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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002) (RUC)

ReSJairtel to Bureau, 7/26/67.

The Bureau is requested to forward one copy of the enclosed LHM to Legats Mexico and Paris.

An information copy is being designated for the Miami Division in view of the fact that subject may return from his travel through that division.

Subject was observed at the residence on West 83rd Street, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] East Side Airlines Terminal, SAS [redacted] and [redacted] and at JFK International Airport by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

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The enclosed LHM is being classified ~~Confidential~~ as data from sources mentioned in the appendix could tend to disclose sources of continuing value and impair the future effectiveness thereof, such impairment could be detrimental to the national defense interests of the country.

New York, New York
August 2, 1967

Bufile 105-292
NYfile 105-3002

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Juan Mari Bras
Internal Security - Puerto Rican ~~Secret~~
Nationalist

Reference (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
memorandum, dated July 26, 1967, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

On July 26, 1967, SAS of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation (FBI) observed Juan Mari Bras and Julio *Puerto Rican*
Vives Vasquez depart the residence of Jose Antonio
Gonzalez Gonzalez, 25 West 83rd Street, New York, New York.

Juan Mari Bras is described in the attached *France*
characterization of the Movimiento Pro Independencia De
Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

Julio Vives Vasquez, *b7d*

[REDACTED] is an MPIPR national officer who is
very close to MPIPR Secretary General Juan Mari Bras.

Jose Antonio Gonzalez Gonzalez is self described
as the MPIPR delegate to the United Nations.

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Juan Mari Bras

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At approximately 10:00 AM on July 26, 1967, Mari Bras and Vives Vasquez met with Oscar Gutierrez of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations at 86th Street and Madison Avenue, New York, New York. *Gu*

Following the meeting with Gutierrez, Mari Bras and Vives Vasquez proceeded to the East Side Airlines Terminal, New York, New York, where they were observed at ticket counter of Air France. Both made reservations for Paris, France, on Air France, Flight 070, departing New York 7:00 PM, July 26, 1967. Mari Bras paid for one way economy class ticket by using Carte Blanche Credit Card Number 9493627799. Vives Vasquez paid for similiar accommodations in cash.

On July 26, 1967, SAS of the FBI at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, New York, observed Mari Bras and Vives Vasquez board Air France Flight Number 070, bound for Paris, France at 7:00 PM.

Sources mentioned above and in the attached appendix have furnished reliable information in the past.

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To: Director, FBI (105-292)

From: Legat, Mexico (105-3661) RUC

JUAN MARI ERAS

IS - PRN

ReBucab 7/27/67 captioned "LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION (LASO) CONFERENCE, HAVANA, CUBA, IS - CUBA."

The 8/1/67 issue of "Prensa Latina" (Cuban press agency) carried an article on page 9 dateline Prague, Czechoslovakia, 7/31/67, in which the subject, described as Secretary General of Movimiento PRO Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR - Puerto Rican Pro-Independence Movement), issued a statement in Prague stating that the MPIPR represents the fight for liberation from the fortress of imperialism in America. This article said the subject issued this statement prior to boarding his plane which would carry him to Havana, Cuba. He also stated that he was going to Cuba to attend the conference of LASO which he expected would contribute to the liberation of the continent. He also said that his mission to Cuba would serve also as a bridge for those who fight in the United States and those who fight in Latin America.

