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- SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
- BERNARD MURPHY
 - LIBIO HERMOGENES PERALTA RECOJO
 - RAUL RODRIGUEZ SAUVOS
 - AURELIANO SANCHEZ AMANGO
 - PEDRO SCALCO
 - RICARDO FLORENCIO SUAREZ RODRIGUEZ
 - PAULINA GRAY ALSTON SAN MARTIN
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Shortly following the successful coup d'etat of 3-10-52, by FULGENCIA BATISTA against President CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS of Cuba, reports were received from confidential sources to effect that PRIO and members of his exiled government now residing Miami, Fla., were planning counter-revolution against Batista Govt., to be known as the "Junta Revolucionaria Constitucional", scheduled to take place 5-31-52, but failed to materialize. According to these reports, JOSE LUIS FERNANDEZ, former Secret Police Agent, Cuba, and LIBIO GRAVE de PERALTA, former Captain, Cuban Navy, came to Miami 3-19-52, to confer with former President PRIO and former Minister of Education AURELIANO SANCHEZ

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him for a \$200.00 commission. T-9 said that SCALCO said these rings were of a cheap novelty type and that he would not be interested in the proposition.

T-9 said that he heard from SCALCO that PERALTA told SCALCO he could be reached in care of Concordia 459, Havana, Cuba, and that FERNANDEZ indicated he could be reached in care of his father at Vapor II 57, Havana.

He learned from SCALCO that SCALCO had not heard from FERNANDEZ or PERALTA in at least six or seven weeks and that SCALCO felt that they were not engaged in a bona fide attempt to execute a revolutionary plot against the Batista Government, that they had been unable to obtain any support from the PRIO people concerning their scheme. T-9 said that, as a matter of fact, on their March 19 trip to Miami PERALTA and FERNANDEZ disclosed to SCALCO that SANCHEZ ARANGO would help them and that they had some people in Cuba who would assist them in their revolutionary efforts but that on their second trip to Miami FERNANDEZ told SCALCO that he felt President PRIO was not at all interested.

With regard to EDWARD WILLIAM MURPHY, T-9 reported that SCALCO had first met MURPHY about two or two and a half years ago through a boat owner, TEOFILO BABUN, owner of the "Nevera" which travels between Santiago, Cuba and Miami. T-9 said that in about the middle of April, 1952, while SCALCO was making a business call to the Auto Marine Engine Company, 3464 Northwest North River Drive, Miami, in company with FERNANDEZ whose presence was merely incidental, he again saw MURPHY. On this occasion SCALCO left FERNANDEZ in front of the Auto Marine Engine Company while he went to look at a boat. When SCALCO returned to the front of the building he found FERNANDEZ and MURPHY talking in MURPHY's automobile. When SCALCO remarked that he did not know MURPHY and FERNANDEZ were acquainted, FERNANDEZ explained he had once helped MURPHY get out of Cuba and he remarked to SCALCO "this is one man who might be useful". T-9 said that SCALCO did not again see MURPHY and did not know whether MURPHY had any further dealings with FERNANDEZ.

It appears that JOSE FERNANDEZ is undoubtedly identical with the Cuban whom MURPHY met under similar circumstances as described by T-6 above.

With regard to PETER SCALCO, Immigration and Naturalization Service records at Miami reflect that PEDRO SCALCO y FERRER, known as

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PETER SCALCO, was born May 19, 1917, at Baracoa, Oriente, Cuba, and that he has been in and out of the United States since about 1935. On January 16, 1951, he filed a Declaration of Intention to become a United States Citizen. His last reentry into the United States from Cuba was on May 25, 1951, according to his file. His file also disclosed that SCALCO has been in the import-export business for a number of years while residing in Miami.

- G. Miami Informant T-10, of known reliability, who is well informed concerning Cuban activities in the Miami area.

On June 6, 1952, T-10 reported he had received various rumors of an alleged attempt to overthrow the new Batista Government but that he had received no specific evidence to support these rumors. He said he has heard that CARLOS PRIO favors waiting for the 1953 Cuban elections in order to sweep BATISTA out of office, but that SANCHEZ ARANGO favors revolutionary action and may have persuaded PRIO to this view. X(u)

T-10 recalled that in 1948 the Prio Party in Cuba was furnishing aid to JOSE FIGUEREZ to overthrow the Costa Rican Government and were shipping arms to FIGUEREZ. T-10 said that he had heard that when PRIO fled Cuba on March 10, 1952, he first went to Mexico City where he was approached by Cuban and Mexican gangsters who tried to shake him down and consequently PRIO flew to Miami for refuge. He said it was rumored in Miami that PRIO had \$20,000,000.00 in suitcases brought in from Cuba at some time during the recent past. He said, however, he had received no evidence that PRIO had actually purchased any arms or munitions in the United States, and he expressed the belief that the PRIO party already had enough arms and munitions hidden out on various farms in Cuba for use in the event of any revolutionary action. X(u)

