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1. William Lee, born as Withermore, N.Y., 17 Jan 19, called to Detroit, Mich. on the afternoon of 15 Aug 68, and registered an interview. He said at that information at that time "would help us". In response to this request, a life relief on him the day afterward at the hospital.

2. Physically, Joe gave the appearance of having been down on his back for some time. He is married to a Venezuelan citizen, and his wife and two children live in Maracaibo. He is a street operator of professional criminal type. He was in his first line of work in Cleveland on or about 11 August, and has been at the Federal United Hospital since that date. He carries passport no. 26960, re-validated at Maracaibo, Venezuela on 17 Jul 59. He has a sister-in-law, Anna Rodriguez, whom he describes as a gun-toting newsreperwoman of Maracaibo, and a member of Latin American Democratic. The following is the gist of what he said in the course of the two and a half hour interview.

3. Communist-Related Activities of Emma Wundwalski Through his sister-in-law, Gus met in 1961 a later newspaperman of the name of Emma, a reporter for the Diario Los Occidentales of Veracruz. Emma introduced him to people involved with an anti-Communist movement, reported reality of Nicaraguan exiles in Veracruz. Gus makes the an. Division aware they would have employed him, but he found out the movement was backed by the Communist Party of Venezuela, and so he dropped them.

4. Shortly after his meeting with the anti-Communist, Joe came in contact with a Professor Joseph, Director of the College de los Andes, and head of the Anti-Communist Institute. Gonzalez was under the impression that Joe was an employee of the CIA, and expressed an interest in using him to run arms into Cuba, to supply the Castro forces. This was prior to the Batista overthrow of January 1959.

5. She took a job in Miami, working on contract on a breeding operation. In April in July 1960, she met a man named Thomas Harrison. She introduced him to William Harrison, the leader of an anti-Castro group. Harrison took her into the group and told him he would like to employ him with his job on the breeding operation. Harrison, according to her, was the point who dispatched the "breeding team" consisting of James Harrison and John, all of whom were caught and reported shortly after their arrival in Cuba. She also Harrison and informed of what was going on at the time, but a short time later caused a cessation of the breeding operation in the United States. Harrison said was, however, somewhat less and the other was. Would be certain with the "breeding team" and that, upon arrival there, he would contact the "Harris". A. J. Harrison was a very close friend.

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6. One's opinion of Miral's character is not. He stated Rodriguez is an anti-granger, who is only interested in the anti-granger movement and the money he can get out of it. Rodriguez told Joe he was a brother in Cuba who had been in the United States. He also volunteered to Joe that he was a member of the group who attacked the Cuban Consul in the Consulate in Miami. Joe later received that Maria, Miller and Rodriguez were the executioners of the Cuban Consul in a "Machete party".

7. When Joe was weighing the deal and he was finally available to under the Masferrer group that time. He met a fellow by the name of Jerry (last name), in the company of Antonio and Antonio Masferrer. Antonio is Rodriguez's brother and works with a much more professional group than Joe. Antonio had an office in the same building as the Cuban Consulate, and seemed to act as a translator for Masferrer, as well as a provider of weapons on a small scale. Jerry apparently had serious character flaws, since he switched two of the cameras of the Masferrer militia out of 100 each on the pretext of taking their cameras from home to have them cashed for them.

8. Murder of Russ Mascher When Masferrer started actively recruiting Americans for his group, he did not make any effort to check them out. Among them were Russ Mascher, who claimed to be an ex-convict police officer in the service of Castro. One night Joe was in a bar next to the Masferrer task force's barracks at 1001 West 1st Street with Mascher. Juan (also known as El Indio) and a former member of the Castro secret police, whom he could not name. There were many other Cubans and Americans as well. Juan was a Portuguese who claimed to have entered the US legally at Key West after jumping the Havana-Hay West Ferry. His nickname derived from his musical talents. He also claimed to have had military experience, but he proved to be a military tactician that he later became second in command of the task force. The former Castro secret policeman was in his early 20's, about six-foot tall, husky build and claimed to have been a schoolteacher. In the course of the evening at the bar, one of the three - Mascher, Juan, or the ex-secret policeman - made the remark that, on the occasion of their leaving in Cuba, they should break away from the Masferrer group and try to join up with some other. Joe overheard the remark and reported it to the task force leader, though he said he could not identify which of the three had said it. The ex-secret policeman was immediately thrown out of the task force, but Mascher was also strongly suspected of being the author of the dissident remark. As a result of this suspicion, Mascher was not allowed to take any firearms with him when the group went into training on McKim Key. Joe, however, was allowed to take a .25 pistol. Besides Joe's weapon, the only other firearms at No-Mane initially were a 12-gauge shotgun and a .32 rifle. Mascher was unable to keep up with the rigorous physical training schedule of the group, and so absented himself from that part of the training. Mascher dropped the habit of rising early in the morning and going out to hunt in the woods, having managed somehow to appropriate the .32 rifle. Because of his general attitude toward the training, plus the suspicion that surrounded him as the possible author of the dissident remark in the Miami bar, an acute bitterness grew between him and the group leader at No-Mane, Joe, also known as El Indio. Joe was a former Batista police sergeant who had been tried and condemned to death in absentia. Joe proceeded to start it out with Mascher, but Mascher declined the invitation. Masferrer visited No-Mane once in the company of Joe ---, an ex-C.I. who had served in Mexico. Masferrer brought with him a .45 service automatic and a .30-06 rifle. These guns were lost by Masferrer, upon his departure the next day. In the company of Joe and Joe, who had been a B-17 man in Batista's army and claimed to have killed El Indio Mascher. Companero was married to an American woman who lived in Miami. Mascher arose early in the morning and went hunting, according to his custom. About breakfast time, the men in the camp heard shots, and then Mascher

