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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *APR*

DATE: 8/16/63

FROM : Mr. S. J. Papich *(S)*

SUBJECT: MANUEL PINEIRO
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Harold Swenson, CIA, furnished the following to the
Liaison Agent on 8/15/63: *(S)(u)*

The subject reportedly is the Number Two Man in the Cuban
G-2 Organization in Havana. He has a cousin in New York City named
Salustiano Franco Losada who is employed as a cab driver. *(Franco)*
was born 11/26/14 and resides at the home of another relative named
Eva R. Portilla, 30-65 74th Street, Jackson Heights, New York City, NY
phone HI 6-8540. *(S)(u)*

Information developed by CIA has indicated the relationship
between Franco and Pineiro in the past was of a very friendly nature.
Although Pineiro holds a top position in the Cuban G-2, he allegedly
is not a confirmed communist and owes his current success to some
smooth political maneuvering. He essentially is an opportunist. *(S)(u)*

CIA desires to explore the possibilities of recruiting
Pineiro and in this connection, the Agency feels that Franco possibly
could be useful. The Agency is speculating that an individual such
as Franco could provide the entree to contacts or connection with
Pineiro. *(S)(u)*

Swenson inquired if the Bureau would conduct an inquiry
with the view of developing information concerning Franco's back-
ground, his present economic status, general reputation and particu-
larly his attitude toward the present Cuban Government. *(S)(u)*

Swenson also mentioned that Pineiro has an American wife
(this previously has been reported to the Bureau). He advised that
his Agency would welcome any observations or suggestions which the
Bureau might offer concerning the possible utilization of any of
Mrs. Pineiro's relatives in this country. Swenson referred to
the possible use of such relatives in establishing contact with
the subject through his wife. *(S)(u)*

ACTION:

The above information and the CIA request are being referred
to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section. The reply
to CIA should be submitted via Liaison. *(S)(u)*

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