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he is the current Secretary-General of the MPIPR, has in the recent past suffered from heart attacks and is believed that an interview at this present time may be utilized by the subject to attempt to embarrass the US Government and the Bureau.

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Title: JUAN MARI BRAS

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST;
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Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at Calle Tamesis 1502, Urb. El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. He is a self-employed attorney with a law office at 559 Barbosa Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. He is Secretary-General of the MPIPR. Activities set forth.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of all organizations and events are included in the appendix of this report unless specifically mentioned herein.

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Subject resides at Calle Tamesis 1502, Urbanizacion El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and is self-employed as an attorney with his law office located at 559 Barbosa Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

[redacted] Puerto Rico, June 1, 1967.

II. POSITION OF LEADERSHIP

Subject is the Secretary-General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

"El Dia", a Spanish language daily newspaper, Ponce, Puerto Rico, May 22, 1967.

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SJ T-1, February 15, 1967.

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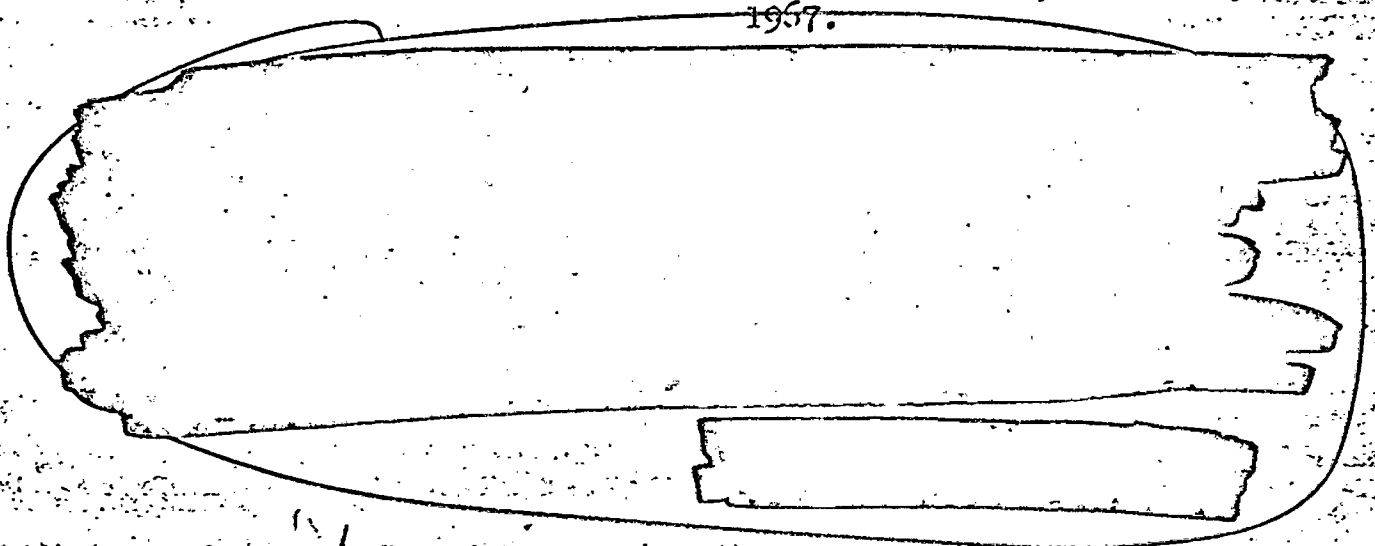
Subject and CARLOS PADILLA RODRIGUEZ returned to Puerto Rico on Monday, March 13, 1967, after having traveled to Chile and Uruguay in order to "mobilize solidarity with the MPIPR efforts to have the question of the status of Puerto Rico brought before the UN Committee of Colonialism, commonly referred to as the UN Committee of 24".

"Carta Semanal", March 16, 1967.-

The MPIPR delegation held conferences with representatives of the Governments of both Chile and Uruguay and informed them extensively regarding the fundamentals of the MPIPR petition to the UN Committee of 24 to consider the case of Puerto Rico now, before the "false plebiscite" in Puerto Rico became a reality. In Chile, the delegation from the MPIPR was received in the name of the government by the Minister of Foreign Relations, Mr. FERNANDO CONTRERAS, who is in charge of UN matters. In Uruguay, the delegation was received by the Minister of Foreign Relations, Dr. HECTOR LUISI.

"Carta Semanal", March 16, 1967.



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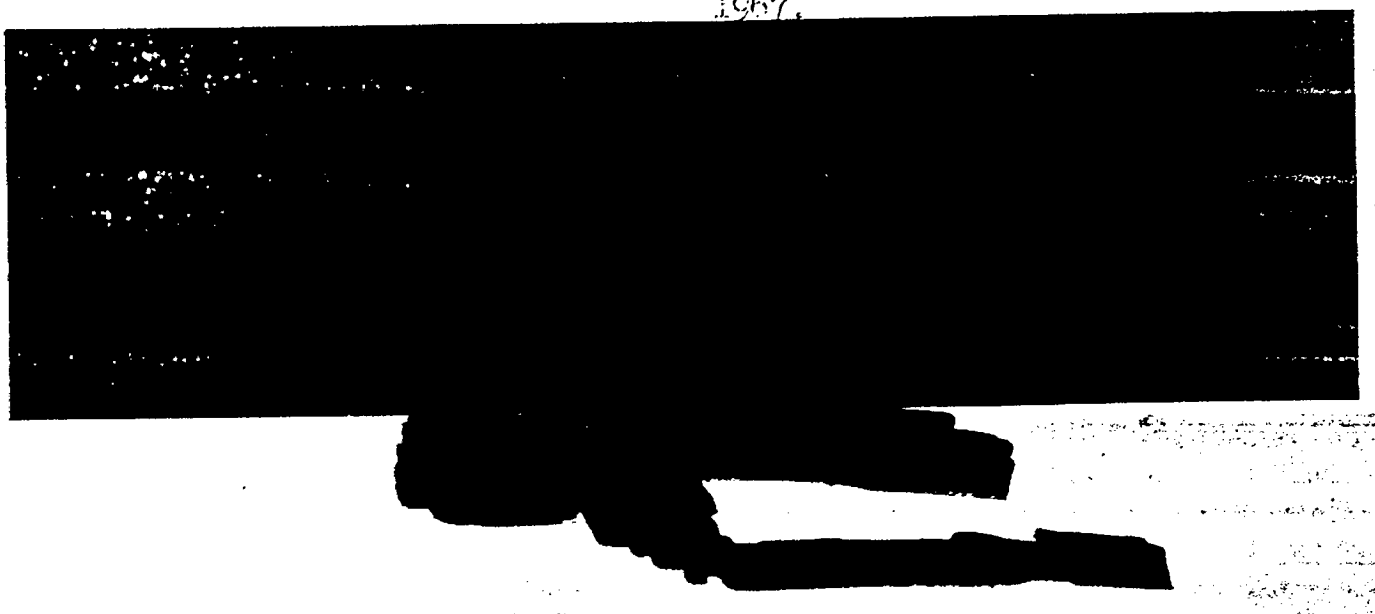
On March 25, 1967, the subject departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Pan American Airlines flight 258 at 2:00 p.m., destined for John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, New York. The subject was traveling alone.

[redacted] March 25, 1967.

According to the local press, FERNANDO MILAN SUAREZ is a member of the PIP.

During a press conference held at the San Juan International Airport, shortly after their arrival, the group, through their spokesman, Dr. FERNANDEZ DE LEWIS, stated that the goup had met with JOSEPH W. MALECELA, Ambassador of Tanzania. Dr. FERNANDEZ stated that "for the first time in the history of Puerto Rico, the matter (of Puerto Rican independence) will be considered by the entire Committee of 24". She stated that "formerly this matter had never been able to pass out of the bureaucracy and red tape" of the subcommittees, but "due to the efforts of Ambassador MALECELA, the matter will be presented to the entire Committee of 24 on Monday, April 17, 1967."

SAS of the FBI, April 13, 1967.



In April, 1967, the subject and various other leaders of Puerto Rican pro-independence groups had returned to New York from Puerto Rico. On April 19, 1967, these individuals were among approximately 30 Puerto Rican independentists who attended the afternoon session of the UN Committee of 24 which was considering whether the question of Puerto Rico's political status should be placed on the committee's agenda.

SJ T-3, April 19, 1967.

V. STATEMENTS BY THE SUBJECT AND PRESS

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"Two representatives of the MPIPR are in Montevideo as delegates of the MPIPR. JUAN MARI BRAS and CARLOS PADILLA are making a tour of different countries to inform people, organizations, and government authorities of the present Puerto Rican situation, of its colonial status as well as the preparation of the farcical plebiscite which the Government of the United States is trying to bring about to maintain the dependency status of the so called 'free state'. At the same time, representatives of our brother nation are informing us of the status of the case presented by the MPIPR to the special committee of the UN which deals with the question of colonies. One member of this committee represents Uruguay.

"The United States has tried to impede the special committee's consideration of the status of Puerto Rico, but it certainly will be dealt with in April. The Puerto Rican people hope that the governments represented there, in accordance with the sentiments of the Latin American people, will aid the demand for independence, sovereignty, and self-determination which the people of Puerto Rico have been fighting for since the turn of the century."

"El Popular", the official newspaper of the Communist Party of Uruguay, March 8, 1967.

"Independence leader JUAN MARI BRAS yesterday called for a boycott of all American owned chain stores on the island as part of the campaign to oppose the July 23, 1967 plebiscite and bring about independence.

"The MPIPR leader also predicted a victory for independentist forces when the UN Committee on Colonialism meets today to decide whether Puerto Rico is a United States colony. JUAN MARI BRAS said that thirteen of the committee's 24 members are likely to agree with the position of the independentist that the island is a colony and, as such, falls under the provisions of a 1960 UN resolution calling for the immediate independence of all colonies.

"'A negative vote would not mean that the people of Puerto Rico have been defeated in their fight for independence', MARI BRAS said, 'it would be a defeat for the committee itself for failing to carry out its mandate."

"The San Juan Star", a Spanish language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 17, 1967.

"Attorney JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary-General of the MPIPR, confirmed in a statement sent to 'El Dia' that there will be violence during the celebration of the plebiscite set for July 23, 1967. He discarded the possibility 'of an armed insurrection here in the conventional sense or the type of guerrilla activity which occurs in other Latin American countries'. In his statemet MARI BRAS attacks the Director of the FBI, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER. 'To hell with Mr. HOOVER, the FBI, and the imperialist government of the United States, we are not scared by their threats', says MARI BRAS.

"MARI BRAS also pointed out that the MPIPR has not asked for arms from the Cuban Communist Government 'for guerrillas', but, 'it has asked for militant solidarity with our struggle in all international forums to which Red Cuba has access'.

"In referring to the events which took place on May 4, 1967, at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, the leader of the MPIPR stated 'nobody should doubt that violent situations will take place. We had foreseen it even before Mr. HOOVER said it, although we do not have a counterintelligence system, nor do we think we are prophets. This reality is already taking place at the UPR. The provocation engendered by the plebiscite emphasizes attitudes and positions. This is the reason why a spontaneous student group, on May 4, 1967, tried to stop a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) military parade in the university athletic field. The Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) did not stop the students and were very wise.

"MARI BRAS continued saying, 'when these forces produce the massive protest of Puerto Rico against the abuse of colonialism on a natural scale, we are not going to stop the people, we are going to help them achieve their goal. We want to produce that struggle, that is, the struggle which Mr. HOOVER, the FBI, and the Central Intelligence Agency, and all the imperialist machinery are afraid of.'

Further on in the press release, MARI BRAS says that 'to conceal the fact that all the people are against them, they say, as they have previously said, that the subversion originated in Havana, Moscow, and Peking. We don't have to travel to any country to learn that the duty of every revolutionary is to revolt. We learned it from the father of the country, RAMON EMETRIO BETANCES, who said it in concrete and native terms:

"'To make scrambled eggs, you have to break the eggs. Scrambled eggs without broken eggs and revolution without revolt cannot take place.'

MARI BRAS continued, 'but our revolution will be worked out according to our particular circumstances within the reality that our country is a fortress today in every sense of American imprialism. To just talk of armed revolution here in the conventional sense or the guerrilla warfare conducted in other Latin American countries, seems to be a necessity. This is only done by those who are content to fight their battles by arbitration."

Speaking of the situation which springs from the plebiscite campaign, MARI BRAS comments, "HOOVER, Head of the FBI, knows very well that the plebiscite to take place in Puerto Rico on July 23, 1967, constitutes a provocation to our people. His bloodhound agency, as well as the rest of the repressive yankee structure in our soil, are terrified at the thoughts that the Puerto Ricans might unite to defend what is theirs. They have observed panic stricken the grouping process of the political powers of the country during the last few months, provoked by the announcement of a false plebiscite. While the government struggles intensely and the followers of annexation divide itself in two, the patriotic fronts begin to unite in a large Puerto Rican, anti-colonialist, and anti-plebiscitarian front. That front already achieved success with a historical action at the UN and as a result of which the false plebiscite was internationally opposed and the Puerto Rican problem is to be discussed in the future. Now the united front begins to take shape in the organization of a massive activity against the plebiscite to take place next July 16, 1967 in San Juan.

"El Dia", Spanish language daily newspaper published in Ponce, Puerto Rico, May 22, 1967.

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CRUZADA PATRIOTICA CRISTIANA
(Christian Patriotic Crusade) (CPC)

[redacted] Puerto Rico, show that the CPC was organized in April, 1959, at Cidra, Puerto Rico, under the guidance of VICTORIANO MARGARITO SANTIAGO ARCE, a Roman Catholic priest. The CPC is in no way sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and has been publicly disclaimed as a Church entity by members of the Church hierarchy in Puerto Rico.

During a December 2, 1965, interview by U. S. Secret Service Agents, SANTIAGO said that he is the leader of the CPC and that Puerto Rican independence is the CPC primary goal. He also said that he does not advocate violence in obtaining independence, except as a last recourse. He continued that for the time being the CPC was devoting itself to educating Puerto Ricans to their exploitation by the U. S.

In January, 1966, SANTIAGO petitioned the Vatican to be released from his priestly duties and reverted to a lay status within the Church. He was placed on leave of absence and laicized immediately by Bishop MENDEZ, of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, pending official Vatican confirmation. In an interview on January 21, 1966, published by "The San Juan Star", an English language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, SANTIAGO stated that he expects to devote more time to political matters once his retirement from the priesthood becomes final.

