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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (109-430)

DATE: February 7, 1955

FROM : SAC, Miami (2-165)

SUBJECT: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, et al  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
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Rebulet, 1/26/55, attaching a letter from the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, dated 1/18/55.

Ernie's Garage, at 37th Avenue and Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, is operated by ERNEST DARLOW, assisted by his brother, AL DARLOW, commonly known as JIMMIE DARLOW, who is a former Potential Criminal Informant of this office. DARLOW was also supplying information to U. S. Customs, Miami, relative to various individuals in the Miami area engaged in conspiracies to illegally ship arms outside the United States, including JESSE A. VICKERS, who was recently pleaded nolo contendere in Federal Court, New York City, on such a charge.

This office ceased contact with DARLOW a number of months ago when it appeared that practically all the information he was able to furnish related to matters within the primary jurisdiction of Customs.

On January 28, 1955, JAMES OFFUTT, Assistant Supervising Customs Agent, Miami, advised that the information relating to the activity of the operators of Ernie's Garage, as set forth in the Legat letter of January 18, 1955, was undoubtedly furnished to individuals in Cuba by ADA WALK (who is also known to the Miami Office) who came to the U. S. Customs office a short time ago and reported similar information concerning MARCOS DIEZ, and one ROBERTO who drives a red convertible automobile.

Mr. OFFUTT said that he is still maintaining frequent contact with DARLOW and feels that he is pretty well informed concerning DARLOW's present activities. He pointed out that DARLOW kept several guns in his garage, including a Harrington & Richardson rifle, with a sawed-off barrel, which he had been passing off to various "hangers on" as a machine gun.

U. S. Customs, Miami, also has a pending case against MARCUS DIEZ y LANZ, against whom DARLOW has furnished information

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