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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

2. Physically, Doc gave the appearance of having been down on his luck for some time. He is reported to be a Venezuelan citizen, and his wife and two children live in Maracaibo. He is a street operator of professional caliber and, by way of his story, he said that he was in Cleveland on or about 22 August, and has been at the Federal REBEL Hospital since that date. He carries passport no. 230960, re-validated at Maracaibo, Venezuela on 17 Jul 59. Doc has a sister-in-law, Inez Rodriguez, whom he describes as a gun-toting newspaperman of Maracaibo, and a member of Cuban Government. The following is the gist of what he said in the course of the two and a half hour interview.

4. Shortly after his meeting with the anti-Sovietists, Joe came in contact with a Swedish-born British Minister of the College des Reins, and head of the Latin Department in Geneva. Gonzalez was under the impression that Joe was an employee agent, and expressed an interest in using him to get some into Cuba, to supply the Rustov Force. This was prior to the Patista overthrow of January 1954.

5. She took a job in Miami, working as contract on a building operation. In April in July 1960, he met a man Jose Hernandez Santiago, who introduced him to Luis Hernandez, leader of an anti-Castro group. Hernandez took her into the "gang" and she was brought into to employ him with his job in the building operation named. Hernandez according to her, was the spot who dispatched the "building force" comprised of Juan, Felix, and Alfonso, all of whom were caught and released shortly after their landing in Cuba. The sign Hernandez had informed of some time later of her arrest, but at no time was she placed in connection of the kidnapping campaign of the two individuals. Although there was, however, someone else and the name was not told to contain water the "re-education" and that, never arrived again, he was against the "infidel". A. J. Rodriguez was another individual.

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6. One's opinion of Miraflores. Miraflores is a man who is only a few years older than the man who was the first to get out of the country. He was a member of the group who attacked the Cuban Council in the Hospital in Miami. He was not received that name, Miller and Thompson were the names of the two men who were in a "hospital" group.

7. When the group was finally available to enter the Masferrer group that time. He was a fellow of the name of Harry (Harry) in the company of Antonio and Antonio Masferrer. Antonio is a man who is a man with a much more prominent nose than Antonio. Harry had an office in the same building as the Cuban Council, and seemed to act as a translator for Masferrer, as well as a provider of weapons to a small scale. Harry apparently had serious Marxist views, and he was the one of the members of the Masferrer militia out of all cash on the pretext of taking their chests from home to have them cashed for them.

8. Warrior of Russ Masferrer When Masferrer started actively recruiting Americans for his group, he did not make any effort to check them out. Among them were Harry (Harry) who claimed to be an ex-convict who was in the service of Castro. The night when was in a bar next to the Masferrer task force's barracks at 1000 West 10th Street, Juan (also known as Alfonso) and a former member of the Castro secret police, who 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 Spanish-Fly West Ferry. His nickname derived from his musical talents. He also claimed to have had no military experience, but he proved to adopt an military tactics that he later became second in command of the task force. The former Castro secret policeman was in his early 20's, about six feet tall, husky build and claimed to have been a smuggler. In the course of the evening at the bar, one of the three - Harry, Juan, or the ex-secret policeman - made the remark that, on the occasion of their landing in Cuba, they should break away from the Masferrer group and try to join up with some other. One overheard the remark and reported it to the task force leader, though he said he could not identify which of the three had made it. The ex-secret policeman was therefore thrown out of the task force, but Harry was also strongly suspected of being the author of the dissident remark. As a result of this suspicion, Harry was not allowed to take any firearms with him when the group went into training on McKiss Key. One, however, was allowed to take a .25 pistol. Besides One's weapon, the only other firearms at McKiss initially were a 12-gauge shotgun and a .32 rifle. Harry was unable to keep up with the rigorous physical training schedule of the group, and so absented himself from that part of the training. Harry 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 McKiss, Harry, also known as Harry. Harry was a former Batista police sergeant who had been tried and condemned to death in absentia. Harry proposed shooting it out with Harry, but Harry declined the invitation. Masferrer visited McKiss once in the company of Harry, an ex-C.I. who had served in Korea. 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 Harry (Harry) who had been a B-17 man in Batista's army and claimed to have killed Harry (Harry). Harry was married to an American woman who lived in Miami. Harry was early in the morning and went hunting, according to his custom. About breakfast time, the men in the camp heard shots, and then Harry.

