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At 5:10 p.m., 5/4/73, Mr. MANOLO REBOSO, Miami City Commissioner, residing at 40 Shore Drive, Bay Heights, Miami, came to the Miami Office, where he was interviewed by SAs ROBERT JAMES DWYER and GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR.

Mr. REBOSO, who was appointed to the position of City Commissioner, is the first person of Cuban origin to hold such position in Miami. He advised that he is a Bay of Pigs veteran and attended Georgia Tech.

Mr. REBOSO stated that he wanted to report that MM 1550-KS is involved in a plot with one MANUEL OTERO to discredit REBOSO before the next elections by having OTERO make a public statement to the effect that HENRY GUTIERREZ made a pay-off to Mayor DAVE KENNEDY and that REBOSO arranged the meeting between GUTIERREZ and KENNEDY. REBOSO described GUTIERREZ as a wealthy Cuban builder who has just completed construction of Miami's tallest building. It is to be noted that Mayor DAVE KENNEDY was recently indicted by State Grand Jury in Florida on charges relating to alleged corruption while serving as Mayor of the City of Miami. Mr. REBOSO acknowledged that he is a friend of Mayor KENNEDY, as well as KENNEDY's predecessor, Mayor STEVE CLARK.

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Mr. REBOSO requested that his primary source, PILAR ALFONSO, not be disclosed. He indicated that he is still in contact with her.

Mr. REBOSO revealed that he had been the recipient of one of these anonymous letters and was aware of its contents. SA DAVIS informed Mr. REBOSO that there was no truth to the allegations.

Mr. REBOSO said that he had an appointment on Monday, 5/7/73, with Congressman DANTE FASCELL of Miami, to discuss this matter. At the same time, Mr. REBOSO advised that the FBI could call on him at any time and he would be glad to cooperate.

Mr. REBOSO advised that he had ascertained that MM 1550-KS has a permit to carry a weapon. He asserted that he intends to have this permit revoked.

Examination of Miami file reflects that on 5/26/72, IRS, Miami, advised by letter that in connection with the National IRS Narcotics Project, it was requested that complete background information be furnished on JOSE MANUEL REBOSO-BELLO, born 11/26/33, Havana, Cuba, Naturalization No. 934 7055, residing at 40 Shore Drive N., Bay Heights, Miami. At that time, Miami advised IRS that information in our files reflects that REBOSO is a construction designer and in 8/61 was President of the Beachhead Brigade for Cuban Freedom in Washington, D. C. In 1965, he was head of the Cuban Constitutional Unity, an organization which attempted to obtain U. S. sponsorship for anti-CASTRO lectures in South America. He claimed that he had been physically persecuted in Cuba because of his father's military status with the BATISTA Government, and that he had been in jail for forty-one days in Cuba while being held for investigation.

On 1/29/71, MM 1311-C-TE reported that MARIO ESCANDAR, arrested with JUANITO RESTOY in a narcotics raid in Miami, knew SANTO TRAFFICANTE from Cuba, and had introduced TRAFFICANTE to MANOLO REBOSO, Cuban architect, who is going to build a race track in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. (SANTO TRAFFICANTE is a well-known LCN figure in Tampa and Miami).

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On 10/30/68, Detective CESAR CAMACHO, Dade County Public Safety Department (PSD) (protect by request), advised that several weeks previously, at Crela's Restaurant, Miami, he observed SANTO TRAFFICANTE seated at a table with MANOLO REBOSO, owner of the Flagler Medical Center, and close friend of Mayor STEVE CLARK, with two other men.

On 5/8/73, MM 1337-S, who has a wide range of contacts among Cuban politicians, newsmen, activists, and other elements of the Cuban community in Miami, advised that REBOSO has the reputation of being a petty gangster type, and it is rumored among some members of Brigade 2506, as well as other Cuban groups, that REBOSO is involved in narcotics. MM 1337-S said that he possessed no evidence of this, however.

MM 1337-S said that he recently had a conversation with REBOSO, at which time REBOSO made derogatory remarks against Chief BERNARD GARMIRE of the Miami PD because of the Volusia County Grand Jury proceedings which resulted in the indictment of Mayor KENNEDY of Miami, who is a close personal friend of REBOSO.

REBOSO, according to MM 1337-S, accused Chief GARMIRE of responsibility for KENNEDY's indictment.

MM 1337-S said that REBOSO is not related in any way to Mr. "BEBE" REBOZO, a personal friend of President RICHARD M. NIXON. However, MANOLO REBOSO has told MM 1337-S that many people in Miami believe that he is related to BEBE REBOZO and that this fact brings him political benefits.

For the information of the Bureau, MM 1550-KS is separated from his wife and he has not mentioned the name of PILAR ALFONSO to SA DAVIS, who is the contacting Agent. Also, he has not mentioned MANUEL OTERO or RAUL LOPEZ, neither of whom is identifiable in Miami files on the basis of information furnished by REBOSO.

On 3/23/73, ~~WF~~ ^(S) ~~2047-S~~ ^(X) advised that PILAR ALFONSO, same address as furnished by REBOSO, had requested a visa of the Czech Embassy to enable her to travel to Cuba to visit her gravely-ill mother, LUCIA ELIAS, who ^(X)

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