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Cleveland Office has advised that Departmental Attorney J. Kiernan has expressed desire to discuss with SA Michael H. subject's possible criminal activities. Cleveland plans to hold such discussions 6-29-61 without reference to reports or other communications unless advised to contrary by Bureau. Kiernan is attorney in Criminal Division and purpose of inquiry not known. However, Department has reports in security case which Kiernan has possibly seen. We are advising Cleveland that contents of reports can be discussed but otherwise to find out what Kiernan wants and advise Bureau.

Subject was born 8-8-13, New York City, and is Cleveland businessman. In view of his involvement in Latin-American matters we have been closely following his activities to determine if they are such as to require his registration under Registration Act.

Subject was arrested 5-22-59, by Customs, Miami, along with others, in connection with attempted bribery of Customs officials and departure of munitions-laden plane for Dominican Republic. Arms involved were to be used to equip anti-Castro exiles there. Investigation disclosed subject enjoyed close relationship with Dominican Consul General, Miami, and was reportedly friendly with William Alexander Morgan, expatriated American soldier of fortune, executed by Castro, March, 1961. Subject plead guilty to charge of smuggling arms and on 12-30-59 was placed on three years probation and fined \$10,000.

Subject, in April, 1960, was reportedly in contact with Dominican Secretary of State without portfolio in Miami. He advised this official that for \$300,000 he was prepared to stage bombing attack against Castro for Dominican Republic. Subject claimed he had necessary planes and pilots for use in such attack which would be launched from outside U.S. Dominican official refused subject's proposal.

In December, 1960, Customs, Miami, advised it learned Max Garcia, Tampa, Florida, had gone to Miami at expense of and

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under orders of subject to locate buyer for arms. Garcia was to look for legitimate proposition and then turn matter over to subject. Garcia did not know where subject intended to get the arms but surmised they would come from Europe. It is noted Garcia had been in touch with the Dominicans (S)

Investigation has also disclosed that subject is official of Servicios Internacionales, S. A., a Panamanian Corporation. Edward Browder, Jr., is also affiliated with this Corporation. Browder was convicted of violation of Neutrality Act in late 1940's and was convicted in June, 1959, and April, 1960, in connection with the receiving of over \$136,000 in stolen Canadian bonds. Browder is presently out on bond pending appeals of these convictions.

On 6-30-59 subject appeared before Senate Select Committee on Improper Management in the Labor and Management Field. Subject's attorney requested Committee to dismiss subject as witness since subject was then under indictment for conspiring to smuggle arms. Committee granted request.

Subject has also been allegedly associated with various enterprises in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, with hoodlums and racket figures. Included among these is Louis "Babe" Triscaro, noted Cleveland labor racketeer and William Joseph Conrad. Conrad was sentenced in 1959, to 18 months in Federal Penitentiary for selling \$50,000 of worthless uranium stocks to Toledo residents. Subject was President of uranium company. One source in February, 1960, advised subject claimed to have been bondsman for Frank Costello and other such racketeers. Source commented he did not believe anyone who so acted would ever talk about it, and in his opinion whatever subject said could be discounted about 99 per cent.

Subject's identification record, FBI Number 440 734 C (copy attached) shows arrest in 1956 for issuing checks with insufficient funds as well as arrest for arms smuggling. We have furnished copies of reports concerning subject to Department, Customs, as well as to other interested agencies.

Discussion of subject's possible criminal activities with Departmental Attorney will not affect our inquiries and there is no objection to such discussion.

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