Harry 7 2 20

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10. Other members of the MacFarlane group include Kenny Trotter, --- alias, and a man known as "Doc" MacFarlane himself. "Doc" MacFarlane, Administrative Assistant to MacFarlane, paid these three a total of \$1000 to travel and meet at John's home and his wife, in exchange for an article which had written for a Miami newspaper, "This is displaced MacFarlane. His leaves were hospitalized". In the MacFarlane group there was also a --- (phonetic) blond, with a blond mustache, claimed to be a Communist and a Nazi sympathizer. They tried to organize a group that would be armed with torpedoes for the purpose of sinking Russian shipping en route to Cuba, in the vicinity of the Bahamas. Kenny Trotter got drunk one night, and he and several others beat up Feery, sending him to the hospital. When released from the hospital, Feery moved in with the Roberts. The family of the Roberts executed in Cuba along with Santa and Thompson. Feery, incidentally, claimed to have been a POW of the Communists in Korea, one of the three or so who refused repatriation in 1953.

11. Breakup of the "Latterer" group occurred around early January 1961, when Latterer was asked by the police to close up the bar/cocktail. The members of the group were told to go their several ways, but they were nearly all still drunk. Luis Fernandez took Oca to the home of Dr. Anselmo J. Alilago, President of the General Workers Union. While Oca waited outside in the car, Luis went into the house and returned carrying with a "bag" of money. He turned it over to the woman to pay each of the men \$100, constituting final pay-off and liquidation of the employment agreement. She was able to find 11 of the 12 men, to each of whom he gave three "hundred" (one-hundred dollars) plus a small amount in a sum of \$300 which he still has in his possession. All of the men obtained their "hundred" except to Oca.

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At some points, six of them and I left in a group before the payoff and stood a block at Horner's, and sat with the lawyer, hoping to catch a "battering team" there. The police were everywhere, apparently, but ended up instead at Horner's, where there they saw a carload and a carload, so to speak, much. One officer unhesitatingly that some of the six was a witness. Another small group of the six-figures spoke a last word with the witness, then returned to the police. They were picked up by Miami police before they met out of the car.

14. All Anti-Castro Agents that operate in the Miami area, according to Gue, is under the direction of Ernest GERRARD, of the Cuban organization. Those stationed in at S.W. 1st and 19th Ave., Miami. Gue says she provides, on values, food and sees to their delivery on target.

13. Manuel-Manuel Castro-Perez Prado: (Cee says that he gave the following information to Manuel-Manuel Castro-Perez and was him in response to his phone call sometime early this year at the US Office in Miami.) Sometime early this year, Cee is vague about the time, he met a man named Edward Davis who upon hearing that Cee was interested in returning to his family in Caracas, introduced him to one Edna Phillips, Prado of 4351 Grimes Ave., Miami. Prado arranged an interview for Castro with a Colonel Caranova, who was instructed to act as the head of the anti-subversive movement in Caracas. Caranova asked Cee and Davis if they could - on 30 days notice - organize and arm a group of 400 ex-G.I.'s. He assured Cee and Davis that unlimited cash would be at their disposal for the task. Caranova said all kinds of arms would be needed, including machine and flame throwers. He was most interested in whether or not Cee and Davis had any channel for procuring the arms. They assured Caranova they could raise the 400 men and obtain the desired arms and equipment. Caranova said he had already arranged transportation for the force via commercial airline, that they would be flown to a mountain site "called" Cawacas. Hearing the US diagnosed as communist, and they would be given 30 days rigorous training under the direction of American-speaking Venezuelan army officers. Caranova 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 unscheduled points. The attempted coup in early 1961, involving an attack on Radio Rumbos, resulted in the arrest of several army officers involved in the Caranova plot, and according to Prado, necessitated an intensive delay. Prado told Cee, however, that Perez-Jimenez was still interested in the plan, and that it would be carried out.

