

Mari Bras Given Hero's Welcome

By TOMAS STELLA

Juan Mari Bras, secretary-general of the Pro Independence Movement, received a hero's welcome as he returned to the island yesterday following a vote by the United Nations Special Anti-Colonialism Committee endorsing Puerto Rican independence.

At a meeting of the committee Friday, the Afro-Asian nations defeated by a vote of 7 to 16 a proposal by the United States to remove Puerto Rico from the list of countries included in a resolution drafted by the conference of nonaligned nations at Cairo, calling for the independence of all dependent territories.

Mari Bras, who has spent the last two weeks in New York trying to secure the endorsement of

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Puerto Rican independence by the committee, said in a press conference that "this vote will exert growing pressure on the United States to grant Puerto Rico's independence."

Vote Is Answer

"This vote is the answer," the P.I.M. leader added, "to all those who maintain that the U.N. had closed its doors to the Puerto Rican case" when it ruled, in 1953, that Puerto Rico was no longer a territory.

Three hundred faithful independentistas yesterday waited restlessly on the airport observation deck for the plane carrying Mari Bras to arrive. Although the flight was delayed for over half-an-hour, the P.I.M. members kept busy shouting slogans for Puerto Rican independence and waving Puerto Rican flags.

When the plane landed Mari Bras's followers greeted him with so vigorous a welcome that many of the tourists disembarking from the same aircraft seemed at a loss to understand what was happening.

A rousing chant of "Jibaro Si, Yanqui No" filled the air as soon as Mari Bras left the plane, and the crowd assembled on the observation deck soon joined their leader in a parade down one of the corridors of the airport, singing the Puerto Rican national anthem and shouting "Viva Mari Bras" and "Viva Albizu Campos!"

In spite of the noisy welcome, Mari Bras managed to hold an impromptu press conference in which he referred to the U.N. vote as "a decisive step in the struggle for Puerto Rican independence."

The P.I.M. leader said that the committee's vote now opens the way for a discussion of the Puerto Rican case before the U.N. General Assembly.

"The Pro Independence Movement, and any other groups of individuals interested in the case of Puerto Rico, can now appear before the committee as petitioners to express their views regarding colonialism here," Mari Bras said.

The P.I.M. leader added that he and other officials of the movement may return to New York soon to present the committee with a request for hearings on Puerto Rican independence.

"This has not just been an incidental victory," the triumphant Mari Bras said, "but the culmination of the work we have been carrying out at the U.N. since 1960."

"We always knew that we had the majority of the committee on our side, but we needed the initiative provided by the resolution approved at Cairo."

"This resolution," Mari Bras added, "in fact made 46 countries sponsors of the resolution calling for Puerto Rican independence."

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Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 4/9/65

TO :
 FROM :
 SUBJECT:

SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872) (P*)

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

ReNYlet, 10/9/64.

A review of the files of the NYO, pertaining to the Puerto Rican independence movement, has been made for the purpose of developing counterintelligence measures against this movement.

The principal organizations in NY are the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR), the Movimiento Libertador de Puerto Rico (MLPR), and the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI). The factional struggle within the NPPR is presently dormant but could erupt at any time as the faction in power at the present time continues to attempt to prevent [redacted] and his supporters from having a voice vote in the NY Junta. [redacted] of the MLPR, is presently on parole from incarceration and is relatively inactive because he fears activity by him will cause his parole to be revoked. The factional struggle within the MPI in NY was temporarily settled by [redacted], Secretary General of the MPI, in November, 1964, with the removal of [redacted] as Director of the MPI New York Mission. [redacted] was appointed by [redacted] as temporary Director of the New York Mission; however, she has been ineffective and her leadership has been criticized by some MPI members in NY. A permanent set of officers of the New York Mission will not be elected until late April, 1965.

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Informants have reported that feelings of suspicion, jealousy, and constant bickering between leaders of the organizations in NY has continued, causing a notable lack of cooperation. There has been some cooperation between the NEPR and the MPI but only for public commemorative meetings. It is felt that no counterintelligence measures could be more disruptive at the present time than the mutual suspicion among pro-independence leaders in NY.

Of course, the NYO will remain alert to any situation whereby logical counterintelligence measures could be safely taken if deemed necessary and advisable to further disrupt the Puerto Rican pro-independent groups in NY.

In view of the above, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for the present.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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ATTENTION: PERSONNEL SECTION

SAC, SAN JUAN

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
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(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMENDATION

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In the fall of this year the Secretary-General of this organization in the group's weekly letter to its members, ordered that MPIPR members should not take part in independence activities or demonstrations of other independence groups without the approval of MPIPR headquarters.

Immediately prior to the issuance of these instructions by the MPIPR leadership, an official of the Puerto Rico Anti-Colonialist Congress, a prominent attorney, announced a pro-independence demonstration to be held in the San Juan area to which all independentists were invited.

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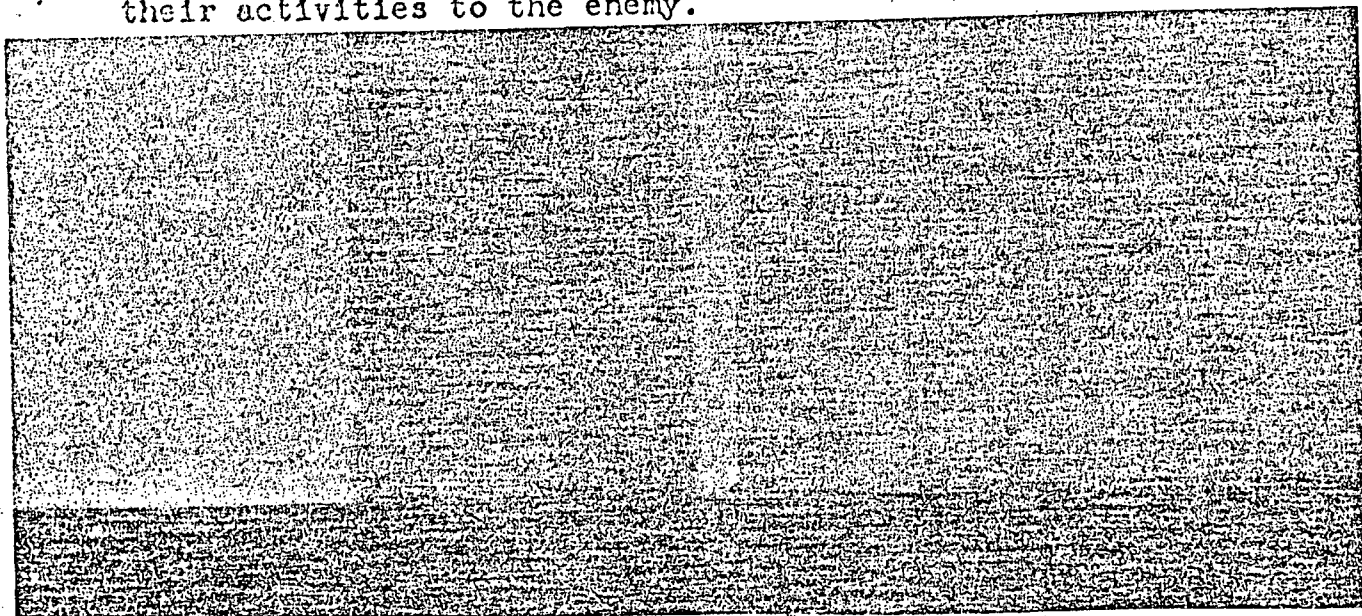
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Another MPIPR leader writing in their weekly letter commented in a guarded way that the MPIPR was going to be more circumspect in discussing its activities before the United Nations since they did not wish to advertise their activities to the enemy.



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[REDACTED] declared that there were strong indications the MIPR was attempting to destroy the Anti-Colonialist Congress.

It is clear from the above that the leaflet has struck the MIPR faithful, particularly at the leadership level, with dismay and has served to disrupt them and prevent them from joining forces with the Anti-Colonialist Congress. Both of these groups are anti-United States and our leaflet has sharply reduced any progress they might have toward unity.

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In short, the average Puerto Rican, while admittedly proud of his Spanish heritage, makes little effort to claim pure Caucasian ancestry.

With the above in mind, it appears to the SJO that although the counterintelligence measure suggested by the New York Office quite probably would achieve desirable results with regard to [redacted] himself, the likelihood of advancing MPIPR aims directly outweighs the benefits derived in the expulsion of [redacted] from the New York Mission, since the article in question is basically and fundamentally anti-U. S. and would be accepted as such by the rank and file MPIPR membership.

The attention of the Bureau and New York is drawn to the addendum at the bottom of Page 213 of "Soulbook" above, immediately following the end of the English version of the article in question, wherein an excerpt from "The Life and Struggles of Negro Toilers" by GEORGE PADMORE is quoted to the effect that in spite of declarations to the contrary, negroes of the Latin American Republics do not enjoy an economic, social and political equality in those Republics.

The New York Office might consider the possibility of a propaganda leaflet directed both at the New York MPIPR Mission members and to chosen individuals among the Black Nationalist groups in New York City, ostensibly written by an anonymous member of the New York Mission, in which attention would be drawn to the fact that although "Soulbook" Volume 1, No. 3, carried an article supporting Puerto Rican independence, the very fact that the article was immediately followed by the above-mentioned addendum, suggests that the black Nationalist movement does not truly support Puerto Rican independence because it accuses Latins of hypocritically practicing racial discrimination.

Possibly, the above outlined leaflet would prove effective in creating a greater rift between the MPIPR in New York and the black Nationalist movement, thus

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 12/29/65

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

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

Re New York airtel to the Bureau, 11/30/65; Bureau letter to New York, 12/29/65.

The article written by [REDACTED], of the New York Mission of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) which appeared in "Soulbook", Volume 1, No. 3, has been carefully reviewed by the San Juan Office (SJO) and the following conclusions have been reached:

1. Although the article was released without prior approval by MPIPR leadership it, in general, follows throughout the basic policy and guide lines already established by the MPIPR with reference to published propaganda. Indeed, the statistics quoted in the article referring to prostitution and drug addiction are almost identical to figures published in the past in the MPIPR organ "Claridad".

The statements regarding the testing of nuclear weapons and experiments on political prisoners have also been prominent in MPIPR propaganda in Puerto Rico.

2. With reference to Point No. 3 of New York's suggested cover letter wherein PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS' negro ancestry is mentioned, it should be noted that while racial prejudice does exist to a degree among the upper social classes in Puerto Rico, the vast majority of Puerto Ricans, principally due to their poor socio-economic background, have a very liberal approach to the race question.

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negating the measure of unity achieved between the two groups when black Nationalist leader [REDACTED] spoke at the MPIPR youth conference in May, 1965 in Puerto Rico.

The above leaflet would necessarily be prepared in both English and Spanish to properly reach the rank and file membership of both the MPIPR and the black Nationalists, however, the total number of leaflets required would not be large (probably not more than 100) and cost and problems of the measure would be minimal.

In the event the New York Office feels the above suggestion warrants further consideration it should make appropriate recommendations to the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 12/14/65

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

SUBJECT:

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

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Re SJlet, 9/30/65, and Buairtel, 10/5/65.

The Spanish language leaflet proposed in relet and authorized in reairtel was mailed under secure conditions at Bayamon, Rio Piedras and Caguas, PR.

Reaction to the leaflet had a positive counterintelligence effect on the operations of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), as follows:

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In the October 20 issue of "Carta Semanal," the official organ of the MPIPR, Professor MANRIQUE CABRERA, the Director General of the MPIPR, states in his article that the reason that the MPIPR has let "others do the talking" about the efforts to bring the question of the MPIPR before the UN is because they did not wish to ruin their immediate objective by letting their enemies know of the status of their progress. P.R.

On 10/20/65, [REDACTED] advised that the MPIPR leadership was again voicing its concern over where the authors of the Grupo Pro Uso Voto had obtained the names and addresses of the membership and were cautioning that the organization had been penetrated. Concerned members are wondering whether someone has access to the official mailing list.

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San Juan Office Analysis of the Above

The San Juan Office feels that results achieved by

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the leaflet exceeded expectations, as shown below:

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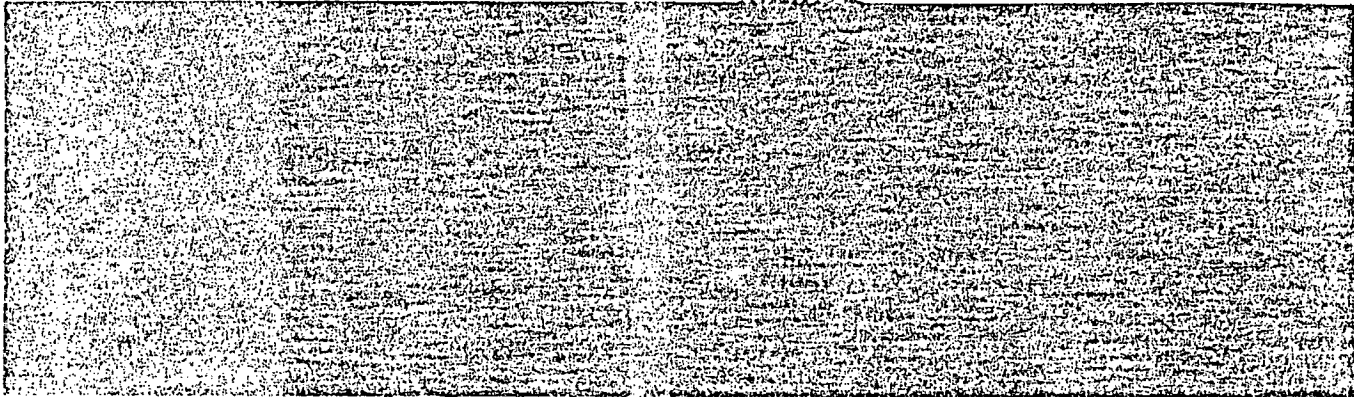
Third. The universal reaction in the various missions was concern that confidential mailing lists were in the hands of a security agency. Suspicion was voiced that there was a traitor at National Headquarters.

