAL**, since it refers to memo from a confidential source abroad, JC, which carried this classification.

The confidential source abroad is known to the Bureau as referred to in reBuairtel.

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished locally to CIA, Miami, which furnishes financial support to the DRE, and to the Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, U. S. State Department, Miami.

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