He said that when the Prio Government came into power in Cuba, PILIM MENDOZA, who had been a close friend of GREGORIO SIMONOVICH, a notorious smuggler of Russian origin operating in Cuba, got in contact with PRIO and secured government protection for an illegal export and import business in order to avoid paying duty. T-10 said that PILIM represented the Honduras Airlines in Cuba as an agent and that he had been arrested three days before at Rancho Boyeros Airport from Mexico. X(u)

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T-10 said FRANCISCO PRIO was a very close friend of PILIM who had made a fortune in smuggling. He said FRANCISCO PRIO was also a close personal friend of "LUCKY" LUGLIANO, the narcotics king who is now residing in Italy, and that FRANCISCO has a Cuban police record for dealing in narcotics, bribery and bad checks. X(u)

With regard to ANTONIO PRIO, T-10 said this man worked for years at the Gelats Bank of Havana prior to the Prio Government where he had been suspected of dealing in illicit foreign funds during World War II. X(u)

With regard to SANCHEZ ARANGO, T-10 reported that around 1931 or 1932 during the Machado Government, ARANGO was one of the heads of the Liga Juvenile Communists (Communist Youth Organization), in Cuba, and that in 1931 ARANGO and several of his companions in this organization served a jail sentence for disturbing the peace. T-10 advised that SANCHEZ ARANGO has a number of key men and friends in Guatemala from whom he might possibly seek aid and support in a revolutionary attempt against BATISTA. T-10 named these individuals as: X(u)

EUFEMIO FERNANDEZ, who was a leader of the Cayo Confites and Boqueron abortive attempts;

JESUS GONZALEZ CARTA (nickname EXTRANO), who is chief of the secret organization known as "Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras"; and X(u)

JESUS CASTALLANOS and others of the same organization.

T-10 said that he understands SANCHEZ ARANGO, JOSE FERNANDEZ and CARTA are the most dangerous individuals in this group. He said that CARTA and CASTALLANOS were given protection in the Guatemalan Legation in Cuba along with SANCHEZ ARANGO following the March 10, 1952, coup d'etat. X(u)

T-10 said it has been rumored that SANCHEZ ARANGO and some of his companions have purchased a number of BT Navy planes from JOE MARRS, operator of a second-hand airplane and airplane parts firm at 225 Northwest Miami Gardens Road, Miami. X(u)

He reported that on the early morning of June 10, 1952, he had been casually contacted on the street by ALVAREZ RUEDA who operates a radio business in Miami and that RUEDA remarked that he had heard that X(u)

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SANCHEZ ARANGO was then in New York City, this information having been obtained through a girl named PEREZ who had been given a hearing at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami and who had telephonically contacted SANCHEZ ARANGO in New York from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami relative to a \$500.00 bond which she was attempting to raise. T-10 stated RUEDA is a personal friend of the PRIOS. X(U)

- H. Miami Informant T-11, of known reliability, who is an investigator for a federal agency engaged in investigative work

T-11 reported on June 12, 1952, that the incident reported by RUEDA to T-10 was absolutely false and that it appeared to be a deliberate plant by RUEDA to cover SANCHEZ ARANGO. X(U)

- I. Immigration and Naturalization Service Manifest Records, Miami, Florida

Examination of Immigration and Naturalization Service manifest records on May 12, 1952, relative to Pan American Airways Flight 416 on March 19, 1952, from Havana to Miami disclosed that the following arrived on board this plane in Miami as a party of three:

JOSE LUIS FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ ESPINOSA, destined to the Leamington Hotel, Miami, Florida, described as being male, age 28, in possession of Cuban visa 1737563, had last been in the United States in 1949;

LIBIO HERMOGENES PERALTA RECOJO, destined to the Leamington Hotel, age 42, male and in possession of a Cuban Travel Permit 2490343, had last been in the United States in 1951;

RICARDO FLORENCIO SUAREZ RODRIGUEZ, destined to the Leamington Hotel, age 25, male in possession of Cuban Travel Permit 2550958, had last been in the United States in 1951.

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June 23, 1952, \$3,000.00 cable transfer to CARLOS MARISTANY, Cincel Number 3, Colonia A. Obregon (8, Mexico)

June 20, 1952, check for \$705.55 to EDUARDO FERNANDEZ

T-16 reported that on June 23, 1952, PRIO made a deposit of \$97,875.00, bringing his balance to \$117,393.43 as of June 24, 1952.

T-16 has received no specific evidence to indicate PRIO has any deposits in any other bank in the Miami area.

B. Re: AURELIANO SANCHEZ y ARANGO

T-11, previously mentioned, possessed a file reflecting that SANCHEZ ARANGO arrived in the United States March 17, 1952, from Mexico, accompanied by former President CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS and was admitted to the United States under Section 3(2) as a political refugee. On May 1, 1952, he departed from Miami accompanied by RAUL RODRIGUEZ SANTOS destined to Nassau in a privately owned single engine plane piloted by EDWARD WILLIAM MURPHY, a convicted alien smuggler. On May 2, 1952, information was received that they headed for Caicos Islands, and it was believed SANCHEZ ARANGO and RODRIGUEZ SANTOS were landed at or about Santiago on May 3, 1952, MURPHY having returned to the United States unaccompanied.