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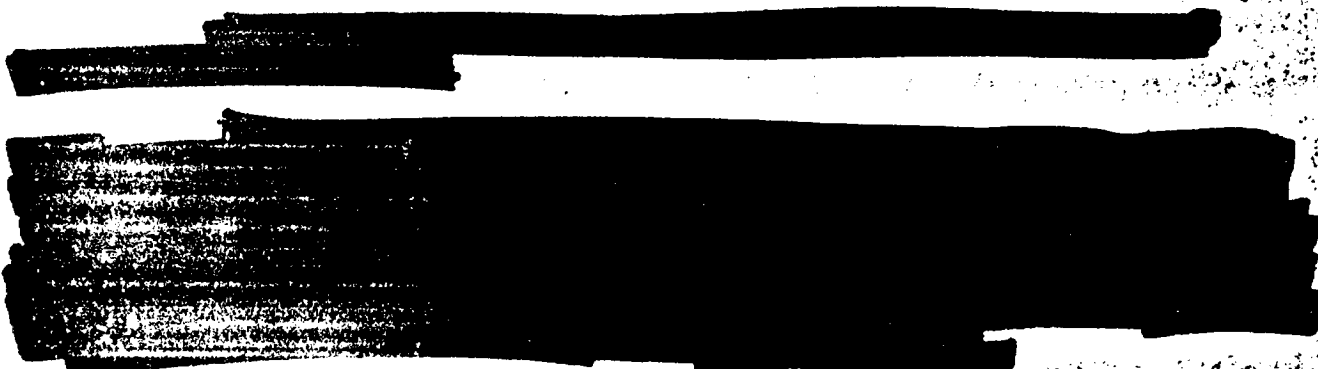
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The same issue of "Prensa Latina" carried an article concerning the LASO conference in Havana, Cuba, which stated that ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA was elected by acclamation as honorary president of the LASO conference in Havana, Cuba, and named some delegates to various countries in Latin America. This article related that the provisional delegate for Puerto Rico was LUIS VAZQUEZ.



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TO DIRECTOR (105-75715) - ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

AND NEW YORK (105-39139)

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON (ENCODED)

FROM SAN JUAN (105-3481)

MOVIMIENTO PRO- INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR); IS-PRM.

RE SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK,

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AND NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND SAN JUAN

ENTILED, "JUAN MARI BRAS; IS-PRM," JULY TWO SIX LAST.

REFERENCED NEW YORK TELETYPE REFLECTED DEPARTURE

FROM NEW YORK ON JULY TWO SIX LAST OF JUAN MARI BRAS AND

JULIO VIVES VAZQUEZ, PROBABLY AS MPIPR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE

LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE, HAVANA,

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SUBJECTS UPON RETURN TO PUERTO RICO.

NEW YORK REQUESTED ACCORDINGLY TO REMAIN ALERT
FOR ALL SUBJECTS' RETURN SO THAT SJO MAY BE ADVISED AND
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: 8/7/67

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FROM : Legat, Mexico (64-2713) P

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is an article published in the 8/5/67 issue of the magazine "Sucesos" which concerns the recent plebiscite held in Puerto Rico for translation at the Bureau. Also enclosed is a xerox copy of the same article for the San Juan Office.

REFERENCE

Remycab dated 7/20/67. CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-1 GSK/KH 5-22-80
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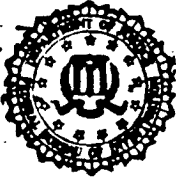
Bureau, at FBI Annex is requested to have enclosed article from the magazine "Sucesos" translated into English and the translation furnished to San Juan and Legat, Mexico.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 7, 1967

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

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The August 5, 1967, issue of the magazine "Succesos"
published in Mexico City, which is an anti-United States pro-
Cuban communist magazine, published an article entitled "Puerto
Rico, The Grand Fraud." The article was written and photographs
taken by one MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ. This article is a bitter

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

denuciation of the plebiscite recently held in Puerto Rico to determine whether Puerto Rico would become a state of the United States, remain an associated free state, or claim its independence. This article is highly critical of the United States and photographs which appear in the article are of slum areas which the article indicates is the general situation in Puerto Rico.

Apparently most of the information contained in the article was secured from JUAN MARI BRAS who is described as an honorable and valiant man who is firm in his convictions and is in charge of Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico.

A characterization of the MIPR

appears in the Appendix.

The July 25, 1967, daily newspaper "The News" published in Mexico City carried an article, headlined, "Leftist Group here Calls Puerto Rico Voting Fraud." The article is set out as follows:

"Puerto Rican voting, in favor of continued commonwealth status, is a fraud brought on by an inferiority complex driven into Puerto Ricans by the United States, said the Leftist International Human Rights Front here yesterday.