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9. Bill Bishop and CIA Connection: About two days after Bishop's "leaving the group," according to the Wash Post story, they had to leave to Miami, "because of the CIA bill." They went to Little White Way. And a man named Bill Bishop was sent out to take charge of them there. They spent about one week at Little White Way on supplies, where he, and then returned to Miami. Bishop impressed the group as being a psycho, and no one would take orders from him. He made the wandering group expect the return to Miami, but another character contacted her and asked him to join him in his "cave" in the Everglades with Constance Bernheim. One visited Bishop in his apartment in Miami, and described it as a rather expensive setup. When the group met, Bishop called James, son of Ed, Miami, gave him a report, and had a discussion. At the conclusion of the visit, Bishop appeared upset, and explained that he had been given an expeditionary offer. He confided to her that all information from Bernheim had went to CIA. He said he was set up with Cubans and John Lake leaving out.

10. Other members of the MacFarlane group include Kenny Johnson, --- also, and a man known as "Doc" MacFarlane identified. John MacFarlane, Administrative Assistant to MacFarlane, said there were a total of 10 men to Wally and best of John Leary and his wife, in charge for an article Leary had written for a Miami newspaper, said is displeased MacFarlane. The Learys were hospitalized. In the MacFarlane group there was also a --- John (phonetic), blond, with a blond mustache, claimed to be a Communist and a Russ sympathizer. Wally tried to organize a group that would be armed with torpedoes for the purpose of halting Russian shipping en route to Cuba, in the vicinity of the Bahamas. Kenny Johnson got drunk one night, and he and several subjects beat up Leary, sending him to the hospital. When released from the hospital, Wally moved in with the Learys. The family of the Learys executed in Cuba along with Barta and Thompson. Wally, incidentally, claimed to have been a POW of the Communists in Korea, one of the Baron Mc or so who refused repatriation in 1953.

11. Breaking of the Easter egg occurred around early January 1961, when Rochester was asked by the police to check up the barbeque. The members of the group were told to go inside several ways, but they were nearly all shot back. Luis Hernandez took Ben to the home of Dr. Anselmo de Alvarado, President of the Casa Joven. While she waited outside in the car, Luis went into the house and returned carrying with a "bag" of money. He hurried back to the women to pay each of them \$100.00, constituting final pay-off and liquidation of the employment agreement. He was able to find 11 of the men, to each of whom he gave three dollars (three large dollar bills), the balance of a sum of \$33.00 which he still has in his possession. All of the men declared their testimony was not to give

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at 10:00 a.m. 300 of them left in a group before the payoff. The group was at Havana, and was sent for 100,000, hoping to reach a "training camp" there. The group was moving quickly, apparently, but was held up instead at Havana. When there they were arrested and sentenced to 30 years each. Gee added that he was not sure that some of the 300 was a woman. Another small group of the ex-convicts made a last attempt with the intention of sailing to Cuba. They were picked up by Cuban police before they got out of the harbor.

12. All Anti-Castro Agents in the Miami Area, according to Gee, is under the direction of James Fernandez, of the Cuban organization. His residence is at S.W. 1st and 10th Aves., Miami. Gee says she promises, or makes, money and sees to their delivery on target.

13. General-Marchal Anti-Boatlift Plot: (Gee says that he gave the following information to James Fernandez who was in response to his phone call sometime early this year. James Fernandez in Miami.) Sometime early this year, Gee is vague about the time, he met a man named Howard Davis, who upon hearing that Gee was interested in returning to his family in Caracas, introduced him to one Paul Phillips, who of 1955 Collins Ave., Miami. Phillips arranged an interview for Gee with a Colonel Casanova, who was instructed to act as the head of the anti-boatlift movement in Miami. Casanova called Gee and Davis at their home - on 11 days notice - organize and arm a group of 400 ex-convicts. He informed Gee and Davis that unlimited cash would be at their disposal for the task. Casanova said all kinds of arms would be needed, including machine guns and flame throwers. He was most interested in whether or not Gee and Davis had any channel for procuring the arms. They assured Casanova they could raise the 400 men and obtain the desired arms and equipment. Casanova said he had already arranged transportation for the force via commercial airline, that they would be flown to a mountain site "named" Caracas. He said the 400 disguised as tourists, and they would be given 30 days vigorous training under the direction of English-speaking Venezuelan army officers. Casanova explained that the tentative plan was for an attack by the 400 on Caracas, simultaneously with an Army revolt within the city and at other unexplained points. The attempted coup in early 1961, involving an attack on Radio Marti, resulted in the arrest of several army officers involved in the Casanova plot, and according to Phillips, necessitated an indefinite delay. Phillips told Gee, however, that Fernandez was still interested in the plan, and that it would be carried out.

