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Date: 12/6/67

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Via _____

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub-1) (P)

SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) *See 100*
INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Re Bureau airtel, 11/24/67. ✓

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following
listed items:

1. Letter dated 11/6/67, bearing letterhead "Comite Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriquena", soliciting membership and/or financial support in said organization.
2. One xerox copy of aforementioned letter, substituting in the body, in Spanish (English translation attached) wording considered appropriate to San Juan's counterintelligence proposal.

C. C. - Bishop For information Bureau, SIXTO ALVELO RODRIGUEZ (Bufiles: 105-147298 and 25-518228) was reclassified from I-A to III-A (fatherhood) by LB 5, Aibonito, Puerto Rico, on 10/18/67. A closing report, under SSA, 1948, was forwarded to the Bureau on 12/4/67, containing this information

3-Bureau (Enc. 2) **ENCLOSURE**
1-New York (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
2-San Juan

(1- 105-7706)

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

ed: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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RACIAL INT. SECT.

It is to be noted the Comite Alvelo, until recently, called themselves the "Comite Pro Defensa SIXTO ALVELO". Items previously forwarded the Bureau along with the proposal in question referred to that name. Since the Comite has officially changed their name to the "Comite Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriquena" any material prepared by the Bureau in connection with this proposal should carry the new name.

Since ALVELO's Selective Service delinquency has been resolved, the Bureau is requested to reconsider adopting San Juan's proposal, using as an example enclosure item (2).

Information copy New York, along with one xerox copy item (2).

~~ALVELO COMMITTEE~~

~~FOR DEFENSE OF THE PUERTO RICAN YOUTH~~

Sixto Alvelo, symbol of our youth struggle against compulsory military service has requested and been granted by his draft board a reclassification to avoid the trials and embarrassment he would have had to bear by again being called for induction into the military service.

We have recently learned that this action on the part of Alvelo was done on the advice and consent of his attorney Juan Mari Bras, championed leader of the MPI.

By their actions Mari Bras and Alvelo have created confusion in the minds of our youths who have for so long respected Alvelo for his struggle to resist compulsory military service.

A question of principle is involved since it appears that Alvelo and Mari Bras in actual fact do recognize the authority of the United States Government in Puerto Rico, while at the same time publicly denounce it. Since all loyal advocates of Puerto Rico's independence have called upon our youths to follow Alvelo's example it seems Mari Bras and Alvelo now wish our youths to follow them in promoting a more cooperative attitude in matters involving Selective Service.

This action on the part of Mari Bras and Alvelo can only be looked upon as being an act of cowardice and a betrayal of the cause for which our committee has so loyally dedicated itself; to free Puerto Rican youths from the imperialistic demands of the United States.

We, members of the Alvelo Committee For Defense of the Puerto Rican Youth, denounce the action taken by Alvelo and Mari Bras to free themselves of their responsibilities to our youth. We again call upon the people of Puerto Rico to unite behind the efforts of this committee, and not follow

the indecisive leadership of Mari Bras.

REMEMBER: ~~FOR QUESTIONS INVOLVING YOUR RIGHTS, CONTACT~~

~~Comite Alvelo~~
~~Box 1438~~
~~San Juan de PR 00936~~

Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriqueña

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DR. RAUL YUMET

6 de noviembre de 1967

Distiguído amigo y compatriota,

Nos honramos en invitarlo a hacerse miembro, si aun no lo es, del Comité Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud Puertorriqueña, organización sucesora del Comité Pro Defensa de Sixto Alvelo. Recordamos asimismo, encarecidamente, a los antiguos miembros la necesidad de su apoyo moral y de su contribución material.

Este Comité ha asumido la responsabilidad de continuar velando por la defensa de los jóvenes puertorriqueños acusados ante la Corte Federal por una alegada violación a la ley del Servicio Militar Obligatorio; estos casos trascienden los límites partidistas o de agrupación pues en ello está en juego la vida misma de nuestra juventud.

Después del triunfo obtenido con el archivo del caso de Sixto Alvelo y de sus compañeros, han surgido nuevas acusaciones a otros jóvenes, al concretarse un cambio táctico de las autoridades federales. Durante el mes de octubre de este año comenzaron a discutirse en la corte las primeras mociones pertinentes a los nuevos casos.

La defensa en los tribunales es muy costosa. Se han contratado los servicios del mismo bufete de abogados norteamericanos que defendió a Sixto Alvelo, el de Rabenowitz y Boudin de Nueva York, que se especializa en derechos civiles, políticos y constitucionales ante las cortes federales de los Estados Unidos. Este bufete lleva la representación, junto con los abogados puertorriqueños que han servido gratuita y espontáneamente en el caso Alvelo, y aquellos otros abogados que de igual forma se han integrado a la defensa.