On May 7, 1952, a district-wide look-out was placed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service against SANCHEZ ARANGO. Should he again apply for admission to the United States he will be questioned as to his admissibility under the Act of October 16, 1918, as Amended and 8CFR174.

The file contained a memorandum emanating from Cuba dated September 6, 1951, advising that SANCHEZ ARANGO is not a member of the Partido Socialista Popular and does not vote other than as a member of the Partido Revolucionaria Cubano (Autentico Party); that sometimes he appears to be pro-Communist and sometimes anti-Communist. He was born at Havana, Cuba, June 7, 1907, and was appointed Minister of Education by PRIO in 1948. He is reported to be the closest friend and advisor of PRIO, this relationship existing since student days. Shortly after taking office as Minister of Education he appointed the following active Communists to positions within the Ministry of Education:

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ADOLFO SANTA CRUZ
ORLANDO MITJANS
RAUL FERRER

Dr. RAUL ROA, another well-known Communist was appointed Director of Culture, which is one of the highest positions in the Ministry of Education.

SANCHEZ ARANGO is reported to be on good terms with various other leading Communists. He has been jailed and exiled on various occasions for political reasons, in the United States, Spain, Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

He is a close acquaintance of RAUL OSQUEDA, Guatemalan Minister to Cuba, and former Minister of Education in Guatemala, and a Communist.

SANCHEZ ARANGO flies in his personal plane to Guatemala to consult with OSQUEDA and has been accompanied by President PRIO. The author of this report concluded "it is clear he has managed to steer a middle course between the Communists and anti-Communist faction, performing enough favors to both sides to avoid making bitter enemies. It is believed that if the power of Communism wanes in Cuba he will become a strong anti-Communist and if Communism gains control he will emerge as a pure Marxist."

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGECONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1 is JOHN T. PILCHER, Assistant Chief, Border Patrol, Miami.

T-2 is Lieutenant Colonel MANUEL UGALDE CARRILLO, Chief of Aides to the Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army, General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA and who appears to have been one of the primary organizers of the Batista coup d'etat on March 10, 1952. His report was made to Special Agent CLARK D. ANDERSON, Havana. ~~(S)~~(u)

T-3 is an agent of T-2 who has been tentatively identified as RICARDO FLORENCIO SUAREZ RODRIGUEZ, age 25, a Cuban National, who accompanied JOSE LUIS FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ ESPINOSA and LIBIO HERMOGENES PERALTA RECOJO to Miami on March 19, 1952. ~~(S)~~(u)

T-4 is CIA (Report distributed to Bureau April 25, 1952, entitled "Plan by Opposition Group in Miami to Overthrow the Batista Government".) ~~(S)~~(u)

T-5 is WILFRED HARN, pilot, Robert Clay Hotel, who requested that his identity be treated confidentially.

T-6 is EDWARD WILLIAM MURPHY, 1458 Northwest 100th Street, Miami, pilot for Cara Airline, who requested that his identity be treated confidentially.

T-7 is Major CHARLES TIMOTHY SOTO, Military Liaison, MIS, Miami.

T-8 is EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, Consul of Cuba, duPont Building, Miami ~~(S)~~(u)

T-9 is PETER SCALCO, Import and export broker, 414 Southwest 13th Avenue, Miami, who executed a "Consent to Search" form permitting a search of his premises.

T-10 is MARIANO FAGET, 75 Southwest 32nd Court Road, Miami, former Chief of Cuban National Police. ~~(S)~~(u)

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T-11 is HOWARD MELCHING, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami.

T-12 is LOUIS HAMBURG, Calle #27, #80, Apartment 38, Vidado, Cuba, who holds office as Photographer Particular Del Honorable President General FULGENCIA BATISTA. HAMBURG is a Cuban citizen of American origin. ~~X~~ u

T-13 is Colonel FABIO RUIZ ROJAS, Pacific Building, Miami.

T-14 is Mrs. VIRGINIA RYAN NEUBAUER, 3531 Crystal Court, Miami, who operates a business known as DeLuxe Kitchens, 2514 Coral Way, Miami, where her husband, GEORGE H. NEUBAUER, also conducts his business, the Florida Industrial Equipment Division. Mrs. NEUBAUER is now in the process of obtaining a divorce from her husband on grounds of cruelty.

T-15 is the Legal Attache, London, England (see Bureau teletype dated July 2, 1952) ~~X~~(u)

T-16 is ALBERT F. CAMP, vice president, North Shore Bank, Miami Beach.

Copies of this report are being designated for the San Juan and Washington Field Offices for information purposes in view of the proximity of San Juan to Cuba and in view of the Washington Field Office possibly being requested to conduct investigation in Washington in the near future, it being noted that GEORGE H. NEUBAUER went to Washington where he allegedly met a retired Army Captain and two Cubans relative to Plot Number Four.

LEADS

For the information of interested offices, the Bureau has instructed that an investigation be instituted to determine if persons within the United States have knowingly begun, set on foot, or provided means or furnished money for, or taken part in any naval or military enterprise to be carried on from the United States against Cuba, in violation of Title 18, Section 960, United States Code.

Eight copies of all reports should be furnished to the Bureau.

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