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Re report of SA ROBERT H. BRADNER, September 18, 1958 at
Cleveland and Bureau letter to Miami, October 3, 1958,
captioned WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, IS-CUBA (Bureau
file No. 105-70973) (u)

Discreet inquiry among acquaintances of the subject have
failed to reveal any further background information regard-
ing the subject, accordingly the following information is
set forth in order that the Bureau may give consideration
to authorizing an interview with the subject. (u)

It is noted that the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, has requested
that the subject be contacted for the purpose of identify-
ing a photograph reported to be that of WILLIAM ALEXANDER
MORGAN inasmuch as the subject reportedly met MORGAN while
in Cuba. (S)(u)

- I. The subject resides at 111 John Street, Maumee, Ohio,
and is unemployed. His occupation is unknown, but has
been previously listed as "Hair Stylist", "Binner" and
student. He was born at Perrysburg, Ohio, on March 10,
1927 and is a United States Citizen.
- II. The subject is single.
- III. The subject has had no known contacts with Soviet or
Satellite establishments or personnel. (S)(u)
- IV. The subject has no known past or present subversive
connections or activities in the Maumee-Toledo area.
The subject was reportedly arrested by Cuban Authorities
in June, 1958, and charged with a "crime against the
security of the Cuban Government." Information received

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from the Department of Investigation, Cuban National Police reflects that the subject claimed to have flown from Miami, Florida to Havana, Cuba on March 18, 1958 and from there traveled to Santa Clara, where he made arrangements to join insurrectionary forces of FIDEL CASTRO. He claimed to have joined these forces on May 16, 1958. The subject was arrested on June 2, 1958, while walking along a small road in the Las Villas Province. He claimed to have deserted the rebel forces and that he had no intention of taking up arms, but had joined these forces in order to obtain background information for a series of newspaper articles. The subject was informally deported to Miami, on June 30, 1958, and all charges against him arising from his activities with the insurrectionary forces were dismissed. (S)(u)

V. The subject's relatives have no known past or present subversive activities or connections.

VI. The [informant and double agent potentialities] of the subject are unknown. (S)(u)

VII. None known.

VIII. It is believed that an interview with the subject would result in determining the extent of the subject's activities in the Cuban revolutionary movement and his method of making contact with these insurrectionary forces. It is also believed that an interview with the subject will be useful to determine if he has knowledge of any activities of the Cuban insurrectionary forces in the United States, and the identities of any representatives of these forces in the United States. (S)(u)

It is also believed that an interview with the subject would be useful to determine if he can identify the photograph reported to be WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN as being MORGAN's photograph, and to obtain any additional background information he may have regarding this individual since he reportedly met MORGAN while serving in the Cuban rebel forces. (S)(u)

IX. If Bureau authority is granted to interview the subject he will be approached to determine if he can identify the photograph reported to be that of WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN and questioned regarding any background information he may (S)(u)

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be able to furnish regarding MORGAN. If cooperative the subject will then be questioned regarding the extent of his own activities with the Cuban insurrectionary forces, and his knowledge of any representatives or activities of these forces in the United States. (X)(u)

Bureau authority is requested to interviews of security subjects. Care will be exercised to protect the original source in this matter. [If the subject is cooperative no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities,] but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject [as a potential security informant or double agent.] (S)(u)

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