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Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated 12/5/63; Bureau letter dated 12/20/63; and Bureau airtel to Miami, dated 12/12/63, captioned, "JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA, IS - CUBA, NEUTRALITY MATTERS."

There are being enclosed herewith nine copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned, "MANUEL RAY," for the Bureau, and two copies each for Miami, New York and San Juan because of their interest in this matter.

Source is Dr. TIRSCO DEL JUNCO, a Cuban doctor active in anti-CASTRO activities, 2111 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, who furnished the information contained in the letterhead memorandum to SA MERLE L. PARKER and requested that his identity be concealed.

The interview of 11/15/63 with PEDRO DUELO and receipt of letter from him was by SA FREDERICK E. RODERICK.

The interview on 11/3/63 with SALVADOR REYNALDO was conducted by SA's RICHARD L. CROMWELL and WILLIAM J. MC CAULEY.

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MAR 31 1964

MANUEL RAY

On November 15, 1963, PEDRO DUELO, Spanish Instructor at Marymount College, Palos Verdes Estates, Los Angeles, California, who resides at 1002 West 37th Street, San Pedro, California, advised that MANUEL GONZALEZ, an employee of Felix Chevrolet Company, Los Angeles, California, had contacted Marymount College requesting that MANUEL RAY, a representative of an anti-Castro movement, be allowed to speak at Marymount College. *CUBA*

DUELO advised further that he had received a letter written in Spanish, dated November 11, 1963, at Miami, Florida, from "Asirios," underneath which appeared, "Tiglahpileses, Sargon, and Senaquerib." DUELO stated that from the letter he concluded that MANUEL RAY is a leader of Junta Revolucionaria Cubana and is an "active communist." He stated also that it was his understanding that MANUEL GONZALEZ had been a leader of the July 26th Movement.

The July 26th Movement is a revolutionary movement founded and led by FIDEL CASTRO-RUZ, the present Prime Minister of Cuba.

On November 3, 1963, SALVADOR REYNALDO, 3140 1/2 Drew Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that MANUEL GONZALEZ had sent him an invitation to attend a meeting of an anti-Castro organization known as "JURE" in Los Angeles. REYNALDO stated that GONZALEZ was head of "July 26th Organization" in Los Angeles.

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On March 12, 1964, JOSE GIRALDEZ, a Cuban source who resides at 2109 Zoe Street, Huntington Park, California, when being interviewed concerning another matter, advised that JOSE ESTEVEZ, whom he does not know personally, was reputed to be a delegate of MANUEL RAY and in charge of activities of JURE in Los Angeles. GIRALDEZ stated that he heard MANUEL RAY speak in Los Angeles about three months ago as either leader of JURE or Segundo Frente Escambrey, and he endeavored to sell bonds at \$92.00 each in order to raise money to bring about the overthrow of CASTRO. According to GIRALDEZ, RAY told of the struggle in Cuba. GIRALDEZ stated that it is rumored that JURE has in it many who were formerly members of the July 26th Movement and others who were pro-FIDEL CASTRO.

On March 19, 1964, JOSE FERNANDEZ, a Cuban source who resides at 812 Waterloo Street, Los Angeles, California, while being interviewed concerning another matter stated that he does not know JOSE M. ESTEVEZ personally but knows of him and some of his activities. He stated that he heard ESTEVEZ speak recently in Los Angeles at a meeting of JURE. He stated that ESTEVEZ did not make any statements which were of a questionable nature, but pointed out that ESTEVEZ formerly held the rank of Captain with the CASTRO forces and was President of a tribunal of five that decided on punishment for the foes of CASTRO, which included the followers of BATISTA, as well as those individuals who had previously been with CASTRO and turned against him. Mr. FERNANDEZ stated that at the time ESTEVEZ held this position in Cuba he was a staunch supporter of CASTRO and was loud in his praise of the Soviet Union and the communist system. He stated that eventually ESTEVEZ grew to dislike and hate CASTRO as a leader and left Cuba; however, he never turned against the communist ideology or the communist system of government, which CASTRO had initiated. Mr. FERNANDEZ stated that ESTEVEZ is in charge of JURE in California, and shares the opinion of MANUEL RAY, as both want to overthrow CASTRO and his regime in order that RAY and his group can replace them. FERNANDEZ, who was

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formerly in the Intelligence Service in Cuba, stated that he had never heard of anyone hearing ESTEVEZ denounce the communist system, but only "CASTRO and company." FERNANDEZ estimates that JURE has approximately one hundred fifty members in the Los Angeles area, and it cooperates with another anti-CASTRO organization, Alpha 66, which has approximately fifty members. He states that he has heard that JURE is putting out propaganda now that they will invade Cuba by May 20, 1964.

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