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SUBJECT: EMILIO C. RIVERA, aka
IS-CUBA

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Re Memphis letter to Bureau, 7/7/65.

The following investigation has been conducted at

Miami:

No informants or sources of information, normally familiar with pro and anti-FIDEL CASTRO elements and activities, recall having known the captioned individual.

MM 492-S, MM [815-S] and MM 776-S are all experienced Cuban investigators; the first two maintain contact with some sources still in Cuba, and with numerous Cuba news media.

PSI [] familiar with many members of the Cuban Confederation of Workers, CTC, stated on July 14, 1965, he never heard of subject.

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MM [815-S] was contacted with negative results on July 20, 1965, and August 6, 1965. MM 776-S was contacted with negative results on August 4, 1965. MM 492-S stated on July 28, 1965, that he did not know the subject, but furnished the following data on August 12, 1965, which may be pertinent in evaluating RIVERA's information:

Most followers of the youth branch of the Orthodox Party either were, or became, communists. FRANCISCO MALDONADO was a communist.

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FIDEL CASTRO was a member of the violent group known as Union Insurreccional Revolucionaria, (UIR-Insurreccional Revolutionary Union) of which EMILIO CASTRO RIVERO, apparently *CUBA* no relation of subject, was the leader, and who was shot and killed September 15, 1947.

CASTRO was an active speaker and rabble rouser in 1952, but was not a leader of anything as of that time.

Persons described as members of his following *CASTRO* are not well known to MM 492-S other than RAUL and JUANA CASTRO, brother and sister of FIDEL, and CELIA SANCHEZ. Anyone at all well versed in the revolutionary days of FIDEL CASTRO, and even at present, should know that CELIA SANCHEZ, and not CELIA CRUZ, *CUBA* is the secretary and mistress of FIDEL CASTRO, and was in the Sierra Maestra Mountains with him.

CUBA By naming RAFAEL DIAZ LANZ, RIVERA probably means the well known PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, who fled from Cuba in June, 1959, and returned to drop leaflets on Havana in October, 1959, denouncing CASTRO as a Communist. SA EDWIN L. SWEET was in Cuba at that time, as well as when CAMINO CIENFUEGOS and his plane disappeared, and when Major HUBERT MATOS was arrested as a "counter-revolutionary". RIVERA's report on these matters is not factual. Major DIAZ LANZ has a brother, MARCOS, but none *CUBA* by the name of RAFAEL, insofar as is known to MM 492-S, or *DIAZ LANZ* Special Agent SWEET.

MM 492-S, (and many former close associates of FIDEL CASTRO support his statement) stated that neither FIDEL nor RAUL CASTRO ever led anyone in any assault or battle; as a speaker, FIDEL worked Cubans up to a point of excitement where they would make an attack, as he did in the assault on Moncada Barracks on July 26, 1953, which gave rise to the famous "July 26 Movement", but neither CASTRO was ever known to be in the front line, and for this reason, both RAUL and FIDEL always managed to escape.

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Confidential source, Dr. AGUSTIN CASTELLANOS, a famous childrens' Heart Specialist now in charge of the cardiac department at Children's Variety Hospital, Miami, Florida, was extremely active in many charity hospitals in Cuba. One of these was ONDI, mentioned by RIVERA, and another was the Sacred Heart Clinic of Dr. ALFRED ANTONETTI, also mentioned by RIVERA. Dr. CASTELLANOS knows ANTONETTI very well, but he advised on August 12, 1965, that he could not recall ever having known RIVERA, or his mother who allegedly works at the clinic, or his father who allegedly worked for many years at Casa de Beneficencia y Maternidad. Dr. CASTELLANOS pointed out that his failure to recall subject or any of his family does not preclude the possibility that each works, or has worked, just as subject claims they have.

Dr. CASTELLANOS stated ALFREDO PEREZ CASELLA is a very close friend of his, and now lives somewhere in Panama, and even though CASTELLANOS opposed BATISTA's return to power and was as active, politically, as his duties as a doctor would allow, he never knew that PEREZ CASELLA was a follower of FIDEL CASTRO.

By subject's own statement, he left Cuba for the United States, in January of 1958. Many people who had been very active in the guerrilla resistance to BATISTA, especially young men, had been virtually unknown to police authorities until after CASTRO's advent to power, January 1, 1959. His story of what happened is therefore not first hand after January, 1958, and his confusion of names could be due to that, but it appears to be the usual Cuban desire to give the impression of being of much greater importance than they really are, especially that portion indicating that his father was an industrialist (shoes) worth over five million dollars in 1961, when dispossessed by FIDEL CASTRO. Cuba was noted for its many, small, privately owned shoe factories, and a problem now commented upon by CASTRO controlled newspapers in Cuba, is that of combining all into one, and taking used parts from the worst machines to repair and make serviceable the better of the other machines.

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