Además de pagar los honorarios de los abogados norteamericanos, hay que sufragar los costos de una campaña de orientación por toda la isla. Esta campaña es de extraordinaria importancia por cuanto la defensa plantea una serie de cuestiones fundamentales a la judicatura federal las cuales con toda probabilidad sentarán precedentes en lo que respecta a sujeción de los puertorriqueños a las leyes del Servicio Militar Obligatorio.

Cada puertorriqueño debiera conocer estos casos porque simbolizan a millares que han pasado y siguen pasando por igual encrucijada de violar sus conciencias o sufrir cinco años de prisión. Entonces el espíritu cívico de nuestro pueblo comprenderá la gravedad de la situación por la que atraviesa la juventud en su lucha denodada contra el tributo de sangre que se nos impone tiránicamente.

Todos debemos saber que en el mundo moderno no hay otra metrópoli que imponga a sus territorios o colonias el Servicio Militar Obligatorio. Durante el régimen español nunca nos sometió a esta iniquidad. Nos toca hoy ser la excepción.

La aportación económica que ahora se haga equivale a una ayuda para la defensa de los jóvenes de edad militar que podamos tener en nuestra propia familia. Sitúese usted por un momento en la posición de padre, o madre, o esposa, o familiar de uno de estos jóvenes. Así podrá comprender mejor el dolor y la angustia que se encierra en cada uno de estos casos.

Sabemos que usted querrá compartir con nosotros la responsabilidad que nos hemos impuesto de que se haga justicia y se respete el derecho de conciencia. Gracias anticipadas por su contribución.

Cordialmente,

Viri Fernández de Seville
Presidenta

Gerardo Marrero Ríos
Vicepresidenta

Eve Scott
Secretaria

Carmen Vázquez Ace
Subsecretaria

Rafael Marrero Cádiz
Tesorero

12/8/67

Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan
From: Director, FBI

JUAN MARI BRAS;
NORMAN PIETRI
SSA

Reference Bureau airtel 11/3/67, captioned, [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] San Juan file 105-8145. 25-556076-7

Bureau is in receipt of San Juan report of SA [REDACTED] 11/22/67. A report concerning Juan Mari Bras and a report concerning Norman Pietri, concerning counseling or otherwise hindering or interfering with Selective Service Act or persons reporting for induction, should be submitted. Report should include the statements of [REDACTED] which are included in referenced report. b7C

If investigation has not already developed information concerning whether [REDACTED] sought the advice of Bras and Pietri for legal advice, this should be determined. [REDACTED] advised he received instructions from Bras and Pietri concerning what actions he should take when reporting for induction. It is essential to establish from [REDACTED] and other individuals counseled, as to whether they had decided not to submit to induction prior to counseling by Bras and Pietri and then sought legal advice from the attorneys, or whether they were counseled by these attorneys to refuse induction independently of what could be construed as legal advice. 25-564820-1

REC-24

Advise by return airtel status of counseling investigation concerning Bras and Pietri and results of interviews with the eight individuals whose names were furnished by [REDACTED] as having received the same instructions from Bras and Pietri, as he did. b7C b7D

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Airtel to San Juan
Re: Juan Mari Bras

**Also advise results of United States Attorney's
consultation with the Department concerning possible prosecutive
action of Bras and Pietri.**

FBI

Date: 12/12/67

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN

NORMAN PIETRI
SSA, 1948

SJ 25-15272

JUAN MARI BRAS
SSA, 1948
SJ 25-24135

Re Bureau airtel to San Juan dated 12/8/67
and report of SA [redacted] dated 11/22/67
at San Juan, entitled, [redacted]
(San Juan Files 25-23645 and 105-8145, Bufiles 25-556076
and 105-149712) (C).

Enclosed for the Columbia Division are two
copies each of referenced airtel and report.

Eight other persons mentioned by [redacted] in
rerep are identified as follows:

SUBJECT	SJ Files	Bufiles
[redacted]	25-23761 105-8322	105-162439
[redacted]	25-23644 105-10220	25-55647 105-172693
[redacted]	25-23656 105-10078	25-558630

6 - Bureau
2 - Columbia (Enc. 4) (RM)
2 - San Juan (1 - 25-15272)
 (1 - 25-24139)

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Approved:

Agent in Charge

Sent

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SUBJECT

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[REDACTED]

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105-9737

25-553510

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[REDACTED]

25-23693
105-9426

25-558070
105-165851

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25-23526
105-9990

25-556153

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[REDACTED]

25-23659
105-10040

25-556811

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[REDACTED]

25-23509

25-555474

No interviews have been conducted to date due to the fact that all eight persons are pending prosecution in U. S. District Court and such interviews might tend to embarrass the Bureau at this time. It should be noted that these persons' case has not only been heralded by JUAN MARI BRAS and NORMAN PIETRI, but also the American Civil Liberties Union.

On 12/11/67 Mr. BLAS C. HERRERO, AUSA at San Juan, advised that due to delicate nature of this investigation, MARSHALL T. GOLDING, Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, Appellate Division, hand carried to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., AUSA CHARLES FIGUEROA's request for review and opinion regarding counseling or otherwise hindering or interfering with SSA or persons reporting for induction on the part of JUAN MARI BRAS and NORMAN PIETRI. To date, no answer has been received.