"This fraud cannot by any means be considered a democratic act," said the front in a press release.

"The front is a leftist group which frequently attacks the U.S. Government. Listed as its delegate in the United States is Reyes Tijerina, leader of a Mexican-American group in New Mexico which kidnapped officials recently in a drive to force recognition of old Spanish land grants.

"The people of Puerto Rico clamor for their independence," said the front.

"The voting results are invalid, the front charged, because Puerto Ricans who live in the United States were not allowed to vote. It is among the U.S. residents that pro-independence strength is highest, the front said.

"The front said that for decades, U.S.-run schools

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had subjected Puerto Rican students to 'a massive brainwashing' which exalted U.S. values and ran down Puerto Rican values.

"This produced, in consequence, a deep sense of insecurity and inferiority. Puerto Ricans thus voted like robots in favor of annexation," said the front."

The NPPR has been designated pursuant to E.O. 10450.

The published statutes of the PCM state
"The Communist Party of Mexico has as its final objectives to construct socialism and to build the Communist society in Mexico."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: 8/10/67

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

SUBJECT: *0* GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
(INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM)
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A Re San Juan airtel to Bureau, 4/11/67.

Instant file was opened specifically as a control file regarding the San Juan Office Intensification Program. This program concerned intensified coverage of 187 selected subjects whose backgrounds indicated they would logically be involved in any planned revolution or mass assassination attempt in connection with the Puerto Rican plebiscite on 7/23/67.

Inasmuch as the plebiscite was held as scheduled without major violence, this program is being discontinued and instant case is being closed in the SJO. Although all recipient offices should remain alert for any information indicating violence is planned by the Puerto Rican independentist element, any specific leads in connection with this program should be discontinued.

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Enclosed herewith are nine copies each of four
blind memoranda setting forth background data as requested
in referenced teletype regarding the following individuals:

A photograph of each of the above individuals is also enclosed.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/10/67

FROM : Legat, Mexico City

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SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two articles published in the 8/12/67 and 8/13/67 issues of the magazine "Sucesos" which concern interviews of the subject JUAN MARI BRAS. Also enclosed are xerox copies of these articles for the San Juan Office. The author of the articles, MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ, is the same author who wrote the article in the "Sucesos" magazine on 8/5/67, which was furnished to the Bureau and San Juan.

(2X3 trans.) Remyet and LEM dated 8/7/67 captioned "GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO, IS - PRN."

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It is noted these articles, which were printed in the pro-Cuban, anti-United States magazine "Sucesos," which is published in Mexico City, apparently were a continuing series of three articles in all; the first dealing with the Puerto Rican plebiscite and the second and third articles dealing with JUAN MARI BRAS' views on independence of Puerto Rico.

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The articles are a studied review of all the most sordid parts of Puerto Rican life and are high critical of the United States. In the 3/13/67 article JUAN MARI BRAS remarked that at the moment he was discounting armed rebellion to gain Puerto Rican independence and predicted the fall of imperialism throughout Latin America with the liberation of Puerto Rico first. Succeeding issues of the magazine "Sucesos" have printed no articles concerning JUAN MARI BRAS or Puerto Rico.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Bureau at FBI Annex is requested to have enclosed articles from the magazine "Sucesos" translated into English and the translation furnished to San Juan and Legat, Mexico.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

San Juan, Puerto Rico WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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August 16, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Director

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

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.
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 - (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.

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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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TO DIRECTOR (105-292) NEW YORK (105-3002) AND MIAMI
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FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785) (1P)

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN

AT FOUR FORTY AM INSTANT DATE [REDACTED]

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ONE WHICH ORIGINATED IN MADRID, SPAIN, AND TERMINATED AT
SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO, AT FOUR THIRTY AM THIS DATE.