14. On March 27, 1964, Walter J. "Doc" Geringer, who lives with Rebecca Smith, a relative of the co-defendant. See also SAW 4009. Former owner of the hotel Wack in Miami. Geringer told Goe that, if Goe were provided with one thousand dollars cash for expenses, he would go to Belmont and buy any kind of arms needed, and he could guarantee delivery to any part of the world. Another gun-runner with whom he came in contact was Charles Adams, 1010 NW 9th Ave., Miami, telephone number MA 7-2464. Adams told Goe that he could obtain, for \$750.00 cash, an unlimited supply of one shooting, a weapon described as Auto-Lite (Fairchild), with NATO ammunition. Adams also stated that Goe contacted was Sam Cassio, 2021 SW 1st St., Miami. Telephone CH 1-6629. He provided Goe with a list of surplus U.S. arms which he could obtain in any quantities desired.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,
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COUNTRY	CUBA	REPORT NO	CO-4(1) 3, 252,678
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SOURCE Cuban national, A 12 Dec 59, age 32.

Former owner of a tourist concession at Havana Riviera Hotel for three years, source served a prison term at Isle of Pines for being anti-Castro. Released after 73 months on 24 Dec 59 with the 2000 largest prisoners. Source studied three years of law at Williams University in Havana. He speaks English fluently, appears to be very pro-US. One of a series of reports from this source.

This report was developed by an Air Force representative assigned to the office of collection.

1. The following US citizens were in Circular #1, Isle of Pines Prison, as of 24 Dec 59:

a. Robert John Gentile, age 33-35, 6'2", 150 lbs. brown eyes and hair, divorced; home address: 13517 Lake Ave, Cleveland, Ohio. He was caught in the Copacabana Hotel, Miramar, Havana, in December 1958 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.

b. Gustave Dubouche, age 37-40, 6'0", 150 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 Leichter, age 24, 5'10", 175 lbs, dirty blond hair, brown eyes; single; home address: Moscow, Ukraine. His father is an American working in the Ukraine; his mother is Russian. He was an airplane pilot and water skiing and parachuting instructor in the Ukraine. 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. Walks with a limp caused by an airplane accident.

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3. Armando Espinoza, 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. Good very tall educated young man now. He was arrested in the summer of 1960 for being connected with a conspiracy. John Clinton La Caze to Franklin Martinez (alias), Walter in Nicaragua. La Caze was traveling by commercial airplane (now) 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 Caze was trying to arrange passport in order to overstay there at the time. Resulting in receiving a life to 30-year prison term. He was actually working for La Caze at the time of his arrest. Espinoza was caught two or three days before La Caze, who is also in prison now. La Caze had no love for the US although he came on to the United States.

1. Enoch Ben Elia is a naturalized US officer (Cuban parents), DOB: 1918, 5'10" tall, 160 lb, hair, dark brown eyes, home address: 121 N. 21st St, Miami, Fla (zip: 33135) NO 1-3000. His wife's name is Julia. He lived in the east in 1970, 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 51st Movement and the right hand of Rafael Centeno. He met Rafael in school, went with him to Bogota (Bogotazo) and Mexico, then later turned against Rafael and started to work against him. Ben Elia was a Mexican War veteran and was president of the Cuban American War Veterans Association in Havana. He is serving a 30-year prison term.

