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December 24, 1959

Re: CUBAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY POLICE

The First Assistant to the President of the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA - West German Federal Criminal Police), Mr. PAUL DICKOPF, furnished the information on December 16, 1959 that PAUL JAIME DIAZ ARGUELLAS GARCIA, Dr. JOSE CORRALES and Dr. JORGE DE CASTROVERDE visited the facilities of the BKA in Wiesbaden, West Germany on December 14-16 inclusive. In addition to being shown through the BKA establishment, they visited the State Police Training School of Hesse, also at Wiesbaden, and did some routine shopping on the 15th of December, purchases including glassware and a pistol. On the 16th, they attended a dinner with BKA officials. On the 16th, they were escorted to the Frankfurt Airport and seen on board their Lufthansa plane for Madrid, Spain by BKA personnel.

Mr. DICKOPF stated that he met the Cubans at the recent International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) Conference in Paris, France and that a fourth Cuban, One TOMASSEVITCH, remained in Paris to negotiate purchases with a French munitions manufacturer. TOMASSEVITCH did not visit Germany.

Mr. DICKOPF said that he knew CASTROVERDE from a previous INTERPOL meeting and described him as having a background in dentistry. CASTROVERDE had been imprisoned by CASTRO but had done some dental work for the latter and was apparently, therefore, released. Mr. DICKOPF had the impression that CASTROVERDE was under the observation and control of the other two individuals, particularly of CORRALES, whom he described as a "political commissar." ARGUELLAS appeared to be a young man with an engineering background, not especially politically motivated, who appeared to have been exposed to American influence.

Mr. DICKOPF revealed that the Cubans had informed him that they wished to send twenty men to the BKA for training, or if this were not possible, to have two BKA men come to Cuba for training purposes. Mr. DICKOPF noted that such training programs especially for persons not speaking German are extremely costly to his organization in time, money and manpower, and that in addition, the Cuban request placed him in an extremely delicate situation, since on the one hand he did not wish to refuse the Cubans and perhaps as a result of this refusal have them turn to the East Germans or Czechs; on the other hand, he did not wish to antagonize the United States by agreeing to train them, since he understood that United States-Cuban relations are quite strained.

In connection with the foregoing, Mr. DICKOPF further pointed out that any organization which agreed to help train the Cuban Police would have a great

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advantage in future contacts with that organization.

On December 18, 1959, General D. F. FENAAT, Provost Marshal, U.S. Army, Europe, stated that the above-mentioned Cubans came to his attention at the recent Interpol Conference in Paris. The General pointed out that the Cuban delegation to Interpol was first listed as consisting of M. (probably Monsieur) TOMASSEVITCH, Comandante Jefe de la Seccion de Tránsito de la Policía Nacional Revolucionaria, Havana; Dr. CORRALES, Lieutenant, Havana; and, Dr. JORGE A. DE CASTROVERDE, Chief of the B.C.N., Havana, but that a later list of additions and corrections showed these delegates as Dr. JORGE A. DE CASTROVERDE, head of the delegation, Permanent Delegate of Interpol at Havana; Dr. JOSE CORRALES, Lieutenant (Attorney), National Revolutionary Police, Secretary; and, Major RAUL DIAZ ARGUELLES, Director of the Department of Investigations of the National Police.

General FENAAT said that he knew CASTROVERDE from previous Interpol sessions. He noted that although CASTROVERDE had previously brought his wife and daughter to these sessions, this time his family did not accompany him.

General FENAAT said that shortly after the beginning of the session the bearded Castro-type TOMASSEVITCH ceased to appear and that the Cuban Delegation then consisted of an individual believed to be CORRALES with a Groucho Marx-type moustache, wearing a Lieutenant's uniform with insignia similar to that of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate's Branch; a young, smooth-appearing Harvard type individual believed to be RAUL DIAZ ARGUELLES; and, CASTROVERDE. It was General FENAAT's impression that ARGUELLES was in charge of the group since he sat between the two others and appeared to be often consulted by them.

The General stated that the Cuban Delegation attempted to have a resolution passed at the Interpol session which, in effect, would be calling for the apprehension and extradition of former members of the Cuban Police who had been accused of crimes by the Cuban Revolutionary Government. This motion was regarded by many of the delegates as interjecting politics into an organization which was strictly non-political in nature and the Cuban resolution was declared out of order by a vote of 40 to 2, Venezuela being the only delegation to support Cuba.

Subsequently, the Danish, Cuban and United States delegations all extended invitations for the next Interpol meeting. Denmark withdrew in favor of the United States, and Cuba in a bid for the conference, made the offer that all expenses of the delegates after arrival on Cuban soil would be paid for by the Cuban Government. A vote was then taken and the delegates voted approximately 30 to 6 in favor of holding the next session in the United States.

On 12/16/59, Criminal Investigator JOSEPH GALLO, of the 6th MP (CID) Detachment, Heidelberg, West Germany, under the direction of the Provost

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From
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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January 11, 1960

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Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing here
with communications which may be of interest to you

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

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