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S RETURN TO PUERTO RICO, MIAMI
DIVISION MAY DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER
AND THE NEW YORK DIVISION REQUESTED TO REMAIN ALERT TO
ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE TO THAT DIVISION
REGARDING THE SUBJECT'S TRIP TO CUBA.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

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cc Mr. Dunn

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)
 FROM: *CD* SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)
 SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Re San Juan teletype to the Bureau and SACs
 Miami and New York, dated 8/16/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above suitable for dissemination.

Two copies of enclosed letterhead memorandum are being furnished to New York and one copy to Miami. Local dissemination is being made to NISO, 771st MI-Det, OSI, and Secret Service, San Juan.

The San Juan Office will continue to attempt to develop additional information regarding the travel of the subject to Havana, Cuba.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 1

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
August 16, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On August 16, 1967, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) San Juan International Airport advised that the subject arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 4:30 AM this date on Avianca Flight Number 071. According to INS MARI BRAS gave his resident address as Calle Tamezis 1502, El Paraíso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and was carrying United States Passport Number Z208501.

On August 16, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] San Juan International Airport, P.R., advised that the subject was a passenger on their flight number 071 which originated in Madrid, Spain, and terminated at International Airport, San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 4:30 AM on August 16, 1967.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

August 17, 1967

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

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

Enclosure(s) (1)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 17, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS;
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T-1 described JUAN MARI BRAS as having been born on December 2, 1927, in Puerto Rico; an attorney by occupation, and as residing at Tamesis 1502, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T-1 had no additional information to furnish regarding the above-captioned individuals at this time.

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Date: 8/17/67

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AIRMAIL

Via _____

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
IS-PRM

Re San Juan teletype to Bureau, 7/22/67.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of
an LHM setting forth information received from
[REDACTED] regarding pre-prebiscite
incidents.

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cc: airtel & LHM
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San Juan, Puerto Rico

August 17, 1967

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

[REDACTED] advised
the following incidents had occurred in connection with
the Puerto Rican plebiscite to be held July 23, 1967:

On the afternoon of July 21, 1967, material
to be used for construction of voting booths in Maya-
guez, Puerto Rico, was burned by unknown individuals.

On the evening of July 21, 1967, a school in
Humacao, Puerto Rico, was broken into by unknown
person or persons and voting booths set up therein to
be used in the plebiscite were destroyed. Some school
books were stolen also.

On the night of July 21, 1967, Central High
School, Santurce, Puerto Rico, one of the principal
voting places in metropolitan San Juan, Puerto Rico,
was broken into by unknown persons and approximately
forty-six voting booths were destroyed. ✓

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN

Re San Juan airtel, 8/16/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) and for New York and Atlanta one copy each of the LHM dated and captioned as above suitable for dissemination.

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

6-Bureau (RM) (Enc. 12)
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1-Atlanta [redacted] (Enc. 1) (RM)

5-San Juan (100-4785)

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(1-105-3401) (MPIPR)

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date 8/21/67
by [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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GEO Box ET
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
August 17, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

"The San Juan Star", a daily English language newspaper, published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contained an article in its August 17, 1967, entitled "MARI BRAS SHRUGS OFF TRAVEL BAN". This article is being set out in its entirety:

"Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) leader JUAN MARI BRAS, said yesterday that he probably will not appeal a U. S. State Department decision to revoke his passport."

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

"There are other ways of traveling besides holding a U. S. passport" MARI BRAS said in an interview.

"Besides, I have already traveled a great deal and there many others ready to travel."

MARI BRAS, who returned to the island early yesterday morning from Havana, via Madrid, said he has not yet been notified officially that his passport will be revoked.

"I still have it with me", he said, waiving the passport. "In fact, I got through the Immigration officials faster than ever. Sometimes they question me, but this time they didn't even do that," the MPIPR leader said.

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JUAN MARI BRAS

The State Department announced in Washington last week its decision to cancel MARI BRAS' passport after it was announced here that the MPIPR Secretary General was attending a meeting of the Organization of Latin American Solidarity (LASO) in Cuba.

