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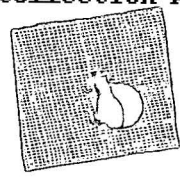
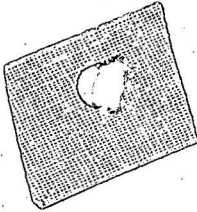
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SUBJECT: RICARDO VELASCO OROBIOZ, AKA.
IS - DR
RA - DR

Re report of SA EUGENE L. PAYNE dated 2/7/61

On February 3, 1961, efforts were made to locate the subject to interview him regarding investigation requested by New York relating to the Dominican Intelligence agents operating in the United States.

JOHN CRISTOFANI, Desk Clerk, Glubus Hotel, the former residence of the subject, advised that the subject departed instant hotel on January 16, 1961, at which time subject indicated he was going to Guatemala via Miami, Florida.

On January 30, 1961 JOHN AGUILAR (Protect Identity as he is being considered for development as a FBI and therefore should be characterized as an individual who has furnished insufficient information to judge his reliability), advised that he is not personally acquainted with Father VELASCO. He stated, however, that his former law partner in Santiago de Cuba, GUILLERMO SANCHEZ FORIALES, once told him about the subject. SANCHEZ was the attorney for the Archbishop of Santiago and according to SANCHEZ, VELASCO had great deal of difficulty with Church officials in Santiago de Cuba, and was finally barred from saying Mass and performing his priestly duties, inasmuch as he was believed to be guilty of stealing church funds and selling an alcoholic.

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AGUILAR pointed out that Cuban newspapers gave a great deal of publicity to Father VELASCO's complicity in the abortive invasion of Cuba by Dominican forces which was reportedly defeated by the effort of WILLIAM MORGAN. VELASCO was labeled by FIDEL CASTRO as one of the principal TRUJILLO agents involved in the affair. CASTRO also frequently made public statements on television condemning Father VELASCO. (X)(u)

AGUILAR advised that GUILLERMO SANCHEZ FORNALES is now residing and employed in New York City and believes he could be located through Archbishop SPELLMAN, inasmuch as SPELLMAN assisted him in obtaining employment in New York City. (X)(u)

AGUILAR also stated that ELOY MENDOZA GUTIERREZ former Comandante and consort of WILLIAM MORGAN, recently escaped from Cuba by small boat and landed in Florida. (X)(u)

He advised MENDOZA reportedly was involved in the TRUJILLO plot involving VELASCO and WILLIAM MORGAN. (X)(u)

In view of the above information, New York is requested to attempt to locate GUILLERMO SANCHEZ FORNALES through Archbishop SPELLMAN and interview him regarding the activities of Father VELASCO in an effort to develop further information regarding VELASCO's involvement with the Dominican Government and possibly further identify his contacts.

Miami is also requested to conduct investigation along these lines by locating and interviewing MENDOZA GUTIERREZ.

It is noted that Miami and New York have both received copies of referenced report for background information regarding VELASCO.

Investigation continuing at San Juan.

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