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Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JOSE MANUEL MARTINEZ SIERRA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On January 30, 1962, Mr. William O. Cregar of this Bureau furnished Mr. Steve Kuhn of your Agency, by liaison, a copy of a letter which had been received by this Bureau from Martha Aguiar, who is currently residing at 340 West End Avenue, Apartment 1-B, New York City. Aguiar indicated that she had just arrived from Havana, Cuba, and had a message for Mr. Earl James Williamson or Mr. Frank Belsito. Our files contain no references identifiable with Belsito but show that Earl J. Williamson was a representative of your Agency who was assigned to Havana in 1953 to 1958. However, Mr. Kuhn said that records of your Agency are negative concerning Aguiar and that there was no indication that this was a matter of interest to your Agency.

Aguiar was contacted by our New York Office on February 14, 1962, at which time she identified herself as a former employee, in Havana, of Charles Pfizer and Company, Inc., a drug firm. She said that she had arrived in the United States at New York City on December 22, 1961, having left Cuba because of her concern with communist infiltration in that country. Aguiar identified her ex-husband as Reuben Osés, who she said is currently working in New York with the Frente Revolucionario Democrático.

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Aguiar advised that she had been requested to make contact with the FBI at Washington, D. C., and to ask for FBI Agents [Williamson] and/or Belsito who could vouch for the (S) loyalty and anticommunist attitude of another Pfizer employee who was still in Cuba, namely, Jose Manuel Martinez Sierra. In this letter Aguiar indicated that the subject was concerned by the fact that the former General Manager of Pfizer in Havana, Miguel Angel ~~X~~ Cabrera, who is now in the United States, has been characterizing those Pfizer employees who are still in Cuba as communists and as Castro agents. Aguiar said that the subject was a close personal friend of [Williamson] while the (S) latter was in Cuba and [Williamson] could vouch for the subject's (S) anticommunist reputation. She added that Martinez Sierra had been working in the anti-Castro underground and that his superior in this regard was one Pedro Lopez who is known to your Agency and who is a close friend of Frank Belsito. (S)

On March 5, 1962, Aguiar recontacted our New York Office and advised that she had received two letters from the subject which were dated February 8, and 10, 1962, respectively, in which Martinez Sierra urged her to take whatever action she could to expedite his request for a waiver of a visa in order that he might leave Cuba. Aguiar said that Martinez Sierra, who resides at Calle 47, #762 entre Conill y Tulipan, Apartment 5, Nuevo Vedado, Havana, indicated that his situation in Cuba was very precarious as a result of his underground activities.

Aguiar requested that the FBI furnish this information to your Agency and specifically to Mr. [Williamson] (S)

Aguiar further stated that in his letter of February 10, 1962, the subject had advised that the Pfizer Company had for practical purposes been intervened by the Cuban Government and also that he had requested the General Manager of this firm at Mexico City, Jose Loreda, to attempt to secure a waiver of visa for him.

On March 13, 1962, Aguiar made available to our New York Office two letters concerning this matter. She advised the first was from Jose Loreda and addressed to the subject and the second was from Pedro Lopez and intended for Mr. [Williamson] (S) Copies of these communications are enclosed herewith.

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Aguilar said that Williamson can secure all necessary information for the waiver of visa from the subject's sister-in-law, Mrs. Luisa de la Cruz, of 2001 North Adams Street, Apartment 815, Arlington, Virginia.

These data are for your information and appropriate action. No further action or inquiries concerning this matter are planned by the FBI.

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NOTE:

Since this matter apparently concerns efforts of the subject, who apparently has been working in past with CIA in connection with underground activities in Cuba, to leave that country and gain admittance to U.S., it is being referred for handling to CIA.

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