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JOHN JOSEPH FRANK

WATSON L. ROPER

REGISTRATION ACT - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Reference my memorandum 8/21/59 pointing out that Lieutenant Rene Raiole, NA, Monroe County Sheriff's office, Miami, Florida, was approached by Frank and Roper to undertake trip to Cuba to obtain certain information desired by Dominicans. Raiole initially expressed willingness to accept assignment in order to assist U. S. Government.

By teletype 8/25/59 Miami advised that Raiole had discussed matter on strictly confidential basis with his superior, Sheriff John Spottswood. Spottswood called attention to possible serious personal risks involved to Raiole as well as potential embarrassment to Sheriff's office if Raiole became involved in difficulties in Cuba. Spottswood encouraged Raiole to cooperate and report subject's activities in U. S. but could not approve his proposed trip to Cuba.

By teletype 8/26/59 Miami advised that Raiole had talked via long-distance phone with subjects, who are in Miami, on morning of that date. They were disappointed that he was unable to handle assignment but appreciated his position. Raiole declined to furnish subjects' names of his contacts in Havana whom Roper might get in touch with. However, he offered to try and secure information desired (regarding whereabouts and status of William Alexander Morgan) from his acquaintances who travel on Key West-Havana ferry. Raiole plans to make discreet inquiries among his contacts on this ferry on evening of 8/27/59 and to thereafter recontact subjects.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed Raiole's action in discussing matter confidentially with Sheriff Spottswood was entirely proper and that, in fact, he had obligation to do so in view of possible adverse reflection on Sheriff's office if difficulties did arise in connection with Raiole's dealings with subjects. Sheriff Spottswood's action in discouraging proposed Cuban trip by Raiole was reasonable in view of the circumstances.

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Memorandum Donahoe to Belmont
Re: JOHN JOSEPH FRANK
WATSON L. ROPER
97-3293

As noted above, Spottswood has encouraged Raiola to cooperate as fully as possible so long as foreign travel is not involved.

In view of these developments, it is likely that subjects will adopt one of following courses: (1) Frank or Roper may undertake trip to Cuba personally, more likely Roper, since Frank may be unwilling to make trip in view of his notoriety resulting from Galindez case (as noted previously, there is already some indication Roper is considering making the trip); (2) subjects may seek to recruit another individual, possibly another law enforcement officer in Florida, with whom they are acquainted, to perform this mission. It is hoped that additional information concerning the subjects' plans can be secured through Raiola; however, this is not likely and it is, therefore, essential we afford closest coverage possible to Frank and Roper to keep abreast of their plans.

ACTION:

Attached is airtel to Miami, with copies to WFO and Legat, Havana. Miami is being instructed to maintain close contact with Raiola as to outcome with future meetings he may have with subjects. Miami is also being instructed to afford closest coverage possible on both subjects in effort to determine their future contacts and activities, particularly with respect to proposed intelligence assignment in Cuba. Miami being requested to utilize spot check physical surveillances on subjects, where warranted, and to place stops so that we will be apprised of any travel Frank or Roper may make to Cuba.