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Re Los Angeles airtel and enclosed LHM, both dated 10/5/76, San Francisco letter to the Bureau, 9/15/76 Bureau let to Miami, 8/4/76, and Los Angeles airtel and enclosed LHM, both dated 7/8/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies, for Los Angeles two copies, and for San Francisco one information copy, of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

MM T-1 is MM 4138-S. MM T-2 is CSMM 1062-S.

The following are the sources who were unable to furnish any information regarding a Panamanian coup attempt by Panamanian exiles or by Panamanian exiles cooperating with Cuban exiles:

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2-Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
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CSMM 1366-S	8/17/76
*MM 1115-S (X)	8/23/76
MM 1157-S	8/26/76
*MM 815-S (X)	9/2/76
MM 1337-S	9/3/76

The identity of ARTURO CARABALLO, JR., is known to the Bureau.

MM 4138-S (MM T-1) indicated on 9/11/76, that he is unwilling to testify regarding the information he furnished in enclosed LHM. He noted that testimony by him in this matter would be destructive of relationships within his immediate family. ||

Referenced San Francisco and Los Angeles communications indicate that AMADO SANJUR and Panamanian exiles have virtually discontinued Panamanian coup attempts.

Miami is conducting no further investigation in this matter at this time unless requested to do so by office of origin or Bureau. ||

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SAN FRANCISCO - INFO

A copy of enclosed LHM is being furnished San Francisco for inclusion in that office's AMADO SANJUR file.

RE: POSSIBLE COUP BY
PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD

It was alleged that he was in Panama at the time to make prearranged collections of funds for a coup attempt by AMADO SANJUR.

RODRIGUEZ said that he has been unable to contact AMADO SANJUR since his return to the United States from confinement in Panama. SANJUR has failed to return several calls by RODRIGUEZ to his residence in California. RODRIGUEZ is puzzled by this because he did not cooperate with the Panamanian G-2 concerning SANJUR, despite being tortured. At any rate, he continued, he knows of no current plans by SANJUR to overthrow the Panamanian Government and did not even know that SANJUR has visited the Miami area several times this summer. Additionally, he has not heard that Cuban exiles are cooperating with Panamanian exiles to overthrow the Panamanian Government. He said it is unlikely that Cuban exiles would participate in such plans and even more unlikely that Cuban exiles would financially support such plans.

On August 31, 1976, MM T-2 advised that AMADO SANJUR, exiled PNG Colonel, had been in the Miami area the preceding week, as a friend of the source was visiting Miami from Panama at that time and spoke telephonically with SANJUR. The friend had been staying at the Shelborne Hotel, Miami Beach, and encountered there a bellboy who is the brother or cousin of SANJUR and who furnished the visitor a local telephone number for SANJUR.

Source recalled that he saw SANJUR at the Miami Beach boxing match in June of this year involving ROBERTO DURAN, World lightweight champion from Panama. He did not speak with SANJUR.