14. Caracas with arrangements: Thomas J. J. Starnes, who lives with Rafaela, a relative of the ex-dictator, Gee met Starnes at the hotel Starnes in Miami. Starnes told Gee that, if he were provided with one thousand dollars cash, for expenses, he would go to Caracas and buy any kind of arms needed, and he would guarantee delivery to any part of the world. Another gun-runner with whom he came in contact was Charles Adams, 1010 N. 9th Ave., Miami, telephone number MA 4-2464. Adams told Gee that he could obtain, for \$15.00 cash on minimum orders of one thousand, a weapon described as Anti-Lite (aircraft), with NATO ammunition. Another arms dealer whom Gee contacted was Hal Castle, 2211 SW 1st St., Miami, telephone CH 1-6029. He provided Gee with a list of surplus US arms which he could obtain in any quantities desired.

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2. The following 13 persons were in Circular 21, Isle of Elmira Prison, as of 24 Dec 62:

7. Robert John Contino, age 30-35, 6'2", 150 lbs. brown eyes and hair, shaven; home address: 15117 Melrose Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. He was caught in the Cuyahoga Falls Hotel, Wynnham, Havana, in December 1960 for being a counterrevolutionary. He allegedly belonged to a secret anti-Castro movement. He was supposed to have helped in an uprising in the Escambray Mountains in early 1961. He is serving a 15-year prison term. He is in urgent need of medical care, has a stomach ulcer, and is losing weight daily. He has lost 70 lbs since he has been in prison. I saw him before I left. He is nothing but skin and bones.

5. Eustace Eubank, age 37-40, 6'0", 187 lbs, dark brown eyes and hair; married; home address: 3915 Decfield Blvd, Baltimore, Md. He was caught on north coast of Cuba because of counterrevolutionary activities in 1961 traveling in a yacht with seven or eight other Americans. He is serving a 15 to 20-year prison term. He has lost some weight but otherwise is doing fine. I saw him and talked to him before I left.

c. Peter Leckey, age 21, 5'10", 175 lbs., dirty blond hair, brown eyes; single; born Chicago; Mason, Schmale. His father is an American residing in the Bahamas; his mother is English. He was an airplane pilot and water skiing and scuba diving instructor in the Bahamas. He was caught in the Pinar del Rio Mountains, in the summer of 1960 fighting with a group of anti-Castro guerrillas. He is not a very intelligent boy and keeps to himself. Talks with a lisp caused by an airplane accident.

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3. Armando Garcia, 35-6 years old, 5'10", 160 lbs, blond hair and blue eyes, single, single. He is a civil police who taught in an aviation school in north Florida. Garcia very well educated; speaks English very well now. He was arrested in the summer of 1960 for being connected with a conspiracy. Garcia is going to exonerate himself (Garcia) before in Nicaragua. La Goya was traveling by commercial airplane (Garcia) from the US on his way to Puerto Rico, stopped at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, to pick up passengers, was taken out of the plane, arrested, and taken to prison. La Goya was trying to remain peaceful in order to minimize damage at the time. Doubtful is serving a life to 50-year prison term. He was actually working for La Goya at the time of his arrest. Doubtful was caught two or three days before La Goya, who is also in prison now. La Goya has no love for the US although he says so. He loves the US.

14. Isidoro del Valle is a naturalized US officer (Cuban parents), DOB 1919, 5'10" tall, 160 lbs, hair, dark brown, eyes, brown, address: 121 W. 11th St., Miami, Fla (although DOB 1-3-39). His wife's name is Julia. He lived in the area in 1960, in an aircraft he was flying by himself in order to pick up some Cubans to get them out of the country. One of the Cubans he was to pick up was a G-2 agent. The plane had landed, and he was waiting for the passengers when they started to shoot at him. He tried to take off, but he said the plane was badly shot up. He was nearly dead when he was taken from the burning aircraft. He was a member of the 2d July Movement and of the right hand of Fidel Castro. He met Fidel in school, went with him to Bogota (Baptist) and Mexico, then later turned against Fidel and started to work against him. Del Valle was a Cuban War veteran and was president of the Cuban Korean War Veterans' Association in Havana. He is serving a 30-year prison term.

1. Name: Don Carmichael, DOB: 5/10/1930, 130 lbs, black hair and blue eyes  
brown striped shirt. He was arrested early in 1961 in a boat on the  
north coast of Cuba with Domingo Pachant mentioned above. He is Jewish.  
2. Major or minor law enforcement activities: He was formerly  
member of a lot in the 1950s. I did not know him too well; he was sort  
of quiet and kept to himself. He is in fair health.

1. Name, alias: "Red", DOB: 1907, 175 lbs, black hair, brown eyes; education: 8th; home address: 202 Madison Ave, Boston, Ala, telephone: 2-2334. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He is serving a life to Federal pen for being a member-revolutionary and was caught on Aug 2nd with Threshell and Barbrant.

