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On the evening of July 6, 1967, JOSE CARBONELL MARRERO, 3614 N. W. 12th Terrace, Miami, Florida, a naturalized U. S. citizen, voluntarily appeared at the Miami office of the FBI and indicated that he was willing to cooperate with the U. S. Government and furnish information concerning his involvement in Cuban intelligence activities. He was interviewed by Special Agents LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., EDWIN L. SWEET and WILLIAM W. STEVENS, who identified themselves to CARBONELL and explained his rights. (S) (X)

CARBONELL stated that he understood what his rights were but he did wish to cooperate with the U. S. Government and to combat Castro's communism in Cuba in any way that he could. [Accordingly, he furnished information as follows:] (S)

Involvement in Cuban Affairs 1959-1962 (S)(u)

Since early in the Castro regime, CARBONELL had been anti-Castro and opposed to Castro's political takeover of Cuba. He is completely opposed to communism in Cuba or elsewhere. [He declined to state] (S) however, whether he had ever been a member of the Communist Party, USA in the past. (X)

Accordingly, during the period 1959-1960, CARBONELL had become actively associated with the anti-Castro organization of ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, former Cuban Senator and newspaper publisher. In this capacity and utilizing the alias of "MARIO", CARBONELL made several trips from Miami, Florida, to Cuba, during which time he was in contact with the Cuban Government, (GOC). During these contacts, he was requested by members of the Castro/Cuban regime to furnish information concerning anti-Castro activities in the Miami area. (S)(u)

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CARBONELL, who in reality was working as a courier for and with ROLANDO MASFERRER, did furnish to the Cuban Government a quantity of misleading and false information supplied to him by MASFERRER, which spread much confusion throughout the Castro Government and cost the Government of Cuba a great deal of money. (S)(u)

In addition to spreading false and valueless information to confuse the Cuban Government, CARBONELL at MASFERRER's direction was active in Cuba organizing many people to oppose the Castro regime and in encouraging hundreds of people to leave Cuba. (S)(u)

On March 21, 1960, CARBONELL using the name MIGUEL SANCHEZ was arrested in Cuba by the Cuban Militia for his involvement in the William Shergalis-Howard Rundquist flight, the purpose of which was allegedly to get DAMASO MONTESINO ALVAREZ out of Cuba. CARBONELL denied that this flight was an obvious frame-up by the GOC to make the United States look bad, or that he had been paid by the GOC for his participation in the plot. (S)(u)

CARBONELL remained in prison until May 18, 1961, and spent much of this time at San Severino Prison, Matanzas, Cuba. CARBONELL's fellow prisoners knew him as MIGUEL SANCHEZ, but the Cuban Government was aware of CARBONELL's true identity. Among the friends CARBONELL made while in prison were [ANTONIO GONZALEZ] and [ALBERTO MORALES] who had both been arrested for anti-Castro activities. [ANTONIO GONZALEZ] was frequently visited by a Cuban woman, approximately [36] years of age, named [IRMA SUAREZ FERNANDEZ] who resided with her family at Cardenas 78 Havana, Cuba. CARBONELL became quite friendly with [IRMA SUAREZ] as a result of these visits and he has been in contact with her ever since. (S)(u)

During CARBONELL's imprisonment at San Severino Prison, he was questioned closely by a Lieutenant CISNEROS, who was in charge of the prison. On one occasion, CISNEROS called CARBONELL aside and promised (S)(u)

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