[redacted] plan CPC meetings in recent months. On July 24, [redacted] stated that present CPC membership [redacted] persons, with perhaps 20 to 30 sympathizers.

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DE DIEGO DAY
APRIL 16, 1866

JOSE DE DIEGO was born on April 16, 1866. He was a Speaker of the Puerto Rican House of Representatives and was one of the most outstanding leaders in the Puerto Rican independence movement. The Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueno (Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico) (NPPR) claims DE DIEGO was one of its pioneers, despite the fact that DE DIEGO died several years prior to the organization of the NPPR. NPPR public celebrations are held on this date in San Juan in its suburb, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

April 16th is not exclusively an NPPR celebration, but is a Puerto Rican official holiday.

The NPPR has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO-INDEPENDENCIA
(FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE
(FUPI)

Federacion de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (FUPI) was organized in October, 1956, at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, as a student organization, not affiliated with any political group, but working for independence for Puerto Rico through logical and peaceful means.

A source advised on May 28, 1962, FUPI was elected an integral member of the International Union of Students (IUS), Prague, Czechoslovakia, in October, 1960. JOSE RAFAEL VARONA BERRIOS, upon interview on April 8, 1966, stated he was the Secretary of International Affairs of FUPI, and met with various delegates of the IUS between November 27, 1965, and February 9, 1966. VARONA BERRIOS adivsed that FUPI is affiliated with the IUS, and stated he believed in violence as a method of obtaining violence for Puerto Rico, if conditions indicated violence might succeed or aid in obtaining Puerto Rican independence.

The IUS has been cited by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1956 as being among "international communist fronts functioning at the present time," and by the Committee of Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, in 1951, as one of the "long established Soviet controlled international organization."

On April 5, 1966, a second source advised that ALBERTO PEREZ PEREZ was elected President of FUPI on that date. On May 16, 1966, it was learned that ALBERTO PEREZ PEREZ had received a one-way prepaid ticket to travel from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Moscow, USSR, and departed San Juan, for Moscow on that date.

A third source advised May 16, 1966, that PEREZ PEREZ was scheduled to attend a "communist youth conference" in Moscow as the FUPI representative.

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Source advised that it was rumored JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement)(MPIPR) is planning to commit a small offense during the early morning of July 23, 1967, and for this offense he will be incarcerated without bond and thus will not be held responsible for anything that may happen during the plebiscite on July 23, 1967.

The NPPR has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Characterizations of the LSP and MPIPR appear in the appendix.

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PLEBISCITE IN PUERTO RICO

Recent Developments

Signs continue to point to the possibility that militant proindependence organizations opposed to the plebiscite scheduled for July 23 in Puerto Rico will attempt to instigate acts of terror on or before that date. It will be recalled that the voters of Puerto Rico will decide on July 23 whether to (1) retain the present commonwealth status with the United States; (2) become the 51st state of the Union; or (3) become, with the consent of the United States Congress, an independent country. Realizing that the third choice has little chance of success at the polls, the militant proindependence organizations are boycotting the plebiscite and will attempt to persuade the Puerto Rican voters not to vote in what they refer to as a "false plebiscite."

May 17th Meeting

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Mass Repudiation

Following this May 17 meeting, which was attended by the MPIPR founder and leader, Attorney Juan Mari Bras, it was announced that "defenders of the political sovereignty" of Puerto Rico had planned at that meeting to have a "concentration of forces" at the Sixto Escobar Stadium in San Juan on Sunday, July 16, one week prior to the scheduled plebiscite. The announced purpose of this gathering is to repudiate the plebiscite and to exhort

Puerto Ricans not to vote. It was also announced that, at the meeting, 150 Puerto Ricans signed a document which urges voters not to participate in the plebiscite. In a speech at the May 17 meeting, Mari Bras claimed that the events of the meeting had "broken the isolation and dispersion" of the nucleus of the forces fighting for independence and that thousands upon thousands of persons would come to Puerto Rico on July 16 to condemn the holding of the plebiscite.

"There Will Be Violence"

The May 22, 1967, edition of "El Dia," a Spanish-language newspaper published in Ponce, Puerto Rico, contained an article entitled "Mari Bras Reiterates That There Will Be Violence On The Day Of The Plebiscite." In the article, it is said that Mari Bras had sent the newspaper a statement in which he discarded the possibility of an armed insurrection in the conventional sense or the type of guerrilla activity which occurs in other Latin-American countries, but said there will be violence in Puerto Rico on July 23. No one should doubt, Mari Bras reportedly stated, that violent situations will take place. It was also reported that Mari Bras said that for its struggle the MPIPR had asked for militant solidarity with all international forums to which Cuba has access. However, he added, "We don't have to travel to any country to learn that the duty of every revolutionary is to revolt."

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The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Manuel Rabago Torres was convicted of a charge of conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government by the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, in 1954. He was confined to the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, and was conditionally released on March 5, 1959, expiring April 28, 1960.

Manuel Rabago Torres is the sub-delegate of the NPPR in the Chicago area.

A plebiscite is to be held on July 23, 1967, in Puerto Rico to determine if the people of the island desire statehood, independence, or to continue the present commonwealth form of government.

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Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 3/23/67, and San Juan airtel to the Bureau dated 4/11/67.

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The Bureau is requested to consider the situation as presented by Chicago and what other information that might be in the Bureau's possession, and to advise how the Bureau would wish this matter be handled.

Chicago has instructed its informants to give this matter top priority and to promptly report any information received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754) DATE: 6/8/67

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-14052) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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Re Philadelphia letter dated 4/28/67. (No copy to San Juan).

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No information has been received thus far concerning any proposed travel to Washington or Puerto Rico of Puerto Rican Nationalists residing in the Philadelphia territory. Likewise, no indication has been received from sources or informants of possible violence in this area as a result of the 7/23/67 Plebiscite to be held in Puerto Rico.

Contacts with county agents are being made on a periodic basis in the resident agencies, as well as with sources and informants cognizant of Puerto Rican activities. Such contacts will continue to be made and any pertinent developments furnished to the Bureau and San Juan.

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Director, FBI (105-93124)

1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Dunn

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ReLHM indicated that it has been rumored that Juan Mari Bras is planning to commit a small offense during the early morning of 7/23/67. The purpose behind this would be that he would be incarcerated on 7/23/67 and would not be held responsible for anything that might happen on that date.

If not already done, furnish the above-mentioned information to [redacted] B7D

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NOTE:

Mari Bras is leader of the MPIPR, militant Puerto Rican independence organization. Plebiscite is to be held in Puerto Ri on 7/23/67 at which time the people will express their preference for statehood, independence or a continuation of the present commonwealth status. Dissemination has been made to appropriate military intelligence agencies by SJ of reLHM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3753)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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Enclosed are nine copies for Bureau and three copies for New York of an LHM concerning activities and plans of pro-independence groups in Puerto Rico.

Local dissemination is being made to NISO, 771st MI-DET., OSI and Secret Service.

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Information furnished by [redacted] B7C,B7D
on 6/7/67, was furnished to SA [redacted] B7C

This LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL inasmuch as it contains information from above informants unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably reveal their identities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

GPO BOX BT
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INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

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[redacted] advised that the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement)(MPIPR) planned to conduct a mass walk beginning on June 28, 1967, from Ponce, Mayaguez, and Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The participants planned to arrive in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on July 4, 1967, where they will join MPIPR representatives from the Metropolitan Area, in a picket and demonstration on this date.

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

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[redacted] made available the following summary of activities of the various pro-independence organizations in Puerto Rico during May, 1967.

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"II - ANTI-PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN

"The groups which make up this subversive separatist movement have intensified their campaign against the plebiscite through meetings, assemblies, radio programs, oral and written propaganda, and courses of political indoctrination.

"During the month of May 130 separatist events were held in this campaign in comparison to 119 such events in the previous month, for an increase of 9%.

"The enrollment of the school of anti-democratic political indoctrination of the MPIPR located in Barrio Tortugo, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, has increased. At the present time fifteen persons are taking the course, including two females. The space is being changed to accommodate more females. This program is designed to prepare leaders to combat the plebiscite and to conduct a campaign throughout the island in favor of independence while conducting social work.

"Political groups which support independence have formed an organization named "Concentracion Soberanista Anti-Plebiscitaria" (Sovereign Anti-Plebiscite Concentration) which has the purpose to thwart the holding of the plebiscite. They have planned a series of organizational activities which were initiated in Arecibo and which have been carried out in other cities on the island, the principal purpose of which is to gather a considerable number of persons at the demonstration to be held at Sixto Escobar Stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on July 16, 1967.

"The MPIPR has initiated a plan to gather a number of its affiliates in Mayaguez and Ponce on June 28, 1967, which affiliates will represent the various MPIPR missions of the island, and commence a march on foot to San Juan. They will stop in various towns en route and conduct meetings. The two groups plan to meet in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico on July 4, 1967, during the morning hours, from where they will march carrying placards to San Juan to picket the annual 4th of July parade.

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"On May 30, 1967, fifty soldiers of the National Guard of Puerto Rico returned from Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In their luggage they were carrying two .22 caliber rifles (one of these semi-automatic), two U. S. Army M-14 rifle magazines, and a hand grenade without a fuse. The military authorities confiscated these arms and they were recovered by the police.

"In addition to its campaign against the plebiscite and its opposition to exploitation of the mines, installation of petroleum refineries, compulsory military service and the ROTC, the independence movement maintains an anti-democratic political indoctrination school in Rio Piedras, where youths are prepared to carry a campaign of subversion and Marxist-Leninist politics throughout the island, passing themselves off as social workers.

"III - VIOLENT ACTS IDENTIFIED WITH THE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT

"On May 4, 1967, a group of members of the Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence)(FUPI) and MPIPR interrupted by force and violence a parade which wasbeing held by the ROTC on the campus of the UPR. Although the damage to property and the personal injuries were negligible this activity demonstrates the intention of the subversive element to disrupt public order by means of force and violence to uphold its beliefs.

"On May 13, 1967, during the night hours four members of the FUPI broke the windows of three automobiles in Mayaguez and Cabo Rojo. The damage amounted to $450. The police of the western area are investigating.

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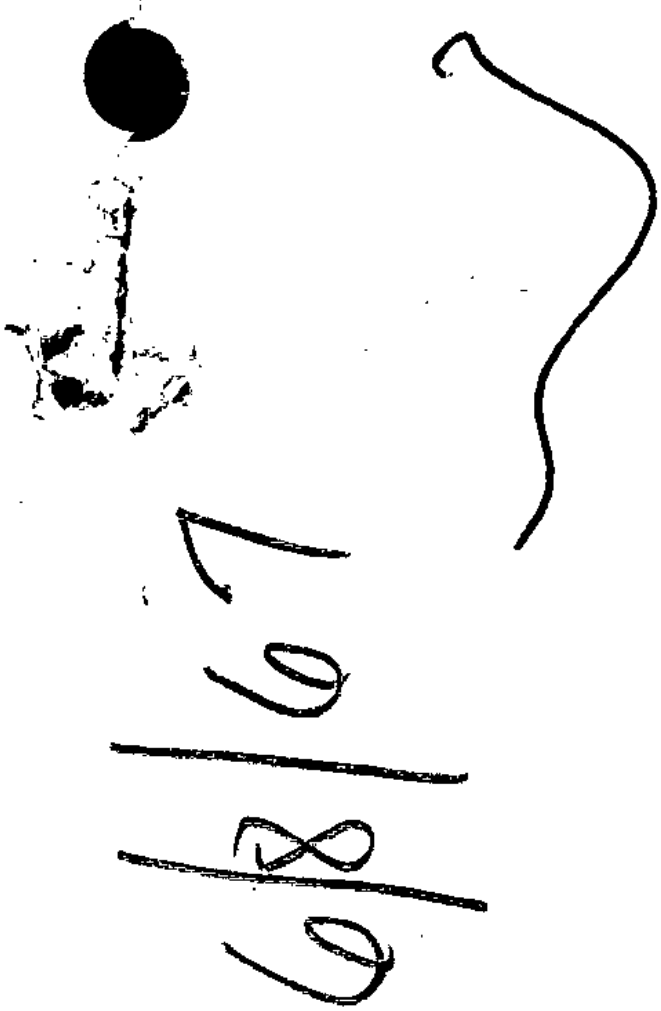

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-~~66754~~)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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The Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Pro Independence Movement) (MPIPR) (Bufile 105-75715) presently consists of two groups, the MPIPR and the MPIPR Youth, each of which maintains their own slate of officers, although they share the same meeting halls, printing facilities, etc.

There have been recent indications that [redacted] (Bufile 105-76456; San Juan file 100-6329), [redacted] of the MPIPR Youth, has been having personal difficulties with the various top leaders of the MPIPR, who receive such "spoils" as are available to MPIPR leaders, while the MPIPR Youth does most of the work.

[redacted] of the MPIPR Youth, has a personal following, and the San Juan Office feels that if [redacted] can be split from the MPIPR at this time, enough of the MPIPR Youth members would be sufficiently confused and disgruntled to effectively neutralize the MPIPR during the critical period just prior to the plebiscite scheduled for July 23, 1967.

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[redacted] has no personally owned automobile, [redacted] friends or friends for transportation. [redacted] (Bufile 105-75686; San Juan file 105-3518) generally provide [redacted] transportation to and from the MPIPR meetings held on Thursday nights.

[redacted] he drives a 1963 Chevrolet [redacted] door Sedan, Motor Number [redacted] Puerto Rico plates [redacted] JUAN MARI BRAS (Bufile 105-292, San Juan file 100-4785).

The San Juan Office proposes an informant report be drawn up containing information known to [redacted] in his handwriting, or typewritten with a sufficiently lengthy postscript to eliminate doubt as to the source of the information. This report would then be placed in [redacted] car later on a night [redacted] has been in the car.

[redacted] encountering this informant report would almost assuredly bring the matter to the immediate attention of [redacted] JUAN MARI BRAS.

An additional bonus of this proposal would be the counter charges brought by [redacted] and his close followers against [redacted]

[redacted]

The Bureau is requested to give this matter expeditious attention in view of the short time available before the July 23, 1967, plebiscite, and the desirability of creating a complete split in the MPIPR prior to the plebiscite.

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Re San Juan airtels 5/29 and 6/5/67, enclosing local newspaper clippings referring to the Director's testimony in February before the House Appropriation Committee.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and two translations and for New York two translations of a newspaper article which appeared in "El Mundo", San Juan daily Spanish language newspaper, on 6/9/67, regarding this matter.