1. Blond Barry 35, 6'1", 165 lbs. Blond hair, blue eyes. Married presently, lives at Forest Street, Boston, Mass. He lost at least eight outlets, he is nothing but safe and sound. Always were to liberals and the rest of the Democrats. He is allegedly a CIA agent who was caught etc.

another US citizen in the Sapt or St John Hotel in Havana in 1961 planting a telephone and wire recorder in the wall between his apartment and that of a Chinese diplomat. The engineer, I believe, was either Samuel Green or Joe Green. He is also serving a 15-year term at Isle of Pines.

3. John Loomis, 35-40, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown eyes, black hair; home address: Box 40, 187 St, Franklinville, North Carolina. He may be the engineer who was caught with Hernandez mentioned above. He also kept a journal. His health is fair. He is also serving a 15- to 20-year term.

4. Joe Green, 30-35, 5'8", 160 lbs, brown hair and eyes; home address unknown. He is very quiet, soft-spoken, well-educated, keeps to himself. He may have been the electrical engineer who was caught with Hernandez. He is also serving a long prison term.

5. Leonardo Belmont, 41 years old, 5'8", 150 lbs, dirty blond hair, blue eyes; high school graduate; home address unknown. He is very healthy, quiet, played chess all the time, surfs with the US group. He was one of the seven caught in the yacht with the US citizens on the north coast of Cuba with Dumbrant. He is serving a 15- to 20-year prison term for counterrevolutionary activities.

6. Alfred Gibson, 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, fair health, Southern accent, fair education. Kept with the rest of the US citizens. I believe he has also caught in the same yacht with Dumbrant. He is also serving a long prison term.

7. Richard Allen Pennington, 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, dark brown hair, blue eyes; home address unknown. He is completely crazy, of irrational behavior, tried to escape in one of the big trash cans. Has had several seizures, fits. He has been in the hospital several times. Two prisoners who are psychiatrists have been trying to help him, but in vain. He urgently needs psychiatric help. He was allegedly caught in the Esmeralda boat and arrested for being a counterrevolutionary. He was caught in late 1958 or early 1961, is serving a 15-year term. Sometimes goes around all day talking to himself.

8. Walter Higgins, 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, brown eyes and hair, naturalized US citizen (Cuban parents). Korean War veteran. His wife (Daisy) and two daughters are residing in Miami. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He was arrested in Havana in 1961 for being a counterrevolutionary.

9. Michael (Mike), 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, light brown hair, blue eyes, Korean War veteran, a Southerner, high school education. He was also caught in the yacht with Dumbrant, who was allegedly working for Rolando Pennington. He worked in a New York resort center before getting to Cuba.

10. These are all the US citizens that I know about who are at the Isle of Pines Prison now.

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1. The majority of the Cuban exiles in the Embassy were bona fide victims of the Communist regime. However, during the time I served as secretary of the Embassy I observed that some men and women of notorious reputation entered the Embassy as political refugees. The following are those whom I consider to be undesirable: Maxwell Buzke, organizer of the G-2 activities in the Isle of Pines and who executed many opponents of the regime, entered the Embassy to avoid being arrested for illicit market activities and embarrassment of public order. Buzke is an accomplished boxer and terrorized the rest of the exiles with his reckless display of weapons he brought into the Embassy. As far as I know he is still in the Embassy.
2. Jose Garcia Hernandez, a hired killer who was one of the most notorious members of the mob known as "Los Tigres" led by former Senator Rolando Laguarda. Evangelina Garcia Nieto, a professional gambler, who organized gambling within the Embassy of Don Luisino Garcia, Jr. Garcia and his son are in Miami. Theresa del Pozo, a notorious prostitute who was in Amirio Valdes' pay and her companion Jose Isaac del Valle. Isaac was forced away from Miami for prostitution.
3. Among the suspected G-2 agents were: Victorio Igar, an outcasted panegyrist of the Communist government who worked at WFO-TV and WFLA, Miami, Florida. James Oscar Diaz, a Communist worker. Jose Guadalupe Berry who is presently in Fort Worth, Texas. Armando Lopez, former member of the Abraham Lincoln Club in Camaguey, Havana. Ismael Yola de Guzman, a sympathizer and supporter of the regime who is a refugee in Miami, Florida. Juan has also a Communist organization in Camaguey known in Miami. Captain Walter Huggins former Filiberto Castro bodyguard who entered the Embassy because of his participation in the submarine Yaguajay case. Jose Ginepro, train anti-air who was involved with a plane of the Aviation Corporation. He is also a commercial pilot.

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1. Arcadio [redacted], a member of a wealthy family from Santiago de Cuba, served as prosecutor in 1907 during the early days of the Revolution, and sent many Cubans to the firing squad. This man and his family are residing in Miami. Juan [redacted], a formerly well-known female who kept the G-2 informed concerning the employees' activities.

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5. Amador and Sardinas stated that Former President Prío indicated that former members of the Castro regime who are skilled in the US should also be invited to join because their presence in the organization will indicate to the people of Cuba that the aim of the organization is not the return to certain conditions that prevailed before 1 Jan 59. Dr. Prío mentioned that with former Fidelistas joining the organization the members of the "Batallón" and the militia plus the government bureaucracy will not fear repression if and when the Castro regime is ousted. Dr. Prío added that names such as Felipe Arango, Amador, Amador, Amador, and Amador and even controversial Amador Ray, the Commander of the unit by members of the Armed Forces will indicate.

