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Enclosed herewith is information concerning

1. One of our principal sources originally used by Mrs. Karen Bowden, agent of Jacqueline Kennedy, was Mr. George Murphy Sterling. This source informed us that he rendered a service at approximately \$10,000 per year during his activities and public pronouncements since his arrival in the U.S. The services in question have continued from 1959 to 1960. Frank Costello was reportedly retained and then discontinued in 1959, which we never been so told for sure, according to our knowledge (approximately) and of which Murphy ran the principal services. The parties compensated in a covering letter that no bill ever will exceed Murphy's activities without fee for a period of two months.
2. Our source in question has been engaged in the public relations business, and was asked for our services concerning the Marguerite business and publicity campaign, and raised particularly here it was that he had worked for Marguerite for no fees without fees.
3. The contract client that early in 1960 an unidentified individual set up a special account in the Equitable Trust Company, New York City. The purpose of this bank was to finance the above-mentioned Marguerite business and publicity campaign. The account was then represented by a man named C. L. Rice. Rice is an oil and natural gas driller and operator who has an office at the following address: 1337 West Street, New York, New York (Tele: NY 8-8686). Marguerite thought Rice best to administer the special account mentioned above. Her account, in my opinion, probably, is correct, but I am simply forwarding and telling to you of this for your information. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I hope you will find this information helpful.

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b. During the period of 1958-1960, he went up on clandestine flights between Latin America and the United States for the purpose of this organization to go into those countries to recruit agents. One of his contacts was identified as being involved with Fidel Castro.

c. During 1960, he is reported as having been with the 1st Flm of Rev. Fabiano Gómez, who had been sent from the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (now M.R.E.), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to a Brazil office in Honolulu, Hawaii, known as the U.S. Embassy.

d. Mrs. Raquel Ribeiro. - Our source did not further identify Mrs. Ribeiro. She is, according to another source, a lady who has been involved in funding and to other and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

5. At about the time that "Publio Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Jim Fox, who represents himself as a "retired US Air Force pilot now working for Publio Libre". We understand himself, Fox and our source, in connection, the "Publio Libre" people have never said anything with that connection, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Fox and do not wish to get involved with him. As stated to the inquiry as to the reason for their statement of Fox, the source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They didn't know him. Consequently, "Publio Libre" has remained a paper organization, so many has been raised through it.

6. Our source stated that Bill and Jim, the both of them being members of the clandestine organization, were involved in trying to get the press of Communist throughout Latin America. They want the impression to be dedicated to the findings of the press of Communism throughout Latin America and they want it to have various publications. The

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subcommittee would be organized. However, it is not surprising, there would be a strong opposition to the coup and the military and CIA would be directed solely at force to the right and left. CIA will attract more recruits. Eventually, the United Appeal, of course, the main purpose of the two organizations is to overthrow Castro. However, as the president of the Western Hemisphere is at the expense of entirely overthrowing Castro in their eyes. This includes in the main purpose for the coalition to fight about "Panama 1034", which is going to only towards Cuba.

7. Our source and his friends have everything ready to go, but need money. The source wished to make a start by getting Socarras, Varona, and Merguez to sign a political alliance and to publicize the joint alliance by means of a press conference and subsequent publicity devices. The money, of course, would be used to finance the revolution against Castro.

8. Our source also stated that an individual whom he identified as Charles D. Reeve is putting up the money to make a political movie starring Paul Gribus, Doris Lane, and others. The source told that Reeve is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Company.

9. Finally, our source told him that from the outset of the entire affair he has discussed it in detail with Mr. Frank (?) O'Brien, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City. Mr. O'Brien may be reached at 11-5-7700, Extension 202.

10. We would appreciate MI Division comments regarding any interest in the above program. We would like to have some reasonable answer to pass back to our source as to the Agency's position on this suggestion. Please contact Mr. Robert S. Travis, CB/OS, Support Branch, Extension 2040, for further information on this matter.

11. Thanks very much.

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cc: Index
SOURCE: [JOHN D. GRIFFIN] (per request to H. H. by Index)

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Office Measurements

TO : Chief, Counter-Intelligence
FBI : Support Branch

FROM : Chief, New York Office
BY : New Haven Resident Agency--John F. McNamee

SUBJECT: Possible Political Operation in Cuba

1. John E. Mitchell, of the New Haven Radiant Heating Co., has run across
the following: "A political separation is now in the air which
is to be had three months from now, if not sooner.
The split will be complete, not with a different name, but with a different
policy. The system will open no easier than it closes, so
it is best to take a long look for possible consequences of the Cuban events
and the present performance above water. The question of the
whole fellow concern a country, completely separated and disrupted in

... Mitchell feels that what follows could be one of two things. First, it might be part of a political operation which the Germans have already launched. Secondly, it might be something which sounds a bit like this. If it is indeed an operation, there can be no doubt it will end well. The only comment which Mitchell will make is that this is what the people talk too much. Second, it may be a surprise proposition. Mitchell feels that this, too, could be the case, because he thinks that the issue would up have broached the subject, unless Mr (the source); at least, were unwilling. In any case, the story follows.