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MPI MAKES CHARGES AT UN

By: Stewart Kellerman

Washington, June 8 (UPI) - The Puerto Rico Independence Movement (MPI) has charged that the United States is attempting to foment a "blood bath" in Puerto Rico prior to the status plebiscite this summer.

The MPI made this charge in a letter addressed to JOHN W. S. MALECELA, President of the Territorial Committee of the United Nations.

"The Government of the United States, through its local colonial government and its propaganda organs ... has been creating an atmosphere of political hysteria and mass intimidation in Puerto Rico," the letter said.

The MPI asserted that the United States "obviously intends to precipitate a blood bath."

The letter alleged that violence on the Island would give the United States "an excuse TO kill and/or incarcerate ... our leaders."

The MPI also said that the United States is trying to destroy "other independentist and anti-colonialist organizations."

The letter which is signed by J. A. GONZALEZ, MPI delegate to the United Nations, stated that "this shows the profound feeling of frustration and irritation of the Imperialists and their local collaborators."

The MPI pointed to FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER in most of their criticism.

HOOVER said last month that there is a great possibility of a new wave of violence in Puerto Rico as the plebiscite date approaches.

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The MPI stated that HOOVER's statements resulted in a series of threats against the independentist groups on the Island by the Police, and that this shows that democracy on the Island of Puerto Rico, "is not only a myth but a mockery."

The letter asserted that the Puerto Rican people are not interested in the plebiscite in spite of "the hundreds of thousands of government dollars spent for propaganda."

"These is a profound division between the leaders and the rank and file members of the political party in power," the letter alleges. "The influence and militancy of our organization has doubled since the United States decided to impose the so-called plebiscite on our people."

FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

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MPI Lleva Acusación A las NU

Por Stewart Kellerman

WASHINGTON, junio 8 (PUI) — El Movimiento Pro Independencia (MPI) acusó a Estados Unidos de tratar de fomentar un "baño de sangre" en Puerto Rico, antes del plebiscito del status este verano.

El MPI formuló dicha acusación en una carta dirigida a John W. S. Malecela, Presidente del Comité Territorial de las Naciones Unidas.

"El gobierno de Estados Unidos, a través de su gobierno colonial local y sus órganos de propaganda ...ha estado creando en Puerto Rico una atmósfera de histeria política y temor en masa", dijo la carta.

El MPI declaró que Estados Unidos "tiene la intención obvia de precipitar un baño de sangre".

La carta alegaba que la violencia en la Isla daría a Estados Unidos "una excusa para matar y/o encarcelar ...a los líderes de nuestra organización".

El MPI dijo además que Estados Unidos está tratando de destruir "otras organizaciones independentistas y anticolonialistas".

La carta, firmada por J. A. González, delegado del MPI ante las Naciones Unidas, manifestó que "esta situación demuestra el profundo sentimiento de frustración e irritación que sienten los imperialistas y sus colaboradores locales".

El MPI señaló al Director del FBI J. Edgar Hoover en la mayoría de sus críticas.

Hoover dijo el mes pasado que existía una gran posibilidad de una nueva ola de violencia en Puerto Rico mientras se acerca el plebiscito.

El MPI manifestó que las declaraciones de Hoover tuvieron como resultado una serie de amenazas de la Policía contra los grupos independentistas de la Isla, lo que demuestra que la democracia en Puerto Rico "no sólo es un mito, sino una burla".

La carta alegaba que el pueblo puertorriqueño no está interesado en el plebiscito a pesar de "los cientos de miles de dólares del gobierno gastados en propaganda".

"Existe una profunda división entre los líderes y los miembros de fila del partido político en el poder", alegaba el MPI. "Nuestra organización ha doblado su influencia y militancia desde que Estados Unidos decidió imponer a nuestro pueblo el llamado plebiscito".

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San Juan, P. R.

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TO : Mr. C. D. DeLoach

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick

DATE: June 9, 1967

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Dunn

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING
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INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

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PURPOSE:

This memorandum sets forth information regarding articles and editorials appearing in Puerto Rican newspapers pertaining to the recently released Director's testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations. In this testimony the Director noted the acts of extreme violence carried out by fanatical nationalists in the early 1950's. He indicated there was mounting evidence that the renewed interest in the status of the island brought about by the Commission on the Status of Puerto Rico might trigger new outbreaks. Acting on a recommendation of the Commission, the Puerto Rican Government enacted a law calling for a plebiscite to be held July 23, 1967. At that time the Puerto Rican people will vote for statehood, independence or a continuation of the present commonwealth form of government.

BACKGROUND:

An editorial in the Spanish language newspaper "El Mundo" indicated that the paper believed the statements of Mr. Hoover to be of great importance because they come from a person of such high responsibility. A leader in the Statehood Republican Party, which is a legitimate political party in Puerto Rico, is quoted in a newspaper article as stating he feels the plebiscite will be entirely peaceful. Likewise, the former Governor of Puerto Rico, Luis Munoz Marin, has indicated that he does not believe that there will be violence in connection with the plebiscite.

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In another article Juan Mari Bras, Security Index subject and leader of the militant Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, has attacked the Director's testimony regarding

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the Puerto Rican situation; however, he clearly alleges there will be violence during the plebiscite. The Director's testimony is also attacked in an editorial by Cesar Andreu Iglesias, another Security Index subject.

The Superintendent of the Police of Puerto Rico has been quoted as saying that during past elections there have always been groups not in agreement with the orderly and democratic processes. However, he noted that the police are prepared to guarantee an atmosphere of peace and quiet during the plebiscite.

Regarding the plebiscite to he held on July 23, 1967, the main trouble point at this time appears to be a mass rally which is to be held by independence organizations in a stadium in San Juan on July 16, 1967. The situation in Puerto Rico is being closely followed both at the Seat of Government and in San Juan and will continue to receive preferred attention. Close coordination is being carried on with the police of Puerto Rico and dissemination of pertinent data is being made as it is received both in San Juan and at the Seat of Government.

ACTION:

For information. We will continue to keep you advised regarding pertinent developments pertaining to the Puerto Rican plebiscite.

Translation from the Spanish
El Mundo, San Juan, P. R.
Page 1, May 19, 1967

EXAGGERATION

Senator LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN classified as exaggerated the information of Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that the creation of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico "was characterized by acts of extreme violence" and that the "controversy over the status will cause a new wave of violence."

Questioned yesterday by EL MUNDO concerning the assertions of Mr. HOOVER, Senator MUÑOZ MARIN Stated:

"The people of Puerto Rico have never been intimidated, nor blackmailed, by violence.

"The historic examples are clear. The maturity of our democracy has been demonstrated in each occasion in which it has been challenged.

"Violence does not change votes in Puerto Rico, it increases them, and diminishes the power of those who mistakenly practice it.

"However, it appears to me that Mr. HOOVER'S information is exaggerated."

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"EXAGERACION"

El senador Luis Muñoz Marín calificó ayer de exagerada la información del señor J. Edgar Hoover, Jefe del Negociado Federal de Investigaciones, de que la creación del Estado Libre Asociado "está rodeada de actos de violencia extrema" y que la "controversia sobre el status causará una nueva ola de violencia".

Interrogado ayer por EL MUNDO sobre las aseveraciones del señor Hoover, el senador Muñoz Marín declaró:

"El pueblo de Puerto Rico nunca se ha dejado intimidar, ni chantajear por la violencia.

"Los ejemplos históricos son claros. La madurez de nuestra democracia se ha demostrado en toda ocasión en que ha sido retada.

"La violencia no cambia votos en Puerto Rico: los aumenta, y disminuye la mínima fuerza de los que erradamente la practican.

"Por otra parte, la información del señor Hoover me parece exagerada".

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Translation from the Spanish
"El Imparcial," San Juan, P.R.
Page 23, May 20, 1967

DECLARATIONS OF THE FBI

by

Cesar Andreu Iglesias

Its as sure as a hurricane. As soon as a patriotic act approaches, "El Mundo" newspaper bursts into anger with hysterical headlines. Here is the first one... Wednesday, May 17, 1967, on the masthead, full sail. "FBI finds evidence there will be terrorism here."

An event of great significance took place that day at the Ateneo Puerto Rican Theater. Citizens of varing political beliefs signed a manifesto rejecting as false and fraudulent the plebiscite which is announced for July 23. Bankers, industrialists, businessmen, professionals, workers, students, overlooking their differences of opinion have resolved to put on a concentration of Puerto Ricans who demand their sovereignty on Sunday, July 16 in San Juan.

Some 150 citizens in all, representatives of the Anti-Colonial Congress, of Vanguardia, which is made up of affiliates of the Popular Party; of the Puerto Rican Independence Party; of the Pro-Independence Movement have signed the manifesto and in addition outstanding personalities not identified with any of these organizations. A joint committee was charged to direct the organization of this great event and it is hoped it will be one of the biggest concentration of citizens which has ever taken place in the country.

If the right to vote in the plebiscite is guaranteed, the right not to vote is no less guaranteed.

The citizens who repudiate as false and fraudulent that plebiscite and understand that the recognition of sovereignty is a prerequisite to self determination will have the opportunity of demonstrating it on the week before

the designated plebiscite. Actually the citizens who are not going to vote on July 23 will vote in another way on July 16; congregating at a place which is selected and showing that Puerto Rico has the right to exist as a national entity and that to become this, it is necessary that it exercise full control over its life and its destiny, and that government of Puerto Ricans, by Puerto Ricans and for Puerto Ricans is called sovereignty.

This group of people, authentically representative of the deepest feeling of our people, rise in indignation against those who exploit public disunity and confusion for their private interests. Therefore it is not strange that "El Mundo" ominously predicts "a new wave of violence" in connection with the plebiscite. It is based on a report given by the Director of the FBI, EDGAR HOOVER, before the Appropriations Committee of the Congress of the U.S.... The statement was made in February, more than two months ago, and is published only now.

In connection with the above, the following should be noted: The reference to possible violence was made during the course of asking for more money for the FBI. This agency operates with an annual appropriation amounting to 389 million dollars, and its chief wants more millions of dollars and among the reasons which he gives for this, he points to the necessity for keeping under surveillance the independentists of Puerto Rico. In order to give more weight to his argument, he goes to the extreme of alleging, according to the information of the press, that the Cuban government has promised the Puerto Rican independentists "funds and arms in order to organize an armed uprising."

The editorial writer takes off from there the next day to say that HOOVER's statement was "openly confirmed a long time ago by MPI members." There is absolutely no basis, in fact, for this statement. Because, to talk about armed insurrection in Puerto Rico would be like attempting to overthrow British rule on the Rock of Gibraltar with jungle warfare tactics. War is unthinkable, even in the mind of the most fiery Cuban revolutionary or in the mind of the Puerto Rican independentist, and even less, in the serene minds of MPIPR members.

What is being prepared to confront the false fraudulent plebiscite is the united demonstration of confirmed Puerto Ricans and sovereigntists. And let no one doubt that this demonstration will be a terrific blow against the pretext of continuing colonialism in Puerto Rico.

No "terrorist" action would be able to compare in significance with the great patriotic demonstration which is planned for July 16. Therefore, no independentist could be even remotely interested in this kind of action.

What interests the men and women of the Anti-Colonial Congress, as well as the members of the Popular Party, of the Vanguardia, of the Puerto Rican Independence Party, of the Pro-Independence Movement and all the rest of the personalities representative of the things that are Puerto Rican, is that all of Puerto Rico fills San Juan the week before the false and fraudulent plebiscite and asks the complete abolution of colonialism and redemands its sovereignty. This great manifestation of self-determination will not be sidetracted by provactive statements nor by hysterical headlines.

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Cosas de Aquí

Las Declaraciones del FBI

Por CESAR ANDREU IGLESIAS

Es cosa tan segura como los huracanes. Tan pronto se avecina un acto de resonancia patriótica, el periódico "El Mundo" estalla con histéricos titulares. Aquí va el primero... Miércoles, IV de mayo, sobre el cabezote, a todo trapo: "FBI Halla Evidencia Habrá Terrorismo Aquí".

Un acontecimiento de gran significación tuvo lugar ese día en el Ateneo Puertorriqueño. Ciudadanos de diversas tendencias políticas firmaron un manifiesto al país rechazando, por falso y fraudulento, el plebiscito que se anuncia para el 23 de julio. Banqueros, industriales, comerciantes, profesionales, trabajadores, estudiantes, pasando por encima de sus discrepancias, han resuelto llevar a cabo el domingo, 16 de julio, en San Juan, una concentración del pueblo puertorriqueño en demanda de la soberanía.

Firmaron el manifiesto unos 150 ciudadanos en total, representativos del Congreso Anticolonialista, de la agrupación Vanguardia que integran afiliados del Partido Popular, del Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño, del Movimiento Pro Independencia y, además, destacadas personalidades no identificadas con ninguna de las anteriores organizaciones. Un comité conjunto quedó encargado de dirigir la organización de ese gran acto que se espera será una de las mayores concentraciones ciudadanas que hayan tenido lugar en el país.

Si garantizado está el derecho a votar en el plebiscito, no menos garantizado está el derecho a no votar.

Los ciudadanos que repudian, por falso y fraudulento, ese plebiscito, y entienden que el reconocimiento de la soberanía es condición previa indispensable a toda medida de autodeterminación, tendrán oportunidad de demostrarlo una semana antes del señalado plebiscito. De hecho, los ciudadanos que no han de votar el 23 de julio, votarán de otra manera el 16 de julio: concurriendo al lugar que se seleccione, y manifestando, puestos de pie, que Puerto Rico tiene derecho a sobrevivir como nacionalidad autóctona, y para ello es necesario que ejerza pleno dominio sobre su vida y su destino, y ese gobierno de puertorriqueños, por los puertorriqueños, para los puertorriqueños, se llama soberanía.

Esa unión de las fuerzas auténticamente representativas del más hondo sentir de nuestro pueblo, sume en la indignación a los que explotan, para sus particulares intereses, la desunión y la confusión pública. Por eso no es extraño que "El Mundo" salga augurando "una nueva ola de violencia" con motivo del anunciado plebiscito. Se basa en un informe rendido por el Director del FBI, Edgar Hoover, ante un comité de asignaciones del Congreso de Estados Unidos. ¡La declaración se hizo en febrero, hace más de dos meses, y se ahora que se publica!

