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2 October 1968.

Laureano Fernando BATISTA y Falla
and wife

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In connection with the visa application for the Bahamas, we recently asked for a name check on the above-named. In reply you kindly supplied me with a report, reference 105-16702 from your Miami Florida office, dated August 5, 1968, captioned "Adela Maria BATISTA (nee de la Campa y de la TORRE) Internal Security - Cuba". 105-183815

2. In the sixth paragraph on the second page of this report, reference is made to Laureano BATISTA having been "spotted off Racoon Cay, Bahamas on 20 January, 1964 as a result of which the British frigate H.M.S. Londonderry was sent to intercept him.

3. The Bahamas Special Branch is unable to trace any record of this incident having led to BATISTA's arrest, which was how we had interpreted the implication of this paragraph. We should be very grateful to know whether this is a correct implication and if any further particulars of this incident are available.

3. The importance of this enquiry to the Bahamas Special Branch is that they wish to be in a position to warn BATISTA and his wife that their involvement with anti-CASTRO activities is known to the authorities and that they must not engage in such activities while they are in the Bahamas. If there is evidence of BATISTA's arrest in 1964 in any Bahamian records they would of course like to track it down so that this can be used as the basis of such a warning.

4. If BATISTA was not in fact arrested as a result of the attempt to intercept him by H.M.S. Londonderry, and the only information about BATISTA's anti-CASTRO activities is that which they have received from you, then the question would arise whether you would be prepared to allow the Bahamas Police to use your information to the very limited extent described above, that is in warning the BATISTAs not to engage in political activity while in the Bahamas.

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