The organization has been described by its members as a "revolutionary" group devoted to fighting "U. S. imperialism." in the hemisphere.

MARI BRAS also disclosed yesterday that another member of the Puerto Rican delegation, CARLOS PADILLA, will remain in Havana as the MPIPR permanent delegate before the Cuban Government and as a member of the Secretariat of the Organization of Solidarity of the People of Asia, Africa, and Latin America (OSFAAAL).

MARI BRAS declined to name the other Puerto Rican "independentistas" who traveled to Cuba. "The Puerto Rican Delegation was complete, that is all I can say", he said.

The MPIPR Secretary General added that he did not speak to NARCISO RABELL, former delegate of the movement in Cuba, while he was in Havana. "RABELL was either out of Havana, or not available to me", MARI BRAS said.

RABELL was dismissed from his post by the MPIPR leadership last month after he urged Puerto Ricans in a broadcast from Havana to demonstrate in the streets on the day of the status plebiscite. The MPIPR had urged Puerto Ricans to boycott the plebiscite, but had decided against demonstrations on July 23.

MARI BRAS said yesterday that he traveled to Cuba via New York, Paris, Prague, and Moscow. On his return trip he flew from Havana to Madrid and then on to San Juan.

His passport, MARI BRAS said, is not stamped as having been to Cuba.

The MPIPR leader said that the black power advocate STOKELY CARMICHAEL was still in Havana when MARI BRAS left for Madrid Monday night.

RE JUAN MARI BRAS

"I don't know what his plans are", said MARI BRAS when asked whether CARMICHAEL plans to return to the U. S. soon. The State Department has also announced its intention of revoking CARMICHAEL's passport for attending the Havana conference.

MARI BRAS said that CARMICHAEL had "an extraordinary reception" in Cuba. "He was named an honored delegate to the conference and was applauded greatly for his speech at the principal meeting."

The MFIPR leader said that the LASO conference "consolidates a common strategy for the struggle for national liberation on a continental scale."

Asked if there will be any major changes in the strategy used by the MFIPR as a result of the conference, MARI BRAS said:

"There will be no major changes since our strategy had already been mapped out years ago, but we may revise some of our tactics" as a result of the conference.

"We had visualized our struggle here in two separate phases - formal independence and national liberation", MARI BRAS said.

"Although the two had to occur simultaneously, some people had regarded them as taking place one after the other", the MFIPR leader added.

"Now there is no doubt that imperialism can be defeated in America in this century", he said.

The MFIPR leader acknowledged that his organization's involvement with revolutionary movements abroad, may tend to isolate it from "independentista" organizations here "in the short run", but added:

"In the long run, our position will prove to be correct. Our support right now among 'independentistas' proves that.

"Cheap political coalitions can be formed in Puerto

JUAN MARI ERAS

Rico without us, but no true independence front can afford to exclude us", MARI ERAS said. "This was proven by the anti-plebiscite concentration."

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIR)

The MPIR 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.

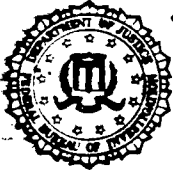
At the time the MPIR was organized it indicated that it did not advocate violence but would accept members who did. JUAN MARI BRAS, the founder and dominant leader of this organization, in a speech during March, 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States.

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Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in MPIR publications. In 1961, the MPIR adopted a resolution expressing 100 percent 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 MPIR has held numerous demonstrations protesting compulsory military service of Puerto Ricans and United States policy in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

In December, 1966, the Governor of Puerto Rico signed into law a bill calling for a plebiscite on July 23, 1967, to determine the future political status of Puerto Rico. The press reported that this plebiscite has been denounced vociferously by the MPIR as "an act of Yankee imperialism to maintain the colonial status of Puerto Rico." JUAN MARI BRAS stated that the MPIR had asked the Cuban Government for "militant solidarity with our struggle, in all international forums to which Red Cuba has access."



