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WILLIAM LANKFORD, U. S. Customs Investigator, Miami, advised on December 13, 1954 that PARDO had been active prior to his arrest in Cuba in March, 1954, in procuring guns on behalf of MARCOS DIAZ, who was arrested by Customs for conspiracy to illegally export guns from the United States for a group of Cubans headed by CARLOS PRIO, exiled former President of Cuba.

LANKFORD said that PARDO encountered some difficulty with the PRIO group and then began working for the group led by EMILIO OCHOA, who never really trusted him. During that time PARDO procured four or five M-1's.

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 On December 15, 1954, MM-CS-492-S advised that prior to his arrest in Cuba, PARDO had been active in buying guns in Miami for the PRIO group and later switched to the OCHOA group. He said that PARDO unsuccessfully attempted to obtain some sort of protection from EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, Cuban Consul in Miami, and for this reason PARDO is now suspected by the exiled Cubans in Miami of being a "stool pigeon".

Miami files contain no additional pertinent information concerning PARDO.

In view of this information, it is not recommended that PARDO be approached for the purpose of developing him as a confidential source.

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