Anótese a lo anterior lo siguiente: La referencia a posible violencia se hace en el curso de una argumentación en demanda de más dinero para el FBI. La conocida agencia funciona con un presupuesto anual que monta a 300 millones de dólares. Y su jefe quiere más millones de dólares, y entre las razones que da para ello, menciona la necesidad de mantener bajo vigilancia a los independentistas de Puerto Rico. Y para dar más peso a su petición, llega al extremo de afirmar, según la información de prensa, que el Gobierno de Cuba ha prometido a los independentistas puertorriqueños "fondos y armas para formar un levantamiento armado".

De ahí se pega el editorialista de "El Mundo" para manifestar al día siguiente que lo dicho por Hoover fue "confirmado abiertamente hace tiempo por los miembros del MPI". Cosa que no tiene la menor base. Porque hablar de insurrección armada en Puerto Rico sería igual que pretender derrocar el poder de Inglaterra en el Peñón de Gibraltar lanzándose a pelear en imaginarias maniguas... Eso no cabe en cabeza humana: ni en la del más enfebrecido revolucionario cubano, ni en la cabeza de los independentistas puertorriqueños, y menos en la serena cabeza de los miembros del MPI.

Lo que está en preparación para hacer frente al falso y fraudulento plebiscito es la demostración unitaria, de afirmación puertorriqueñista y soberanista. Y no lo dude nadie: ese acto será un golpe terrible contra la pretensión de prolongar el coloniaje en Puerto Rico.

Ninguna acción "terrorista" podría compararse en significación con el gran acto patriótico que se proyecta para el día 16 de julio. Por lo tanto, ningún independentista puede estar ni remotamente interesado en ese tipo de acción.

En lo que se está interesado, lo mismo los hombres y mujeres representativos del Congreso Anticolonialista, como los populares de Vanguardia y los independentistas del Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño y del Movimiento Pro Independencia, y demás personalidades representativas del puertorriqueñismo, es en que Puerto Rico entero se vacíe en San Juan una semana antes del falso y fraudulento plebiscito y pida la abolición definitiva del coloniaje y reclame la soberanía... Esa gran manifestación de autodeterminación no será desviada por declaraciones provocadoras ni por históricos titulares.

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ABOUT LA FORTALEZA
by Eliseo Combas Guerra

MARI BRAS is taking advantage of recent statements by FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER to intimidate Puerto Rican voters.

According to MARI BRAS, Mr. HOOVER knows that the plebiscite to be held on July 23rd isa matter of great provocation to our people.

How about that, gentlemen, just think of it, MARI BRAS and his little group talking in the name of the Puerto Rican people. Such audacity!

Boogieman MARI BRAS says that the FBI"is terrified at the regroupment of the political forces in Puerto Rico during the past few months...."

MARI BRAS refers to those disorderly, communistoid, anti-American little groups as "political forces in Puerto Rico."

And the Great Field Marshal of Fear adds that: "Now the united patriotic front begins to take definite form through the organization of a massive activity against the plebiscite to be held in San Juan on July 16th, next."

And in his determination to intimidate the Puerto Rican electorate, this same Great Field Marshal of Perturbation goes on to say:

"No one should doubt that incidents of violence will take place. We had foreseen this before Mr. HOOVER mentioned it, and we did this without a counter-intelligence system to aid us, and without considering ourselves prophets. These indidents

have begun at the University. The provocation by the plebiscite polarizes attitudes and positions. It is because of this that a great student mass arose spontaneously on May 4th to stop an ROTC parade on the University athletic field. The FUPI leadership did not attempt to stop that student mass, and it did so correctly." And he goes on:

"When those forces break loose and produce the massive protest of Puerto Rico against colonialism, we will not attempt to stop the people, either. We will help them to do their will. We are not disposed to stop the people when they begin to fight. We are looking forward to precisely that fight. It is just that fight that HOOVER, the FBI, the CIA, and all the imperialist mechanism, fears." And he goes on:

"We will go on preparing for our revolution in line with our special conditions, bearing in mind the fact that our country is today a fortress, in every sense of the word, of United States imperialism."

MARI BRAS reminds us of a "big mouth." Electorates in other countries have already shown agents of communistoid regimes that they are repudiated and abhorred. MARI BRAS' new threat will serve only as a challenge to prove him wrong.

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En Torno a la Fortaleza

Por Eliseo Combas Guerra

A principios del presente mes de mayo el señor Telesforo del Valle, Secretario General del Comité Nacional de Plebiscito de Puerto Rico en Estados Unidos, solicitó del senador Robert F. Kennedy que inquiriera del Departamento de Justicia Federal una opinión respecto del derecho que pudieran tener a votar en el plebiscito del 23 de julio, los puertorriqueños residentes en los Estados Unidos.

El Lcdo. M. Vinson, Jr., Auxiliar del Procurador General, atendió la petición del senador Kennedy, respondiéndole lo siguiente:

"El plebiscito a que se refiere la petición del señor Del Valle habrá de celebrarse para determinar el sentimiento del pueblo de Puerto Rico respecto del status futuro del Estado Libre Asociado. Se votará respecto de si Puerto Rico debe continuar como Estado Libre Asociado o solicitar la condición de un Estado absoluto de los Estados Unidos o si debiera convertirse en una nación independiente. Cualquiera que fuese el resultado del plebiscito el status de Puerto Rico no cambiará. No obstante, los residentes habrán expresado su opinión. (El subrayado es nuestro.)

Y continúa el licenciado Fred M. Vinson, Jr., expresando su opinión al senador Kennedy en lo referente al voto de los puertorriqueños residentes en los Estados Unidos:

"De acuerdo con las leyes de Puerto Rico una persona debe tener por lo menos un año de residencia en el Estado Libre Asociado para tener derecho al voto, y cualquier residente con derecho al voto que haya estado fuera de Puerto Rico por menos de un año, puede regresar para votar. Aquellos que hayan residido fuera de Puerto Rico por más de un año pierden su elegibilidad.

"Tales requisitos de residencia no parecen irracionales y se asemejan mucho a los requisitos en la mayoría de los Estados. Además, un puertorriqueño que haya establecido residencia en un Estado puede adquirir su derecho al voto en el mismo".

Esta opinión del Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos está de acuerdo, en principio, con la determinación de la Comisión de Elecciones y Personal del Senado de Puerto Rico, que preside el senador Antonio Reyes Delgado, de negar el voto a los puertorriqueños residentes en los Estados Unidos para el plebiscito del 23 de julio.

Pero resulta de gran importancia la declaración que hace el señor Vinson en el sentido de que: "Cualquiera que fuere el resultado del plebiscito el status de Puerto Rico no cambiará".

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El licenciado Gilberto Concepción de Gracia, presidente del Partido Independentista, es de opinión que, para los efectos del plebiscito, "los puertorriqueños que no residen actualmente en Puerto Rico han sido considerados como extranjeros por el Gobierno de Puerto Rico ac-

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tuando en representación del gobierno de Estados Unidos y negándoles su derecho a participar en una consulta que podría envolver el futuro político de nuestro pueblo.

"El Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño considera puertorriqueños, de acuerdo con su programa, a todos los que residen fuera del territorio nacional de nuestra patria y les reconoce los mismos derechos que a los que viven aquí y les imponen las mismas obligaciones.

"El PIP está en contra del falso plebiscito que se planea porque no es una verdadera consulta, sino una maniobra colonialista de Estados Unidos para perpetuar el régimen colonial en nuestro pueblo.

Lo importante es determinar si el plebiscito que se planea es justo o si es una trampa y si los puertorriqueños en Estados Unidos y en otros puntos del mundo deben ser considerados como puertorriqueños o como extranjeros; en tanto los norteamericanos que residen en Puerto Rico un año son considerados ciudadanos puertorriqueños con derecho a votar en un plebiscito que podría afectar el futuro de nuestra nacionalidad puertorriqueña".

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Mari Bras se está valiendo de las recientes declaraciones de J. Edgar Hoover, Jefe del FBI, para meterle miedo a los electores puertorriqueños.

Según Mari Bras, el señor Hoover sabe "que el plebiscito a celebrarse el 23 de julio constituye una provocación a nuestro pueblo"...

¡Que cosas, señores, y que Mari Bras y su grupito hablando a nombre del pueblo puertorriqueño! Vaya osadía....

Dice el cuco de Mari Bras que el FBI "ha visto con pavor el proceso de reagrupamiento de las fuerzas políticas del país durante los últimos meses"...

Mari Bras llama "fuerzas políticas de Puerto Rico" a los grupitos desordenados, comunistoides y antiamericanos.

Y agrega el gran mariscal del miedo que: "Ahora el frente unido patriótico empieza a cobrar concreción en la organización de un gran acto masivo contra el plebiscito, a celebrarse el próximo 16 de julio en San Juan".

Y en su empeño de seguir metiendo miedo al electorado puertorriqueño, dice más adelante el mismo mariscal de la perturbación:

"De que surgirán situaciones violentas no tenga duda nadie. Lo habíamos previsto mucho antes de decirlo el señor Hoover, sin tener ni un sistema de contrainteligencia a nuestra disposición ni infulas de profeta. Ya empezó a manifestarse esa realidad en la Universidad. La provocación del plebiscito polariza actitudes y posiciones. De ahí que una gran masa estudiantil, espontáneamente, se tiró el 4 de mayo a detener una parada militar del ROTC en el campo atlético de la Universidad. El liderato de la FUPI no frenó a esa masa estudiantil, e hizo muy bien". Y sigue:

"Cuando esas fuerzas se desatan en escala nacional para producir la protesta masiva de Puerto Rico contra el abuso del coloniaje, tampoco nosotros vamos a frenar al pueblo. Lo vamos a ayudar a realizar su voluntad. Nosotros no estamos para parar al pueblo cuando éste se disponga a luchar. Buscamos precisamente producir esa lucha. A esa lucha es a la que teme Hoover, el FBI, la CIA y todo el engranaje imperialista". Y sigue:

"Nuestra revolución la iremos trabajando de conformidad con nuestras particulares circunstancias, dentro de la realidad de que nuestro país es hoy una fortaleza, en todo sentido, del imperialismo norteamericano".

El señor Mari Bras nos recuerda al "enano de la venta"... Boca nada más. Ya en ocasiones anteriores el electorado ha dado excelentes demostraciones a todos los agentes de regímenes comunistoides de que se les repudia y se les aborrece. Su nueva amenaza solamente habrá de servir del mayor estímulo, nuevamente, para proporcionarle otro tapaboca...

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VIOLENCE?

We see no basis for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's statements regarding the possibility of a burst of violence in Puerto Rico motivated by the forthcoming plebiscite on July 23.

Even if it is true that extremists groups are in frequent contact with the centers of Castroism and international communism, we fear the FBI is wrong in its prediction because the folly of these groups is not so great as to drown our country in a blood bath.

Puerto Rico, historically, has repudiated violent acts and those who have resorted to violence have harshly suffered the consequences, one of which is the loss of popular support. The appeal to violence, or the mere mention of violence, has defeated the most wonderful causes and brought to ruin men of the best intentions by an error in tactics.

Frankly, we do not believe the fears of the FBI will materialize and we hope that we are not mistaken. There is, however, a moral necessity in political affairs at this moment; he who believes in democratic independence, be he a participant or obstainer in the plebiscite, should put himself on record beforehand, openly and energetically repudiating and definitely condemning the use of violence or any other means which would lead to disturbance of the public peace.

Responsible independentism should not permit itself to become involved in nebulous subversion and should take steps to maintain the ideal of democratic respectability and its legitimate institutions. The independentist ideal is too worthwhile to risk it in joining with groups whose undesirable conduct is repugnant to the majority of Puerto Rican citizens.

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¿Violencia?

No vemos por ninguna parte los fundamentos que pueda haber tenido la Oficina Federal de Investigaciones para señalar la posibilidad de estallidos de violencia en Puerto Rico, con motivo de la jornada plebiscitaria próxima, el 23 de julio.

Si bien es cierto que grupos extremistas están en contacto frecuente con centros del castrismo y del comunismo internacional, nos tememos que el FBI resulte defraudado en su predicción, ya que no es tan desbordante la insensatez de esos grupos como para hundir a nuestro país en un baño de sangre.

Puerto Rico, históricamente, ha repudiado los medios de la violencia; y los que la han intentado han sufrido duramente sus consecuencias, una de las cuales es la clara repulsa popular. La apelación a la violencia, o el mero anuncio de apelar a ella nada más, ha derrotado las más hermosas causas y conducido al fracaso a los hombres mejor intencionados, por error de táctica.

Francamente, no creemos que se materialicen los temores del FBI y esperamos no estar equivocados. Hay, sin embargo, una necesidad moral de orden político en este momento: el independentismo democrático, ya sea participante o abstencionista en la consulta plebiscitaria, debe ponerse en récord de antemano, repudiando abierta y enérgicamente, y condenando definitivamente, el uso de la violencia y de cualesquiera otros medios conducentes al desorden y a la perturbación de la paz pública.

El independentismo responsable no debe dejarse envolver en esa nebulosa subversiva y debe deslindar campos para mantener la respetabilidad democrática del ideal y su legitimidad institucional. La idealidad independentista es demasiado valiosa para arriesgarla en colindancias con grupos cuya conducta indeseable repugna a la mayoría de los ciudadanos puertorriqueños.

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RODRIGUEZ APONTE SAYS THE POLICE GUARANTEE PEACEFUL JULY 23 PLEBISCITE

Police Superintendent SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ APONTE stated that the police department is prepared to guarantee an atmosphere of peace and quiet during the plebiscitarian campaign and during the plebiscite itself to be held in Puerto Rico, "in a manner befitting to our democratic system of government." Commenting on the statements of Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the effect that acts of violence may be expected during the plebiscite, RODRIGUEZ pointed out that "the people of Puerto Rico have demonstrated in the past their ability to go to the polls in a peaceful way in order to vote in accordance with the dictates of their consciences."

The Police Chief concluded that "the Puerto Rican people will go to the polls to express their opinions just as they have in the past. During past elections there have always been groups not in agreement with the orderly and democratic processes."

FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER speaking before a House subcommittee last February (the testimony was released to the press yesterday), stated that there is evidence that the controversy over the plebiscite will cause a new wave of violence in Puerto Rico as the date of this plebiscite approaches.

HOOVER pointed out that the establishment of the P. R. Commonwealth Government was punctuated by extreme acts of violence by the Nationalists around the beginning of 1950.

He pointed to the independentist groups and their partiality towards violence, adding that "they will do anything to prevent the plebiscite from being held."

