

This document is made available through the declassification efforts  
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

# The Black Vault

---



The Black Vault is the largest online Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)  
document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are  
responsible for the declassification of hundreds of thousands of pages  
released by the U.S. Government & Military.

**Discover the Truth** at: **<http://www.theblackvault.com>**

JFK Assassination System  
Identification Form

Date: 4/3/2015

Agency Information

AGENCY : FBI  
RECORD NUMBER : 124-10302-10241  
RECORD SERIES : HQ  
AGENCY FILE NUMBER : 2-1499-2ND NR 25

Released under the John  
F. Kennedy  
Assassination Records  
Collection Act of 1992  
(44 USC 2107 Note).  
Case#:NW 54462 Date:  
10-04-2017

Document Information

ORIGINATOR : FBI  
FROM : SAC, MM  
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

TITLE :

DATE : 04/14/1959  
PAGES : 2

SUBJECTS :  
FS, ASSOC, MIL, TRA

DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT  
CLASSIFICATION : Unclassified  
RESTRICTIONS : 4  
CURRENT STATUS : Redact  
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 06/17/1998

OPENING CRITERIA : INDEFINITE

COMMENTS :

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-430)

DATE: April 14, 1959

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (2-165)

SUBJECT:

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS; ET AL  
FPM Cuba; RA; NM

CLASSIFIED AND  
EXTENDED BY SP3TEK/AM/OD 2/24/89  
REASON FOR EXTENSION  
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW FOR  
DECLASSIFICATION 2/24/89

Re Bureau letter 3/23/59 to Legat Havana.

On April 6, 1959, JOSEPH R. MEROLA, 2018 North Bay Road, Miami Beach, a jewel thief who is presently under indictment for transporting in interstate commerce guns stolen from the Canton, Ohio National Guard Armory, October 14, 1958, confidentially advised that he had returned several days previously from a business trip to Cuba, where he had been in contact directly with CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS several times during a nine or ten day period, terminating April 4, 1959. MEROLA stated that he personally visited PRIO at PRIO's estate, "La Chata" and that he saw no evidence whatsoever indicating that PRIO is under guard or surveillance of the CASTRO government. He said that PRIO appears to have complete freedom and that neither he nor his men are restricted in their movements. MEROLA has recently volunteered information to the Miami Office relating to Cuban and other Latin matters. His information has been found to be substantially correct where it is susceptible of being crossed checked.

On April 7, 1959, MM-635-S advised that he had just returned to Miami from Cuba where he had been since March 25, 1959. MM-635-S is now an officer in the Cuban Air Force and closely associated with PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, Chief of the Cuban Air Force. MM-635-S stated that FRANK FIORINI (whose real name is FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS) disclosed to him that PRIO is under house arrest and that about one month ago PRIO had been prevented from departing Cuba. MM-635-S said that FRANK FIORINI is now a captain in the Cuban Air Force and is very closely associated with PEDRO DIAZ and other officials of the Cuban government.

- ④ - Bureau (RM)  
1 - New York (109-43) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Miami

GED:mbb  
(6)

66 APR 23 1959

12-1499-  
NOT RECORDED  
165 APR 22 1959

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP (S)  
DATE

DECLASSIFIED BY 5668 SL/07/84  
ON 8-21-95 (JFK)