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Director, Domestic Contact Service (OCS)

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Rolando Masferrer Jr., Military Armament Corporation, Powder Springs,  
Georgia

REF : Van Happer/Masulin telecons

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1. Attached per referent telephone conversations is copy of Dan and Bradstreet report as requested on Military Armament Corporation, headquartered in Boston, Quincy, Georgia. Please note that Chairman of the Board, is Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III. Werbell is a former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) officer known to this writer during assignments in China during WWII.

2. This Agency, as well as other government agencies, have considerable information on Werbell. He is an old and unsavory, unsolicited, contact of the Miami Field Office dating from 1959. He is of dubious character and reputation who had and has been involved in grandiose schemes and international arms deals. He has had perpetual financial difficulties.

3. Werbell was involved with Rolando Masferrer, Senior, in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion in 1967. This may throw a different light on possible source development of young Rolando Jr. Any approach to him should be executed with some degree of caution. We do not desire to get involved with Werbell. However, we cannot foresee any objection to planned debriefings of Masferrer Jr., following his trips to Latin America and other areas, in pursuit of FPI and possible information of operational significance.

4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr.  
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1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely pastime or recreation but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

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4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.



Chief, Washington Field Office

16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, OSS

Rolando Masferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from WH/3/Venezuela

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Masferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

3. Suggest you arrange contact to obtain routine biographic data to initiate security checks; determine his intelligence potential and explain the DCS mission, without revealing in any way the past relationship with Mr. Peterson. Subject's personality profile appears to be very interesting.

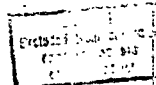
4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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cc: Services Division (Control)

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12 June 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.
2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product(machine pistols with silencers) he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.
3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.
4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas(201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres(The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1957 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.
5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist, he joined the National Guard(while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.

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Chief, Washington Field Office

28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

B-67-52  
# 168846

REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject  
B) Van Happer/Masulin telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, we asked [ ] (WH/3/Venezuela) for additional information. [ ] is a Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. [ ] is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. [ ] knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

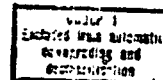
3. According to [ ] based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, [ ] mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. [ ] said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. [ ] underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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7. [ ] believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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COUNTRY Colombia/Venezuela/Guatemala

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SUBJECT Guillermo Iglesias/Efforts to Raise  
Money Under Alleged Agency Auspices

REFERENCES

## OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

This report has been prepared by the DOMESTIC CONTACT SERVICE, DDI. The operational information contained herein may not be disclosed to personnel outside of the CLANDESTINE SERVICE, CIA, without the prior permission of the Domestic Contact Service.

1. On 26 June 1973 the [REDACTED] Office responded to a call on the listed line from a man who identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. Mr. Masferrer requested to meet with [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Office. Mr. Masferrer said that he had some information concerning one Guillermo Iglesias (subject of [REDACTED]) that would prove to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Rolando Masferrer lives at 6080 W. Flazler Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Office responded to the call and met with Rolando Masferrer that afternoon.
2. Mr. Masferrer related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Iglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Masferrer, Iglesias approached him in late March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Iglesias said that he was trying to raise a large sum of money to finance secret CIA operations. Iglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the Watergate affair. He referred to these operations as black operations. Mr. Masferrer said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Masferrer contacted several of these friends in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for secret operations in South America and the Caribbean. Masferrer has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian Internal Police. He has also contacted one Alvaro Vargas, who is an advisor in armaments to the Colombian National Police. Masferrer also passed Iglesias the name of Carlos (Gabi), head of the Venezuela Internal Police. Iglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Masferrer said that he personally turned over five M-26 fragmentation hand grenades, one M-16 automatic rifle, one AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Masferrer was led to believe that the weapons would be used in a secret CIA operation in Puerto Rico. This operation was described by Iglesias as a black operation.
3. During our conversation with Masferrer, he raised an additional point. Masferrer said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to

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Masferrer because, according to him, any time the US Embassy people in Bogota were passed information the Colombian guerrillas were somehow informed. Vega told Masferrer that he believed a leak had developed in the US Embassy and that the "Embassy boys" could no longer be trusted.

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REPORT NO.

DATE 26 May 1973

COUNTRY Cuba/Haiti

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SUBJECT Possible False Recruitment Effort

REFERENCES

## OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

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1. At 1700 hours on 14 May 1973 the Miami Field Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several nefarious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.
2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 261-3689. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Denial Bermudez, 6080 W. Flagler, Apartment #17.
3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.
4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the Miami Field Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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12 July 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (GSS)

*A-168846* *A-168762*  
Rolando Masferrer Jr., Military Armament Corporation, Powder Springs, Georgia

REF : Van Happer/Masulin telecons

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1. Attached per referent telephone conversations is copy of Dun and Bradstreet report as requested on Military Armament Corporation, headquartered in Powder Springs, Georgia. Please note that Chairman of the Board, is Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III. Werbell is a former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) officer known to this writer during assignments in China during WWII.

2. This Agency, as well as other government agencies, have considerable information on Werbell. He is an old and unsavory, unsolicited, contact of the Miami Field Office dating from 1959. He is of dubious character and reputation who had and has been involved in grandiose schemes and international arms deals. He has had perpetual financial difficulties.