If Bureau authority is granted, eight above-mentioned persons will be interviewed. San Juan will await Bureau decision.

Department
Contacted - no
interviews
desired per
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SJ 25-15272

LEAD:

THE COLUMBIA DIVISION

[REDACTED] Will locate and interview [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] and determine whether or not he had decided to
not submit to induction prior to counseling by MARI BRAS
and PIETRI and then sought legal advice from the attorneys;
or, whether he was counseled by these attorneys and
refused induction independently of what could be construed
as legal advice.

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contra Comitê
Alvado,

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12/15/67

Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)

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Director, FBI (105-93124)-242

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 (RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
 INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reurairtel 12/6/67. ✓

Your proposal has been carefully considered. Though we are most anxious to disrupt the activities of Juan Mari Bras and Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), the proposal has a bearing on your Selective Service work. If the letter was mailed and finds support from those receiving it or from those who would hear about its contents, it would in effect encourage continued opposition to Selective Service laws and thus would create additional work for your office in the Selective Service field. Though the letter might cause some individuals to follow the example of Sixto Alvelo and comply with Selective Service requirements, the Bureau feels that there is a much greater chance that the letter would find support and, as mentioned above, encourage opposition to Selective Service laws. Accordingly, your request on this matter is not being authorized.

Your continuing interest in the submission of counter-intelligence proposals is appreciated by the Bureau.

1 - New York

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NOTE: For reasons set forth in above airtel, it is believed that we should not authorize the mailing of the proposed letter.

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COMM - FBI

December 22, 1967

**NORMAN PIETRI
JUAN MARI BRAS
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT**

[REDACTED] advising he had been counseled by Norman Pietri and Juan Mari Bras in connection with his refusing to report for induction. He furnished the identities of eight other individuals who were also counseled. [REDACTED]

On December 21, 1967, Special Agent [REDACTED] of this Bureau, discussed the investigation of Pietri and Bras with [REDACTED] of the Department of Justice. [REDACTED] advised that due to the pending prosecution of the above eight individuals, interview with them should be held in abeyance pending prosecutive action.

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An original and one sent to [REDACTED] Criminal Division, by 0-6 routing slip.

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Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan (25-15272)

From: Director, FBI

NORMAN PIETRI
JUAN MARI BRAS
SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

Reference your airtel 12-12-67.

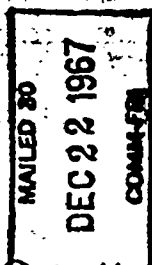
The Department has advised they do not desire
interview of the eight persons whose names were furnished
by [redacted] counseled by Pietri and Bras to refuse induction
into military service. The Department desires that
interview with these eight individuals be held in abeyance
because of the pending prosecution of these individuals.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

12/28/67

SAC, SAN JUAN (157-56)(Sub 1)

RABBLE ROUSER INDEX
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

Re SAC letter 67-70 dated 11/28/67.

Enclosed are an original and four copies of eleven separate writings re individuals being recommended for inclusion on captioned index.

The below-listed individuals who reside within the San Juan Division are being recommended for inclusion on captioned index under the expanded criteria:


JUAN MARTINEZ

② Bureau (Enc. 55) (RM)
1-San Juan
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(3)

ENCLOSURE

NOT RECORDED
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RABBLE ROUSER INDEX

NAME **JUAN MARI ERAS**

SEX **Male**

ALIASES

RACE **White**

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

December 2, 1927

NATIONALITY

American

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION

**Movimiento Pro-independencia de Puerto Rico
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)**

POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Secretary General

DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

HAIR

EYES

DISTINGUISHING
CHARACTERISTICS

5' 7"

165

**Black,
greying**

Brown

Heavy mustache

FBI #

OTHER IDENT #

RESIDENCE

**1502 Calle Temesis
Urbanization El Paraiso, Rio
Piedras, Puerto Rico**

BUSINESS ADDRESS

**Self-employed attorney
559 Barbosa Avenue
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico**

SUCCINCT RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

JUAN MARI ERAS is the founder and dominant leader of the MPIPR, an organization which has an estimated membership of between 1,000 and 1,300 people throughout the island of Puerto Rico and in New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and Buffalo, New York.

In a speech during March, 1964, he threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States.

BU FILE # 105-292

FIELD OFFICE FILE #105-4783

SUBMITTING OFFICE SAN JUAN

105-292-
ENCLOSURE

SJ 105-4783

MARI BRAS, on a regular basis vociferously denounces the policy of the United States in Vietnam, exhorts the youth of Puerto Rico to repudiate and openly voice their opposition to the Selective Service Law and has organized numerous demonstrations to protest same.

- In addition MARI BRAS, has stated that the MPIPR has asked the Cuban Government for "militant solidarity without struggle, in all international forums to which Red Cuba has access."