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Re Bureau letter to Chicago, 4/17/67.

Enclosed herewith is one photograph of HARRY DEAN believed to be taken in 1960 and furnished to the Indianapolis Office by Captain EDWARD GRABOVAC, Detective Bureau, Whiting, Indiana Police Department on March 6, 1961.

DEAN first called the Chicago Office in August, 1960, to report that he had been elected Recording Secretary, Chicago Chapter, Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). He did not divulge his name and address at this time. Later in the same month he called this office, stating his name and advising he was residing at 1540 Central Avenue, Whiting, Indiana, and that he owned his own business, the Whiting Plastering Company. He told of his connections with the FPCC, furnished information concerning the leadership of this organization, and said that he would be amenable to an interview with an agent of the FBI.

The Indianapolis Office conducted an inquiry in Whiting, Indiana, in September, 1960. Detective Captain EDWARD GRABOVAC, Whiting, Indiana, Police Department, advised that DEAN, whose real name he believed to be GORDON HUNT and who had used the name GEORGE R. BAKER, had skipped town and the Whiting Police Department had a warrant for his arrest on bad check charges. GRABOVAC said DEAN was a self-employed plasterer. The Whiting, Indiana Police Department procured an identification record from the Detroit, Michigan, Police Department under FBI #4657830. This record revealed that DEAN had been committed as a mental patient in Canada in 1948 and was sentenced at Chatam, Ontario, for breaking and entering to "one year indefinite."

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At this time DEAN had one arrest by the Detroit Police Department for disturbing a religious meeting and two arrests for using indecent and obscene language. He was also AWOL from Fort Knox, Kentucky, in 1949.

In December, 1960, DEAN again called this office to report that he had been residing in Detroit for the past two months. At that time he said he was living in Chicago but he refused to divulge his local address. He continued to telephonically contact this office on several occasions until June, 1961. He furnished information concerning Cuban nationals connected with the 26th of July Movement and on local persons connected with the FPCC.

He was last contacted by two agents of the Chicago Office on June 7, 1961, at which time he was told that this office did not desire his assistance.

Former CG 6403-S advised in August, 1960, that DEAN was a white male, age about 25 (in 1960), stocky build, and black hair.

While DEAN voluntarily furnished information to the Chicago Office over a period of nearly a year, he was never considered a PSI or informant by this office.

On December 7, 1960, HARRY DEAN telephonically contacted this office. He advised that he had been in contact with a ED SWABECK, 1716 St. Michaels, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number Wh 4-6445. He stated that he had originally met SWABECK in Cuba this past summer. He said that SWABECK invited him to a meeting in his home on the evening of December 7, 1960 at 7 p.m. DEAN stated that this is a meeting of a Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC) group and that he intended to attend. He said that from the way SWABECK talked it is his belief that this group is trying to out due other groups re the FPCC and thus cause a split in the group. He also said that SWABECK made mention of a letter that he received from TABER which stated that EDDIE SHAW of Detroit had been moved into a position similar to that of a regional director of the FPFCC.

On December 20, 1960 CG 6403-S advised SA RAYMOND E. MOONEY of a meeting of a group of persons interested in forming a North Side Branch of the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee which meeting was held on December 7, 1960 at the home of EDWARD SWABECK, 1716 St. Michael's Street, Chicago.

This group decided that an organizational meeting should be held on January 6, 1961, at the home of MIMI HARRIS. BARNETT was selected to be in charge of the program, ED SWABECK was assigned the duty to have the announcements printed by DICK CRILEY and mailed, and HARRY DEAN was to call ANGUS SUMNER and JOHN ROSSEN to obtain reading material that can either be sold or passed out free of charge. Temporary Branch Officers, i.e., Chairman, Secretary and Educational Director are to be elected and MARCIA STARR will collect dues from new members.

During this meeting, HARRY DEAN was overheard to state that just before he left Whiting, Indiana, he had been beaten, a rock had been thrown through his window and he was given a "hard time" by the townspeople. He said that he is presently a sheet metal worker in Chicago. DEAN also stated that he was in Cuba in June, 1960, and while en route met ED SWABECK on the plane. He and SWABECK were in Cuba at the same time and were together in Cuba at least part of the time. DEAN said his first contact with the Cubans was when he donated money to the Cuban cause on two occasions when they held parades on State Street in 1958. At that time, he mentioned that he was working for the Curtis Publishing Company. DEAN said he then went to the Cuban Consulate, Chicago, and met Dr. FERRIER, a Consulate official. DEAN expressed his sympathies toward the CASTRO revolution to Dr. FERRIER. He said that Dr. FERRIER knew of and worked with the 26th of July Movement in Chicago, and he also knew of the formation of the FPCC. According to DEAN, Dr. FERRIER