The FBI Director indicated that the principal internal security problem in Puerto Rico is "the revolutionary and violent minority, principally the four organizations which favor independence."

He pointed out that these four organizations are under active investigation and surveillance by the FBI. He identified these as the Puerto Rico Independence Movement (MPI), the Nationalist Party of the Puerto Rico (NPPR), the Federation of University Students for Independence (FUPI), and the P. R. Socialist League (LSP).

"The activities of these groups are under observation in order that the Federal Government may continue to be in a position to prevent them from carrying out their future plans for violence and revolution," Hoover said.

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Rodríguez Aponte Dice

Policía Garantizará Tranquilidad Y Paz en Plebiscito de Julio 23

El superintendente de la Policía, Salvador Rodríguez Aponte, manifestó que la Policía está preparada para garantizar una atmósfera de paz y tranquilidad durante la campaña plebiscitaria y el plebiscito a celebrarse en la Isla, "como cuadra a nuestro sistema democrático de gobierno". Comentando las manifestaciones del director del Negociado de Investigaciones Federal (FBI) J. Edgar Hoover, en el sentido de que se esperan actos de violencia en Puerto Rico con motivo del plebiscito, Rodríguez Aponte señaló que "el pueblo de Puerto Rico ha dejado demostrado en el pasado su capacidad para concurrir en forma ordenada a las urnas, a ofrecer su voto de acuerdo con los dictados de su conciencia".

El titular policíaco concluyó que: "no tengo dudas de que el pueblo puertorriqueño volverá a volcarse en las urnas a expresar su forma de pensar en esta ocasión, como lo ha hecho en el pasado. Durante los últimos períodos eleccionarios, siempre han existido grupos que han estado en desacuerdo con este proceso ordenado y democrático", dijo.

El director del FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, hablando ante un subcomité de la Cámara de Representantes en Washington en febrero pasado"(el testimonio se dio a la publicidad ayer), dijo que hay evidencia de que la controversia sobre el status de la Isla causará una nueva ola de violencia en Puerto Rico según se vaya acercando la fecha del plebiscito.

Hoover hizo notar que la operación del Estado Libre Asociado estaba rodeado de actos de violencia extrema causados por los nacionalistas a principios de 1950.

Señaló a los grupos independentistas "por su gran predilección por la violencia" y agregó que "ellos harán cualquier cosa para impedir que el plebiscito se lleve a cabo".

El director del FBI indicó que el problema interno principal de seguridad en Puerto Rico es "la revolucionaria y violenta minoría, principalmente afiliados a las cuatro organizaciones que favorecen la independencia".

Señaló que estas cuatro organizaciones están bajo activa investigación y vigilancia de parte del FBI. Estas organizaciones las identificó como el Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, el Partido Nacionalista Puertorriqueño, la Federación de Universitarios Pro Independencia y la Liga Socialista.

"Las actividades de estos grupos son observadas para que el Gobierno Federal pueda continuar en posición de impedir los planes futuros de violencia y revolución," dijo Hoover.

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REJECTS HOOVER'S STATEMENT

FERRE DISCOUNTS DANGER OF VIOLENCE
DURING PLEBISCITE

By Stewart Kellerman

Washington, May 17 (UPI) - LUIS A. FERRE, Statehood leader, said today he was not in agreement with the opinion of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. EDGAR HOOVER, in his feeling that the controversy over status would "provoke a new wave of violence" in Puerto Rico, as the date of the Plebiscite this summer draws near.

"My opinion is that this will be an entirely peaceful plebiscite," said FERRE in a press conference.

He added that political controversies in Puerto Rico "have always been discussed peacefully."

"I do not believe that Mr. HOOVER is right," he said. "I have faith in the political maturity of the Puerto Rican people."

FERRE said that he had come to Washington to confer with the sponsors of the recently-proposed law for Puerto Rican statehood. He met with Representatives JOHN P. SAYLOR, Republican of Pennsylvania, and ROGERS H. B. MORTON, Republican of Maryland, principal proponents of the legislation.

He said that these Congressmen had told him that the bill would not be put to a vote if statehood did not win in the Plebiscite.

"The bill depends on whether Statehood wins a majority of votes in the Plebiscite. They told me that Congress will not act unless Statehood obtains a clear victory," FERRE said, adding that the present status is "inadequate."

"The Commonwealth is not strong enough to resolve Puerto Rico's problems," he said, and pointed out that the Commonwealth has let Puerto Rico down in educational matters in comparison with the States.

"It is our belief that the sentiment for Statehood has revived tremendously," he said, adding that the vote between Statehood and Commonwealth in the Plebiscite" will be very close."

"There is a chance that Statehood will win," said FERRE.

In a report to Congress which was published yesterday, HOOVER had said that "there is mounting evidence that renewed interest in the question of the Island's status ... will provoke a new wave of violence."

He referred to the independence groups because of their "proven predilection for violence."

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Ferré Descarta Peligro Violencia en Plebiscito

Por Stewart Kellerman

WASHINGTON, mayo 17 —(PUI)— El dirigente estadista Luis A. Ferré dijo hoy que no compartía la opinión del director del Negociado de Investigaciones J. Edgar Hoover en el sentido de que la controversia del status podría "provocar una nueva ola de violencia" en Puerto Rico según se acerca la fecha del plebiscito en el verano.

"Mi opinión es que éste será un plebiscito completamente pacífico", dijo Ferré en una conferencia de Prensa.

Añadió que las controversias políticas en la Isla siempre se han discutido pacíficamente.

"No creo que el señor Hoover esté en lo cierto", dijo. "Tengo fe en la madurez política del pueblo puertorriqueño."

Ferré manifestó que había venido a Washington para conferenciar con los patrocinadores del reciente proyecto de ley de estadidad para Puerto Rico. Se reunió con los representantes John P. Saylor, republicano de Pensilvania, y Rogers H. B. Morton, republicano de Maryland proponentes principales de la legislación.

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Dijo que los congresistas le habían manifestado que el proyecto no se someterá a votación si la estadidad no gana en el plebiscito.

"El proyecto depende de que la estadidad gane una mayoría de votos en el plebiscito. Me dijeron que el Congreso no actuará a menos que la estadidad obtenga una clara victoria," manifestó Ferré, agregando que el actual status es "inadecuado."

"El Estado Libre Asociado no tiene suficiente fuerza para resolver los problemas de Puerto Rico," dijo, y señaló que el ELA ha dejado rezagado a Puerto Rico en instrucción pública, llevándole ventaja los estados.

"Nuestra creencia es que el sentimiento pro estadidad se ha avivado tremendamente," dijo, añadiendo que la votación entre la estadidad y el ELA en el plebiscito "será muy cerrada".

"Hay oportunidad de que la estadidad ha de ganar," manifestó Ferré.

En un informe al Congreso que se publicó ayer, Hoover había dicho que "hay creciente evidencia de que el renovado interés en la cuestión del status de la isla... provocará una nueva ola de violencia."

Señaló a los grupos independentistas debido a su "probada predilección por la violencia."

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FBI FORESEES VIOLENCE DURING PLEBISCITE

by Bienvenido Ortíz Otero

The Superintendent of Police affirmed that the Uniformed Division is prepared to confront whatever active terrorism be carried out by organizations which have announced that they will prevent the plebiscite at any cost.

Superintendent SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ APONTE said that the police will put forth all effort in order that, not only the plebiscite, but also the plebiscite campaign, will be carried out in peace and quiet.

Thus RODRIGUEZ APONTE expressed himself, referring to statements of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. EDGAR HOOVER, that "there is much evidence" that the controversy over status "will cause a new wave of violence" in Puerto Rico, as the plebiscite draws near this summer.

HOOVER testified before an appropriations sub-committee of the House of Representatives, and noted that the creation of the Commonwealth form of government "was accompanied by acts of violence on the part of Nationalists during the beginning of 1950."

HOOVER said that there is much evidence that renewed evidence in the matter of the Island's status will cause a new wave of violence and pointed to independentist groups known for their "great tendency towards violence."

The Director of the FBI identified these organizations as the Puerto Rico Independence Movement (MPI), the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, the Federation of University Students for Independence, and the P. R. Socialist League.

In regard to the members of those organizations, Mr. HOOVER said, "They have received propaganda and have been indoctrinated by Cuba, the Soviet Union, and Communist China." He also added that Cuba offered the Independentists "the promise of funds and arms in order to organize an armed uprising."

Local authorities believe that the latest actions of the Federation of University Students for Independence (FUPI) in violently interfering with the ROTC parade at the University of Puerto Rico could be part of the terrorist campaign indicated by Mr. HOOVER, in order to interfere with the plebiscite campaign and the plebiscite itself.

It has been learned that the Agents of the Office of Intelligence of the Police of Puerto Rico have increased their vigilance so that the police will be in an advantageous position to take action against the terrorists if they decide to carry out acts of violence.

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FBI Prevé Violencia Plebiscito

Por Bienvenido Ortiz Otero

El Superintendente de la Policía afirmó que la Uniformada está preparada para enfrentarse a cualquier acto de terrorismo que puedan llevar a cabo las organizaciones que anunciaron que evitarán a toda costa la celebración del plebiscito.

Dijo el señor Salvador Rodríguez Aponte que la Policía pondrá todos sus esfuerzos para que no sólo el plebiscito, sino también la campaña plebiscitaria, se efectúen dentro de un ambiente de paz y tranquilidad.

Se expresó así el señor Rodríguez Aponte al comentar las manifestaciones del director del Negociado Federal de Investigaciones, señor Edgar Hoover, en el sentido de que "hay gran evidencia" de que la controversia por el status "causará una nueva ola de violencia" en Puerto Rico, según se vaya aproximando el plebiscito de este verano

Hoover declaró en un testimonio ante un Subcomité de Asignaciones de la Cámara de Representantes, e hizo notar que la creación de la forma de Gobierno del Estado Libre Asociado "estaba rodeada de actos de violencia extrema causados por los nacionalistas en los principios de 1950."

Dijo Hoover que hay gran evidencia de que el interés renovado sobre el asunto del status en la isla causará una nueva ola de violencia y señaló a los grupos independentistas por "su gran predilección hacia la violencia."

El director del FBI identificó las organizaciones indicadas como el Movimiento Pro Independencia, el Partido Nacionalista, Federación de Universitarios Pro Independencia, y la Liga Socialista Puertorriqueña.

Sobre los miembros de esas organizaciones, dijo el señor Hoover que "han recibido propaganda y han sido indoctrinados por Cuba, la Unión Soviética y China Comunista." También agregó que Cuba ofreció a los independentistas "la promesa de fondos y armas para formar un levantamiento armado."

Las autoridades locales estiman que los últimos actos de la Federación de Universitarios Pro Independencia, al interrumpir violentamente un desfile del ROTC en la Universidad de Puerto Rico, pueden ser parte de la campaña de terrorismo anunciada por el señor Hoover, para provocar trastornos a la campaña plebiscitaria y al plebiscito en sí.

Se supo que los agentes de la División de Inteligencia de la Policía están más activos que nunca, para que la Policía esté en posición ventajosa para actuar contra los terroristas si estos se deciden a llevar a cabo actos de violencia.

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POLICE READY TO CONFRONT PLEBISCITE SUBVERSION

Police Ready to Confront Subversives in Plebiscite
by Luis A. Collado

Superintendent of Police SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ APONTE, answering a direct question asked him by the Staff of EL DIA in San Juan, stated yesterday as follows:

"In relation to the statements made by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, before an appropriations committee of the United States House of Representatives, published in the first edition of the newspaper EL MUNDO today, to the effect that it is feared there will be acts of violence in Puerto Rico during the plebiscite, I must state that the people of Puerto Rico have demonstrated in the past their ability to go to the polls in an orderly manner to vote according to the dictatds of their conscience."

"During preceding election periods there have always existed groups which have been indisagreement with this orderly and democratic process.

"The Police of Puerto Rico are fully prepared to guarantee an atmosphere of peace and quiet during the plebiscite campaign, and during the plebiscite, as befits our democratic system of government."

And he stated, "I have no doubt that the people of Puerto Rico will return to the polls to express their beliefs on this occasion as they have done in the past."

These statements of the Superintendent of Police are related to the dispatch of the United Press International, which quotes the Director of the FBI, Mr. HOOVER, as stating that there are revolutionary action groups in Puerto Rico.

Speaking before an Appropriations Subcommittee of the U. S. House of Representatives, Mr. HOOVER stated that "there is considerable evidence that renewed interest in the subject of the status of the Island will cause a new wave of violence," adding that "the organizations seeking independence for Puerto Rico have indicated they will do anything to prevent the plebiscite from being held."

He identified the separatist groups Puerto Rico Independence Movement, Socialist League, Federation of University Students for Independence, and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, as the four organizations whose activities continue under active investigation by the FBI.

"These groups have obtained propaganda and have been indoctrinated by Cuba, the Soviet Union, and Communist China," stated Mr. HOOVER, affirming that Cuba had offered to the Puerto Rican separatists the promise of money and arms to initiate an armed uprising.

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Policía Lista Afrontar Subversión Plebiscito

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Policía Lista a Enfrentarse A Subversivos en Plebiscito

Por Luis A. Collado

El Superintendente de la Policía, señor Salvador Rodríguez Aponte, dijo ayer, contestando una pregunta directa que le hizo la Redacción de EL DIA en San Juan, lo siguiente:

"En relación con las manifestaciones hechas por el Director del Negociado Federal de Investigaciones (FBI), señor Edgar Hoover, ante un comité de asignaciones de la Cámara de Representantes de Estados Unidos, publicadas en la primera edición del periódico El Mundo del día de hoy, en el sentido de que se teme que habrán de realizarse actos de violencia en Puerto Rico durante la celebración del plebiscito, debo expresar que el pueblo de Puerto Rico ha dejado demostrado en el pasado su capacidad para concurrir en forma ordenada a las urnas a ofrecer su voto de acuerdo con los dictados de su conciencia.

"Durante los últimos periodos eleccionarios siempre han existido grupos que han estado en desacuerdo con este proceso ordenado y democrático.

"La Policía de Puerto Rico está debidamente preparada para garantizar

una atmósfera de paz y tranquilidad durante la campaña plebiscitaria y el plebiscito, como cuadra a nuestro sistema democrático de gobierno."

Y agregó: "No tengo dudas que el pueblo puertorriqueño volverá a volcarse en las urnas a expresar su forma de pensar en esta ocasión como lo ha hecho en el pasado".

