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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

In reply to your letter of 25 April 1963, this Agency has the following information on Santiago ALVAREZ Rodriguez:

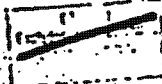
His full name is Santiago Juan Antonio ALVAREZ Rodriguez, and he was born in Matanzas, Cuba, on 25 July 1907. He is a medical doctor by profession, and was formerly Governor of Matanzas Province, Congressman and Senator under former President Fulgencio Batista.

Mr. ALVAREZ has a rather lengthy history of participation in anti-Castro activities which dates back to 1959 when he was involved with the training of approximately 800 Cuban exiles on one of the keys off the Mexican coast.

In early 1961, Mr. ALVAREZ enlisted with the counterrevolutionary forces which were being formed in Miami, Florida; however, due primarily to his age, he was not used during the Bay of Pigs invasion attempt.

Mr. ALVAREZ' boat, the ALISAN, was reportedly used on many occasions by exile groups for transporting arms, ammunition and supplies to anti-Castro rebels in Cuba. In November 1962 this Agency provided gasoline and some arms to a small group of Cuban exiles headed by Enrique CASADO who, with the use

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of the ALISAN, exfiltrated a Cuban G-2 Lieutenant and his family from Cuba. Enrique CASADO has been active in maritime operations for many years, first against Batista and later against Castro. This has been the extent of our interest or use of the ALISAN.

Aside from the support to the ALISAN on one occasion this Agency has had no connection with Mr. ALVAREZ nor has it ever employed him. We have noted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has additional information on Mr. ALVAREZ.

Sincerely,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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