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The following information was volunteered by ROBERT J. ABODEELY, 137 Yale Drive, Toledo, Ohio on 5/1/59. If any dissemination is made of this information the identity of ABODEELY should be protected at his request. It is also noted that consideration is being given to developing ABODEELY as a PSI, and Bureau authority to contact him as such will be sought upon completion of background investigation concerning him.

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Source advised that JACK LARUE and DOMINICK BARTONE, both residents of Toledo, Ohio have just recently returned from a visit to Cuba where they met with WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN. MORGAN is a Toledo native who fought in the Cuban Revolution with the forces of FIDEL CASTRO, and who was appointed to a high military post by CASTRO following the success of the CASTRO forces.

According to source, LARUE stated on 4/28/59 that MORGAN was probably in Panama at that time since MORGAN had told LARUE during his trip to Cuba that they (apparently meaning a Cuban military contingent) were planning on going into Panama in the near future.

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Source advised that according to LARUE, MORGAN is very close to FIDEL CASTRO and it was his opinion that MORGAN would not be going on such an expedition without the knowledge and consent of CASTRO. ~~(S)~~

Source further advised that LARUE and BARTONE are members of a group who have been attempting to sell several C-75 transport planes owned by the Akros Dynamics Corporation, 1810 Terminal Tower Building, Cleveland, Ohio to FIDEL CASTRO. Source stated that these planes are presently based at Phoenix, Arizona and LARUE has indicated that one of these planes has already been delivered to CASTRO and it was anticipated that he would purchase at least a total of four of the planes. ~~(S)~~

Source stated that to his knowledge LARUE and BARTONE have no connection with the Akros Dynamics Corporation, but were aware that they had the planes for sale and entered into an agreement with Akros to attempt to sell the planes to CASTRO through their contact with MORGAN. ~~(S)~~

It is noted that previous information regarding the sale of these planes to CASTRO was recently furnished to the Bureau under the caption "DR. FIDEL CASTRO, FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS." ~~(S)~~

According to source, LARUE also stated that MORGAN expressed an interest in purchasing "Combat Jackets", which could be used as military clothing from the LARUE, BARTONE combine if they could obtain such jackets for resale. MORGAN indicated that Cuba was attempting a build-up in military strength, and the previously mentioned airplanes would be used as a part of the over-all military build-up. ~~(S)~~

Any further details of the Cuban situation furnished by ABODEELY will be forwarded to the Bureau. ~~(S)~~

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