Estas manifestaciones del Superintendente de la Policía se relacionan con el despacho de Prensa Unida Internacional en que figura el director del FBI, señor Hoover, expresando que hay en Puerto Rico grupos de acción revolucionaria.

Declarando ante un Subcomité de Asignaciones de la Cámara de Representantes de Estados Unidos, el señor Hoover expresó que "hay gran evidencia de que el interés renovado sobre el asunto del status en la Isla causará una nueva ola de violencia", apuntando que "las organizaciones que quieren la independencia para Puerto Rico han indicado que harán cualquier cosa para impedir que el plebiscito se lleve a cabo.

"Identificó a las agrupaciones separatistas como el Movimiento Pro Independencia, Liga Socialista, Federación de Universitarios Pro Independencia y Partido Nacionalista, como las cuatro organizaciones cuyas actividades continúan bajo activa investigación del FBI, según indicó.

"Estos han obtenido propaganda y han sido adoctrinados por Cuba, la Unión Soviética y China comunista", agregó el señor Hoover, asegurando que Cuba había ofrecido a los separatistas de Puerto Rico la promesa de fondos y armas para iniciar un levantamiento armado.

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Havana Radio Station, CMQ, operating under the control and direction of the Communist Government of Cuba, broadcast on May 25, 1967, that Puerto Rican student Jose Varona went to Moscow very recently. Varona was described as having been a delegate at the Latin-American Continental Student Organization (OCLAE) in Havana, Cuba representing Puerto Rico. Very recently Varona, as a representative of OCLAE was visiting in Hanoi, North Viet Nam where he was reportedly wounded when U. S. planes machine gunned the capitol city of North Viet Nam. Varona, according to the broadcast, was moved to Russia in a special plane. (U)

[redacted] (C) advised an article appeared in "El Mundo", Havana newspaper, on May 24, 1967, which reflected Roberto Todd Pagan, delegate of the Federation of University Students (FUPI) had arrived in Havana, Cuba, May 23, 1967. Todd replaced Jose Varona as the FUPI delegate to OCLAE. b1

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APPENDIX

MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)

The MPIPR was organized in November 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, to work for the independence of Puerto Rico. It has an estimated membership of between 1,000 and 1,300 people with missions throughout the island of Puerto Rico and in New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and Buffalo, New York.

At the time the MPIPR was organized, it indicated that it did not advocate violence but would accept members who did. JUAN MARI BRAS, the founder and dominant leader of this organization, in a speech during March 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria if Puerto Rico became a state with the United States. A source reported in 1966 that a leader of the MPIPR has indicated that "the Revolution" would soon begin and another source advised that another official of this organization has attempted to obtain a number of automatic pistols.

Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in MPIPR publications. In 1961, it adopted a resolution expressing 100 per cent approval of and solidarity with the Cuban revolution. It sent a delegation to the Tri-Continental Conference of African, Asian, and Latin American people, held in Havana, Cuba, during January 1966, and it maintains a permanent delegate to the Secretariat located in Havana.

The press of Puerto Rico has reported that the MPIPR has held numerous demonstrations protesting compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans and United States policy in Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754) DATE: 6/12/67

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 2)

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A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

(c) [redacted] who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that the MPIPR has formed a training school for youthful members of that organization. This is a one-year school to train young people in the ideals and thesis of independence for Puerto Rico, along with the teachings of LENIN and MARX.

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A characterization of the FUPI appears in the appendix.

CARTA SEMANAL, #297, dated March 8, 1967, (the weekly newsletter of the MPIPR), carried an article entitled "YOUNG PEOPLE SOLICITED." The article reads "Soliciting Young members that desire to realize patriotic work with complete dedication, full time, for a year...those interested may communicate with comrade ANA LIVIA CORDERA, in care of the MPI, 1122 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico."

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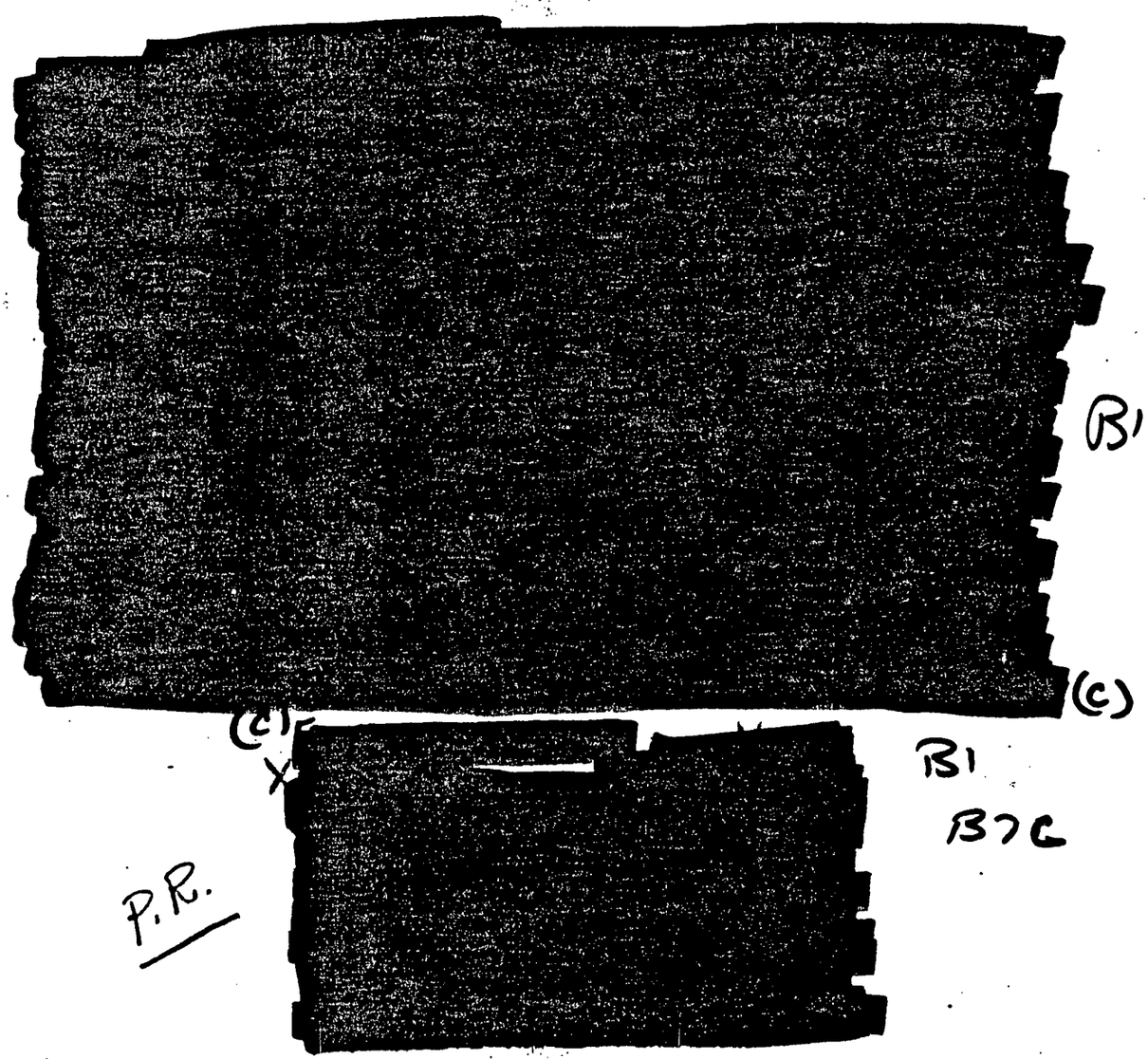

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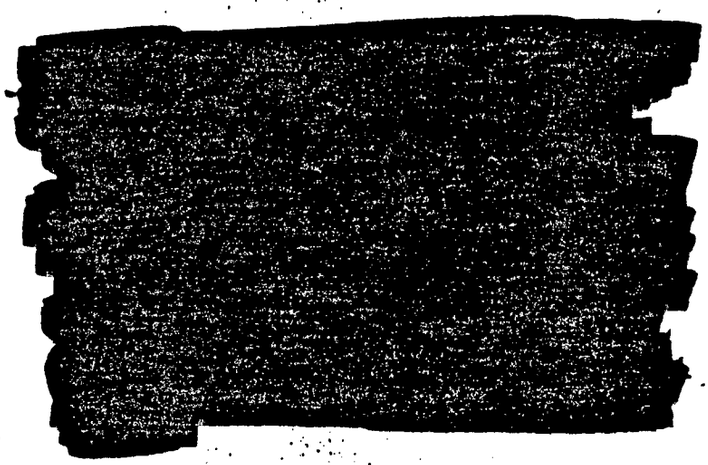

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Enclosed are nine copies for the Bureau and three copies for New York of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning activities of pro-independence groups in Puerto Rico.

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A characterization of the PIP appears in the Appendix.

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the Appendix.

(C) [redacted] b1 advised that a meeting was held on June 12, 1967, at Stop 24, Ponce de Leon Avenue, Santurce, Puerto Rico, by the CSA for the purpose of inaugurating their new headquarters at this address and launching their campaign against the plebiscite in Puerto Rico. According to the informant, speakers at this meeting were unaffiliated independentists

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Dr. Milton Sotero Peralta, Peri Fernandez de Lewis, Dr. Margot Arce de Vazquez; Juan Mari Bras and Norman Pietri Castellon, representatives of the MPIPR; Gilberto Concepcion de Gracia, President of the PIP; and Gerardo Navas Davila, representative of the Vanguardia, the pro-independence segment of the Popular Democratic Party, the incumbent political party in Puerto Rico. Their speeches, which were broadcast over local radio stations, were generally confined to diatribes against the forthcoming plebiscite and the need for unity in their opposition to the plebiscite.

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The June 14, 1967, edition of the "San Juan Star," an English language newspaper, contained the following article on page six:

"INDEPENDENTISTAS PLANNING 'WALK-ALONG' AGAINST DRAFT"

"Hundreds of independentista youths--walking from Ponce, Mayaguez and Guayama--will converge in Rio Piedras on July 4 to protest the status plebiscite and compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans in the U.S. Army.

"Juan Angel Silen, president of the Pro Independence Movement Youth, announced yesterday that the marchers will hold a series [illegible] rallies in the towns which they pass on their way to Rio Piedras.

"The marchers, Silen said, will start their hikes on June 29 and will visit 30 towns before reaching the metropolitan area five days later.

" 'They will sleep at the homes of friends,' Silen added, 'and where there are no accommodations available they will sleep in the public plazas--with police permission or without it.'

"On June 28--the eve of the march--the PIM will hold rallies in Ponce, Mayaguez and Guayama, Silen said.

"PIM Secretary General Juan Mari Bras and attorney Pedro Baiges Charel will address the rally in Ponce. Columnist Cesar Andreu Iglesias Alberto Lopez Perez, president of the Federation of University Students for Independence (FUPI), will speak in Mayaguez.

"Silen and attorney Norman Pietri will be the speakers at the rally in Guayama.

"The marchers, who will include a series of youths who have refused induction in the U.S. Army, will distribute leaflets against the plebiscite along their route and will picket Selective Service offices in several towns, Silen said.

"The three 'columns' which will march on Rio Piedras have been designated 'Heroic Vietnam,' 'Ramon Emeterio Betances' and 'Pedro Albizu Campos.'

"The July 4 rally in Rio Piedras is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. The rally, Silen said, will be 'a repudiation of the militaristic and colonialist' parade scheduled for the same day in San [illegible].

"Silen also announced yesterday that he will participate in a teach-in at Columbia University of June 24 protest the Vietnam war.

"The activity is sponsored by the Tri-Continental Information Center, an international 'anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist' organization with headquarters in New York. Black power advocate Stokely Carmichael will be among the participants."

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A characterization of the FUPI appears in the appendix.

(C) [redacted] advised that a general meeting of the MPIPR Youth was held on June 11, 1967, at MPIPR Headquarters, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, for the purpose of planning details of a walk to be conducted through various towns of the Island in protest to the holding of the plebiscite. At this meeting, which was attended by representatives of MPIPR Youth from nineteen towns in Puerto Rico, the following plan was approved:

The walk will be divided into three groups, or columns, to depart simultaneously on the morning of June 29, 1967, from Ponce, Mayaguez and Guayama, Puerto Rico. The groups will converge on metropolitan San Juan and will meet on July 4, 1967, at 4:00 p.m. at the town square in Rio Piedras, where a mass rally will be held. The entire walk will be on foot and participation will be voluntary.

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The group from Ponce will be led by MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ, FUPI Treasurer and MPIPR Youth officer, and will pass through the towns of Coamo, Aibonito, Cayey, Caguas and Guanabo, Puerto Rico.

The group from Mayaguez will be led by ALBERTO PEREZ PEREZ, FUPI President and MPIPR Youth officer, and will pass through Aguadilla, Isabela, Arecibo, Vega Baja and Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

The group from Guayama will be led by JUAN ANGEL SILEN, President of MPIPR Youth, and will pass through Yabucoa, Humacao, Naguabo, Fajardo and Carolina, Puerto Rico.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of photographs, one each of [redacted], and [redacted]

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During May 1967, the source advised that members of the MPIPR Mission were armed with firearms and knives when [redacted] and other LSP members came to the Mission and [redacted] and the LSP members were met at the door by [redacted] "guards" where blows were exchanged.

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The following is a suggestion for a flyer to be sent through the mails to members or persons sympathetic to the MPI, LSP, and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR), and it is believed this flyer will further the conflict between the groups there by diverting their energies from the issue of the upcoming plebiscite.

In this flyer it is suggested a cartoon showing [redacted] standing in a doorway marked "Mision [redacted]" with indistinct figures standing behind him inside the doorway. Confronting RENTAS should be a caricature of [redacted] with an up-raised machete bearing the markings of the Red Chinese in position as if to strike [redacted].

In this cartoon should also be a caricature of [redacted] crouching behind [redacted] as if in fear, with one hand indicating that [redacted] is pushing [redacted]. Under the cartoon should be printed in Spanish, [redacted] "You Have Two Weeks to Prove or Retract Your Statement that [redacted] is a Coward." [redacted] Tienes Dos Semanas Para Verificar O Echar para Atras En Tu Declaracion de que [redacted] Es Un Cobarde.)

It should be noted that [redacted] figure should be depicted so that his left hand is in evidence inasmuch as his left hand is deformed having no fingers and only a small appendage for a thumb.