[REDACTED] It also offers some interesting possibilities for the future counterintelligence ploys of the San Juan Office.

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In a summary it is felt that the operation was very successful in its aims and that further damage may yet be caused the independence-seeking groups here.

Any further results will be reported.

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
(COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PRN
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

Reurairtel dated 11/30/65.

In the article by [REDACTED] entitled "The Puerto Rican Revolution," which appears in "Soulbook," Volume I, Number 3, has been reviewed at the Bureau. This article is written with fabrications and distortions and is highly critical of the United States Government and the government of Puerto Rico; while at the same time, it praises deeds of the Puerto Rican Nationalists and martyrizes Pedro Albizu Campos, deceased, former Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico leader.

While the basic idea in referenced airtel to discredit [REDACTED] and certain Puerto Rican revolutionary leaders has merit, it is felt the furtherance of pro-nationalist sympathies, which might result from the distribution of this extremely anti-United States article, in its entirety outweighs the advantages which might be gained from possibly discrediting [REDACTED] and the other Puerto Rican nationalist leaders referred to in referenced airtel. It is not believed that we should be in the position, even in a small way, of taking any action which might tend to advance the stature of Puerto Rican nationalists.

Perhaps if the data showing [REDACTED]'s fabricated figures concerning dope addiction and prostitution in both New York and Puerto Rico among Puerto Ricans were extracted from the article and included in a mimeographed letter to be sent to selected Puerto Rican nationalists, the desired results could be achieved without furthering pro-nationalist sympathies.

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Letter to SAC, New York
Re: Groups Seeking Independence For Puerto Rico
(Counterintelligence Program)
105-93124

San Juan is requested to review the article by [redacted] referred to in referenced airtel and furnish observations and recommendations to the Bureau and New York relative to possible use of excerpts from the article in connection with the counterintelligence program. Thereafter, New York should further evaluate this matter in line with the above suggestions and comments of San Juan and resubmit its recommendations.

Pending results of the above, no action is being taken at the Bureau to print copies of the article as suggested on page four of referenced airtel. San Juan should likewise take no action at this time relative to the request in the last paragraph on page four of referenced airtel.

FBI

Date: 11/30/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872) (P)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
(COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION
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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of "Soulbook", Volume I, Number 3. Enclosed for San Juan is one copy of "Soulbook", Volume I, Number 3, and one copy of an eight page mailing list.

On 11/1/65, [redacted] advised that members of the Executive Board of the Mision Vito Marcantonio (New York Mission) (NYM) of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) were highly displeased with NYM member [redacted] for an article written by him entitled, "The Puerto Rican Revolution", which appears in "Soulbook", Volume I, Number 3, a self-described journal of "revolutionary afro-americana" published in Berkeley, California. The prime reasons for this displeasure are the obvious distortion and exaggeration of the statistics appearing in the article concerning the percentages of prostitution and dope addiction in New York City and Puerto Rico among Puerto Ricans and the fact that the article was not approved by MPI leadership prior to its release. To date, the Executive Board of the NYM has attempted to keep the statistics in the article hidden from the rank and file membership of the NYM.

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The NYO proposes that Spanish language copies of this article be mailed to approximately 200 Puerto Rican civic and social organizations in the Boroughs of New York City and to the approximately 300 MPI members and sympathizers in Puerto Rico and the US, whose identities and addresses are available to the San Juan Office through the MPI mailing list. It is believed that this technique will result in criticism and the possible expulsion of [redacted] an extremely active, militant member of the NYM, and cause considerable embarrassment to and criticism of MPI leadership in Puerto Rico and NY.

The article will be accompanied by a Spanish language cover letter stating as follows:

"Dear Friend,

"The attached article, which appears in its entirety, is the product of [redacted] member of our Mission Vito Marcantonio, which has its New York headquarters at the Casa Puerto Rico, 106 East 14th Street, and 336 East 13th Street, New York City. This article appears in 'Soulbook' Volume I, Number 3, the 'quarterly journal of revolutionary afro-american', which is published in Berkeley, California and distributed on a world-wide basis. NEW YORK NY

"After you have read this article, please ask yourself the following questions.

"1) Is it 'mass hysteria' for our people to better themselves? Is it 'mass hysteria' that our people have the highest literacy rate in Latin America?

"2) Where has Mr. [redacted] obtained his statistics concerning prostitution and dope addiction among our people? Perhaps they were obtained from the personal experience of a convicted narcotics addict or the propaganda

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mills of the communist, Fidel Castro. Gauging from Mr. [redacted]'s usage of Spanish, he has never been outside the Bronx. We note the ineptness of Mr. [redacted] historical knowledge, as an example the misspelling of our beloved patriot's name as Eugene de Ostos.

"3) We resent the implication of Mr. [redacted] black nationalist allies in the editor's statement that most of our people are Negro as was our martyred leader, Pedro Albizu Campos. We are proud of our Spanish heritage and culture. Although Negroes are welcome in our movement and may seek refuge in our nation; let it not be said that the majority of boricua are Negro.

"4) Is Mr. [redacted] typical of our young 'intelligencia' of which our leadership is so proud and which it would bring with it into the government of our nation, when we free ourselves from the 'Yankee Imperialists'?

"5) If Mr. [redacted] is not typical --- then what kind of impotent leadership exists in the MPI, that would permit this slander of our people and our nation?

"6) What did our organization hope to accomplish with this article? Improve the image of Puerto Rico and our people? We doubt it. One thing can be said with certainty, and that is; this article is an affront to every Puerto Rican man and especially our women and another step backward for our movement.

"We the disenchanted of the MPI, urge our fellow members to refute our senile and degenerate leaders, who have allowed this 'literary catastrophe' to be published."

In addition, the NYC suggests, if this technique is approved, that the following steps be taken:

1) The San Juan Office translate the Editor's introduction contained on page 208 of "Soulbook" and furnish this translation to the Bureau.

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2) The Bureau will then print 600 copies of the Spanish language article as it appears on pages 214, 215, 216, 217, 218 and 219, excluding art work on the bottom of page 219. The Spanish language translation of the Editor's introduction furnished by San Juan should appear as the first paragraph following the title. Upon completion this printed matter will be sent to SJ.

3) The SJO will prepare a Spanish language translation of the cover letter and then utilizing proven counterintelligence techniques available to them, mail the cover letter and the reprint of the article to names contained on its MPI mailing list and organizations making up the list furnished by the NYO.

FBI

Date: 1/14/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies of a Letterhead Memorandum dated as above and bearing the captions of JUAN MARI BRAS and PEDRO BAIGES CHAPEL.

Local dissemination of the Letterhead Memorandum is being made to ONI, OSI, and 471st INTC.

The confidential sources referred to in this Letterhead are _____

The Letterhead is classified ~~SECRET~~ since the information furnished by these sources, if improperly disclosed, might react unfavorably to the interest of the United States.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Juan, Puerto Rico
January 14, 1965

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JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA;

PEDRO BAIGES CHAPEL
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On January 8, 1965, [redacted] Pan **b7c**
American World Airways, San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that captioned
subjects had made reservations on Pan American flight 452 for January
21, 1965. Plan American flight 452, which is a San Juan to Mexico
City flight, will leave San Juan at 2:15 p.m. San Juan time and
will arrive in Mexico City at 9:10 p.m. Mexico City time with stop-
overs in Miami and Tampa, Florida.

The subjects have one-way tickets to Mexico City from San
Juan and no return reservations have been made.

It is noted that the subjects are self-admitted
as Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro
Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican
Independence Movement)(MPIPR) and the Auxiliary
Secretary General of the MPIPR respectively.

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the
appendix of this Letterhead Memorandum.

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JUAN MARI BRAS is described as follows:

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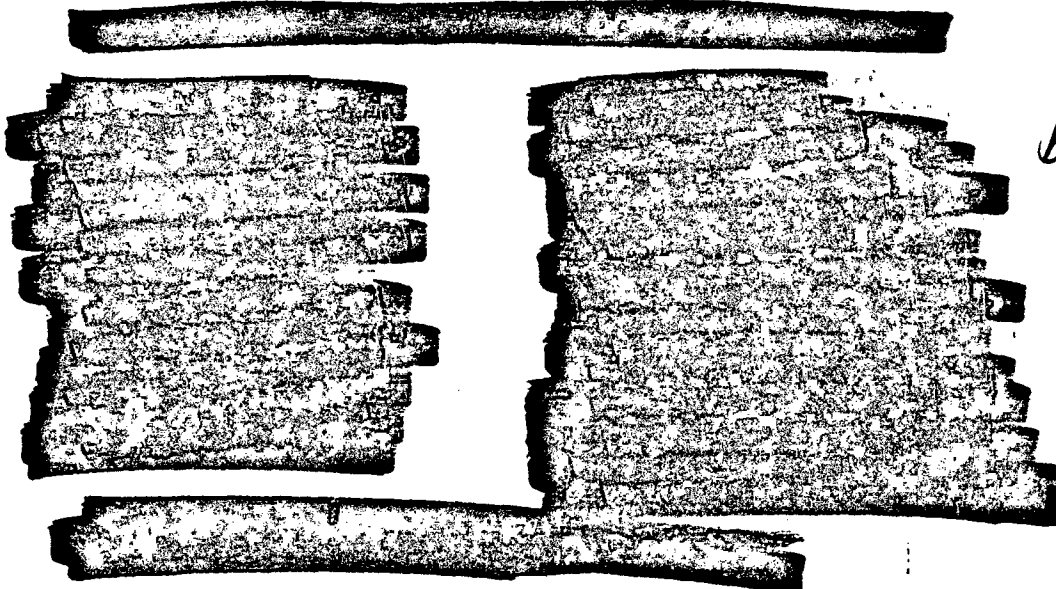
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RE: JUAN MARI BRAS
PEDRO BAIGES CHAPEL

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	December 2, 1927
Place of Birth	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
Height	5'10"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Plump and flabby
Complexion	Pale
Hair	Black, straight and receding
Eyes	Blue
Mustache	Thin and black
Occupation	Attorney
Home Address	Calle Tamesis #1502 Urbanizacion El Paraiso Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico

January 21, 1965

JUAN MARI BRAS -
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY-- CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

PEDRO BAIGES CHAPEL
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On January 20, 1965, the Reservations Office of Pan American World Airways (PAWA), San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that the reservations of captioned subjects for travel from San Juan to Mexico City for January 2, 1965 were cancelled.

JUAN MARI BRAS has now secured reservations of PAWA Flight 452 for Sunday, January 24, 1965 from San Juan to Mexico with stopovers at Miami and Tampa, Florida. The flight leaves San Juan at 2:15 P.M., San Juan time and arrives at Mexico 9:10 P.M., Mexico City time.

JUAN MARI BRAS is the self-admitted Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

PEDRO BAIGES CHAPEL is the self-admitted
Auxiliary Secretary General of the
MPIPR.

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

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To: SAC, San Juan (65-419 Sub 4)

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From: Director, FBI (65-68323) ~~233~~

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Reurairtel 1/15/65. (u)

In view of the lack of specific information in re airtel with regard to cases investigated by your office in which a vehicle of the type described in reairtel might have been utilized, your request is being analyzed in the light of captioned matter only. (u)

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It does not appear that the facts of this case at this time warrant the expenditure of funds for the equipment as set forth in reairtel. Any requests for reconsideration of your recommendation along this line should contain full justification therefor based on the overall investigative picture in your office and should be submitted under the appropriate caption. (u)

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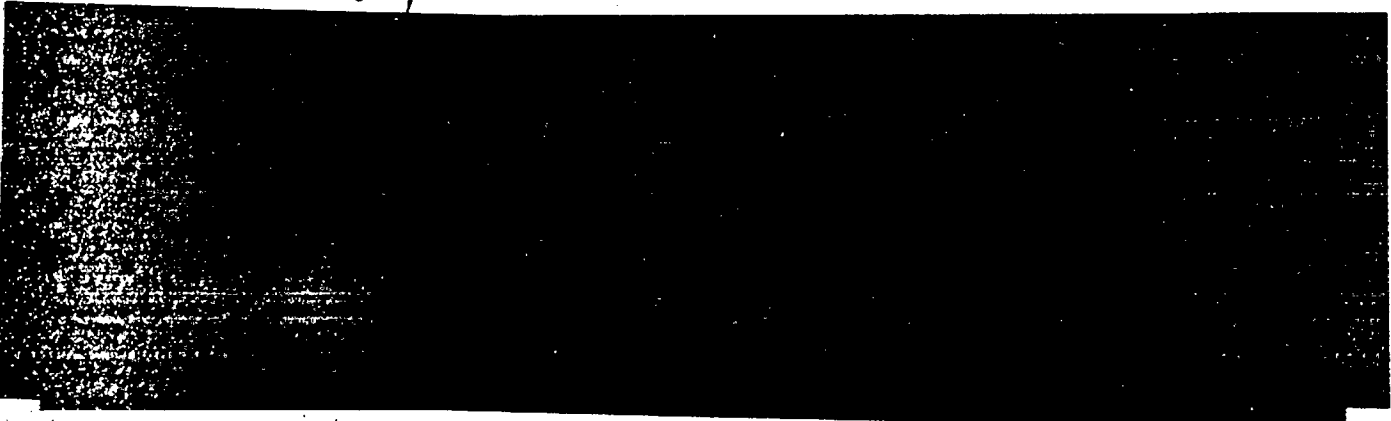
On 9/25/64, the subject stated he was delighted to have an opportunity to speak on a local television show called "Meet the Press." He indicated that if there was any effort to prevent him from appearing on this program, he would invoke regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. (U)

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The subject at this time also complained that secret agents and informants covering him and the MPIFR are changed very often by the authorities so that they cannot be identified. (U)

On 10/14/64, the subject participated in a discussion of the legality of the MPIFR electoral strike and it was noted some of his listeners were concerned about being arrested for (U)

violation of the Election law. He reassured them by pointing out he had reviewed the law carefully and they were within their rights. (U)



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

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

DATE: 2/12/65

The SJO, in a recent investigation into the background and activities of MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) officer [REDACTED] (Bufile 105-134475), established that this individual was employed as a teacher by the Department of Public Instruction, Association of Retarded Children. We noted that the individual [REDACTED]

The Identification Division in Washington, D. C., located an arrest record under Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., [REDACTED] for an individual named [REDACTED]. This individual was arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department on 5/28/63 and charged with Disorderly Conduct (pervert).

