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On 11/6/62, Mrs. ULDA ELDRS, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Dept. of Justice, made available to SA JOSEPH E. SCULLY correspondence covering subject's recent contacts with the Registration Section. The following info was obtained from the correspondence furnished by Mrs. ELDRS:

A letter from the Registration Section dated 8/28/62, addressed to Colonel JOHN E. KIEFFER, 4548 Chevy Chase Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland, referred to a telephonic request made by KIEFFER on that date and enclosed forms for his use in filing a registration statement under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended in connection with his activities on behalf of a Cuban group, (not further identified).

A memorandum of a telephone call dated 8/6/62 reflected the following info:

The telephone call referred to apparently took place between Colonel KIEFFER and NATHAN B. LEVINE of the Registration Section. KIEFFER said he had somewhat of a perplexing problem concerning Departmental regulations. He had a feeling that he should register with the department but was not sure that it was required. He said he was going to work as an advisor and consultant to United Organizations for the Liberation of Cuba, a Florida organization. KIEFFER would serve as an advisor to the Executive Secretary and .05% of his work would be done outside of the United States. KIEFFER would not be working on a definite salary, but on a fee basis. He has no written agreement with the organization and has no supporting documents. KIEFFER acknowledged his June contact with the Registration Section and indicated that he had received certain forms from the Registration Section.

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Mr. LEVINE told KIEFFER that he thought the above organization was registered but felt that if it was not he thought it should be. Mr. LEVINE told KIEFFER he would send him forms 4-A to facilitate his registration and KIEFFER indicated that he would check with the organization and see that they register right away. It was noted in the memorandum that MARIO GARCIA KOHLY was reflected as head of the organization.

For the info of the Bureau, although Mr. LEVINE indicated that he thought KOHLY's organization should be registered his memo reflected no basis for this reasoning.

On September 24, 1962, ALEXANDER G. IRVINE, Manager, DuPont Circle Building, 1340 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., advised SA STEPHEN J. BOYLE, III, that KIEFFER moved out of the building about three years ago for the purpose of opening a shop in the Westwood Shopping Center, River Road, Bethesda, Maryland. IRVINE knew nothing of KIEFFER's present activities or travels.

Other sources who previously furnished info re KIEFFER are unavailable to WFO.

Past activities on the part of MARIO GARCIA KOHLY as revealed by previous extensive investigation of his ~~activities~~ indicate that he has attempted to gain support and popularity among important people in the Washington, D. C. area. KOHLY has a reputation as a liar and CIA feels that his personal ambition far out weighs any value he could have to that agency. Further on 10/24/81, the Dept. of State advised that it did not desire that we conduct any additional active investigation of KOHLY. In view of the above and in the absence of a specific request by the Department that WFO does not feel that further investigation in this matter is warranted; either of the activities of KOHLY and his organization or of the activities of KIEFFER.