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SUBJECT: EJERCITO DE LIBERACION CUBANO
(CUBAN ARMY OF LIBERATION) (ELC)
(HEADED BY HIGINIO "NINO" DIAZ ANE)
IS-CUBA
NM-CUBA
(OO: Miami)

place in 105-

re ANA LUISA COTER

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 8/31/78

Reference San Juan airtel and LHM to the Bureau 3/6/67, Atlanta letter and LHM to the Bureau 3/24/67, Newark letter and LHM to the Bureau dated 3/29/67, New York letter to the Bureau 4/4/67, Atlanta airtel and LHM to the Bureau 4/26/67, Newark letter and LHM to the Bureau 5/11/67, and Miami letter and LHM to the Bureau 5/26/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM re captioned organization.

One information copy each of LHM being submitted to Atlanta, Newark, and New York offices in view of their interest re ELC.

San Juan office will disseminate locally to 771st MI-DET, NISO, OSI, U.S. Bureau of Customs, and U.S. Coast Guard.

LHM classified confidential in order to protect SJ T-3 and SJ T-4, who are sources of continuing value and whose identity if disclosed would be detrimental to the best interests of the United States.

Information furnished by CSSJ FORS NAVAS on 2/23/67 and contained herein was obtained by FORS from his wife, who is a secretary in the Public Relations Department at the Bacardi Rum Distilling Company, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and source's wife overheard LUIS LABOY, Public Relations Director at Bacardi, comment to another individual re "PEPE's" contribution to "NINO DIAZ ANE".

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These records showed that the residence of VARONA was listed as Wesser #204 Rio Piedras Heights, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. This account is now inactive.

On 5/9/67 H.L.S. RYDIN, Accountant Operations, Island Administration, First National City Bank, advised SA GARY L. ENSMINGER that a review of bank records failed to produce any record of an account of the subject organization or HERNANDEZ. RYDIN stated that their bank maintains a special checking account #528-870 and that the present balance is \$47.51. VARONA's address was the same as shown above.

RYDIN advised that their records also contain reference to a special checking account for one Mrs. ABEL DE VARONA LOREDO, Calle Edison #306, Jardines Metropolitanos, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. This is a special checking account, number 442-224. The balance of this account according to RYDIN is \$7211.57.

On May 24, 1967, Special Agent CHARLES L. CAPEHART advised the review of records at Retail Credit Bureau, San Juan, Puerto Rico, failed to disclose any information identifiable with ABEL VARONA or his wife, Mrs. ABEL DE VARONA LOREDO.

The above information regarding review of bank records pertaining to the ELC was not set forth in LHM in view of the negative results of such checks. Although bank records did reflect a special checking account of over \$7,000 for Mrs. ABEL DE VARONA LOREDO, apparently the wife of ABEL VARONA, Treasurer of ELC, there is no positive information as of this time that the money maintained in this account is actually ELC funds and therefore this information has not been set out in LHM.

San Juan office files failed to disclose any derogatory data regarding LUIS VALLE or JOSE ERNESTO MUZAURIETA.

The address San Jorge Number 269, 3rd Floor, referred to herein as the address where "NINO" DIAZ was residing while in Puerto Rico, is the residence of [redacted] father of CSSJ [redacted] CS [redacted] resides on the second floor at the same address.

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On 5/23/67 CSSJ [] advised that he and ILDEFONSO HERNANDEZ were concerned regarding the peculiar behavior of an ELC member, ANA LUISA COTERA, who is on the ELC executive committee and handles ELC correspondence. He described her as an intelligent individual and one who has been very active with ELC in San Juan P.R. for the past 1½ years. According to [] COTERA is augmentative and creates friction at ELC meetings; that she is quick to introduce herself to new members and makes a note of their names in addition to sketching them, and has otherwise, through her behavior, aroused the suspicion of [] and HERNANDEZ that she might be a CASTRO agent. [] further stated that COTERA is trying to have the ELC establish a branch in Mexico City and have her brother, name unknown, who resides in Mexico City, be designated as ELC representative in Mexico City. [] added that very little is known regarding COTERA's background. (u) MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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Based on this information received from [] San Juan office will open a new 105 case regarding COTERA in an effort to further identify her and determine the nature of her past and present activities.

SJ T-1 is CSSJ RICARDO FORS NAVAS.
SJ T-2 is CSSJ MARIO GARCIA SERRA
SJ T-3 is SJ 492-S
SJ T-4 is CSSJ []

LEADS:

SAN JUAN DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will continue investigation regarding activities of ELC and will advise the Bureau and Miami of any pertinent information developed.

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