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Miami, Florida
August 24, 1967

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

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Date: 8/24/67

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Via _____
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM SAC, MIAMI (100-11766) (RUC)

RE JUAN MARI BRAS
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OO: SAN JUAN

Re teletype of San Juan to Bureau dated 8/16/67.

Transmitted herewith to the Bureau are 9 copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are furnished to San Juan, which is office of origin in this case, and one copy is furnished to New York for information.

Source concealed by T-symbol is identified as follows:

MM T-1 is [REDACTED]

Part of the information contained in instant LHM has already been reported to the Bureau in connection with the various LHMs which have been prepared in connection with the Miami file on the Latin American Solidarity Organization (LASO) held in Havana Cuba from July 31, through August 10, 1967. However, all of the important declarations by JUAN MARI BRAS are consolidated in instant LHM insofar as this office has been able to obtain these declarations and statements from Cuban radio and newspaper sources.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RAM)
- 1 - New York (105-3002) (Info) (Enc. 1) (RAM)
- 2 - San Juan (100-4785) (Enc. 2) (RAM)
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Local dissemination is being made to the 111th M.I. Group, Miami; OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.; and U.S. Secret Service, Miami.

There is no indication that subject has come to Miami or intends to visit Miami at any time in the near future and instant case is therefore being placed in an RUC status with this airtel and LHM.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-11766

Miami, Florida
August 24, 1967

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN
NATIONALIST

MM T-1 who is familiar with many aspects of pro and anti-Castro activities and who [REDACTED] has furnished the following information in connection with coverage of the first conference of the Latin American Solidarity Organization (LASO) held in Havana, Cuba, from July 31, through August 10, 1967.

On August 3, 1967, he stated that Radio Rebelde, a Havana station under the control and direction of the Cuban Government, had broadcast on July 31, 1967, that Juan Mari Bras, described as Secretary General of the Pro-Independence Movement in Puerto Rico, had declared at Prague, Czechoslovakia, that the organization which he directs represents the fight in Latin American for liberation within the fortress of imperialism. He declared his organization was more interested than any other in putting into effect a common strategy for the liberation of Latin America. He further declared he would be happy and proud to be the intermediary between the Latin American revolutionaries and the Negro people of the United States. He terminated by stating he would attend the LASO Conference for the purpose of "incorporating our readiness to fight along with the other Latin American peoples for the liberation of the continent".

105-272-29

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

PUBLICITY GIVEN JUAN MARI BRAS

MM T-1 stated that STOKELY CARMICHAEL, allegedly representing the Student Committee for Non-Violent Action, and two or three other Negroes from the United States, and Juan Mari Bras from Puerto Rico had received a majority of the space on Cuban radio and in the Cuban press while attending the LASO Conference and all of the publicity had been directed towards creating the impression that the Puerto Rican revolutionaries felt their cause to be closely united to that of the American Negro.

MM T-1 stated that Juan Mari Bras held a press conference on August 4, 1967, at the Hotel Havana Libre (former Havana Hilton) and stated as follows:

"He stated that the plebiscite recently held in Puerto Rico was organized by the government of Munoz Marin, under the mandate of the United States, for the purpose of showing that the Puerto Ricans want an associated state. Mari Bras added that the United States entered Puerto Rico by force, without elections, and they will have to leave without elections. Mari Bras did not participate in the elections, nor will he participate in any election organized by the American imperialists. The students are in the front line to fight for independence in their countries. As an example, they are resisting military service. Thousands of young men are refusing to serve in the United States armed forces, in spite of the threat of 5 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.00.

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

"Mari Bras went on to state that the recent pact signed by the Puerto Rican Independence Movement and the Committee for Non-Violent Action, led by Stokely Carmichael, will effect the common battle of Negroes and Puerto Ricans in New York City, where they both oppose the United States imperialist structure. Joint action in Harlem, where Negroes and Puerto Ricans fight in the streets, has brought about an alliance which will continue to become stronger, so that both can fight for freedom."