We note that should this information concerning the arrest of the above-listed individual be identical to [REDACTED] the Department of Public Instruction would immediately institute proceedings to dismiss [REDACTED] from his teaching position due to moral turpitude.

Information concerning the arrest of [REDACTED] 5/28/63 was made available to [REDACTED]

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out to [redacted] that there was no information to positively establish that [redacted] and the individual arrested by the Metropolitan Police on 5/28/63 were identical. It was suggested that perhaps [redacted] would care to make inquiries, as a police official, to the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., in order to establish whether [redacted] and the arrested individual were identical.

[redacted] subsequently advised that he had made inquiries of the Metropolitan Police Department concerning the above-described matter, and that he definitely established through the records of the Metropolitan Police Department that the individual arrested on 5/28/63 was indeed [redacted]. [redacted] noted that [redacted] forfeited collateral in this matter, and that the case had been closed by the Metropolitan Police Department. [redacted] advised that he immediately furnished the information which he obtained from the Metropolitan Police Department to [redacted] Department of Public Education, [redacted].

[redacted]

[redacted] advised, on 1/27/65, that based on the information provided by the Metropolitan Police Department, he instituted dismissal proceedings against [redacted].

In the above matter, we have been assured of the elimination from the Public School System of a devoted advocate of Puerto Rican independence who has displayed violent tendencies in the past. We note that the [redacted] prides itself on the fact that it is influencing the young school-age generation of Puerto Ricans into their brand of independence through their members who are teachers in high schools.

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Our efforts to substantially reduce this expense are continuing. (U)

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The source on 11/15/64 provided information concerning
the subject's return from New York. (u)

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On 2/2/65 the source reported that the subject would
return on 2/5/65. (u)



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In late October, 1964, violence broke out at the University of Puerto Rico, sparked by FUPI and MPIPR members, and the source provided up-to-date information on their plans and thoughts concerning this violence, and this information was transmitted discreetly to the police. (u)

On 10/31/64 the source reported [redacted] as being at MPIPR headquarters. (u)

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on 11/9/54 the source reported the travel of [REDACTED] on a leftist sponsored junket. (u)

During mid-November, 1964, the source provided information from Air France and Iberia concerning the travel of young MPIPR members to Europe. (u)

During the period the source provided information indicating a close association of [REDACTED] with the subject and the MPIFR, warning this office of any future contact with him. (u)

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During the period the source provided a continuous flow of information concerning the MPIPR electoral strike, which was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (S)

Mr. Sullivan

2/26/65

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FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)
SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies of a letterhead memorandum dated as above and captioned "JUAN MARI BRAS [REDACTED]"

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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico

January 21, 1965

JUAN MARI BRAS
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APPENDIX

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

On June 20, 1960, JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MPIPR, advised Special Agents of the FBI this organization was formed January 11, 1959, at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and officially came into being at the MPIPR Constituent Convention on November 23, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico. It was formed by a group of former leaders of the PARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUENO (PIP), a formerly legally constituted political party, who were dissatisfied with PIP policies and decided to form a more active organization to indoctrinate the Puerto Rican people with the ideal of Puerto Rican independence.

Although the MPIPR does not advocate violence, it will accept anyone who believes in Puerto Rican independence regardless of his beliefs on the use of violence provided he agrees with the MPIPR Declaration of Principles. The organization contains both Nationalists and Communists within its membership, but does not assume responsibility for actions they may take not sanctioned by the group.

Speaking on behalf of himself and his organization, MARI BRAS said the MPIPR does not currently advocate violence as a means of obtaining Puerto Rican independence only because he felt that violence would be ineffective against the power of the U. S. Government. MARI BRAS stated that he believed in the right of a people, specifically the Puerto Rican people, to use violence to obtain their freedom if and when the circumstances are such that they could possibly be successful in their efforts.

On February 24, 1964, a first confidential source advised that on February 20, 1964, the MPIPR Secretary of Youth BENJAMIN ORTIZ BELAVAL stated that although the use of arms and violence is not presently advantageous to the Puerto Rican independence movement, the pro-independence groups would reserve the right to use arms and violence in the future to achieve Puerto Rican independence.

The March 22, 1964 edition of the "San Juan Star", an English language daily newspaper printed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, reported the speech of JUAN MARI BRAS the previous evening at Ponce, Puerto Rico, and stated that MARI threatened violence compared with that of Algeria if Puerto Rico ever becomes a state.

APPENDIX

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Headquarters of the MPIPR are located at Rio Piedras, a suburb of San Juan, and its membership is estimated by the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico, to be between 1,000 and 1,300 persons.

Issues of the MPIPR "Carta Semanal" (Weekly Letter), self-described as a weekly bulletin from MPIPR headquarters to the various branches, have reported that MPIPR branches have been established, at least in name, in almost every town of any size in Puerto Rico and in Chicago, Illinois and New York City. A third source has also reported that a recently formed mission exists in Buffalo, New York.

The Fifth Annual General Assembly of the MPIPR was held December 1, 1963, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, and, according to reports by the press and from the second source and a fourth source, one of the resolutions passed by this body was one of support and thanks sent to the Cuban United Nations Delegation for the refusal to sign a denuclearization of Latin America proposal until Puerto Rico was included.

"Carta Semanal" of May 22, 1964, reported that as a protest against the alleged use of Puerto Rico as a base for Cuban exile operations "the National Mission had agreed at its meeting of May 18, 1964 to send a communication to the Secretary General of the United Nations expressing the independentists' solidarity with Cuba..."

On May 5, 1964 a fifth confidential source advised that upon his return from New York City on May 4, 1964 BENJAMIN ORTIZ BELAVAL indicated that the MPIPR in New York is receiving advice from the Cuban United Nations Mission regarding its activities.

During 1964 the San Juan local press and "Carta Semanal" carried frequent articles regarding the progress of the MPIPR Electoral Strike campaign and their efforts to have the so-called anti-Colonialism Committee of the United Nations declare Puerto Rico a colony of the United States and recommend that it be given its full independence.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Post Office Box 4312
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January 21, 1965

JUAN MARI BRAS -
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[REDACTED]

Reference is made to instant letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources whose identities are concealed have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 2-15-65

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (100-11766) (P)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI ERAS
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The following information was furnished by [redacted] on the dates indicated:

On 2-2-65, Havana Radio Station CMQ in its news broadcast announced the arrival in Mexico of JUAN MARI BRAS. This announcement did not indicate from where he had arrived nor how long he would stay in Mexico. The broadcast indicated that during a press conference, MARI BRAS said that he was in Mexico to request of the Mexican people and the Mexican Government their support and solidarity for the cause of the independence of his country, Puerto Rico.

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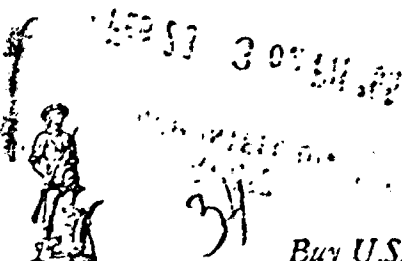
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MARI BRAS announced, according to the broadcast, he would request their support before the United Nations in New York City, noting that Mexico had backed Puerto Rico in 1953, when the statute of self-autonomy of Puerto Rico was established. In this broadcast, MARI BRAS claimed that 13% of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was in the possession of the United States "Yankee" Armed Forces which have self-propelled rockets and other automatic installations.

On 2-3-65, Radio Havana, Havana, Cuba, broadcast an announcement that JUAN MARI BRAS had arrived in Mexico 2-3-65. This announcement did not indicate from where MARI BRAS had arrived. It was stated that MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MPIPR, was in Mexico for the cause of Puerto Rico. He planned to set up an organization of the MPIPR in Mexico. Further, the announcement indicated he planned to travel through various countries in Central and South America organizing different groups of the MPIPR; however, the names of the countries were not mentioned. The broadcast also stated that upon the conclusion of this travel, MARI BRAS planned to present Puerto Rico's cause before the United Nations in New York City.

This broadcast also indicated that MARI BRAS denounced the persecution that he and his friends had suffered by actions of the Police of Puerto Rico. He also indicated that dynamite had been placed at his own house in Puerto Rico but there was no mention made of the results or any explosion which may have taken place.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the New York Office for information inasmuch as it was indicated MARI BRAS may visit the United Nations in the future.

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Any additional information coming to the
attention of this office will be promptly reported.

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ARA/RPA - Mr. Topping

February 5, 1965

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BRAS, JUAN MARI

Your telephonic request of today.

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REGISTRATION ACT - U.S.S.R.**

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

March 16, 1965

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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**SOVIET PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES
REGISTRATION ACT - USSR**

Reference is made to your letter dated November 17, 1964, which advised that the Bureau of Customs had furnished you with a list of individuals who had received quantities of more than 100 copies of a given publication of communist propaganda. This list included four individuals, concerning whom you have been previously furnished information in connection with their Puerto Rican nationalist activity. These persons are [REDACTED] and Juan Mari Bras.

A copy of the publication in question was obtained by our New York Office from [REDACTED]

This publication is a 66-page paper-bound pamphlet in the Spanish language. Attached is a summary translation of the contents of the pamphlet. It is noted that the pamphlet purports to be published by the Youth Movement for Independence in Puerto Rico. This is a part of Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR). Reports concerning this organization have been previously furnished to you. The publication deals entirely with Puerto Rican independence matters, and extols the "line" of MPIPR. Nothing on the pamphlet itself indicates where it was printed.

It is requested that this Bureau be advised if, in the opinion of the Department, the publication in question constitutes propaganda which would require those disseminating it to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Enclosure

- 2 - New York (See note page two)
- 2 - San Juan (See note page two)
- 1 - 105-125985 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 105-103484 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 105-756887 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 105-292 (Mari Bras)

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

ATTENTION: SAC, New York and San Juan

No additional investigation should be conducted by either New York or San Juan in connection with this matter until an opinion has been obtained from the Department.

NOTE:

All four individuals mentioned in this letter are on the Security Index because of their participation in Puerto Rican nationalist matters. It is believed that the pamphlet was prepared and printed in Prague, Czechoslovakia, [REDACTED] Puerto Rican nationalist employed by the International Union of Students.

SAC, San Juan

4/7/65

Director, FBI (61-6311)

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**SOVIET PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES
REGISTRATION ACT - USSR**

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated 3/16/65 to Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, a copy of which was furnished to each recipient of this letter.

Attached for each recipient is a copy of the reply from Mr. Yeagley dated 3/30/65. Please note the requirements laid down by the Department in order to prove a violation of the Registration Act. Contact informants and determine if information is available to prove a violation as set forth in the letter from Mr. Yeagley. Submit the results in report form so that an opinion might be obtained relative to prosecution.

Enclosure

- 2 - New York (Enclosure)
- 1 - 105-128803 ([REDACTED])
- 1 - 105-76669 ([REDACTED])
- 1 - 105-103494 ([REDACTED])
- 1 - 105-292 (Mark Aras)

NOTE: Four Puerto Rican nationalists, who are on the SI, each received a quantity of printed propaganda from Europe. A copy of the propaganda was furnished to the Department of Justice by [REDACTED] and the Department requested investigation to determine if the receipt of and dissemination of the propaganda constituted a violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act on the part of the individuals involved.

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Memorandum

TO :
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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 4/9/65

SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872) (P*)

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

ReNYlet, 10/9/64.

A review of the files of the NYO, pertaining to the Puerto Rican independence movement, has been made for the purpose of developing counterintelligence measures against this movement.

The principal organizations in NY are the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR), the Movimiento Libertador de Puerto Rico (MLPR), and the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI). The factional struggle within the NPPR is presently dormant but could erupt at any time as the faction in power at the present time continues to attempt to prevent [redacted] and his supporters from having a voice vote in the NY Junta. [redacted] of the MLPR, is presently on parole from incarceration and is relatively inactive because he fears activity by him will cause his parole to be revoked. The factional struggle within the MPI in NY was temporarily settled by [redacted], Secretary General of the MPI, in November, 1964, with the removal of [redacted] as Director of the MPI - New York Mission. [redacted] was appointed by [redacted] as temporary Director of the New York Mission; however, she has been ineffective and her leadership has been criticized by some MPI members in NY. A permanent set of officers of the New York Mission will not be elected until late April, 1965.

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Informants have reported that feelings of suspicion, jealousy, and constant bickering between leaders of the organizations in NY has continued, causing a notable lack of cooperation. There has been some cooperation between the NPPR and the MPI but only for public commemorative meetings. It is felt that no counterintelligence measures could be more disruptive at the present time than the mutual suspicion among pro-independence leaders in NY.

Of course, the NYO will remain alert to any situation whereby logical counterintelligence measures could be safely taken if deemed necessary and advisable to further disrupt the Puerto Rican pro-independent groups in NY.

In view of the above, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for the present.

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Mari Bras To Step Down From P.I.M.

By **TOMAS STELLA**

Juan Mari Bras, secretary general of the Pro Independence movement (P.I.M.), yesterday announced his "irrevocable decision" to step down from his post in the interest of unity among the various independentista groups on the island.

"The time has come," Mari Bras said in a press conference at his law offices, "when my presence as leader of the principal independentista organization has become an obstacle to unity.

"Therefore," the P.I.M. leader

added, "I have decided not to accept the position of secretary general, or any other position, when our organization chooses its officers on May 16."

