

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: May 15, 1958

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS, was.
SECURITY MATTER - N
OO: SAN JUANCLASSIFIED BY 2955 EDS/HC
EXEMPT FROM GDS CATEGORY 1
DATE OF DECLASSIFICATION INDEFINITE
10-27-78

Enclosed are five copies of a report of SA [REDACTED] together with five copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to the same case, dated and captioned as above, at San Juan. b7C

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated December 10, 1954 at San Juan. b7C

San Juan letter to Director dated June 2, 1955 which recommended removal of the subject from the Security Index, and which letter was returned to San Juan on June 25, 1955 with a notation "Security Index Card cancelled".

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Translations of newspaper articles quoted in the enclosed report were made by Translator [REDACTED] b7C

Copies of the letterhead memorandum evaluating informants are being disseminated locally to G-2 and ONI. A

The subject is not on the Security Index. This report is being submitted at this time in an effort to bring the subject's activities up to date. No recommendation is being made to include the subject on the Security Index at this time.

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SUBV. CONTROL

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- ☐ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
- ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
- ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
- ☐ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available.
- ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
- ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
- ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

- ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- ☐ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

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[REDACTED] b7d

"Betances Day", April 8, 1830. This is the birth date of Dr. RAMON EMETERIO BETANCES (1830-98), who was a physician, writer, and revolutionary leader closely identified with both the Cuban and Puerto Rican revolutionary movements. The NPPR celebration on this date is held at Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, the birth place of BETANCES.

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] stated that the subject was not in the group of people who celebrated "Betances Day" at Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico.

III. CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATIONALIST PARTY
OF PUERTO RICO (NPPR)

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] advised that the subject was one of the individuals who placed a

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wreath on the graves of four Nationalists killed on March 21, 1937 at Ponce, Puerto Rico. The wreath contained a ribbon which read "to the martyrs of the Ponce Massacre"

Ponce Massacre, March 21, 1937. On this date nineteen persons were killed and one hundred injured (including members of the NPPR) in a gun battle between Nationalists and the Puerto Rico police at Ponce, Puerto Rico. The armed clash occurred when NPPR members having been denied a permit for a public parade in Ponce, Puerto Rico, nevertheless formed ranks with a large body of NPPR cadets in the lead and attempted to parade through the streets of Ponce. This is commemorated annually by public celebration staged by the NPPR at Ponce, Puerto Rico, on March 21. The NPPR through the years called this occurrence the "Ponce Massacre".

Confidential informants, who have some knowledge of NPPR activities in Puerto Rico, have advised that they know of no NPPR activities on the part of the subject.

It is noted that the January 23, 1958 issue of "El Mundo", a daily Spanish language newspaper published in San Juan, page one, column one, names the subject as one of the attorneys for LUIS MANUEL O'NEILL, son-in-law of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, when O'NEILL was acquitted of a charge of violating the Selective Service Act, 1948.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

Handwritten initials and marks:
- Above Mr. Tolson: *W.H.*
- Above Mr. Boardman: *W.H.*
- Above Mr. Parsons: *full*
- Below Mr. Holloman: *W.H.*

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For Your Recommendation _____ ()
What are the facts? _____ ()

Remarks:

