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SAC, MIAMI (105-2484)

SUBJECT:

LUIS ERNESTO CONTE AGUERO
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On April 8, 1960, GILBERT BARRERAS, PSI, a Cuban exile residing in the Miami area who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 7, 1960, FERNANDO BUSTO, Cuban exile in Miami, accidentally met LUIS CONTE AGUERO at Miami International Airport, and asked CONTE if he had seen EMILIO and ANDRES RIVERO, his half-brothers. CONTE told BUSTO he had not talked with them, because he did not have their telephone numbers or addresses. BUSTO thereupon furnished CONTE with the telephone number of EMILIO RIVERO, and CONTE then talked with EMILIO's wife, RACQUEL RIVERO. He told her he was leaving Miami for New York in a special airplane with JULES DUBOIS, newspaperman. CONTE planned to find an apartment in New York City, where he had already found employment, not described. He disclosed that his wife and mother and one or two children would arrive in Miami, possibly during the week of April 18, 1960, and they would continue to New York to live with CONTE.

BARRERAS said that CONTE is suspected by EMILIO RIVERO as being pro-FIDEL CASTRO because in public interview,

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CONTE had not talked about CASTRO nor attacked him. CONTE had merely stated there were some Communists in the Cuban Government. He said EMILIO suspects CONTE may be a "plant" for some unknown purpose, possibly similar to that played by WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN in the Trinidad incident, on behalf of CASTRO.

It is to be recalled that WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, a former United States adventurer, participated in the double-cross at Trinidad, Cuba, which resulted in the apprehension and death of a number of anti-CASTRO revolutionists.

On April 15, 1960, MM 715-S, who is in close contact with various officials of the CASTRO government, stated he had no reason to suspect that CONTE AGUERO is a "plant" for the Cuban Government.

On the same date, MM 639-S, who is also in close contact with a number of Cuban officials, including several who are engaged in intelligence activities, advised that he had received no information indicating that CONTE is working for the Cuban Government surreptitiously.

On April 15, 1960, Colonel MARIANO FAGET, PSI, ^(CONCEAL) former Chief of the Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC), and who is closely associated with most of the leading anti-CASTRO leaders in the Miami area, advised that he had heard rumors concerning the possibility that CONTE might be a "plant" of the CASTRO government. He said that he had made a number of inquiries and had turned up no information which would tend to support such a suspicion. He expressed the opinion that CONTE is ninety-five per cent (95%) against CASTRO.

On April 18, 1960, and again ^{FLA} on May 13, 1960, Mrs. ADA FALK, 433 N. W. 24th Avenue, Miami, who requested specifically that her identity be treated confidentially, advised she had received no more information reflecting upon this matter. She