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14 June 1968

SUBJECT: BOHNING, Donald Dean

ALLEGATION:

Donald Dean BOHNING, Latin American Editor of the MIAMI HERALD was contacted by a Winston SMITH on 28 March 1968. SMITH claimed he was an investigator for GARRISON and was seeking information for GARRISON about one Rolando MASFERRER.

SOURCE:

SI/R&A Memo No. 9 dated 5 June 1968.

OS INDICES RESULTS:

Subject was born 26 June 1933 at Harrold, South Dakota. He has been employed by the MIAMI HERALD since 1959. Subject was used by the Agency as stated above. However, he was not to be used operationally nor given clandestine training or assignments. If such a use was contemplated, a POA/OA was to be requested.

DETAILS:

None known except for paragraph 3. of Source memo which is quoted below:

"a. BOHNING is the Latin American Editor of the Miami HERALD. He was granted a [redacted] on 21 August 1967 and a [redacted] on 14 November 1967. He is AMCARBON-3.

"b. BOHNING reported he was contacted on 28 March 1968 by a Winston SMITH who claimed to be investigating Rolando MASFERRER for Jim GARRISON."

See attached summaries on Winston SMITH and Rolando MASFERRER.

CIA CONNECTION:

BOHNING was granted a

Approval

on 21 August 1967 and a [redacted]

Approval on 14 November 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/R&A  
ATTENTION: Mr. Kesler  
SUBJECT: SMITH, Winston  
REFERENCE: Your memo of 12 June 1968 - Subject: Request for  
Information (GARRISON Investigation of Kennedy Assassination)

Attached for your information is a summary of information available in OS indices on Subject name.

OS traces are still pending on the other individuals listed in reference memorandum and results will be furnished to you when available.

Paul F. Gaynor  
Chief, Security Research Staff/OS

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**SUBJECT: SMITH, Winston**

Winston SMITH, identified as an investigator for GARRISON, was in Miami in March 1968. It is alleged he had intended to offer his services as a B-26 pilot for an invasion of Haiti.

A search of OS indices failed to produce traces to a Winston SMITH who could be identified with Subject.

One Winston Clay SMITH, employed by the Wisconsin State Employment Service, was of contact interest in July 1966. His file contains no further identifying information.

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SUBJECT: MASFERRER (ROJAS), Rolando Arcadio aka  
MASFERRER, Roland Rohas

A covert national agency name check was conducted on Subject in January 1950 but his services have never been utilized by the Agency. Subject, born about 1916 in Havana, Cuba, is a former Cuban Senator and Cuban Communist Party member from 1933 until 1945 when he was expelled from the Cuban CP. He is an enemy of CASTRO and was described as a former "goon squad commander for BATISTA's private army". He has been a political refugee since January 1959. His files contain numerous FBI reports regarding his activities as head of an anti-CASTRO organization known as Milicias Anticomunistas Obreras y Campesinas (M~~A~~OC) and his attempt to invade Cuba in 1960. This matter was investigated by the FBI as an Internal Security - Cuba; Neutrality case.

Latest information in his file is dated February 1967 and concerns consideration by the Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, to prosecute Subject and certain of his followers as co-conspirators. He and 75 of his followers had been arrested at Cocoa Plum Beach near Marathon, Florida while preparing to leave for an invasion of Haiti. Outcome of the case is not reflected in his file.

Subject had asserted that his plotting had been approved by the U. S. Government. On some occasions Subject claimed approval by CIA and at other times intimated approval came from the FBI. Unfavorable publicity and compromise of Agency and sources and personnel were matters being considered if the criminal charges against Subject were pressed in court and the Agency was forced to document its denial of involvement.

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