Mari Bras emphasized that his decision is final and irrevocable," adding that he will not attend the P.I.M. convention—scheduled to be held in Caguas—in order to discourage his followers from attempting to draft him for a new term.

Mari Bras held the post of secretary general since the P.I.M. (See OTHER, Page 6)

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MARI BRAS AS HE SAID IS STEPPING DOWN
... has been leader of P. I. M. since 1959

Other Independentistas Have Attacked Mari Bras

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was founded in Mayaguez in 1959.

A controversial figure, Mari Bras has been the brunt of attacks from other independentista organizations. He has been charged with being too sympathetic to the Castro regime in Cuba and, at times, with following a Communist line.

The P.I.M. leader explained, however, that he does not expect his organization to abandon its traditional policy of boycotting elections on the island—the principal reason for a split between P.I.M. and the Puerto Rican Independence Party (P.I.P.).

Mari Bras added that the decision not to seek a new term was reached yesterday morning. He said, however, that "I have been considering it since the death of Pedro Albizu Campos last Wednesday."

Following Albizu's death, several young independentistas began agitating for a reunion between the various independentista groups.

"I agree wholeheartedly with

their call for unity," he said yesterday.

Asked whether P.I.M.'s insistence on an electoral boycott will hamper the chances of a reunion of all independentista factions, Mari Bras replied:

"The question of political status will be solved in favor of independence before the next colonialist election."

The P.I.M. leader explained that pressure by the United Nations will force the U.S. State Department and the Congress to grant Puerto Rico its independence.

"The Congress," Mari Bras said, "must follow the interests of national policy, and the State Department will realize that it is in the interest of the United States to grant Puerto Rico its freedom."

"The mobilization of the people and international pressure," Mari added, "are the two major areas in which all independentistas in Puerto Rico should cooperate."

The P.I.M. leader said, however, that he has not discussed a possible reunion of all indepen-

dentistas with P.I.P. President Gilberto Concepcion de Gracia, although the two met on several occasions during Albizu's funeral.

Concepcion was unavailable for comment.

Mari Bras also confirmed rumors that he and Albizu's widow had "a difference of opinion" regarding whether the nationalist leader's body should have been taken to a Roman Catholic church for funeral services.

Laura Meneses de Albizu, he explained, was opposed to religious services for her husband, although she finally relented, and Albizu's body was taken to the San Juan Cathedral.

Mari Bras also said that Mrs. Albizu's decision to let him speak at the nationalist leader's funeral "was a traumatic experience."

Asked if this was one of the factors which prompted him to step down from his present post, he replied: "It was not one of the most important reasons, but it was a precipitating factor."

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We feel, at this time, that the subject is in a seriously distraught state, and that his chagrin is genuine, stemming from his loss of face by not being permitted to speak at the ALBIZU CAMPOS funeral. In addition, he is afflicted with a heart condition and his general physical condition is not good, and he is probably close to exhaustion after the heavy schedule he has followed during the past week. It is our belief that the subject's resignation from the MPIPR top post is an effort to create a big gesture and he hopes to be drafted by the MPIPR faithful to stay on as their leader by a mandate of the entire membership. We feel sure it is his hope to come back stronger than ever.



The leadership of the entire independence movement in Puerto Rico is in a state of flux at this time, and the subject would be completely out of character if he was not intensely desirous of taking up the mantle that ALBIZU CAMPOS has so recently set aside.

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JUAN MARI BRAS

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

During April, 1965, the press of Puerto Rico devoted extensive coverage to the terminal illness of Pedro Albizu Campos and his death on April 21, 1965.

Pedro Albizu Campos was the titular head of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) who was sentenced to prison for his revolutionary activities and who was pardoned by the Governor of Puerto Rico due to his age and illness in late 1964.

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

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Following Albizu's death, SJ T-2 advised that the subject would be one of three speakers who would eulogize Albizu at his funeral on April 25, 1965.

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SJ T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 26, 1965, reported the subject held a press conference in which he announced he was going to resign as Secretary-General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) with an effective date of May 16, 1965. The subject declared his purpose in resigning was to bring unity to all the independentista ranks now that Albizu Campos had left them. The subject, in his announcement said he expected the MPIPR leaders at a meeting to be held May 16, 1965 at Caguas, Puerto Rico, to elect a new Secretary-General and other top leaders. He declared he would not attend this Caguas gathering so that there would be no evidence of pressure of delegates on his part and to insure that he would not be subjected to a draft.

Re: Juan Mari Bras

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A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

Pedro Baiges Chapel is the self-admitted auxiliary Secretary-General of the MPIPR.

The April 27, 1965 issue of "The San Juan Star", a daily English language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, quoted MPIPR Foreign Relations Secretary Gabriel Vicente Maura as stating that he thought it would be a good idea for all top leaders of independence organizations to resign as the subject was doing so that the air would be completely cleared.

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Synopsis:

Subject resides Calle Tamesis 1502, Urbanizacion El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and is self-employed as attorney with offices at Calle Agueybana, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. Subject is Secretary General of the MPIPR. Subject visited Mexico during January-February, 1965, and reportedly attempted to enlist support of Mexican Government and its officials for independence of Puerto Rico. Subject exposed alleged mishandling of rich Puerto Rican mineral deposits by Puerto Rican Government.

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DETAILS:I - RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

subject resides at Calle Tamesis 1502, Urbanizacion El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

observed the subject is employed as an attorney with his law offices at Calle Agueybana No. 422, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

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II - CONNECTIONS WITH THE MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA
DE PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
AND ON BEHALF OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE

A characterization of the MPIPR
appears in the appendix.

A. Position Held

SJ T-1 on April 1, 1965, reported the subject
continues to hold the position of Secretary General of the
MPIPR.

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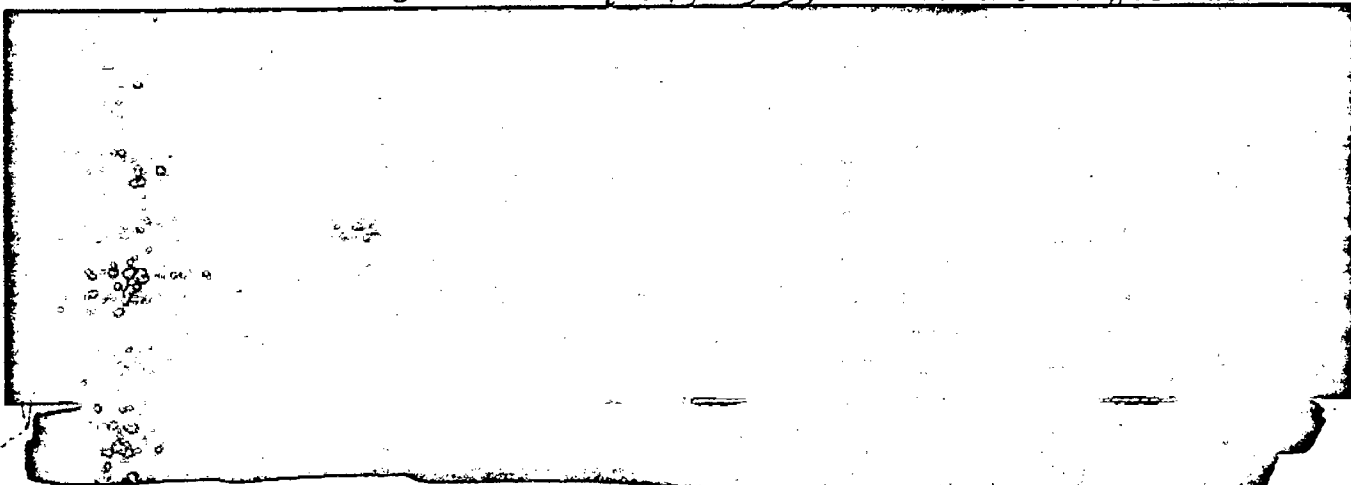
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LAZARO CARDENAS is a former
President of Mexico.

SJ T-3 on January 17, 1965, stated the subject was



SJ T-7 on February 2, 1965 stated that same date Havana Radio Station CMQ announced in a ~~news~~ broadcast the arrival of the subject in Mexico. The broadcast said that during a press conference the subject stated he was in Mexico to request of the Mexican people and the Mexican Government their support and solidarity for the cause of independence in Puerto Rico. He indicated, according to the broadcast, that he would request their support at the UN and noted that Mexico had supported Puerto Rico in 1953 when the statute of autonomy of Puerto Rico was established. MARI BRAS in the broadcast claimed 13% of Puerto Rico was possessed by the U. S. Armed Forces which have self-propelled rockets and other atomic installations.

On February 3, 1965, the same source reported that a Radio Havana broadcast that day stated that the subject was Secretary General of the MPIPR and was visiting Mexico for the cause of Puerto Rico. The broadcast said he planned to set up an MPIPR organization in Mexico, and planned to travel to various countries in Central and South America organizing various MPIPR groups.

MARI BRAS, according to the broadcast, denounced persecution he and his friends have suffered at the hands of the Police of Puerto Rico (POPR) and charged that dynamite had been placed at his residence in Puerto Rico, although no mention of any explosion was made.

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MPIPR "Carta Semanal" No. 193 dated February 10, 1965, contained an article by the subject in which he described how he had just returned from Mexico where he had searched for solidarity with Puerto Rico's struggle for independence. He said he had important interviews with Government officials, politicians, intellectuals, journalists, and had held a press conference at which practically all of the national and foreign press attended. He gave the following as his achievements in Mexico:

1. The Mexican press published interviews and articles during those days on the Puerto Rican colonial issue.

2. A Mexican editorial enterprise will publish a book with speeches and articles by the writer.

3. Ties were established with the Institutional Revolutionary Party of Mexico (the incumbent party) and other political groups of the country.

4. The Mexican Government was formally requested to reiterate its support to the Puerto Rican independentist issue at the UN when the Report of the Committee of 24 is discussed at the General Assembly; this report includes the receipt of the Cairo Resolutions.

5. We duly constituted a permanent delegation of the MPIPR in Mexico, and the duties to be performed were established.

6. We planned joint activities of mutual benefit with national liberation organizations of other countries in the Caribbean whose delegates met us in Mexico.

7. We received specific offers from newspapers and magazines of great prestige in Mexico, which have put their columns at our disposal for the propagation of the Puerto Rican independentist thought.

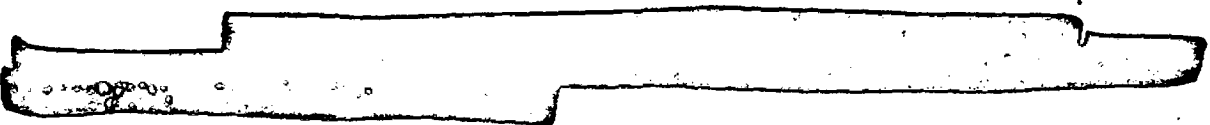
8. We made direct contact with representatives of movements of liberation from other American countries and from all over the world that had not established contacts with us up to the present.

A characterization of "Carta Semanal" appears in the appendix.

The February 3, 1965 issue of "The San Juan Star", a daily English newspaper, published at San Juan, reported that subject had held a press conference in Mexico in which he stated that 98% of the people in Puerto Rico want independence and that the situation in the colony of Puerto Rico is intolerable. The subject, according to "The Star", stated that the MPIPR is affiliated with the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) which is the party of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, and other groups. However, he denied that he or the MPIPR had anything to do with Communism.

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

PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS is the titular head of the NPPR who was pardoned by former Governor of Puerto Rico LUIS MUNOZ MARIN, after being incarcerated for his past revolutionary activities.



The February 22, 1965 issue of "El Mundo", a Spanish language newspaper published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, reported the subject had recently traveled to Mexico to confer with Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary ANTONIO CARRILLO FLORES and to ask for Mexican moral support for Puerto Rico's independence at the UN. He said at press questionnaires in Mexico, according to "El Mundo", that life in Puerto Rico under colonialism is intolerable, and that 98% of the people of Puerto Rico desire independence.

SJ T-7 on March 5, 1965, stated that the February 17, 1965 issue of "Hoy", which the source identified as being the official organ of the Partido Comunista Puertorriqueno (Communist Party of Puerto Rico) (PCP), stated that the subject, while on a trip to Mexico, made a formal request that the Mexican Government make public its support of full independence for Puerto Rico. The subject indicated he expected Mexico to support the liquidation of colonialism in Puerto Rico.

A characterization of the PCP appears in the appendix.

SJ T-7 on March 3, 1965, reported an article appeared in the February 10, 1965 issue of "Revolucion", which the source advised was the former official organ of the 26th of July Movement of FIDEL CASTRO in which was stated that the subject was visiting Mexico and claimed that the colonial situation in his country of Puerto Rico was a typical case of foreign intervention. The article quoted the subject as stating that with joint pressure from the U. S. and the anti-colonialist nations of the world the U. S. would be obliged to recognize Puerto Rican independence. The subject claimed that if Latin America permitted the U. S. to swallow Puerto Rico, the moral unity of America would be broken. He declared that absentee interest and 65,000 Americans residing in Puerto Rico, dominate life there. He said Puerto Rico needs military support from all free and independent countries.

C. UN Activities

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D. Defense of University of Puerto Rico (UPR) Rioters

During late October and early November, 1964, the press of Puerto Rico gave wide publicity to a student riot which broke forth on the campus of the UPR, October 28, 1964, when Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) and MPIPR members clashed with the police on the campus resulting in injuries, the burning of police vehicles and the arrest of a number of students.

A characterization of the FUPI appears in the appendix.

SJ T-9 stated on January 13, 1965, that students who were members of the MPIPR and the FUPI were being organized by the subject to testify before the Puerto Rico Bar Association Committee investigating the UPR student riot. The subject suggested that the FUPI President stop demanding a police investigation and noted that the Bar Association investigation would be far more favorable to the student position than that of the Police Department. Subject said that they would be able to secure more public attention from the Bar Association inquiry.