The above flyer could possibly result in the widening of the difficulties between the LSP and MPIPR in Puerto Rico and could also have a definite effect on the NPPR, by causing that group to refrain from becoming involved in the controversy and lessening the cooperation between the groups.

Bureau's comments regarding the above suggestion would be appreciated.

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In order to take full advantage of the above-described altercations between MPIPR-LSP members, it is felt that this flyer must be distributed in the very near future. The Bureau is therefore requested to expedite its comments and/or approval of this counter-intelligence measure.

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To: SAC, San Juan (100-4785)

From: Director, FBI (105-292)

JUAN MARI BRAS
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ReButel 1/9/67 which instructed your office to discontinue certain coverage on the subject.

You are requested to furnish the Bureau a list of Selective Service cases in which prosecution was pending as of 1/9/67 and in which action was subsequently taken by the United States Attorney including the dates involved. Also advise as to Selective Service cases in which prosecution has been undertaken since 1/9/67 and the present status of each of these cases.

Suairtel. Where known, indicate those cases in which Mari Bras or other attorneys involved in Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico activities are representing Selective Service subjects.

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NOTE:

In January, 1967, the then Acting Attorney General advised that several prosecutions had been declined in Selective Service matters as a result of specialized coverage on the subject. We discontinued this specialized coverage. It is believed desirable that we should find out what results have been achieved in Selective Service matters as a result of our discontinuance of the above-mentioned coverage.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754) DATE: 6/19/67

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) P

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SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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~~OO: San Juan~~

Re Weekly Intelligence Summary, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, dated 6/7/67, San Juan.

Page one of the referenced Weekly Intelligence Summary reveals that a coalition, directed by the MPIPR, which seeks the cooperation of all separatists in opposing an island-wide plebiscite on July 23, 1967, intends to hold a "Grand Anti-Plebiscitarian Concentration" on Sunday, July 16, 1967, at 10:00AM in the Sixto Escobar Park, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Puerto Ricans are called upon to attend this demonstration in opposition to the "false plebiscite" and to "support the demand for sovereignty in order to liquidate the present regime of political inferiority without further delay."

The San Juan Office feels that close coverage of this demonstration should be conducted from a secure position in the vicinity of Sixto Escobar Park in order to keep the office, and if warranted, the Bureau posted re any disturbance which could errupt during this demonstration.

UACB, such coverage will be maintained by the San Juan Office.

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1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Dunn

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To: SAC, San Juan (105-8353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP (S) OF

Reurairtel 6/13/67 with enclosed letterhead memorandum (LHM).

Referenced LHM set forth information regarding the activities of one [redacted] who was not further identified in the LHM. In referenced airtel you indicated that you would add [redacted] to your Intensification Program.

If background data is available to you on [redacted] it should have been included in referenced LHM for the benefit of the agencies to whom the LHM will be disseminated. In this connection it is to be noted that [redacted]

By return airtel you should furnish clarification in this matter and if [redacted] is known to your office furnish the Bureau a characterization of him for inclusion in referenced LHM.

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FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 2)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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On 6/20/67, JOHN E. PARKER, ASAC, Intelligence Divisinn, U. S. Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., visited the San Juan Office and discussed with ASAC JOHN A. YATTEAU the security situation in Puerto Rico during the period of the 7/23/67 plebiscite as it pertains to Secret Service's responsibility for protection of the President.

Mr. PARKER was informed of the nature of our Intensification Program which is being operated in cooperation with the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI, POPR) He was informed that this program is designed to keep us apprised of the whereabouts and any unusual activities of 187 individuals who are considered most capable of committing acts of violence. He was informed that one of the main purposes of the program is to obtain in advance any indications that these individuals might leave Puerto Rico for the continental United States so that the Bureau, appropriate FBI offices and Secret Service may be advised. Mr. PARKER was informed that the program was necessarily limited to 187 individuals because manpower limitations of both FBI, San Juan and OI, POPR prevent coverage of all security subjects. He was informed of our procedure of immediately notifying continental offices and the Bureau by teletype or telephone upon our learning of the departure for the continental United States of any individuals included in the Intensification Program

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and that the FBI office covering the subject's destination is instructed to immediately inform the local Secret Service office about the travel of such subject.

During the discussions, Mr. PARKER requested the following:

1. A list of San Juan Office Intensification Program subjects.

2. That the San Juan Office notify SAC CHARLES GITTENS, U. S. Secret Service, San Juan immediately concerning the departure from Puerto Rico of all security subjects during the period 7/16-31/67, the period before and after the plebiscite which Mr. PARKER considers to be the critical period.

3. That the San Juan Office advise SAC GITTENS immediately upon receipt of any information received concerning any assassination plot directed against the President, Vice-President or their families, Congressmen, other individuals in the U. S. Government, former President EISENHOWER, TRUMAN and their families and the family of former President KENNEDY.

4. That SAC GITTENS be furnished copies of any photographs the San Juan Office might obtain depicting acts of violence committed during the current plebiscite period or any time thereafter. Mr. PARKER pointed out that such photographs would be useful to Secret Service to point out to the President or other U. S. Government officials the possible dangers involved if future travel to the Caribbean area should be contemplated.

In addition to the above, Mr. PARKER stated that Secret Service is interested in being apprised upon the outbreak of any violence in Puerto Rico and thereafter as to its nature and scope. He stated that he feels that if violence on the part of independence-seeking groups occurs in Puerto Rico, it could touch off similar acts on the part of pro-independence groups in New York, which acts might include attempts to assassinate the President, Vice-President or other U. S. Government officials or their families.

In addition to the matters requested by Mr. PARKER

which are being handled by the San Juan Office under existing Bureau instructions, the San Juan Office is furnishing Mr. PARKER a list of Intensification Program subjects and succinct summaries pertaining to those subjects. Photographs obtained by the San Juan Office in the future showing any acts of violence will be furnished to local Secret Service, San Juan and Secret Service, San Juan will be advised concerning the departure from Puerto Rico of any and all security subjects during the period 7/16-31/67.

The above is for the information of the Bureau.

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SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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Reference San Juan airtel to the Bureau dated 6/15/67.

Enclosed are nine copies for Bureau and one copy for New York of a letterhead memorandum containing additional information concerning the march across Puerto Rico planned by the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR) in June and July of 1967.

Local dissemination of this LHM is being made to NISO, 771st MI-DET, OSI, and Secret Service.

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ENCLOSURE

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS

It was previously reported that the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) planned a march across Puerto Rico to protest the holding of the plebiscite in Puerto Rico on July 23, 1967, and to protest compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans in the United States Armed Forces. It was reported that the march would be divided into three columns to leave simultaneously on the morning of June 29, 1967, from Ponce, Mayaguez, and Guayama, Puerto Rico, on highways 1, 2, and 3, and each column would proceed to Rio Piedras in Metropolitan San Juan, where they would meet on July 4, 1967, and conduct a picket of the annual Fourth of July parade sponsored by the Puerto Rican Government.

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

On June 19, 1967, [redacted] advised that the following information has been developed by the [redacted] concerning the above activity:

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ENCLOSURE

Re: Groups Seeking Independence for Puerto Rico

The MPIPR has contracted for the services of four medical doctors to report to the MPIPR national mission in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and conduct medical examinations of those MPIPR members who will participate in the march to begin in Guayama, Ponce, and Mayaguez, on June 29, 1967. These medical examinations will be conducted from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on June 21, 1967.

Leaders of the MPIPR have announced that during the march to be conducted from Mayaguez, Ponce, and Guayama the participants will picket local offices of the Selective Service System in the towns through which they will pass.

The national council of the Federacion Estudiantil Pro-Independencia (Federation of Students for Independence) (FEPI) agreed in its meeting of June 10, 1967, to appoint a steering committee composed of RUBEN ALVAREZ, PEDRO BAIGES CHAPEL, JUAN ANGEL SILEN ACEVEDO, and ALBERTO PEREZ PEREZ, all leaders of the MPIPR and FUPI, to take charge of the organization of the group of FEPI members who will participate in this march.

Characterizations of FEPI and FUPI appear in the appendix.

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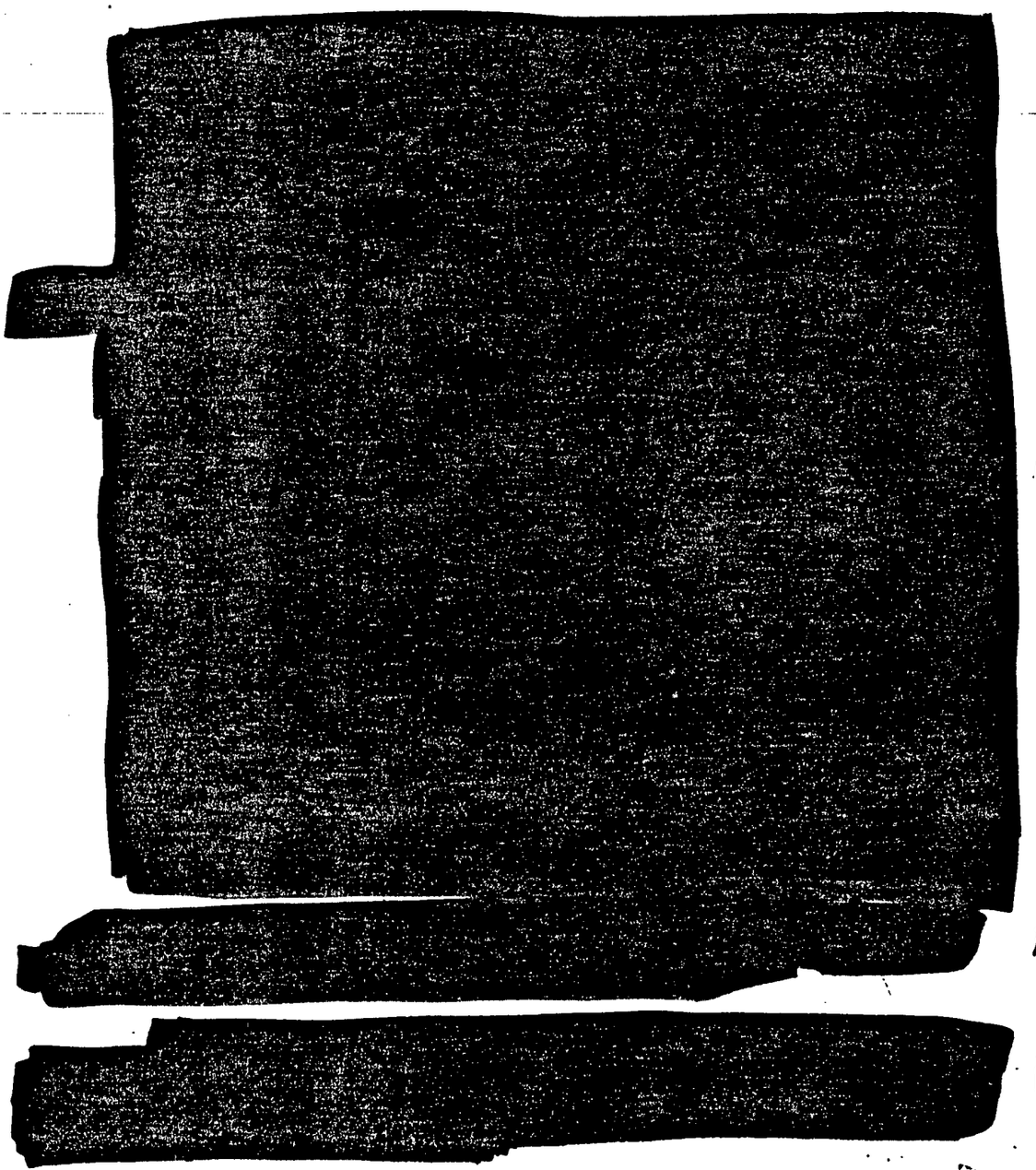

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/20/67

1 - Mr.
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FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

PURPOSE:

To recommend the preparation of a cartoon by the Exhibits Section of the Administrative Division depicting an attack by members of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (LSP) on a Mission of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR). The LSP and the MPIPR are militant Puerto Rican independence groups. The cartoon is designed to cause discord between these two organizations and will be sent anonymously to members of various independence groups in Puerto Rico.

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BACKGROUND:

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San Juan Office has received information that [redacted] has accused [redacted] of being a coward. [redacted] and other members of the LSP have entered an MPIPR Mission and threatened [redacted] with bodily harm unless he proved or retracted his statement about [redacted]. On one recent occasion members of the MPIPR Mission were armed with firearms and knives when [redacted] and other LSP members came to the Mission and blows were exchanged between the two groups. San Juan Office has suggested that a cartoon be drawn up showing [redacted] standing in the doorway of the Mission with indistinct figures standing behind him. Confronting [redacted] would be a caricature of [redacted] with a machete bearing a Red Chinese slogan. The LSP is known for

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RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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its pro-Red Chinese views. [redacted] the LSP leader, would be shown behind [redacted] pushing him towards [redacted]. Under the cartoon there would be printed in Spanish the slogan "[redacted], You Have Two Weeks to Prove or Retract Your Statement That [redacted] is a Coward."

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed that this cartoon will be of great assistance as a disruptive tactic in the Puerto Rican independence groups. This is most important at the present time since these groups are attempting to unite against a plebiscite which is to be held in Puerto Rico on 7/23/67. At that time the Puerto Rican people will vote for statehood, independence, or a continuation of the present commonwealth form of government.

The preparation of a suitable Red Chinese slogan such as "Down with Imperialism" has already been discussed with the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section of the Laboratory. The Exhibits Section should coordinate the preparation of the cartoon with the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section. Since the plebiscite is to be held on 7/23/67, it is believed most important that the cartoon be prepared as soon as possible to allow for mailing prior to the time of the plebiscite.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the preparation of the above-mentioned cartoon by the Exhibits Section be approved for mailing to members of the Puerto Rican independence groups in Puerto Rico or to persons sympathetic to these organizations. If approved, 250 copies of the cartoon on unwatermarked commerical grade paper should be prepared. Photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] have been forwarded by San Juan for utilization in preparation of the cartoon.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-66754) AND NEW YORK (105-32872)

(NEW YORK VIA WASH) (ENCODED)

FROM SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P) (2P)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO, SM-PRM

[redacted] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION--

ON JUNE TWELVE, LAST, [redacted]

[redacted] RECEIVED A LETTER FROM [redacted] WHO IS RESIDING AT [redacted]

[redacted] IN

THIS LETTER [redacted] STATED HE WAS AWARE OF A PLAN FOR A "REVOLUTION" IN JAYAYA, PUERTO RICO, ON JULY TWENTY THREE, NEXT, DURING WHICH "THEY" WILL BURN SCHOOLS AND THE POST OFFICE, USING "MOLOTOV COCKTAILS". [redacted] INSTRUCTED HIS WIFE TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO THE POPR AND STATED HE WAS CERTAIN OF THIS INFORMATION AND THAT FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING IDENTITIES

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OF PERSONS INVOLVED, WOULD BE SENT LATER. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH HE WOULD NOT PUT IN A LETTER FOR FEAR IT WOULD "FALL INTO OTHER HANDS".

FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW YORK [redacted]

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OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS IN THE PAST AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM HAS BEEN RELIABLE. [redacted] IS DESCRIBED AS A [redacted]

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LEAD-- NEW YORK WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT [redacted] COLON AND B7D DETERMINE COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING "REVOLUTION" ALLEGED BY HIM TO BE SCHEDULED FOR JULY TWENTY THREE, NEXT, AT JAYUYA, PUERTO RICO, AND HANDLE APPROPRIATE DISSEMINATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

TO : Mr. C. D. DeLoach

DATE: June 22, 1967

1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Dunn

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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PURPOSE:

This memorandum sets forth latest information regarding plans of independence organizations in Puerto Rico in opposition to the plebiscite to be held there on July 23, 1967.

BACKGROUND:

Previous memoranda have advised of a plebiscite to be held in Puerto Rico on July 23, 1967, at which time the Puerto Rican people will vote for statehood, independence, or a continuation of the present commonwealth status. Puerto Rican independence groups are boycotting the plebiscite and plan a large rally at a stadium in San Juan on July 16, 1967.

The San Juan Office has now received information that independence groups are planning a "walk" protesting the plebiscite and compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans. The protest walk will be composed of three different sections which will leave the towns of Ponce, Mayaguez, and Guayama on the morning of June 29, 1967, and walk to San Juan arriving there on July 4, 1967. It is to be noted that a parade is scheduled in San Juan for July 4, 1967, which has been branded as "militaristic and colonialist" by a leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), a militant Puerto Rican independence organization.

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Memorandum to Mr. C. D. DeLoach
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-66754

The three sections of the protest walk will be led by members of the MPIPR and reportedly a series of rallies will be held by the marchers in the different towns en route to San Juan.

The Police of Puerto Rico and appropriate agencies in Puerto Rico and at the Seat of Government have been advised of the above-mentioned data.

ACTION:

For information. Matters affecting the Puerto Rican plebiscite are being closely followed and pertinent data developed will be brought to your attention.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

JUN 23 1967

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, San Juan

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Enclosure(s) (1)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

105-292-272

6/23/67

AIRTEL REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-447368)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-160016)

SUBJECT: TRI-CONTINENTAL INFORMATION CENTER
IS-C

Re Jairtel to the Bureau dated 6/15/67, captioned "GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST", (BUFILE 105-66754)

On 6/23/67, SA [redacted] through a suitable telephonic pretext, to the Tri-Continental Information Center, 1133 Broadway, New York City (NYC), determined that a "teach-in" at Columbia University, NYC, originally scheduled for 6/24/67, has been postponed and rescheduled for 7/13/67, at Horace Mann Auditorium, Columbia University, 7:00 p.m. Among tentative speakers is JUAN ANGEL SILEN, President of the Pro-Independence Movement Youth. Publicity for this activity will be published in the forthcoming issues of the "National Guardian".

NYO will attempt coverage of the above "teach-in" through informants and will advise the Bureau and San Juan in form suitable for dissemination.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date June 23, 1967

Attached pertains to information initially received by Police of Puerto Rico indicating that violence would take place in Jayuaya, Puerto Rico, in connection with plebiscite to be held in Puerto Rico on 7/23/67. Pertinent data in attached being disseminated to military intelligence agencies and Secret Service in Washington, D. C. San Juan has been instructed to make similar dissemination locally and to advise police in Puerto Rico. This matter will be closely followed.

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TO DIRECTOR 105-66754 AND SAN JUAN 105-3358

SAN JUAN VIA WASHINGTON

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

FROM NEW YORK 105-32872

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 23 1967
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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST; IS-PRN.

REFERENCE SAN JUAN TELETYPE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124) DATE: 6/26/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
Counterintelligence Program
(Subversive Control Section)
(IS - PRN)
(OO: SJ)

ReButel to San Juan and New York, 5/16/67, and NYairtel to Bureau, 5/11/67.

The counterintelligence letter which is the subject of referenced communications has had dramatic results which, upon analysis, indicate that the disruptive purpose of the letter is being acheived.

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1 - San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1) (INFO) (RM)
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Additional results will be reported as received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754) DATE: 6/26/67

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 sub 2) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
(INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM)
IS-PRN

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Reference San Juan letter to the Bureau 6/12/67 enclosing copy of succinct summaries of backgrounds of those subjects included on the San Juan intensification program (INPRO).

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a succinct summary of background concerning [redacted] B7C, who has been added to this program for intensified coverage. Enclosed for New York are one copy of this succinct summary and an [redacted] card containing photograph and description B7C of subject for addition to NYO's [redacted] B7E

For information of Bureau and New York, [redacted] B7C has been deleted from this program at the specific request of [redacted] B7C, B7D

New York should delete [redacted] card from its B7C copy of the [redacted] B7C

With the substitution of [redacted] for [redacted] B7C the number of subjects included on this program remains at 187.

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6/27/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Dunn

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754) REC 5 -292

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PRM

Re San Juan teletype to the Bureau and New York, 6/22/67; and New York teletype to the Bureau and San Juan, 6/23/67.

San Juan should advise appropriate contact in the Police of Puerto Rico regarding data set forth in retel 6/23/67. San Juan should also promptly prepare a letterhead memorandum incorporating pertinent data set forth in retels. Submit same to the Bureau by airtel and make appropriate dissemination locally.

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1 - New York (105-32872)

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JUN 27 1967
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NOTE:

Individual in New York City has advised that he overheard three unknown male Puerto Ricans who expressed proindependence sentiments state they felt some kind of violence should take place to disrupt the plebiscite which is to be held in Puerto Rico on 7/23/67. They indicated that certain polling places would be suitable targets and conjectured that a certain police station in Puerto Rico might be vulnerable to attack. Original information in this matter emanated from the Police of Puerto Rico and the individual furnishing the information was interviewed by our New York Office.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

FBI

Date: 6/30/67

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

93124

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN
(00: San Juan)

ReSJlet to Bureau, 6/29/67, Buairtel to SJ and NY, 5/16/67, and NY airtel to Bureau, 5/11/67.

Enclosed is a proposed counterintelligence letter designed to augment the original "Committee Against Foreign Domination of the Struggle For Independence" letter which was the subject of referenced communications.

As the Bureau was advised in NY letter of 6/29/67, the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) - New York Mission (NYM) recently expelled a member of the Executive Board for talking about $500.00 given the NYM by the CP,USA, which was to be sent to Puerto Rico under a veil of secrecy.

The enclosed letter is intended to augment the damage done to the MPI by its predecessor and in addition to:

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3-Bureau (105-66754) (Enc. 3) (RM)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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1. Embarrass JUAN MARI BRAS, MPI Secretary General, by suggestions of his dishonesty.

2. Embarrass the NYM by exposing their failure to keep confidential a secret assignment.

3. Restate CP,USA influence over the MPI.

4. Cause dissension between MPI-NYM and MPI in Puerto Rico.

If approved by the Bureau, it is suggested that the San Juan Office again prepare a letter in Spanish to be distributed to MPI rank and file. It is anticipated that the same success achieved by the SJO in its careful preparation and dissemination of the first letter will be the result of a second attempt to disrupt the MPI by use of the "Committee Against Foreign Domination of the Struggle For Independence."

"Awake Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours"

We are grateful to Lcdo. [redacted] for explaining to us in the Claridad that the MPI has not surrendered to the Communist Party of the United States. His denials, although vehement enough and interesting enough, do not seem to change the facts which are known to the hierarchy.

We have said before that Lcdo. Juan Mari Bras, — the maximum leader of the struggle, had sold the revolution to the Communist Party. Now the Communist Party has sent $500.00 in the strictest secrecy to Mari Bras, which is probably only one payment for his loyalty.

[redacted] So secret was the payment, that when [redacted] of the Mision Vito Marcantonio in New York remarked about it, she was immediately removed from the Executive Board. This is strange since she was just recently elected by the members of that mission to the Executive Board.

It is difficult to understand why such violent action should be taken against this dedicated fighter for independence, as [redacted] certainly is. If the Communist Party directed this act, then our point has been proved, that the North Americans are now in charge of our revolution. Or it may be true that Lcdo. Mari Bras ordered this punishment. Is he afraid that his North American partners will no longer send him this pocket money? Is he afraid that there will be a diminishing in his personal comforts, his first class travel to New York, to South America and who knows where else? How much more money has he secreted, money that is needed so badly in our struggle?

Committee Against Foreign Domination
of the Fight for Independence

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Date: 6/30/67

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF _____ (Priority)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P)

RE GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-1 GSKLETT 5-22-80
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DATE OF REVIEW 6-30-87

Re San Juan airtel 6/15/67, and 6/21/67, with accompanying LHMs.

Enclosed are 9 copies for Bureau and 1 copy for New York of a LHM containing additional information regarding the march across Puerto Rico planned by the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR) in June, and July, 1967.

Local dissemination is being made to NISO, 10th Naval District; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; OSI, Ramey Air Force Base; and U.S. Secret Service.

Additionally this information was orally disseminated locally to 771st Military Intelligence Detachment on 6/30/67, at their request.

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RAM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RAM)
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(1 - 105-3401) (MPIPR)

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Date 7/6/67

by _____

Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico
June 30, 1967

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-1 GsKlett
ON 5-22-80

Re: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY -
PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

It was previously reported that the Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) planned a march across Puerto Rico to protest the holding of the plebiscite in Puerto Rico on July 23, 1967, and to protest compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans in the United States Armed Forces. It was reported that the march would be divided into three columns to leave simultaneously on the morning of June 29, 1967, from Ponce, Mayaguez, and Guayama, Puerto Rico, and these three columns would meet on July 4, 1967, in Rio Piedras, metropolitan San Juan, and would conduct a picket of the annual Fourth of July Parade sponsored by the Puerto Rican government.

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A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix hereto.

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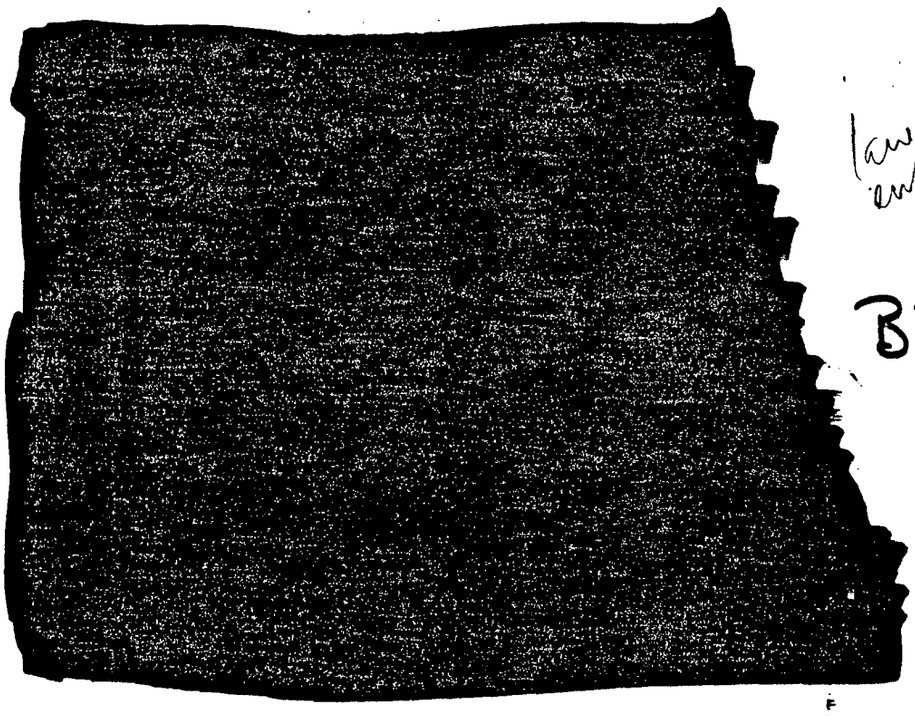
Re: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO



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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P)

RE GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO IS - PRN

Re San Juan teletype 6/22/67, New York teletype 6/23/67, and Bureau airtel 6/27/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies and for New York 2 copies of a LHM setting forth pertinent information in above communications.

Local dissemination of this LHM is being made to NISO, 10th Naval District; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; OSI, Ramey Air Force Base; and U. S. Secret Service.

New York is requested to immediately furnish any additional information regarding this matter to the Bureau and San Juan.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Juan, Puerto Rico
June 30, 1967

Re: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY -
PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On June 22, 1967, [redacted] B7C, B7D
furnished the following information:

On June 12, 1967, [redacted]
received a letter from [redacted] who is residing at [redacted]
In this letter [redacted] said he was aware of a plan for a "revolution" in Jayuya, Puerto Rico, on July 23, 1967, during which "they" will burn schools and the ~~Post~~ Office, using "molotov cocktails." [redacted] instructed his wife to furnish this information to the POPR and stated he was certain of the information and that additional information, including the identities of persons involved, would be sent later. He also said he had additional information which he would not put in the letter for fear it would "fall into other hands." Colon B7D

On June 23, 1967, [redacted] was contacted B7D
by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] stated he had overhead part of a conversation by three unknown male Puerto Ricans at a restaurant located at 303 Park Avenue, South, New York City, about the first week of May, 1967. These individuals expressed sentiments in favor of independence for Puerto Rico and stated they felt some kind of violence should take place to disrupt the plebiscite scheduled for July 23, 1967, in Puerto Rico. They indicated that the polling places in the Jayuya, Puerto Rico, area would be suitable targets for explosions. They conjectured that the police would be busy at the polls, leaving the Jayuya Police Station vulnerable to an attack. B7D

[redacted] Colon was unable to state whether these individuals had definite plans or whether they were merely conjectures. He stated he had seen the same three individuals at the same location on at least one occasion since overhearing this conversation and if he sees them again he will attempt to identify them through conversation with them. B7D

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