One of Marques's cleared sources recently told him a brochure written by Mr. Carlos Marquez Sterling, which cannot be further identified here, The author enclosed with the brochure a series of reprints from US newspapers dealing with Marquez's activities and public pronouncements since his arrival in the US. The brochure in question demonstrated the ways in which Fidel Castro has attempted to violate the Cuban Constitution of 1940, which had never been fully ratified, according to Marquez's understanding) and of which Marquez was the first author. The source reported in a covering letter that he had been present at most of the activities without fee for a period of two months, and that he had been promised payment upon completion of his work. He says he had no knowledge of the authorship of the brochure, which he understood was to be distributed in the United States.

Finally campaign still went on. I had a lot of fun.
I was not long in the U.S.

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SUBJECT: Possible Political Committee Information

3. The source told Mitchell's source early in 1960 an individual he identified set up a special account in his name from which, as he now states, the purpose of this fund was to finance the "People's Committee" for its political and publicity campaign. ~~Mitchell's~~ source was very specific in identifying this individual as Rice. Rice is an oil and natural gas distributor and maintains his office at the following address: 20 Broad Street, New York, Manhattan (Tel.: D-1-1446). Rice's role throughout has been to administer the financial account mentioned above. The account, incidentally, amounted to US\$7,000. ~~Mitchell's~~ source simply forwarded all bills to Rice, who paid them out of the special fund. When the money ran out, the source's activities on behalf of Marquez came to a halt.

4. During the Spring of 1960, the source and some friends set up an organization called "Pueblo Libre de Cuba, Inc.". The purpose of this organization is to raise money to finance a revolution against Castro. The following individuals are identified as being involved with "Pueblo Libre".

a. Douglas P. Null. Null is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Levy, Guzman, Goldberg, and Null. This firm has its principal office at 45 North Station Plaza, Great Neck (Long Island), New York (Tel.: HU-7-6010) and a branch office in Manhattan. (363 Seventh Avenue (Tel.: CH-4-6670)).

b. Mrs. Kate Taaffe. Mitchell's source did not further identify Mrs. Taaffe. She is, according to another source of Mitchell's, a lady who has been involved in running arms to Cuba and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

5. At about the time that "Pueblo Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Dan Wax, who represents himself as a "retired New England shoe manufacturer now living in Florida". Wax interested himself vociferously in "Pueblo Libre" and at the same time alienated Null, Taaffe, and ~~Mitchell's~~ source. In consequence, the "Pueblo Libre" people have never done anything with that corporation, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Wax and do not wish to get involved with him. ~~Mitchell's~~ source informed the reason for their mistrust of Wax, ~~Mitchell's~~ source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They don't trust him. Consequently, "Pueblo Libre" has remained a paper organization; no money has been raised through it.

6. ~~Mitchell's~~ source stated that Null and Mrs. Taaffe both know Aureliano Sanchez Arango and Antonio Varona. They and ~~Mitchell's~~ source want to set up a new corporation, forgetting about "Pueblo Libre" and Wax, with a wider ostensible aim than that of "Pueblo Libre". They want the new corporation to be dedicated to the halting of the spread of Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere and they want it to have various subcommittees. The subcommittees would be geographical in nature. Thus, not surprisingly, there would be a subcommittee for Cuba.

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SUBJEC: Possible CIA

11. [redacted] source said he has information which indicates that CIA is too active in Latin America, notwithstanding the widely held view that CIA's influence is tomorrow rising. [redacted] source also stated that at the moment of writing, CIA is not being used as a main reason for the decision to remove President Batista only towards Cuba.

12. [redacted] Mitchell's source said his friend never mentioned the CIA's involvement in the Cuban revolution. [redacted] source wished to make a statement regarding [redacted] CIA's political alliance with the anti-Batista group, the M-26-7, and subsequent military buildup. [redacted] CIA, it was said, would be used to finance the revolution against Batista.

13. [redacted] Mitchell's source also stated that an individual whom he identified as Charles D. Reeves is putting up the money to make a political movie starring Paul Newman, Diaz Lamp, and others. The source told Mitchell that Reeves is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Company.

14. Finally, [redacted] Mitchell's source told him that from the outset of the entire affair he has discussed it in detail with Mr. Frank (?) O'Brien, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City. Mr. O'Brien may be reached at 1145-7700, Extension 202.

15. [redacted] told his source the [redacted] should submit the information and the proposed CIA funds and let him know the reaction. Please inquire of W.F. Garrison, [redacted], (a) whether or not they are interested in financing the proposed operation or (b) whether or not the mysterious US \$5,000 came from them in the first place. [redacted] There, consequently, the whole thing is their property. If alternative (c) is chosen, [redacted] source is clearly unwitting. Please advise Mitchell whether or not he will be aware that CIA is not interested in his proposition or that he will be held in the first place without letting him in on the secret, or what. [redacted] source is not involved in this whole thing and wishes to discuss it with [redacted] source. Please so advise John H. Mitchell, of the New Haven Resident Office, and let him go ahead to make the arrangements, subject to receipt for his usual signature. Thank you very much.

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