3. Werbell was involved with Rolando Masferrer Senior, in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion in 1967. This may throw a different light on possible source development of young Rolando Jr. Any approach to him should be executed with some degree of caution. We do not desire to get involved with Werbell. However, we cannot foresee any objection to planned debriefings of Masferrer Jr., following his trips to Latin America and other areas, in pursuit of FPI and possible information of operational significance.

4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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Chief, Washington Field Office

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16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, OSS

Rolando Masferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead *A*

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from HH/3/Venezuela

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Masferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

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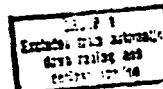
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28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

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Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

A# 168846

REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject  
B) Van Hopper/Masulin telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, [redacted] (unclassified) for additional assessment information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. [redacted] is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. Peterson knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

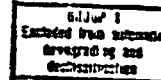
3. According to [redacted] based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, [redacted] mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. [redacted] said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. [redacted] underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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7. [ ] believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

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6 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Monday, 3 July 1972, from 2100 to 2400 hours at Clyde's Bar, Washington, D.C.; and Tuesday, 4 July 1972, from 1800 to 1900 hours, poolside, 7633 Metara St., Apt. 201, Falls Church, Virginia, the undersigned talked with Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

2. I mentioned to Masferrer that my superiors (supposedly in the State Department) were interested that some responsible U.S. Government authority be informed of his story regarding U.S. citizen involvement in drug trafficking and guerrilla training in Mexico. Masferrer said that last February he told the story up to that date to Miami, F.B.I. Agent Bob Dyer, and also certain information to U.S. Customs Bureau Agent Buchanan (fmu). Masferrer said he had not informed any government entities of events subsequent to February. I mentioned that such information was not necessarily within the unique purview of the State Department, but that my superiors would probably be interested in anything further.

3. Rolando Masferrer, Jr., related to me four different occasions when an insurgent organization, "Force Seven", comprised of American adventurers in Mexico, was brought to his attention.

4. The first time the Subject heard of "Force Seven" was from Francisco BRAVO (or Brabo) [NFI], Chief of Judicial Police, State of Morelos. Subject had met Bravo "a few years ago". They met again in Atlanta, Georgia, late December 1971, when Bravo came for a weapons demonstration at the Military Armament Corp, Powder Springs, Georgia, some 20 miles outside Atlanta. Bravo told Masferrer of the insurgency problem in the Mexican states of Morelos and Guerrero. Bravo mentioned the existence of "Force Seven". Bravo indicated his police

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needed weapons to fight the insurgents and subsequently invited Masferrer and Arnaldo Alliegro [son of a former Cuban Senator, naturalized citizen, and Masferrer's partner in Paraisillo Corporation] to come to Mexico. Bravo promised to introduce Masferrer and Alliegro to Mexican police authorities competent to purchase firearms.

5. Subject again heard the name "Force Seven" in Miami, January 1972, from Otilio CASTANEDA Pais, former First Vice-President of the Guatemalan Congress. [Castaneda was head of the Guatemalan civilian counter-insurgency forces in the Zacapa region during 1967-68, and, according to Masferrer, the chief of the Mano Blanco. Castaneda was killed 12 June 1972. The Guatemalan insurgent group, F.A.R., "took credit" for the killing.] Castaneda was travelling to the U.S. with Messrs. Sandoval and Figaroa. [Probably Mario SANDOVAL Alarcon, President of the Guatemalan Congress and head of the U.L.M. party; and Alvaro CUEVAS Figaroa, Castaneda's predecessor as First Vice-President of Congress. Several TRCS reports during January and February 1972 indicated Cuevas Figaroa was trying to smuggle arms from the U.S. to Guatemala supposedly for a planned coup in Costa Rica] Masferrer said Castaneda was trying to arrange the release from U.S. Federal prison Rolando Masferrer, Sr. Castaneda wanted Masferrer, Sr., to emigrate to Guatemala to become involved in state security matters and also to organize an anti-Communist army. Castaneda mentioned to Masferrer, Jr., the growing insurgency problems in the Peten area of Guatemala. Castaneda mentioned that U.S. insurgents operating under the name "Force Seven" entered the Peten from Mexico. The Guatemalan Army's Mariscal Zavala Brigade had been dispatched from Guatemala City to the Mexican border in Peten province to counter the infiltration, but had recently been shifted to the border adjacent British Honduras. Masferrer said Castaneda believed that former U.S. "Green Berets" were involved with the insurgents. Castaneda said that a list of all U.S. Special Forces-trained Guatemalans had disappeared when the U.S. military training mission was terminated. Now the guerrillas in Guatemala are pinpointing those U.S. trained, local military personnel with uncanny accuracy. From that evidence, Castaneda believed that "Force Seven" must include some of the U.S. "Green Berets" that had originally trained the local Guatemalan military.