MM T-1 stated it is possible that after the LASO Conference, disorder will increase throughout the world, especially in America. No opinion can yet be given on Carmichael's statements that he would burn and destroy property.

Mari Bras stated that the Puerto Rican Independence Movement is delighted to participate in common activities to be carried out throughout Latin America. Mari Bras stated that the Puerto Ricans support the Negroes in their battle for their rights in the United States. He denounced the participation of 30,000 Cuban counterrevolutionaries in repression of the Puerto Rican people.

Later, Juan Mari Bras, President of the Puerto Rican delegation, stated that his people supported the men fighting in Bolivia, Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia, and other nations where the guerrillas are fighting against the imperialists.

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57 AUG 31 1967 Special Agent In Charge

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

On August 9, 1967, MM T-1 reported on the results of some of the work committees of the LASO Conference and furnished quotations from various delegates in Latin America who attended the conference. He furnished the following quotation from Juan Mari Bras of Puerto Rico:

He said that the fighters for the independence of Puerto Rico are ready to offer those who have started the armed fight the solidarity which they require. He said that the best way to express solidarity is by fighting for independence on one's native soil. He denounced the situation of Puerto Rico under United States colonialism.

On August 10, 1967, MM T-1 noted that "El Mundo", an afternoon newspaper published in Havana, Cuba, under the direction and control of the Castro Government, referred to Juan Mari Bras as the most outstanding figure at the LASO Conference. "El Mundo" writers proclaimed with pride that "We met him shortly after his arrival in Havana...". The following are excerpts from statements made by Juan Mari Bras to "El Mundo".

"We renounced the election fight some time ago, and we believe that every argument and distinction between armed fighting and every other type of fighting is deceptive. Revolutionary violence should oppose Yankee violence, as was clearly established in the Second Declaration of Havana. The general way to fight in Latin America is by means of arms."

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Excerpts of Mari Bras
to El Mundo

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

The independentist leader continued, "Puerto Rico is a military fortress of the United States and an economic and colonial fortress. Puerto Rico's fight, therefore, has to be visualized as part of the whole fight in America, whose focus of liberation is Cuba, and whose focus of counterrevolution and enslavement is Puerto Rico. Therefore, the fight is taking place in a situation which we did not choose, but which was made for us. This is the way that Puerto Rico can be incorporated in the Latin American struggle, by dealing a blow to imperialism inside its fortress, as a fundamental objective. In all times, we have had to deal blows to those whom it has been necessary to fight inside the imperialist fortresses."

Mari Bras continued: "Our position is to unite in order to give the proper assistance to a common strategy with an effective solidarity where armed confrontations are taking place with the guerrilla forces which are weakening imperialism. In our country we are organizing the people for an ever-increasing resistance. For example, at this time we are resisting military service which is forced upon us by the United States. Our youth are refusing en masse to enter the United States Army."

He then spoke to us about the fight against racial discrimination: "For some months, we have established a reciprocal solidarity between the movement which Carmichael represents in the struggle of the Negro people of the United States and the people of Puerto Rico who are for national independence, especially the Puerto Ricans who are living in the United States, who are subjected to the same prejudices and discrimination as the Negroes. As Carmichael said this morning, recently the Puerto Ricans and the Negroes joined together for the first time in protest demonstrations in Harlem, New York. A third of our population (one million) is living in New York and other big cities of the United States."

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

In conclusion, he said: "We support the revolutionary policy of the Cuban government, the party and the people, and we have repeatedly shown our solidarity with their fight. At the same time, we have always received solidarity from Cuba for our fight for independence."

MM T-1 advised on August 23, 1967, that he had no information indicating that Juan Mari Bras intended to come to or pass through Miami, Florida.