The January 22, 1965, issue of "El Imparcial", a Spanish language daily newspaper, published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, stated the subject was among three lawyers defending FUPI members who had been arrested in the UPR student riot.

E. Activities on Behalf of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS



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The November 17, 1964 issue of "El Mundo" quoted the subject, on being informed of the pardon of ALBIZU CAMPOS, that Washington had ordered Puerto Rico Governor LUIS MUNOZ MARIN to pardon him and that MUNOZ was acting on the instructions of the Federal Government. He urged that all Puerto Rican political prisoners be released at this time.

F. Mineral Riches Campaign

"Carta Semanal" No. 183 dated December 4, 1964, contains an article signed by the subject in which he denounced the scandalous surrender of Puerto Rico's minerals riches to big North American combines. The subject said he considered it important for MPIPR members, as well as the people of Puerto Rico to know that a confidential report from an agency of the Government of Puerto Rico indicated the existence of large mineral deposits in various places on the island. It was further indicated that the Commonwealth Government had granted concessions to North American corporations for the exploitation of these mineral deposits, and that the matter was being kept secret so that the North American companies might buy the valuable mineral-rich land at agricultural prices far below their true value.

The subject declared that thanks to the work of MPIPR sympathizers, who are operating within the Commonwealth Government itself, he and the MPIPR had been able to collect this data exposing the Government's plan.

He said that according to the confidential report then submitted to Governor MUNOZ MARIN, there are large iron deposits at Yabucoa, oil on the north coast between Catano and Vega Baja, manganese in the west and in the mountainous center section of the island, and enormous deposits of copper, lead and uranium in the south central region in the vicinity of Adjuntas, Utuado, Penuelas and Lares, Puerto Rico.

The subject said that it had been recommended to the Governor that the Commonwealth Government itself exploit these mineral resources for the benefit of the people of Puerto Rico but Governor MUNOZ MARIN rejected this since it would open him to accusation that he had Socialist inclinations from U. S. sources. According to MARI BRAS, the secrecy in this operation is to enable the Yankee mineral interests to acquire farms in these regions where the deposits are located at ridiculously low prices.

The December 21, 1964, issue of "El Diario-La Prensa", a daily Spanish language newspaper published in New York City, reported the subject had exposed the Government's plan to keep secret the rich mineral deposits in Puerto Rico. In the article the subject was quoted as saying there is enough copper that could be mined for seventy years and that more than \$80 million worth of gold was in the area.

The December 31, 1964 issue of "El Dia", a daily Spanish language newspaper published at Ponce, Puerto Rico, quoted the subject as claiming a major victory for the MPIPR by exposing the mineral deposits reported in the Lares-Utuado area. According to the article, the subject demanded to know why the Puerto Rican Government was being secretive about these deposits. He promised that MPIPR people would visit the areas and explain the value of the land to the inhabitants and he pointed out this is what the Government should have done.

SJ T-12 on January 25, 1965, said the subject was having MPIPR members organize solid fronts of resistance against selling mineral rich lands to the U. S. investors. They are organizing small land owners and squatters and warning them that if they sold they would be then evicted from their land.

SJ T-13 on February 3, 1965, said that subject was emphasizing to MPIPR members that U. S. mining interest must be prevented from coming to Puerto Rico at all costs.

On February 11, 1965, [REDACTED] Isabela, Puerto Rico, said the subject had stated recently in that area that he had an important official in the Government's entourage who has kept him informed of Government's activities and given him data concerning the mining situation.

[REDACTED] said the subject is distributing leaflets urging people not to sell their land.

SJ T-7 on March 4, 1965, advised that Havana Radio Station CMQ operating under the direction of the Government of Cuba, broadcasted that day that the subject, as leader of the MPIPR, was leading a protest that the U. S. and her monopolies were exploiting large mineral deposits. The broadcast said it was denouncing to the world that agents of large American companies were carrying on mineral investigation activities secretly,

with the complicity of Puerto Rican authorities.

The March 27, 1965 issue of "El Imparcial" reported the subject led an MPIER picket of La Fortaleza (official residence of the Governor of Puerto Rico) and the Puerto Rico Department of Justice on March 25, 1965, protesting the Government's handling of the mineral matter.

G. General Activities

On November 30, 1964, SJ T-14 reported the subject had appointed a special junta to temporarily direct and control the strife-ridden MIPR mission in New York City.

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On December 7, 1964, SJ T-15 said everyone in the MPIPR and, particularly the subject, were depressed over the poor financial condition of that organization.

SJ T-16 said on December 21, 1964, the subject had suggested that there be one fund for all independence activity which could be administered by the MPIPR and that money from this fund would be doled out to other independence groups if they needed it.

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SJ T-17 on January 5, 1965, stated the subject participated in an MPIPR-fund raising picnic in the Naranjito area on January 3, 1965.

On January 6, 1965 SJ T-18 stated a party was held December 30, 1964, at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in honor of the subject and in order to raise funds for the MPIPR. At this time, subject discussed MPIPR accomplishments at the Non-Aligned Nations Conference in Cairo and at the UN.

SJ T-19 on January 12, 1965, reported the subject spoke at a meeting of the MPIPR 90 Member National Council, January 10, 1965, in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. The subject spoke on

Puerto Rico's hidden mineral wealth, on the MPIPR efforts at the UN, and generally attacked both the Puerto Rico and U. S. Governments.

SJ T-18 on January 15, 1965, said the subject spoke at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on January 11, 1965, at an MPIPR commemoration of DE HOSTOS.


A characterization of DE HOSTOS appears in the appendix.

"Carta Semanal" No. 189, dated January 14, 1965, reported the subject spoke on the radio on January 10, 1965, in which he stated the MPIPR task consists of orienting the people towards a comprehension of reality, to take steps to advance the cause of all the people, and to organize the people so that they will assume a role in history. He declared that persecutions, pressures and threats have failed to dissuade the MPIPR from orienting the people, and claim great triumphs in the international area. He said that international pressure will force imperialism to eliminate colonialism. He said he was not in favor of assimilation into the U. S. and recommended that the U. S. Congress be forced to make a rapid solution of the status in Puerto Rico. He said the only solution for the problem of the people of Puerto Rico is independence.

The subject claimed that economically Puerto Rico was suffering because of high cost of sea transportation on products from the U. S. to Puerto Rico. He said that some believe that with independence they will lose U. S. economic trade, but noted that Puerto Rico receives less aid than many free countries that have connection with the U. S.

The subject declared that the fear of losing stability guaranteed by the American flag is disproved when the wave of brutality in the U. S. against Negroes and Puerto Ricans is seen.

He said it is obvious the U. S. has become a country of murderers and gangsters.



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A characterization of the PIP
appears in the appendix.

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The January 30, 1965 issue of the New York Times, a daily English language newspaper, published in New York City, quoted the subject in an interview as stating the majority of Puerto Ricans want independence, insofar as the preservation of the Puerto Rican nationality and the ending of colonialism is concerned. The subject said they favor pressure in the UN and elsewhere until the U. S. feels morally obligated to grant independence. He added he stands for the nationalization of most of the factories in Puerto Rico owned by American companies based on negotiations after the republic is established with consideration being given to past colonial domination.

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On February 16, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that she has been a member of the MPIPR and the FUPI for about a year. She said in her mind the subject is opposed to force and violence as means of gaining independence. She said she believed the subject would use any political group, including the Communists to focus world attention on Puerto Rico and force the U. S. to grant independence.

SJ T-19 on February 16, 1965, said that the subject and other leaders in the MPIPR are becoming increasingly secretive in order to avoid police surveillance and are now giving no advance warnings of events in order to forestall police interference. He said area leaders are never told in advance of what is to be done, but are notified briefly

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before an event is scheduled to happen, often by telephone.

"Carta Semanal" No. 194, dated February 17, 1965, quotes the subject as stating that Puerto Ricans have been deprived of their heritage.

According to him, 78% of the investments of capital are in North American hands. He said that absentee interest and some 65,000 North American residents control Puerto Rico's economic life. This economic control is supported by the U. S. with Customs tariffs, maritime traffic, international relations, and labor relations, over which the Puerto Rican Government has little control. The elections held periodically in Puerto Rico are a provincial type and serve only to elect the internal government. Washington has not respected the request of Puerto Rico for greater autonomy. The subject said Puerto Rico needs the warning and active support of free and independent neighboring countries. He said when Puerto Rico's situation is examined at the UN, it will be determined that Puerto Rico has an elemental right to self-determination and independence.

On February 27, 1965, a Special Agent of the FBI observed subject participating in an MPIPR picket of the Puerto Rico Status Commission meeting at the Puerto Rico Capitol. The picketers carried signs demanding independence for Puerto Rico.

On March 1, 1965, [REDACTED] Isabela, Puerto Rico, advised the subject spoke to an MPIPR meeting on February 28, 1965, at Isabela, Puerto Rico. The subject described the mining situation in Puerto Rico, and pointed out that the MPIPR had secret information from Puerto Rico Government sources, indicating efforts by American interest to buy out Puerto Rico's resources. The subject, in addition, stated that the MPIPR was desperately in need of funds with a debt of \$7,000. He said the situation was so critical that the MPIPR telephone service had been cut off for non-payment of bill. The subject in addition said he would like to see a chapter of the Federacion Estudiantil Pro Independencia (Federation of Students for Independence) (FEPI) organization in Isabela and that FEPI literature should be distributed in the area.

PARTIDO OBRERO LIBERADOR
 (Liberating Workers Party) (POL)
 Also Known As
 PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(Communist Party of Puerto Rico) (PCP)

According to the publication, "Puerto Rico, Ayer, Hoy, y Manana" (Puerto Rico, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow), by JUAN SANTOS RIVERA, President of the PCP, the Communist Party of Puerto Rico was founded in Ponce, Puerto Rico on September 23, 1934. According to sources, the PCP is a Communist Party in its own right and not a district organization of the Communist Party, USA, although it is based on the same Marxist-Leninist principles of the Communist Party, USA.

In November, 1963, another source stated that JUAN SANTOS RIVERA at that time was changing the name of the PCP to that of PARTIDO OBRERO LIBERADOR (Liberating Workers Party) (POL). This would be the same party with the same tactics and the same Marxist-Leninist Theory.

In May, 1964, JUAN SANTOS RIVERA publicly declared that the POL is the Communist Party of Puerto Rico under a new name.



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Since the death of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS and the subsequent resignation of JUAN MARI BRAS from the position of Secretary-General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), JUAN MARI BRAS has devoted most of his time and effort to the unification of the various pro-independence groups in Puerto Rico with some measure of success.

JUAN MARI BRAS was the principal architect of the abortive electoral strike campaign of 1964 which resulted in the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP) dropping its share of the votes cast to about 2½%.

Recognizing the need to counteract the unification efforts of JUAN MARI BRAS we propose to mail out a leaflet under the auspices of our fictitious "Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI" which will remind MPI members and independence

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sympathizers of the dismal failure of the electoral strike campaign and will suggest to them that unification of the various independence groups under MARI BRAS' leadership might result in the complete destruction of the independence movement as a political force in Puerto Rico.

The leaflet implies that JUAN MARI BRAS and one of his immediate MPI associates, [REDACTED] might be making personal use of MPI funds and intimates that this practice will increase if unification is accomplished. It also ridicules another MPI leader, [REDACTED]

The text of the proposed leaflet is as follows:

"UNITY WITH RESPECT TO WHAT?"

"Well, it seems that our former young leader, unable to face the realities of the dismal failure of his electoral strike, and disappointed because his faithful followers did not beg him to continue in his former capacity, has decided to devote himself to bigger and better things, namely, the unification of all pro-independence groups in Puerto Rico.

"But, unification in what respect? Unity for another electoral strike campaign which could be an even greater and costlier fiasco than the last because more groups and people will be involved? Who knows, perhaps with unified action of all independence groups, the pro-independence portion of the vote can drop even lower, perhaps to even no vote at all.

"Or perhaps unity will mean that a larger number of our leaders will have the opportunity to live in fashionable homes with new automobiles for themselves and their wives without having to work at their law practices or other businesses. In this way a greater number of our leaders may be able to devote themselves more fully, and comfortably, to our independence cause. They will be able to travel more throughout the island in pursuit of independence. We wonder if our young leader really does devote all of his time to the cause. His family wonders too.

SJ 105-3353

"At least under unification our nickel and dime contributions will perhaps be spread among a larger number of our leaders and more of them can afford servants and the better things in life.

"Enough, we say, enough of false promises and false prophets, enough of the Aging Merchant's junkets on 'diplomatic' missions to Europe with his wife at our expense. Enough of the Intellectual Bald Eagle and his pompous utterances and young ideas.

"Unity yes, but unity in a moral and dedicated sense to the struggle for independence. Surely everyone must realize, since recent events in the Dominican Republic and Viet Nam, that the Paper Tiger to the north may not be entirely paper. They must realize that our only hope for independence is through patient and hard work. The polls are still the answer. We must get a toe hold in the legislature and plead our case before all the people. Independence will not be achieved through the egotistical rantings of political demagogues.

"Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI"

As has been done in the past, we propose to mail this leaflet from a post office in an outlying area to those persons on our portion of the MPIPR mailing list and selected independence leaders and sympathizers.

It is believed that the leaflet represents an opportunity to counteract unification efforts and also further undermine JUAN MARI BRAS as a leader in the Puerto Rican independence movement.

Bureau authority is solicited to immediately put the proposed into effect.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chief,
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.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Enclosure(s)

105-392-160
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323) DATE: 8/9/65

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419) SECRET

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] (ED 336) to Bureau 11/10/64

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities and complete background investigation required by Section 107C of the Manual of Instructions will be conducted and Bureau will be requested to authorize recontact with subject as a PSI.

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

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) / 53

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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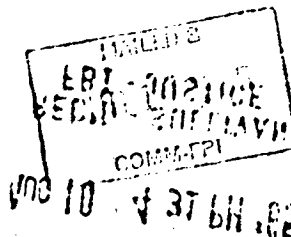
Bureau authority is granted to prepare and mail the recommended leaflet in the Spanish language as set forth in reairtel. You are to insure that the leaflet will be prepared and mailed in such a manner that it could not be traced back to the Bureau or any Bureau employee. Advise the Bureau of any pertinent results.

