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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secret Service

FROM: (William H. McClare) 03

SUBJECT: Raul Jaime DIAZ Arguelles y Garcia (201-269882)
Raul DIAZ Arguelles
Raul DIAZ Argueyes

1. The files of this office reflect the following summary of information regarding Subject:

a. A report dated 24 December 1959 stated Subject was born about 1933, son of Raul and Marina, resided at Calle 194 No. 1108 between 11 and 12, Biltmore, Havana, Cuba. Subject is married to the former Mariana RAMIREZ Corria. After his student days he was employed as a typist, mechanical engineer, chauffeur and a clerk. Subject was discharged from the revolutionary army (date unknown) in which he held the rank of Major and on 12 November 1959 he entered the services of the National Revolutionary Police. Subject was appointed as Chief of the Technical Department of Investigations (DTI) on 27 November 1959.

b. In December 1959 Subject was believed to be accompanying Major William GALVEZ, Inspector General of the Cuban Army, on the latter's extended trip to Europe.

c. In June 1960 it was reported that Subject, Chief of the DTI was given a 2 months leave of absence and was to leave on a tour of several Latin American countries possibly to inspect Cuban foreign intelligence operations. Subject was issued a U.S. visa valid from 22 August 1960 through 30 September 1960 for the purpose of accompanying the Cuban delegation to the United Nations.

d. It was reported in March 1960 that Raul CASTRO was planning to obtain control of the DTI and replace Subject with Manuel PINEIRO a Communist.

e. On 31 August 1961 a source of unknown reliability reported the following information: "Raul DIAZ Arguelles, high level member of the 26th of July Movement in the resistance and later head of the Department of Technical Investigations (DTI) was discharged from his position in July 1961 and was replaced by Hector ALDAVA, a well known Communist mullatto from Oriente. After DIAZ was dismissed,

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many of the DTI personnel were sent to the "Batallon de Canbate" a pick and shovel work battalion where persons falling in disgrace are sent for punishment."

f. Another source, whose reliability is not known, stated that Subject had fallen into disgrace in Cuba, and that while some persons claimed that he was assigned to Managua Camp, others were sure that he was sent to prison.

g. One source states Subject was a member of the "13th of March" Revolutionary Directory. He was assigned to the G-5 and was later put in charge of the Isle of Pines forces.

h. Another source of unknown reliability reported that Mrs. DIAZ is very well known in Havana, being previously active in the Little Theater, and active socially. She is well known to the members of the G-2 at the airport. She is also friendly with the Panamanian Ambassador and his wife. Raul DIAZ is poorly regarded although he has a position of great influence in the DTI. He is reportedly working with former U.S. gangsters who were deported from the U.S. and that he is affiliated with the narcotics racket.

2. The files of this office reflect the following information on one Raul DIAZ:

a. Raul DIAZ is reported to be a member of the G-2 in Pinar del Rio.

b. On 29 April 1961 this office intercepted a report dated 20 April 1961 stating that one Raul DIAZ was among a group of Cubans who were to enter Cuba from Canada, Mexico or possibly Miami via air. It was reported they would have U.S. dollars hidden and that they were traitors, black marketeers and Yankee spies.

3. The files of this office reflect no information regarding Subject's wife Mariana RAMIREZ Corria.

4. All other information reported to this office was received from The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Immigration and Naturalization Service. It is suggested that you check further with the above for additional information.

5. Two other reports received by this office were: American Embassy Dispatch #1278 dated 9 March 1960 and ONI Report # 133-57 dated 29 August 1957. Both reports originated in Havana, Cuba.

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Mr. (McClare) 03

Re: Raul Diaz Arguelles (201-269362)

We have received information to the effect that the above subject is presently in refuge in the Brazilian Embassy in Havana (possibly the Ecuadorian Embassy). According to the information this action by Diaz appears to be a cover up in order to get out of Cuba to carry on a phase of secret activity. Diaz apparently is the head of Intelligence (Technical) Department of Investigations and in his capacity he could leave Cuba at any time without having to request "safe conduct" through an embassy.

Raul Diaz Arguelles is believed to be in complete charge of any activity as contemplated by Aldo Pedro Margolles-Duenas, which involves a plot to assassinate the President of the United States.

The subject is described as Raul Jaime Diaz Arguelles-Garcia; white; male; Cuban; DOB 9-14-37, Havana, Cuba; 5-11; 195; brown hair; brown eyes; light complexion; FBI No. 381958-3; INS No. ALO 185 191.

Information received indicates the subject is responsible for assassinations during the Batista regime; is a known terrorist; and is capable in the use of explosive bombs and automatic weapons. He is also believed to have directed assassinations in the past from somewhere in Mexico.

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Arguelles is presently the subject of a Z30 lookout throughout all strategic points of entry, as well as Aldo Pedro Margolles-Duenas.

It is requested you use your facilities in assisting this Service in learning the current whereabouts of these two subjects.

Of interest to your Department at this time may be the information received which indicates that Che Guevarra is currently in the process of infiltrating the police departments in all the South American countries. Available information indicates Guevarra already exercises some control over the Judicial Police in Mexico City.

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