Mr. Don Cunningham, 35-10, 5110, 130 lbs., black hair and blue eyes.
His address is unknown. He was arrested early in 1961 in a boat on the
north coast of Cuba with Eugene Richmond mentioned above. He is serving
a 15-year term for counter-revolutionary activities. He was formerly
manager of a bar in New York. 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: 1/15/1925, 175 lbs, black hair, brown eyes; education: high school; home address: 202 Madison Ave, Boston, Ala, telephone: 2-2-3841. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He is wearing a 15- to 16-ounce coat for being a counterrevolutionary and was caught on the boat with Maxwell and Barkusht.

1. Blond Height 55, 6'1", 185 lbs. blond hair, blue eyes; married; presently lives at 11011 1/2 Boston, Mass. He lost a much weight, he is nothing but skin and bones. Always prone to liberalism and the rest of the American. He is allegedly a CIA agent who was caught etc.

another US citizen in the Bay of St. John's 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 Loney, 35-40, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown eyes, black hair; home address: Box 10, 127 St, Franklinville, North Carolina. He may be the engineer who was caught with Hernandez mentioned above. He also kept to himself. His health is fair. He is also serving a 15- to 20-year term.

4. Joe Greeny, 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 Bernal, 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 Bunker. 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 Bunker. He is also serving a long prison term.

7. Richard Allen Bunker, 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. Had had several operations, 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 Bunker yacht and arrested for being a counterrevolutionary. He was caught in late 1960 or early 1961, is serving a 15-year term. Sometimes goes around all day talking to himself.

8. Walter Morales, 32-35, 5'8", 160 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 (Lew), 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 Bunker, who was allegedly working for Rolando Masferrer. 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. Assume Smith, a member of a wealthy family from Santiago de Cuba, served as prosecutor during the early days of the Revolution, and sent many Cubans to the firing squad. This man and his family are residing in Miami. Jane Smith, a recently widowed female who kept the C-2 informal concerning the subject's activities.

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1. At their request, Luis S. Rodriguez met with Dr. Ricardo Rafael Sardinas, secretary of the Cuban Lane Planters Association in exile and with Juan ~~_____~~ Cuban Senator and editor of the Spanish language radio newspaper "El Periodico del Aire", ~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~ advised that they have been meeting with several personalities of the exile colony in an effort to organize all the exiles into a single group, which will represent all the exiles regardless of former affiliations.

3. The following personalities have been approached and have indicated their desire to cooperate to the fullest extent in an effort to unite all the Cubans in exile: Antonio Manuel de Varona, Dr. Julio Escarot, Dr. Carlos Ario, Dr. Carlos Herman Storing, Carlos Marín, Jose Ignacio Riquelme, Jose Alvarado Diaz, Jose Manóel, Armando Sanchez Arango, Luis Giron, Guero Manuel Ariza, Guillermo Ruiz, Teodoro Llerenas, Orlando Guerrero Calles, Jose Ignacio Pardo, W. de Santa Rosa, Guillermo Barcell, Walter Bravo Guerrero, Emilio Lombardo Diaz, Santiago Alvarez, Ruben de Lara. Also mentioned in this context are General Genaro Giron Naparachi, veteran of the War of Independence, and Facundo Ruyana, leader of the Transportation Workers, because both are Mexicans.

5. Ascher and Sardins stated that Former President Prío indicated that former sponsors of the Castro regime who are exiled 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 candidates that President ordered Jan 59. Dr. Prío mentioned that with former Fidelists joining the organization the members of the "Castro Army" and the militia plus the government bureaucracy will not fear reprisals if and when the Castro regime is ousted. Dr. Prío added that with names such as Felipe Alfonso, Alfonso, Alfonso, Alfonso, and even controversial Alfonso Ray, the chances of success by members of the Armed Forces will increase.

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Chief, Washington Field Office

12 July 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (DSS)

A-168346 *A-168762*
Rolando Masferrer Jr., Military Armament Corporation, Powder Springs,
Georgia

REF : Van Happer/Masulin telecons

A-127900

1. Attached per referent telephone conversations is copy of
Dun and Bradstreet report as requested on Military Armament
Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, Texas. 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

Attachment
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cc: Services Division (Control)
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

A 158846

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

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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.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

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 (Jeffrey G. Peterson).