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6. During the first three months of 1972, Subject made two trips to Mexico. During his first trip, three weeks in late January and February, Masferrer travelled with Alliegro and Mitchell Werbell (Mitchell Livingston Werbell III, 261-259010, former GDS member in S-8-1 in World War II; former President of Military Armament Corporation; and presently associated with Defense Systems Incorporated, Poudre Springs, Ga., etc.) In Mexico City, Francisco Bravo introduced the delegation to Mexico City Police Chief Santos (Manuel GUTIERREZ Santos) and Miguel NAZAR Haro, "Chief of Political Police". [Actually Deputy Director of the Federal Security Service, DFS, a political and intelligence organization working within the Secretariat of Government.] During conversations Nazar admitted Mexico's insurgency problems and specifically named "Force Seven". Masferrer mentioned that both Nazar and Gutierrez Santos were angry with President Echeverria because of the Mexican Government's policy of light criminal punishment and short prison terms for bandits and/or guerrillas painfully captured by the police.

7. Bravo took the three to Cuernavaca where he showed them a house on the outskirts of the city that the police used for unofficial detentions and heavy-handed interrogations. Bravo complained that the local Catholic Archbishop was implicated with the insurgents as well as certain U.S. film personalities who vacation in the American community in Cuernavaca. Bravo also implicated a professor that was kidnapped in Guerrero in late 1971. Bravo believed that the professor [Jaime CASTREJON Diaz, Rector of the University of Guerrero] actually conspired with the insurgents for his own kidnapping in order to raise the ransom money for the insurgent movement. [The ransom was finally paid by President Echeverria.]

8. Subject travelled again to Mexico in March 1972 with Bernardo DE TORRES. [Mexico 2038, 4 December 1969, mentions that LYTEMPO-12, WH/MIAMI, received a phone call from one Bernardo De Torres regarding a supposed Swiss contraband arms dealer in Mexico City.] Nazar had invited Masferrer to return to Mexico to go on a "hunting party", that is, to participate in an actual counter-insurgency operation. Masferrer and De Torres arrived in Acapulco and were met by Bravo. They travelled by police vehicle for about an hour east of Acapulco to an area near La Treintas (NFI).

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Just before they arrived they heard on the police radio that the Army had just "shot down" a twin-engine Beechcraft. When they arrived, a search of the wreckage yielded a few weapons. A short firefight (about 15 minutes) ensued with insurgents that left two soldiers dead. Masferrer said he did not know the number of insurgent casualties. One insurgent was captured along with his .45 caliber pistol.

9. The captured insurgent turned out to be a U.S. citizen, white, male, approximately 27 years old. (Masferrer claimed he forgot the prisoner's name, but that he had it in Miami.) Bravo did not trust the Acapulco or the Guerrero state police and had his men take the prisoner to the detention house outside of Cuernavaca. Masferrer said he witnessed the interrogation in which the prisoner's head was repeatedly dunked in a rain barrel to make him talk. The prisoner eventually revealed the following information about "Force Seven": participating Americans were ex-ranger, airborne, Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam combat experience. They were armed with CAR-15 (M-16) rifles and some had M-79 grenade launchers. Other Americans operated elsewhere in Latin America. "Force Seven" provided training to the insurgents and, whenever possible, supplied weapons. In return, the Americans were paid in money and drugs, mostly marijuana, but some cocaine. Masferrer said no heroin was mentioned. The prisoner said the insurgents used the money from the drug smuggling to finance operations. Bank robberies had become increasingly difficult since the Army began posting armed guards at area banks. The prisoner said he had worked under Genaro VASQUEZ [Mexico's infamous bandit-turned-guerrilla; killed in a car accident last February]. The prisoner put guerrilla strength at about 2,000 men. Masferrer, however, said Bravo felt that figure to be high. The prisoner also mentioned that some of the insurgents had previously received guerrilla training in North Korea.

10. Masferrer said that later, upon Nazar's orders, the American prisoner was shot and killed. The whole affair was never reported in the local press because, according to Masferrer, such information, if revealed, would damage the area's tourist trade.

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12 June 1972

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.**

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.
2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product (machine pistols with silencers), he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.
3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.
4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas (201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres (The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1967 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.
5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist, he joined the National Guard (while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.

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7 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

A 168846

SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr.  
Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corporation  
and Associated with Defense Systems Incorporated

A 168762

1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely passive or reactionary but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

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4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.

7 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Conversation with  
Agustin Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Sunday, 2 July 1973, from 1800 to 2000 hours at the Shanghai Restaurant, Arlington, Va., I met with Agustin Masferrer, Jr. Masferrer is unemployed at the time of my interview. My cover story is that I am a Program Officer with the State Department. I supposedly work in a research capacity for the American Republics Area until the time I can be programmed to enter the next Foreign Service Institute class.)

2. Masferrer and I, old National Guard comrades, had not seen one another for 5 months. We had dinner and later went on a tour of apartment sites in the District and northern Virginia. During the course of the conversation, he related the events of his trips to Mexico and his recent trip (June 1972) to Colombia in the course of his job as Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corp.

Mexico: Subject mentioned the trouble the Mexican Government is having with leftist guerrillas, particularly in two western states. He claimed the rebels were being trained in part by U.S. adventurers who claimed to be ex-ranger, airborne Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam experience. The Americans were training the rebels in return for money and marijuana and a piece of the drug smuggling action. The Americans operated under the non de guerre "Force Seven". This same "Force Seven" claimed to have connections and affiliations in Guatemala. Subject claimed even to have participated in a small firefight with the Mexican Army and the Judicial Police against the guerrillas in an effort to prove the worth of his particular military products.

