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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
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Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

In reply to your letter of 22 April 1963, this Agency
has the following information on Santiago ALVARDE Rodriguez:

His full name is Santiago Juan Antonio ALVARDE
Rodriguez, and he was born in Matanzas, Cuba, on 25
July 1907. He is a medical doctor by profession, and
was formerly Governor of Matanzas Province,
Congressman and Senator under former President
Fulgencio Batista.

Mr. ALVARDE has a rather lengthy history of
participation in anti-Castro activities which dates
back to 1957 when he was involved with the training
of approximately 400 Cuban exiles on one of the keys
off the Mexican coast.

In early 1961, Mr. ALVARDE colluded with the
counterrevolutionary forces which were being formed
in Miami, Florida; however, due primarily to his age,
he was not used during the Bay of Pigs invasion attempt.

Mr. ALVARDE's boat, the ALISAN, was reportedly
used on many occasions by exile groups for transporting
arms, ammunition and supplies to anti-Castro rebels
in Cuba. In November 1962 this Agency provided
gasoline and some arms to a small group of Cuban
exiles headed by Enrique CASADO who, with the use

of the ALISON, infiltrated a Cuban G-2 Lieutenant and his family from Cuba. Enrique CASADO has been active in maritime operations for many years, first against Batista and later against Castro. This has been the extent of our interest or use of the ALISON.

Aside from the support to the ALISON on one occasion this Agency has had no connection with Mr. ALVAREZ nor has it ever employed him. We have noted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has additional information on Mr. ALVAREZ.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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