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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (163-17380)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (163-351) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PEDRO JOSE TORRES VELASQUEZ  
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DATE 1/14/93 BY SP8 [signature]

Re Bulet, 1/20/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM, dated as above, and captioned "PEDRO JOSE TORRES VELASQUEZ". Also enclosed for the Bureau are 22 documents provided by TORRES, bearing the numbers 1 through 22, and a typed statement prepared and signed by TORRES. These items are for transmittal to the Italian government.

Warning and Waiver Forms concerning the interviews of SAM BENTON and the first interview of TORRES are filed in Miami file 87-23127, and the form for the second interview with TORRES is filed in Miami file 71-420.

The Bureau should note that TORRES and BENTON are the subjects of a number of Miami files in swindle type cases, the details of which would not be pertinent to the investigation requested by the Italian government.

SAM BENTON was interviewed by SA RONALD TODD and SA ROBERT L. WILSON. The first interview of TORRES was conducted by SA TODD and WILSON and the second interview by SA JOHN P. LENIHAN and SA WILSON.

Permission for dissemination of INS material was granted by INS Investigations Supervisor WALTER O'KON.

The INS file of TORRES was reviewed by SA JOHN E. BYRNES.

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1001 3cc [unclear] x 22 inc furnished by Jones  
+ 1 typed statement prepared by [unclear]  
Torres



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to be originals, because: First the Italian Government will never let them to be exported, and second all Europe would of being fighting to obtain them for their musseums. From this statement I amd under the impression that all this paintings are false & imitations, and Mr. Ranchella and Mr. Lorenzi were only out to take the money from the letter of credit and that was it. Thanks God that the letter of credit was not funded, because if at this moments we are having troubles to have Ranchella return the letters of credit, that do not belong to him, suppose how difficult will be to have those bandits return the cash.- Also attached as atached #22 several letters, cables, etc. that will hel to coraborate what I have said.

"/s/ Pedro Rivera Torres

"Witnessed: "/s/ Robert L. Wilson, Special Agent  
FBI, Miami, 2/16/67

"/s/ John P. Lenihan Special Agent  
FBI Miami, Fla. 2/16/67"

The following is the identification record of Sam Benton, as obtained from the FBI Identification Division under FBI No. 3967754:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Canal Zone Police Balboa Heights Canal Zone	Samuel <del>Finkelman</del>	6-25-39	vio Inmg Reg (stowaway)	7-10-39 placed on SS Talamanca for Havana Cuba
Army	Samuel <del>Fink</del> #31117079	6/20/42		

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SAMUEL FINK BENTON  
SZMULX FINKELMAN

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USINS-AR	Samuel Finklelman #3875433	10-2-44		
DCGO 1st ND Boston Mass	Samuel Fink #01-6-39482	appl prt rec 3-2-45		
PD Ft Lauderdale Fla	Samuel Fink Benton	appl prt rec 5-22-47		
USINS-AR	Szmul Finklelman #3875433	3-31-44		

On February 3, 1967, an examination was made of the files of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at Miami, Florida, concerning their file number All241356 on Pedro Jose Torres Velasquez. This file disclosed the following information:

Name	Pedro Jose Torres Velasquez
Dates of Birth	July 22, 1924 July 22, 1923
Place of Birth	Higuerote, Venezuela
Father	Pedro Jose Torres
Mother	Victoria Velasquez
Height	5'10"
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Black
Address since December 23, 1966	Apartment 6D Brickell Town House Miami, Florida.

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Torres has formerly resided as follows:

- 4/4/58 - Casablanca Hotel  
Miami Beach, Florida
- 7/28/60 - Miami Colonial Hotel  
Miami, Florida
- 4/5/63 - Hotel San Juan  
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 5/17/63 - Hotel San Juan  
San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 7/64 - Everglades Hotel  
Miami, Florida
- 8/18/64 - 28 West San Marino Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida
- 3/65 - Room 308  
Hotel Everglades  
Miami, Florida
- 7/28/65 - 28 West San Marino Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida
- 8/16/65 - 936 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, Florida

The INS file indicated a warrant of arrest was issued for Torres September 29, 1965, warrant number 1797, for the misdemeanor of swindling the Venezuelan Loan Company of four million bolivars. The place of issuance of the warrant was not shown.

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