NOTE:

The proposed leaflet is a continuation of the counterintelligence program against the MPIPR designed to create dissension within the organization and create distrust of its leader, Juan Mari Bras. This particular leaflet is designed to counteract the efforts presently being made by Mari Bras to unify the various factions of the Puerto Rican independence movement. Prior leaflets in this series have been most disruptive. The last leaflet distributed under the name of the fictitious "Group for Use of the Vote in the MPI" was made in November, 1964. The leaflet will be mailed by the San Juan Office to certain selected independence leaders from an outlying post office in Puerto Rico.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

August 17, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO
RICAN NATIONALIST;
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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Juan Mari Bras is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	December 2, 1927
Place of Birth	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

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JUAN MARI BRAS

Height	5'10"
Weight	180
Build	Plump
Hair	Black and straight
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Wears thin black mustache
Residence	Calle Tamesis #1502 Urbanizacion El Paraiso Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
Employment	Self-employed attorney Calle Agupybana #422 Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
U. S. Passport Number	2208501, issued October 9, 1962

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APPENDIX

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

The MPIPR was organized November 23, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, according to its first Secretary General, JUAN MARI BRAS, for the avowed purpose of working for the independence of Puerto Rico. It was stated that the organization did not advocate violence but would accept anyone who believed in Puerto Rican independence regardless of his beliefs as to the use of violence provided he agreed with the MPIPR Declaration of Principles.

Since its inception, the MPIPR has had as its leader and guiding force JUAN MARI BRAS who, speaking on behalf of himself and the organization, said the MPIPR does not advocate violence as a means of obtaining independence for Puerto Rico only because he felt violence would be ineffective against the power of the United States Government. He stated that he believed in the right of the Puerto Rican people to use violence to obtain their freedom if and when the circumstances were such that they could possibly be successful in their efforts.

[REDACTED]

The MPIPR has missions throughout the Island of Puerto Rico and in New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and Buffalo, New York. It has an estimated membership of between 1,000 and 1,300 persons according to [REDACTED]

Since its inception, MPIPR and its leaders have frequently expressed sympathy for the communist revolution in Cuba and with the Castro Government in Cuba.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Re San Juan airtel to Bureau dated 8/16/65 with enclosed Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) captioned, "JUAN MARI BRAS; IS-PRN; IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA."

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM captioned, "JUAN MARI BRAS; IS-PRN; IS-CUBA; RA-CUBA," which is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

Two copies of the lhm are designated for the New York Office.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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August 17, 1965

JUAN MARI BRAS
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Likewise enclosed are five photographs of the subject taken July, 1963, for use as investigative aids. Enclosed for New York are two copies of instant letterhead memorandum.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. 1. Will follow and report subject's activities while in New York City. *u*

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A characterization of the MPIPR is attached. u

On August 11, 1965, SJ T-2 advised the above captioned individual holds reservations on Pan American World Airways flight 212 to depart San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 3:30 p.m., August 16, 1965, expected to arrive in New York City about 6:00 p.m. that date. u

Juan Mari Bras is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	December 2, 1927
Place of Birth	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

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JUAN MARI BRAS

Height	5'10"
Weight	180
Build	Plump
Hair	Black and straight
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Wears thin black mustache
Residence	Calle Tamesis #1502 Urbanizacion El Paraiso Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
Employment	Self-employed attorney Calle Agupybana #422 Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
U. S. Passport Number	Z208501, issued October 9, 1962

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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico
September 15 , 1965

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JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Reference is made to report of [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above at San Juan.

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San Juan report of SA 4/30/65.

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AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

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Title:

JUAN MARI BRAS

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Subject resides at Calle Tamesis 1502, Urbanization El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and is self-employed as attorney with offices at Calle Agueybana, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. Subject resigned as Secretary General of the MPIPR effective 5/15/65. He is present member of MPIPR Political Commission and head of A. J. Unity Commission, as well as a member of MPIPR General Assembly. Subject has directed most of his recent efforts to unity among the various pro-independence groups and to attempt to have the Puerto Rican political status question taken under study by the UN Committee of 24.

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DETAILS:

I - RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

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On September 3, 1965, SJ T-6 advised that the subject continues to reside at Calle Tamesis 1502, Urbanization El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and to be self-employed as an attorney with offices at Calle Agueybana, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

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II - CONNECTIONS WITH THE MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA
DE PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
AND EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE

A characterization of the MPIPR
appears in the appendix.

A. Positions Held

The May 20, 1965, edition of "Carta Semanal" states
the subject is a member of the General Assembly of the
MPIPR, a member of the Political Commission of the MPIPR
and is head of the Unity Commission of the MPIPR.

A characterization of "Carta Semanal"
appears in the appendix.

B. Resignation as Secretary General of the MPIPR

On April 25, 1965, SJ T-20 advised the subject
had been prevented from speaking at graveside ceremonies
for PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on that date by LAURA MENESES,
widow of ALBIZU CAMPOS, and he was deeply disturbed by
this slight.

PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS was the former
titular head of the Nationalist Party
of Puerto Rico (NPPR) who died
on April 21, 1965.

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

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On April 26, 1965, SJ T-3 reported the subject
held a press conference on that date in which he announced
he was going to resign as Secretary General of the MPIPR

with an effective date of May 16, 1965. He declared his purpose in resigning was to bring unity to all the independentist ranks now that ALBIZU had left them. He stated that he expected the MPIPR leaders at a meeting to be held May 16, 1965 at Caguas, Puerto Rico, to elect a new Secretary General and other top leaders. He declared he would not attend this Caguas gathering so there would be no evidence of pressure of delegates on his part and to insure that he would not be subjected to a draft.

The April 28, 1965 edition of The San Juan Star, an English language newspaper, published daily in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article which stated that GABRIEL VICENTE MAURA, Secretary for Foreign Relations of the MPIPR, had hailed JUAN MARI BRAS for having renounced his post as Secretary General and had asked that the heads of all independence groups in Puerto Rico abdicate their posts as a first step toward independentist unity.

On May 2, 1965, SJ T-9 advised that the subject had given a speech on that date at the Fourth MPIPR Youth Congress at Bayamon, Puerto Rico, in which he stated he wished to explain the reason for his resignation and wished to destroy the rumors that the MPIPR would disintegrate. He stated the MPIPR would not disintegrate because it would not give the "imperialist forces" that satisfaction, nor would it disintegrate or make concessions in order to achieve unity among the independentists. He explained that the chief reason he had resigned his position as Secretary General was that at the funeral of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS he had intended to have top independentist leaders assembled at the funeral, taken an oath to labor for unity, but that "Yankee imperialism" with horrible intrigue prevented him from doing this.

C. United Nations (UN) Activities and the Puerto Rico Political Status Question

On March 24, 1965, SJ T-3 advised the subject planned to present a plan to the UN Committee of 24 whereby that Committee would recommend that the UN investigate colonialism in Puerto Rico as an international crime.

[REDACTED]

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D. Efforts to Unify Puerto Rican Independence Groups

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On May 18, 1965, SJ T-15 advised that on May 17, 1965, the subject had held a conference at the Ateneo Puertorriqueno which conference was a call for unification of efforts for independence of Puerto Rico. There were approximately 150 people present at the conference, the majority of which were members of the MPIPR.

On June 24, 1965, SJ T-10 advised that at an MPIPR meeting at Bayamon, Puerto Rico, on June 23, 1965, the subject had made a speech in which he stated he does not want all the independentist groups to unite into one group because all the groups do not feel the same way. He feels that the main thing that independentists could do together would be to take the Puerto Rican political status question before the UN. He said the Colonialist Government would try to prevent the groups from uniting by trying to foment discord among the leaders of the various groups.

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On May 24, 1965, SJ T-11 advised that the subject had made a speech at an MPIPR sponsored picket and demonstration at the Plaza Colon on May 22, 1965, for the purpose of protesting U. S. intervention in the Dominican Republic. In his speech the subject stated that the MPIPR is always ready to maintain the ideal of independence to the end.

The June 11, 1965 final edition of 'El Mundo', a Spanish language newspaper published daily in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article which states the subject was among attorneys to defend three members of the Cruzada Patriotica Unitaria (Christian Patriotic Crusade) (CPC) who had been arrested in connection with an explosion in Utuado, Puerto Rico.

A characterization of the CPC appears in the appendix

On June 10, 1965, SJ T-12 advised that the subject was the principal speaker at an MPIPR Seminar at the Casa Borinquen, 106 E. 14th Street, Manhattan, New York City, on the afternoon of June 14, 1965. During his speech the subject stated that the MPIPR was a revolutionary movement

and would seek the cooperation of any groups "from the left" in its goal to achieve independence for Puerto Rico.

On June 24, 1965, SJ T-13 advised that the subject had been among speakers at an MPIPR-sponsored demonstration at the Plaza Colon on May 22, 1965, to protest U. S. intervention in the Dominican Republic.

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On June 13, 1965, SJ T-8 advised that at an MPIPR seminar at the New York MPIPR Mission on June 11, 1965, the subject had stated that at the present time there are 22 central missions in the MPIPR. The prime purpose of these central missions is to establish patriotic missions, and a meeting of all central missions must be held once every two months.

On June 23, 1965, SJ T-16 advised that at an MPIPR seminar at the Casa Borinquen in New York City on June 12, 1965, the subject had spoken of the need for Puerto Rican national unity in order to combat the Yankee invasion. He stated that the fight of the masses would assure victory.


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On June 10, 1965, SJ T-17 advised that the subject had given a speech on June 12, 1965, at the Casa Borinquen in New York City, which had been furiously anti-American and pro-Dominican rebel in nature and that he had pledged the complete backing of the Dominican rebel forces by the MPIPR and its membership. He stated that the MPIPR, in spite of its lack of money, would contribute everything that it could to the struggle in the Dominican Republic.

He stated the revolution in Santo Domingo was similar to the one in Cuba in 1959 and, like the Cuban Revolution, would succeed.

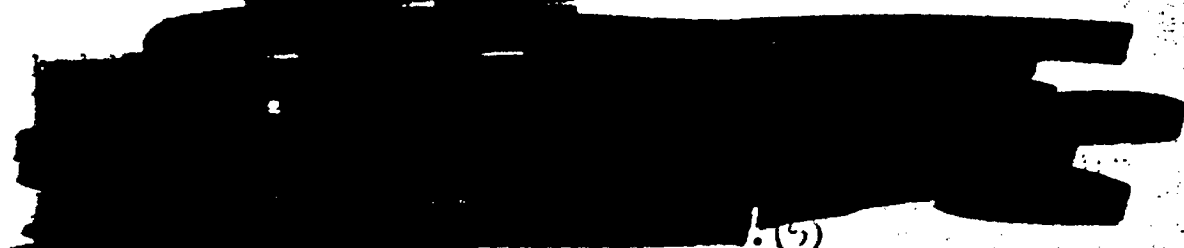
On June 16, 1965, SJ T-18 advised that the subject had given a speech at the Casa Borinquen in New York City on June 12, 1965, in which he stated that the MPIPR is fighting for the liberation of Puerto Rico and that triumph is near. He said the MPIPR would drive the Yankee assassins from Puerto Rico and that they must do things according to the example they receive from Socialist Cuba.



The 14th of June Movement is a pro-OSTRO Communist oriented movement in the Dominican Republic.



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On June 1, 1965, SJ T-3 advised that the subject on that date had stated that the Partido Accion Christiana (Christian Action Party) (PAC) had decided to dissolve until the problem of political status is resolved and he

believed that many PAC members would now join the MPIPR.

A characterization of the PAC
appears in the appendix.

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On June 12, 1965, SJ T-4 advised that the purpose
of the subject's trip to New York City was for the purpose
of attending an MPIPR seminar there.

[REDACTED] (S)

On June 14, 1965, SJ T-2 advised that subject
had returned to Puerto Rico prematurely because of the
death of an old MPIPR member.


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A characterization of the FBI appears
in the appendix.

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



F. Funds

APPENDIX

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CRUZADA PATRIOTICA CRISTIANA
(Christian Patriotic Crusade) (CPC)

Records of the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (POPR), San Juan, Puerto Rico, reflect that the CPC was organized in April, 1958, at Cidra, Puerto Rico, under the guidance of VICTORIANO MARGARITO SANTIAGO ARCE, a Roman Catholic priest then assigned to the Las Piedras Parish. These records reflect that according to statements made by the Directors of the CPC, although the organization is presented to the public as a religious group, it is purely political in character and its sole objective is the obtaining of independence for Puerto Rico through peaceful means. POPR records further reflect that the CPC is in no way connected with the Roman Catholic Church and that the Church has publicly rejected the CPC as a church entity.

According to POPR records, in August, 1960, Father SANTIAGO stated from the pulpit that he would not rest until he saw the Governor of Puerto Rico LUIS MUNOZ MARIN, dead. In early 1964 the POPR discovered him to be implicated in a plot to plant incendiary devices in United States owned business establishments. This plot was thwarted by police action.

In October, 1964, a POPR survey of pro-independence groups showed CPC membership as seventy-two, half of these residing in the Utuado, Puerto Rico, areas. The POPR does not believe the CPC to have island-wide significance.

A confidential source advised on April 6, 1965, that Father SANTIAGO stated during March, 1965, that he strongly advocates independence for Puerto Rico but cannot become too deeply involved in revolutionary matters because of his position as a Roman Catholic priest.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124) DATE: September 23, 1965

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

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

Re San Juan airtel dated August 5, 1965, and
Bureau airtel dated August 10, 1965.

The Spanish language leaflet proposed in referenced
San Juan airtel and authorized in referenced Bureau airtel
was mailed under secure conditions at Guaynabo, Puerto Rico,
and Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, on August 18, 1965.

Reaction to the leaflet was immediate and
gratifying.