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

Miami, Florida
August 24, 1967

Title JUAN MARI BRAS

Character INTERNAL SECURITY -
Reference PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

memorandum dated and captioned
as above at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FBI

Date: 8/29/67

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Via AIRTEL

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

From: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) Sub. I

Subject: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
Counterintelligence Program
(Subversive Control Section)
IS-PRH

Re: Buairtel dated 7/5/67

On 7/25/67, [redacted], a member of the Movimiento Pro Independencia Puertorriquena (MPIPR) was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI in Ponce, Puerto Rico. [redacted] among other things, indicated that he wished to report "a terrible threat to the MPIPR".

[redacted] displayed a sheet of yellow, letter sized paper on which was imprinted a characterization of a threat to the Ponce Mission. Three figures appear one standing in the doorway of the "Mision 21 de Marzo". The second figure stands outside the doorway brandishing a machete with a label bearing what appears to be Chinese characters. The third figure cowers behind the second. A caption in Spanish says "you have two weeks to prove or retract your statement that [redacted] is a coward." According to [redacted] the character in the doorway is [redacted]. The person with the machete is a member of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (LSP) (name not known) who came to the Mission during May, 1967, and threatened [redacted] concerning a statement made by [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] of the LSP, is a coward. The third figure appears to be [redacted].

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1-San Juan (105-3353)

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Special Agent in Charge

SEP 11 1967

said he had received this paper through the mail on July 24, 1967. He believed it to be a threat to [redacted] and to the 21st of March Mission. He believed the lampoon had been prepared by and distributed by the LSP in Ponce. [redacted] said he is not a communist but said that the LSP follows the Communist Chinese line. [redacted] did not know whether or not other members of the MPIPR had received copies of the lampoon but stated he intended to present his copy at the MPIPR meeting next Wednesday, July 26, 1967, and ask for action against the LSP. U

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[redacted] again on 8/2/67 reported that the same cartoon was generating distrust and confusion among MPIPR and Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (LSP) members in Ponce, Puerto Rico and that several such members believed that their groups had been infiltrated by "agents". U

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: 8/30/67

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT:

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/30/67 and Bureau
airtel to San Juan and New York, 7/15/67.

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At the present time the NYO is considering no further counterintelligence letters until such time as additional information is received which would indicate that some benefit would accrue to the Bureau. △

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APPENDIX

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SECRET

NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
- NEW YORK JUNTA

On May 13, 1963, a source furnished the following information:

The New York Junta (or New York Municipal Board) of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) was formed in 1943. Since its inception, the New York Junta was supposed to operate under the control and direction of the NPPR National Board, located in San Juan, Puerto Rico; however, on occasions, this did not work out in practice.

On May 8, 1967, a second source furnished the following information:

The New York Junta has approximately ten active members, but there are approximately 50 individuals in the New York City area who consider themselves Nationalists "at heart" and can be counted upon to attend New York Junta sponsored public functions.

The New York Junta has the same aims and purposes as the NPPR parent organization, which are to establish Puerto Rico as a free and sovereign republic. The NPPR has proved by past terrorist acts that the use of violence to achieve its goal would be condoned.

The NPPR has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

New York Junta activity consists primarily of promoting the cause of independence through sponsoring and participating in public demonstrations and commemorating specific past events, having significance to the Puerto Rican independence movement.

The New York Junta has no headquarters and its meetings are held at the residences of the members. It elects its own officers and is generally autonomous in NPPR affairs in the New York City area.

SECRET

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: 8/30/67

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

Attention Photo Lab

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
IS-PRN
(OO-SJ)

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5-22-80 BY SP-1 GSK/ld

Enclosed for the Bureau are three rolls of Kodacolor-X film for processing.

It is requested that two copies be made of the two containers so marked and one copy made of the third container.

The prints and negatives are to be returned to the San Juan Office.

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SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

September 18, 1967

Director, FBI (105-66754)

**GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
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DATE 5-22-80 BY SP-1 [signature]

Reference is made to your communication dated 8/30/67 transmitting
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

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☐ positive copy made
☐ print(s) made
☐ slide(s) made
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The above is ☒ attached
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☐ REA Express

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