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Colombia: Subject mentioned Colombia's increasing alarm with the problems of drug trafficking within the country. While in Colombia he claimed to have stayed in the house of his family friend MG Jaime FERNANDEZ, Chief of Staff of the Colombian Army.

2. The entire conversation was kept on the level of buddies swapping war stories. Subject, however, swore to the veracity of his statements. I mentioned that the State Department was currently interested in the problems of drug trafficking in Latin America and maybe there would be some interest in pursuing the matter further. I also indicated I would ask my superiors at the State Department if they had ever heard anything about the existence of a "Force Seven" or anything of the various activities of U.S. adversaries, drug smuggling, and leftist guerrilla movements in Mexico.

3. On Monday, 3 July 1972, I coordinated with the following people at Headquarters:

[redacted], Acting Desk Chief, Colombia  
Richard Wheeler and John Murray, Branch 1, Mexico  
[redacted], C/WH/PI  
[redacted], WH/NARC

Their collective suggestions and instructions were:

- a. Go slow on efforts to elicit information so not to arouse suspicions of Agency involvement.
- b. Find out any information regarding the Colombian Army's E-2 battalion, U.S. citizen's involvement in drug trafficking in Latin America (names, dates, and places), Cuban involvement in cocaine traffic, and any ties between leftist guerrillas and drug smuggling.
- c. Write a memorandum and Subject evaluation (where he works, where he goes, who he meets, and an assessment of recruitability).

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4. I made arrangements to meet Professor Green  
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Chief, Miami Field Office

OSS-820-73  
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Director, Domestic Contact Service (Support Division/OSS)

Rolando Masferrer

REF :

ROLANDO MASFERRER

1. Attached for your information and background orientation is some material pertaining to Rolando Masferrer, who appears to be identical to subject of reference.

2. Subject should not be confused with his uncle by the same name, the infamous Rolando Masferrer y Rojas (erroneously reported as father of subject). The elder Masferrer was imprisoned in 1967 for organizing an unsuccessful invasion of Haiti. Young Masferrer may be engaged in dubious activity and contact with him should be viewed with cautious circumspection. He may be on a "fishing expedition" to obtain some information on Guillermo Iglesias; or he may be seeking to cement an affiliation with the Agency via the Miami Field Office. Masferrer may not be the good guy that the attached material represents him to be. He is known to be a wheeling and dealing fast dollar artist. Should he volunteer any information in the future, please note it, and send it to Headquarters. Of specific interest would be any information he may provide on narcotic trafficking and those involved in this illicit trade.

3. DDO has no interest in young Masferrer. If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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1. At 1700 hours on 14 May 1973 the Miami Field Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several notorious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.
2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 251-3639. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Paul de Bernades, 6030 N. Flagler, Apartment 917.
3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.
4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the Miami Field Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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1. On 26 June 1973 the Miami Field Office responded to a call on the Miami line from a man who identified himself as Roberto Montenegro. Mr. Montenegro requested to meet with [redacted] of the Miami Field Office. Mr. Montenegro said that he had some information concerning [redacted] and [redacted] who were known to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Roberto Montenegro lives at 6620 N. Broward Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request [redacted] and [redacted] of the Miami Field Office responded to the call and met with Roberto Montenegro that afternoon.
2. Mr. Montenegro related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Yglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Montenegro, Yglesias approached him in late March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Yglesias said that he was trying to raise a large sum of money to finance current CIA operations. Yglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the Mariel boatlift. He referred to those operations as black operations. Mr. Montenegro said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador. Montenegro contacted several of these officials in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for covert operations in South America and the Caribbean. Montenegro has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian National Police. He has also contacted one Alvaro Riquelme, who is an officer in command to the Colombian National Police. Montenegro also passed Yglesias the name of Carlos Ruiz, head of the Venezuela National Police. Yglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Montenegro said that he personally turned over four M-16 Springfield built grenades, one M-16 automatic rifle, one AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Montenegro was led to believe that the weapons would be used in a secret CIA operation in Puerto Rico. This operation was described by Yglesias as a black operation.
3. During our conversation with Montenegro, he raised an additional point. Montenegro said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to

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Chief, Miami Field Office

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31 May 1973

Director, Domestic Contact Service (Support Division/OSS)

Rolando Masferrer

REF :

ROLANDO MASFERRER

1. Attached for your information and background orientation is some material pertaining to Rolando Masferrer, who appears to be identical to subject of reference.

2. Subject should not be confused with his uncle by the same name, the infamous Rolando Masferrer y Rojas (erroneously reported as father of subject). The elder Masferrer was imprisoned in 1967 for organizing an unsuccessful invasion of Haiti. Young Masferrer may be engaged in dubious activity and contact with him should be viewed with cautious circumspection. He may be on a "fishing expedition" to obtain some information on Guillermo Iglesias; or he may be seeking to cement an affiliation with the Agency via the Miami Field Office. Masferrer may not be the good guy that the attached material represents him to be. He is known to be a wheeling and dealing fast dollar artist. Should he volunteer any information in the future, please note it, and send it to Headquarters. Of specific interest would be any information he may provide on narcotic trafficking and those involved in this illicit trade.

3. DDO has no interest in young Masferrer. If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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