The August 20, 1965 edition of the San Juan Spanish
language daily newspaper "El Mundo," in its political column
"Trasfondo," written by MIGUEL A. SANTIN, Sub-Director of
"El Mundo," quoted excerpts from the leaflet and made
derogatory comments concerning unity efforts by the
Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) and the
apparent failure of these efforts, pointing up the fact that
the Pro-Independence Party (PIP) had resisted all efforts
toward unification.

Two copies of a translation of SANTIN's column are
attached for the Bureau and one for New York for examination.

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leaflet ridiculing MPI unity efforts was presently being circulated under the name Grupo Pro-Usó Voto del MPI. He said that if the leaflet was being circulated by the Secret Police this implied that someone had furnished them the names and addresses of MPI second-level members. He added that because of this, these second-level members should not continue their MPI work and that the MPI leadership must make every effort to determine the identity of the writers of the leaflet because the leaflet was greatly affecting the progress of the MPI.

On August 26, 1965, [redacted] advised the leadership of the MPI is very disturbed over a leaflet which was recently circulated under the name Grupo Pro-Usó Voto del MPI which sarcastically evaluates the unity movement within the MPI. He stated MPI officials are particularly concerned because many individuals receiving the leaflet are not openly members of the MPI and the feeling is that individuals with access to the official mailing list must be involved in the Grupo Pro-Usó Voto del MPI.

On August 30, 1965, [redacted] advised that a leaflet concerning unity efforts by the MPI was being circulated under the name Grupo Pro-Usó Voto del MPI and that although the stated position of the MPI leadership is that the leaflet is the work of the Police of Puerto Rico (PPR), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), or the FBI, [redacted] and [redacted] and other MPI youth leaders are openly speculating that the leaflet may be a disruptive effort by a few ambitious leaders among the MPI youth who aspire to higher levels of leadership.

San Juan Office
Analysis of the Above

It is noted that "El Mundo" is the oldest, largest, most respected and most widely read newspaper in Puerto Rico and is also decidedly pro-United States. The devoting of the "Trasfondo" column to the leaflet exceeded all expectations, and it is believed that this has served to point up, to the general public, the failure of JUAN MARI BRAS and the MPI to successfully unify the various pro-independence groups. It has also made the rank and file membership of the MPI aware

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of the failure of unification efforts and might conceivably result in resistance by the rank and file to further efforts in that direction.

The admitted concern by MPI leaders that police agencies are aware of the identities of second-level members of the organization further points up the success of the leaflet since identities of second-level members (principally people employed by the Commonwealth Government) are supposed to be secret from all but a few of the MPI leaders. It is therefore believed that the leaflet has had a definite deterrent effect on the second-level membership and its activities and may cause many of these individuals to cease efforts on behalf of the MPI completely.

The open speculation by prominent young MPI leaders [redacted] and [redacted] that the leaflet may be the work of ambitious members of MPI youth further points up the confusion and distrust caused within the MPI leadership by the leaflet. It is believed this distrust may possibly prove to be another crack in the MPI armor and consideration will be given in the near future to attempt further exploitation in that direction.

The Bureau will be advised of any further pertinent results received from the recent disruptive tactic.

What about the unification of all independentists?

Everybody recalls that right after PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS' death, a lot was said about the unification of all those who advocate independence.

Presumably, this organization would cover all the members of the PIP, the MPI, the Nationalists and others who belong to small splintered groups from the Nationalist Party.

In a dramatic gesture, and in order to propitiate unification, Attorney JUAN MARI BRAS resigned from his position as Secretary General of the MPI, and his gesture was useless.

The PIP has not shown any interest in unification, and some days ago the MPI delegate to the United Nations, JOSE ANTONIO GONZALEZ, was complaining that the PIP had not even supported the attempts of the Independence Movement so that the Special Committee of 24 would discuss "the Puerto Rican issue."

Later, the PIP presented its request.

Nothing has been heard from other groups.

Now a group that names itself "Grupo Pro Use Vote Del MPI" is circulating a letter entitled "Unity With Respect To What?" and which reads partly as follows:

"Well, it seems that our former young leader, unable to face the realities of the dismal failure of his electoral strike, and disappointed because his faithful followers did not beg him to continue in his former capacity, has decided to devote himself to bigger and better things, namely, the unification of all pre-independence groups in Puerto Rico.

"But, unification in what respect? Unity for another electoral strike campaign which could be an even greater and costlier fiasco than the last because more groups and people will be involved? Who knows, perhaps with unified action of all independence groups, the pre-independence portion of the vote can drop even lower, perhaps to even no vote at all...

"Enough, we say, enough of false promises and false prophets...!!

"Unity yes, but unity in a moral and dedicated sense to the struggle for independence. Surely everyone must realize, since recent events in the Dominican Republic and Viet Nam, that the Paper Tiger to the north may not be entirely paper. They must realize that our only hope for independence is through patient and hard work. The polls are still the answer. We must get a toe held in the legislature and plead our case before all the people. Independence will not be achieved through the egotistical rantings of political demagogues..."

Unity?

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Date: 9/30/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1) (P)

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

The 9/22/65 edition of the "Carta Semanal," the weekly newsletter of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), contained an article written by LORENZO PINIERO, the Secretary General of that organization, in which he pointed out that MPI members should not take part in any independence activities or demonstrations organized by other independence groups unless approval had been granted by the MPI official.

During the past week FRANCISCO COLON GORDIANY addressed the Puerto Rican Bar Association and told them about his attempts to influence the United Nations (U.N.) Committee which deals with colonialism in non-self-governing countries and which is popularly referred to as the U. N. Committee of 24 to bring before the U.N. the question of independence for Puerto Rico. During his talk GORDIANY mentioned that the Puerto Rico Anti-Colonialist Congress, of which he is a leader, intended to have a pro-independence demonstration in the San Juan area in the near future.

The SJO feels that the comments made by PINIERO in the "Carta Semanal" were directed critically at these statements regarding the demonstration made by GORDIANY, which are referred to above.

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It is felt that a certain amount of disunity among the ranks of the independence movement can be caused by disseminating a leaflet under the auspices of our fictitious "Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI", criticizing the attitude which PINIERO has taken. The leaflet would imply that LORENZO PINIERO is an ineffectual figurehead used by JUAN MARI BRAS, former Secretary General of the MPI, to control the activities of the organization for MARI BRAS.

The leaflet will also be critical of MARI BRAS' action in New York where he recently attempted to focus the attention of the Committee of 24 on the problem of Puerto Rico independence and on his current independence activity in the European continent.

The text of the proposed leaflet is as follows:

"ARE WE TIRED?"

"The quavering voice of our former young leader," as quoted the aging Lorenzo Piniero, is once again telling us that we must struggle for independence only within the MPI. He tells us that we are forbidden to work shoulder to shoulder with our brothers in the other independence organizations.

"Can it really be that LORENZO PINIERO is interested in a disciplined effort toward independence or is it merely that he is tiring of the struggle?"

"We see the lawyer Mari Bras vacationing in Europe. Is he also tired? Admittedly, Mari Bras' struggle in New York before the U.N. was taxing and difficult. Admittedly, Mari Bras, like other politicians, does not enjoy facing the people when he has failed them, particularly when there was a loss of prestige and great expenditure of MPI funds in his abortive effort, but the solution to a problem is not to run away and hide!

"Contrast the actions of MARI BRAS with those of lawyer COLON GORDIANY, who engaged in the same losing battle in New York and yet had the courage to come back to the Island and face the Bar Association and the people. He is not tired. He calls for a renewal of the effort. Why are we forbidden to unite with them in a massive demonstration?"

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"We, the young Puerto Ricans, are not tired. We stand ready to continue the struggle. Must we wait idly while our leaders rest? We will continue the fight and we will join with any independence group within or outside the MPI in the unending struggle for liberty and the fatherland."

"Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI"

As has been done in the past, we propose to mail this leaflet from outlying areas to those persons on our portion of the MPIPR mailing list and selected independence leaders and sympathizers.

It is believed that the leaflet represents an opportunity to counteract unification efforts and undermine the leadership of the MPI in the Puerto Rican independence movement.

Bureau authority is solicited to put this proposed plan into effect while MARI BRAS is still outside the country.

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

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 157

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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Reurairtel 9/30/65. Bureau authority is granted to prepare and mail the recommended leaflet in the Spanish language as set forth in referenced airtel.

You are to insure that the leaflet will be prepared and mailed in such a manner that it cannot be traced back to the Bureau or to any Bureau employee. Advise Bureau of any pertinent results.

NOTE:

The proposed leaflet is a continuation of the counterintelligence program against the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR) designed to create dissension within the organization and to create distrust of its leader Juan Mari Bras. The leaflet will exploit dissension already within the ranks of the organization over the edict of its Acting Secretary General Lorenzo Pinero which instructs that members should not take part in any independence activity unless approval has been granted by the MPIPR. The leaflet will be put out under the name of a fictitious organization, Group for Use of the Vote in the MPIPR. This is the same name that has been used in other leaflets which have been very successful in disrupting activities of MPIPR.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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New York, New York
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[REDACTED] has held that position for
several years.

A characterization of the MPIPR is attached
hereto.

NY T-1 further learned on [REDACTED] that
Juan Mari Bras was residing temporarily with [REDACTED]
until his contemplated return to Puerto Rico on [REDACTED]

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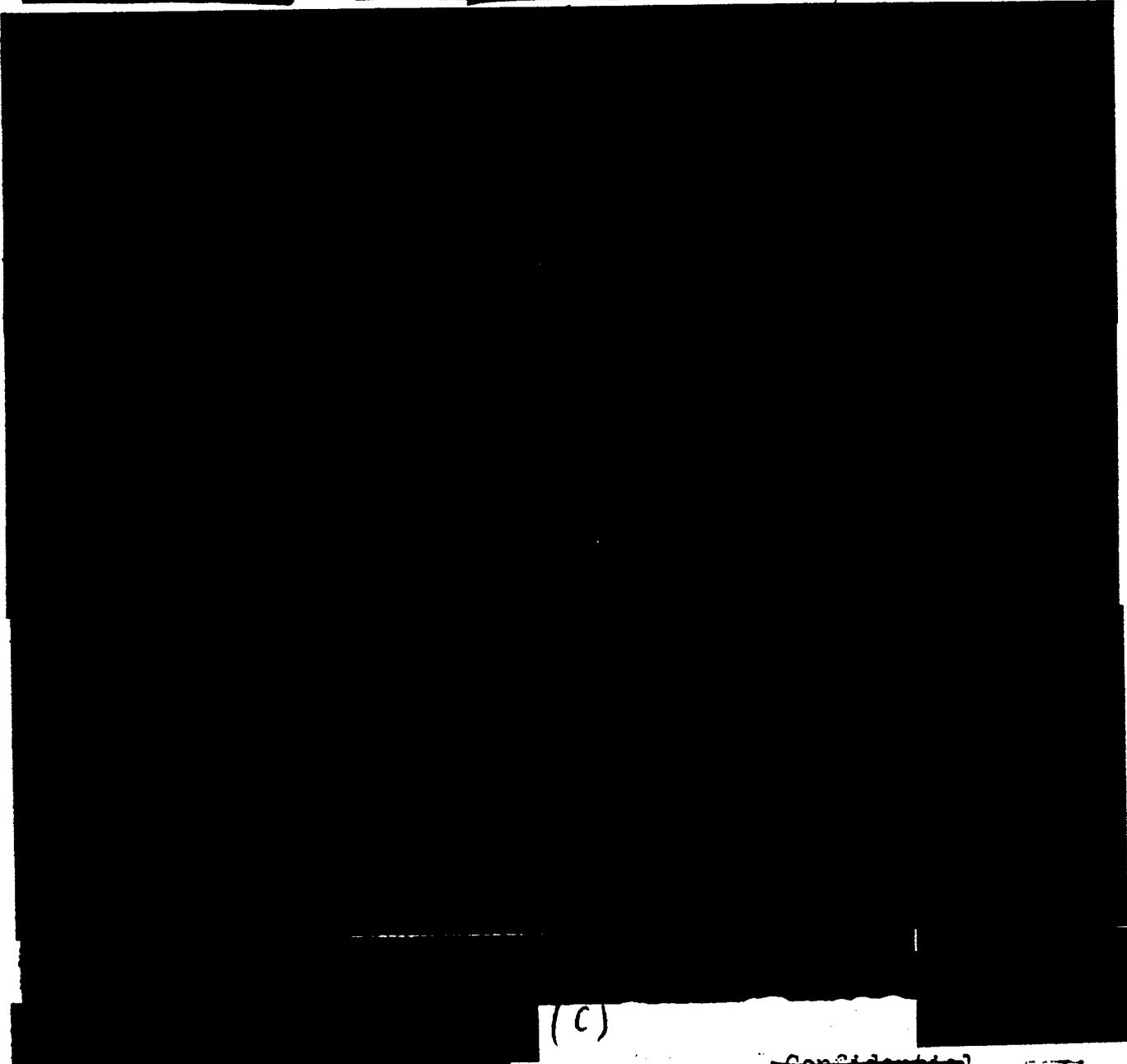
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Juan Mari Bras

It was determined by the source that Juan Mari Bras contemplated going to the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] to speak with [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]



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With respect to [REDACTED] NY T-2
advised on May 20, 1964, that [REDACTED] was
a supporter of the MPIPR.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Re NY airtel, 10/8/65.

On 10/10/65, [REDACTED] (protect) advised that on 10/9/65, JUAN MARI BRAS addressed a General Assembly meeting of the MPI, New York Mission. BRAS stated he recently returned from a trip during which he visited Indonesia where he received the support of leaders of that country and North Viet Nam where he contacted leaders of the South Viet Nam Liberation Front who pledged their support to the cause of the Puerto Rican independent movement. Source determined that BRAS also traveled to France and visited [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]

BRAS also urged those present at the meeting to support the International Days of Protest to be held at NYC on 10/15, 16 and 17/65.