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.

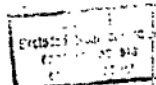
4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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cc: Services Division (Control)

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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.


Jeffrey G. Peterson

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Chief, Washington Field Office

28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

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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 Jeffrey G. Peterson (WH/3/Venezuela) for additional information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. Jeffrey Peterson 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 Peterson, 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, Peterson 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. Peterson 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. Peterson 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. Peterson 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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REPORT NO. OO-A(S)-322 20265-73

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COUNTRY Colombia/Venezuela/Guatemala

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

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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 Miami Field Office responded to a call on the listed line from a man who identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. Mr. Masferrer requested to meet with Matt MacVane of the Miami Field Office. Mr. Masferrer said that he had some information concerning one Guillermo Yglesias (subject of OOA(S) 322/17013-73) that would prove to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Rolando Masferrer lives at 6080 W. Flagler Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request Matt MacVane and Luis Daza-Soto of the Miami Field Office responded to the call and met with Rolando Masferrer that afternoon.
2. Mr. Masferrer related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Yglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Masferrer, 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 secret CIA operations. Yglesias 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 Yglesias the name of Carlos Gbri, head of the Venezuela Internal Police. Yglesias 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 Yglesias 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. 00-A(S)-322/13864-73

DATE 26 May 1973

COUNTRY Cuba/Haiti

NO. PAGES 1

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 Daniel 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 (DCS)

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

REF : Van Rapper/Masulin telecons

A 127900

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

16-88-45
16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, DCS

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 (Jeffrey G. Peterson).

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.

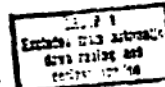
4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES H. MURPHY

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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/Masulian telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, the Chief of the Domestic Contact Service (OSS) for additional assessment information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. Jeffrey Peterson 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".

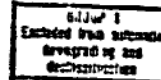
3. According to Peterson, based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, Peterson 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. Peterson 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. Peterson 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. Peterson 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, 7623 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 (fnu). 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 Farabundo 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 Oliverio 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 Blanca. 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 Messers. Sandoval and Figaroa. [Probably Mario SANDOVAL Alarcon, President of the Guatemalan Congress and head of the U.L.H. 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 Allegro and Mitchell Werbell (Mitchell Livingston Werbell III, 281-259010, former GDS member in S-8-1 in World War II; former President of Military Armament Corporation; and presently associated with Defense Systems Incorporated, Powder Springs, Georgia.) In Mexico City, Francisco Bravo introduced the American to Mexico City Police Chief Santos (Daniel GUTIERREZ Santos) and Miguel NAZAR Hero, "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.] Nazari 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.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

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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.


Jeffrey G. Peterson

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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

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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 one of reaction 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.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

7 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Jeffrey G. Peterson's Conversation with
Rafael Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Sunday, 2 July 1973, from 1800 to 2000 hours at the Shanghai Restaurant, Arlington, Va., I met with Rafael Masferrer, Jr. Masferrer is assistant of my former employment. 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 promoted 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:

Robert Brugger, Acting Desk Chief, Colombia
Richard Wheeler and John Murray, Branch 1, Mexico
Robert Weicha, C/WH/PI
Drake Reid, 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 McFerron again
the evening of 3 July 1972 and the afternoon of 4 July
1972.

