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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION : Domestic Intelligence Division

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : VLADIMIR SECEN
MILE RAVLIC
REGISTRATION - INTERNAL SECURITY MATTER

1. Reference is made to an inquiry to this Agency from your Bureau concerning Subjects, your Bureau's File No. 100-100036, and this Agency's teletype No. 19754 dated 26 July 1968, Subject: "VLADIMIR SECEN - INTERNAL SECURITY DOMINICAN REPUBLIC."

2. For your background information only, VLADIMIR SECEN was ~~of operational interest to this Agency~~ from 1963 to 1966 as an occasional source of information on Caribbean matters. SECEN's claim to your Bureau that he was involved in a plan to overthrow the Government of Haiti and was being paid by this Agency in furtherance of this plan is completely false. However, SECEN did inform this Agency on two occasions that he was allegedly involved in such a plan. A resume of these reports follows.

3. On 9 February 1963, ^{201-042669 2-1-63} SECEN informed a representative from this Agency in Miami that he had been offered a post as military advisor to an expedition being formed by Rolando MASFERRER Rojas, former Cuban Senator, to depose President DUVALIER of Haiti. SECEN said he refused the post, but later said that MASFERRER had remarked publicly on several occasions that SECEN had accepted his proposition. According to SECEN, this was a tactic MASFERRER used to enhance the prestige of his movement.

4. On 2 March 1966, SECEN told a representative of this Agency in Miami that he had been contacted on 22 February 1966 by one Mile RAVLIC from Madrid who, according to SECEN, was en route to Haiti to perform a mission for President DUVALIER. According to SECEN, RAVLIC stopped in Miami to see him. In their meeting, RAVLIC told SECEN that he had been contacted in mid-February in Madrid by a Dominican national residing in Haiti who was allegedly a confidant

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of President DUVALIER. The Dominican told RAVLIC that DUVALIER wanted to see him regarding VLADIMIR SECEN, an individual whom DUVALIER suspected of plotting to overthrow the Government of Haiti. DUVALIER wanted RAVLIC to influence SECEN to stop his Haitian plotting and, if SECEN agreed, DUVALIER was willing to offer SECEN a good job in the Haitian Government. SECEN reportedly told RAVLIC that he was not engaged in any plot to overthrow President DUVALIER and did not plan to become involved. RAVLIC then told SECEN that he was going to Haiti to report the results of his mission to President DUVALIER; however, when SECEN warned RAVLIC that such a trip would be too dangerous, RAVLIC took his advice and returned to Spain.

5. The files of this Agency reflect that Mile RAVLIC, also known as Mile RAVLIK de BOGETICH TEPCEVICH, Mile KRAWIT, and Major MILLER, was born 18 June 1919 in Croatia, Yugoslavia, and is a naturalized citizen of the Dominican Republic. He studied agriculture in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and graduated as an agronomist. During World War II, he was a member of the Croatian Army. In 1957, he joined the Dominican Army as a Major and became a Lt. Colonel under President TRUJILLO. In April 1967, a reliable source reported that RAVLIC, who traveled on a Dominican Republic passport, was apparently involved in an import-export business, but also carried out political and information-gathering missions. At that time RAVLIC was reported to have been in Madrid for the past month, but had made several trips to France. Source also said that RAVLIC continued to maintain contact with the TRUJILLOS. The most recent information in this Agency's files reflects that in September 1967, RAVLIC was reportedly in Paris waiting for Mrs. Juan PERON. At that time, RAVLIC told a reliable source that he was in business with Juan PERON.

6. Although this Agency has no current operational interest in SECEN, we would appreciate receipt of any information which your Bureau may obtain on his activities in the Caribbean area, particularly in the Dominican Republic and Haiti or relating to the Cubans.

7. The above information is being made available to your Bureau with the understanding that it will receive no further dissemination without prior approval from this office and will not be used in any interviews which your Bureau might have with SECEN.

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