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Chief, Miami Field Office

OSS-820-73
31 May 1973

Director, Domestic Contact Service (Support Division/OSS)

Rolando Masferrer

REF : OOA(S) 322/13864-73

ROLANDO MASFERRER

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JAMES R. MURPHY

Attachment
GSM:ulin/ds
cc: Services Division (Control)
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ACCESS SHEET FOR DOMESTIC CONTACT SERVICE CO. ACTIONS									
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1. CONTACT (Name, Title, Organization, Address)					2. INDIVIDUAL NO.				
Rolando Masferrer c/o Daniel Bonander 6080 W. Flagler, Apt 17 Miami, Florida					3. TYPE CODE				
F. SOURCE (Name, Title, Organization, Address)					4. ORGANIZATION NO.				
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G. SUB-SOURCE (Name, Title, Organization, Address)					6. INDIVIDUAL NO.				
H. METHOD OF COLLECTION					EVALUATION				
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CASE OFFICER					Copies to:				
Masferrer					WH/C/FI - 3-D-38				
FIELD COMMENTS					WH/7/HT 3-B-0001				
Our local colleagues have asked us to report this brief item in order to put it in the system.					WH/C/CI 3-D-46				
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C/S					Release your calls were Rolando Masferrer from Miami is the mother of the famous Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y. Rojas, known in a US field from an organization (1964) mission in Miami. Rolando was associated with the Miami 31st Army also of Rolando (thru Miami) was a member of some body and.				
F.O. CHIEF					OFFICER				
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INSPECTORATE OF
INTELLIGENCE

COUNTRY Cuba/Haiti

SUBJECT Possible False Recruitment Effort

REPORT NO. 00-AIS-372/13864-73

DATE 25 May 1973

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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. 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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D. SUBJECT AND AREA						EXTRA DISSEM. RECORD		RELEASED			
Guillermo Yglesias/Attempts to Raise Money Under Agency Auspices								MO. DA. YR.			
(Colombia/Venezuela/Costarica)								07/1/83			
E. CONTACT (Name, Title, Organization, Address)						INDIVIDUAL NO.		45. TYPE CODE		46. FOR DISSEMINATED	
Rolando MASFATER 6030 W. Flagler Avenue Miami, Florida								GRAPHICS, MAPS, PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, ETC.			
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ALIEN ☐ CIS ☒ SOV ☐ INT ☐ CASE OFFICER						HH 25263 WHICOG/OS - 4D 46 ANN. (11/15/83) 1040 Yglesias is certainly a frank and honest man to the attention of the FBI and police authorities. MASFATER should also be known to your office since we are some background P info on him to ADRI F.O. He is a pleasure to work with. Very cautious in his dealings.					
J. FIELD COMMENTS						K. EVALUATION					
Our local colleagues wish us to report on Yglesias and record these developments.						L. EVALUATION					
CAP. MacVane:xyz						F.O. CHIEF: RETAID:xyz					

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COUNTRY Colombia/Venezuela/Central
SUBJECT Guillermo Yglesias /Efforts to Recruit
Money Under All 3rd Agency Agencies

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1. On 26 June 1973 the Miami Field Office responded to a call on the listed line from a man who identified himself as Roberto Manferrer. Mr. Manferrer requested to meet with Field Officers of the Miami Field Office. Mr. Manferrer said that he had a confidential source (concerning the Central Intelligence Agency) who was trying to recruit a large sum of money to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Roberto Manferrer lives at 6080 N. Biscayne Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of this request, Field Officers and Miss Rose of the Miami Field Office responded to the call and met with Roberto Manferrer that afternoon.
2. Mr. Manferrer related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Yglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Manferrer, Yglesias approached him in June March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Yglesias said that he was trying to recruit a large sum of money to finance secret CIA operations. Yglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the Watergate affair. He referred to these operations as black operations. Mr. Manferrer said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Manferrer contacted several of these officials in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for secret operations in South America and the Caribbean. Manferrer has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian Internal Police. He has also contacted one Alberto Riquelme, who is an officer in command of the Colombian Internal Police. Manferrer also passed Yglesias the name of Carlos Mendi, head of the Venezuelan Internal Police. Yglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Manferrer said that he personally turned over nine M-16 semiautomatic hand grenades, one M-16 automatic rifle, one AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Manferrer 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 Manferrer, he raised an additional point. Manferrer 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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