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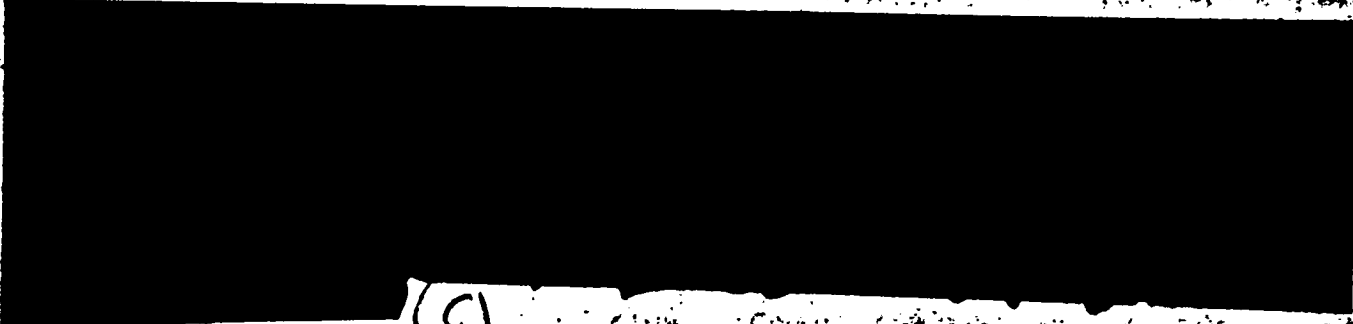
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Source also advised on 10/10/65, that BRAS returned to Puerto Rico on 10/9/65. Source ascertained that due to the situation in the Committee of 24, BRAS may return to NYC within one or two weeks.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 4312
San Juan 21, Puerto Rico
October 18, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Reference is made to instant letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at San Juan.

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RE JUAN MARI BRAS



JUAN MARI BRAS is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	December 2, 1927
Place of birth:	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Build:	Plump
Hair:	Black and straight
Eyes:	Blue
Characteristics:	Wears thin black mustache
Residence:	Tamesis No. 1502, Urbaniza- cion El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
Employment:	Self-employed attorney Calle Agueybana No. 422, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
U. S. Passport No.:	Z 208501 issued October 9, 1962

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1APPENDIXMOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)

The MPIPR was organized November 23, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, according to its first Secretary General, JUAN MARI BRAS, for the avowed purpose of working for the independence of Puerto Rico. It was stated that the organization did not advocate violence but would accept anyone who believed in Puerto Rican independence regardless of his beliefs as to the use of violence provided he agreed with the MPIPR Declaration of Principles.

Since its inception, the MPIPR has had as its leader and guiding force JUAN MARI BRAS who, speaking on behalf of himself and the organization, said the MPIPR does not advocate violence as a means of obtaining independence for Puerto Rico only because he felt violence would be ineffective against the power of the United States Government. He stated that he believed in the right of the Puerto Rican people to use violence to obtain their freedom if and when the circumstances were such that they could possibly be successful in their efforts.

[REDACTED]

The MPIPR has missions throughout the Island of Puerto Rico and in New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and Buffalo, New York. It has an estimated membership of between 1,000 and 1,300 persons according to [REDACTED]

Since its inception, MPIPR and its leaders have frequently expressed sympathy for the communist revolution in Cuba and with the Castro Government in Cuba.

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Date: 10/18/65

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TO:

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FROM:

SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419)

SUBJECT:

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R.D. [Signature]

RE SJ airtels dated 8/16 and 8/17/65, with
1hm enclosed; NY teletype to Bureau and
San Juan, 10/8/65; NY airtel to Bureau, 10/11/65
captioned "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS-PRN, IS - Cuba,
RA-Cuba"; San Juan teletype to Bureau, 10/11/65.

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SLIP(S) OF [Signature]
DATE 10/21/65

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York
are twelve and four copies, respectively, of a letterhead
memorandum captioned "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS-PRN, IS-CUBA, RA-
CUBA".

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 110

- 4-Bureau (RM) (Enc. 12)
 - 1-Legat Paris
- 4-New York (65-22500) (Enc. 4) (RM)
 - 1-105-39139 (MPIPR)

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Sub [Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-292)

FROM : *camp* Legat, London (105-2235) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

OO: San Juan

DATE: 10/26/65

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[REDACTED] (S)

Inasmuch as subject planned to leave Puerto Rico 8/16/65 for one month, this case is being placed in a RUC status. It will, however, be reopened should information be received concerning subject's travel.

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1 - London
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Date: 10/28/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401)

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
IS-PRN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are 13 copies and 5 copies respectively of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) classified "~~SECRET~~" which are suitable for dissemination in the event the Bureau feels this information should be furnished to the State Department and/or other interested agencies.

- 7 - Bureau (RM) (Enc. 13)
- (1 - 105-66754 Groups Seeking Independence for P.R.)
 - (1 - 105-83473 [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 105-292 Juan Mari Bras)
 - (1 - 100-371962 [REDACTED])
- 5 - New York (RM) (Enc. 5)
- (1 - 105-39139 MPIPR)
 - (1 - 105-40519 [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 105-3002 Juan Mari Bras)
 - (1 - 105-32872 Groups Seeking Independence for P.R.)
 - (1 - 100- Ana Livia Cordero)
- 7 - San Juan
- (2 - 105-3401 MPIPR)
 - (1 - 105-3353 Groups Seeking Independence for PR)
 - (1 - 100-4785 (Juan Mari Bras))
 - (1 - 100-5258 [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 105-3577 [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 65-419 [REDACTED])

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A translation of the text of this letter and the first-mentioned letter as well as other material also enclosed will be furnished by letter in the near future.

Enclosed LHM is classified ~~SECRET~~ because it contains information furnished by [REDACTED] the disclosure of which might result in the identification of this highly sensitive investigative technique.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 4312

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905

October 28, 1965

**In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.**

MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

[REDACTED] is the self-admitted MPIPR representative to the [REDACTED]

is the self-admitted MPIPR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-292)

DATE: October 28, 1965

FROM : Legat, Rome (105-1105) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN
(OO: San Juan)

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ReBulet to Department of State 8/25/65.

[REDACTED] (C)
As of October 28, 1965, neither of these sources has furnished any information regarding such travel on the part of BRAS.

Upon receipt of any information from alerted sources, the Bureau will be promptly advised.

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1 - Rome (105-1105)
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DATE 10/28/65

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401)

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement)
(MPIPR)
IS-PRN

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

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DATE 11/3/65

BY TSJ/dc

LATE 3:05 PM

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are 15 copies and 4 copies respectively of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned as above and classified "SECRET" which are suitable for dissemination in the event the Bureau feels information contained therein should be disseminated to State Department and/or other interested agencies.

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 - (1 - 105-292 Juan Mari Bras)
 - (1 - 105-83473 [REDACTED])
- 4 - New York (RM) (Enc. 4) (Info)
 - (1 - NY 105-39139 MPIPR)
 - (1 - NY 105-40519 [REDACTED])
 - (1 - NY 105-32872 Groups Seeking Independence for PR)
 - (1 - NY 105- [REDACTED] Juan Mari Bras)
- 5 - San Juan
 - 105-3353 (Groups Seeking Independence for PR)
 - 100-4785 (Juan Mari Bras)
 - 105-3677 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (S)

This document contained a notation that the time limit for corrections prior to publication would be 11/3/65.

Changes discussed in the letter of [REDACTED] on 10/28/65 were marked on the document, apparently by [REDACTED] and enclosed LHM sets forth a summary of information contained in the letter of 10/28/65 as clarified by the letter and document of 10/29/65.

Additional information contained in the letter of 10/28/65 will be furnished in detail by letter in the near future.

Enclosed LHM is classified "~~SECRET~~" because it contains information furnished by [REDACTED], the unauthorized disclosure of which might result in the identification of this highly sensitive investigative technique, jeopardizing its future effectiveness and proving detrimental to the security interests of the United States.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905

November 3, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

A characterization of the MPIPR is attached
hereto.

[REDACTED]

(S) [REDACTED] is the self-admitted
[REDACTED] of the MPIPR to the

JUAN MARI BRAS is the former Secretary General
of the MPIPR and presently a member of the General
Assembly and Political Commission of that organiza-
tion, as well as head of its Unity Commission.

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Re: MIPR



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

DATE: 11/10/65

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401)

~~SECRET~~SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rican
Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
IS-PRN

Re San Juan airtel, 11/3/65 with enclosed letterhead memorandum (LHM).

San Juan teletypes captioned, "[REDACTED]"

dated 11/3/65.

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- (1 - 105-75715 MPIPR)
- (1 - 105-66754 Groups Seeking Independence for P.R.)
- (1 - 105-83473 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 105-292 Juan Mari Bras)

4 - New York (RM) (Info)

- (1 - 105-39139 MPIPR)
- (1 - 105-40519 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 105-32872 Groups Seeking Independence for P.R.)
- (1 - 105- Juan Mari Bras)

10 - San Juan

- (2 - 105-3401 (MPIPR))
- (1 - 105-3353 Groups Seeking Ind. for P.R.)
- (1 - 100-4785 Juan Mari Bras)
- (1 - 105-3577 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 105-3357 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 105-5049 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 105-7988 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-3620 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 105-7603 [REDACTED])

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Memorandum

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 11-16-65

FROM: LEGAT, BONN (105-5315) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

ReBulet to Department of State, 8-25-65.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1) (P)
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SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(Subversive Control Section)
IS-PRN
(OO: SAN JUAN)

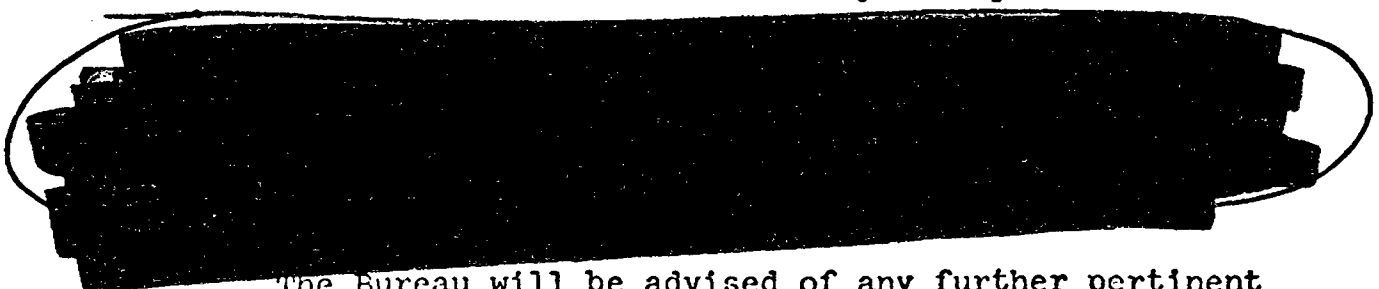
DATE: 11/18/65

Re San Juan teletype to the Bureau and New York,
11/15/65, captioned, "MPIPR; IS-PRN."

As set out in referenced teletype, the headquarters of the MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), #1122 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Rio Piedras, were badly damaged by fire on the night of 11/14/65.

The official MPIPR reaction, as stated by present Secretary General LORENZO PINEIRO RIVERA and former secretary general JUAN MARI BRAS, is that the fire was the work of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and/or undercover agents paid by them.

According to MARI BRAS, the fire destroyed all records of the organization and as a result, administration and communication matters have been badly disrupted.


The Bureau will be advised of any further pertinent information in this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401) (P)

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
IS-PRN

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(1 - 105-292 Juan Mari Bras)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)
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Date: 11/30/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS-PRN
(OO: SAN JUAN)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are nine copies and two copies respectively of a letter-head memorandum (LHM) captioned, "JUAN MARI BRAS; IS-PRN," which are suitable for dissemination.

Copies of enclosed LHM are being disseminated locally to ONI, 471st INTC Detachment, and OSI.

Enclosed LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL because it contains information from [redacted] and [redacted] designated SJ T-1 and SJ T-2 respectively in LHM, the disclosure of which might result in the identification of these two sources of continuing value, jeopardizing their future effectiveness and proving detrimental to the security interests of the United States.

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- 2 - New York (RM) (Enc. 2)
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- 2 - San Juan [redacted] (5)

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Post Office Box 4312
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905
November 30, 1965

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On November 26, 1965, SJ T-1, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that above-captioned individual, former Secretary General of the MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), and presently a member of its General Assembly and Political Commission and head of its Unity Commission, had become ill on that date and had been admitted to the Auxilio Mutuo Hospital, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico on that date for a few days' rest.

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

On November 30, 1965, SJ T-2, another confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JUAN MARI BRAS had suffered a heart attack and would be confined to the Auxilio Mutuo Hospital, Supra, for approximately three weeks. At present, only members of his immediate family are allowed to visit him.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico
December 8, 1965

TRI-CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE OF NATIONS
FROM ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA,
HAVANA, CUBA, January, 1966

Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources, utilized in referenced communication, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico
December 8, 1965

TRI-CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE OF NATIONS
FROM ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA,
HAVANA, CUBA, JANUARY, 1966

[REDACTED] advised the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) planned to send delegates to Havana, Cuba, during the first week of January, 1966, to attend a so-called Tri-Continental Conference of Nations from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the problems facing non self-governing nations.

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Characterizations of the MPIPR, FUPI and IUS
are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contained the following information concerning the International Union of Students:

- "1. 'The World Federation of Democratic Youth brought into being the International Union of Students, which held a meeting in Prague on August 17-31, 1946. The administration and direction of this project was entrusted to a 17-man executive committee, of whom 12 were known Communists.' Also cited as one of the 'long-established Soviet-controlled international organizations' which speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy and which has 'affiliated organizations in the United States, which consequently have also been turned into instruments in the "peace" campaign.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 271 on American Youth for Democracy, April 17, 1947, P. 13; and House Report 378 on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, p. 77.)

2. Cited as being among 'international Communist fronts*** functioning at the present time.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 93, also p. 59.)"

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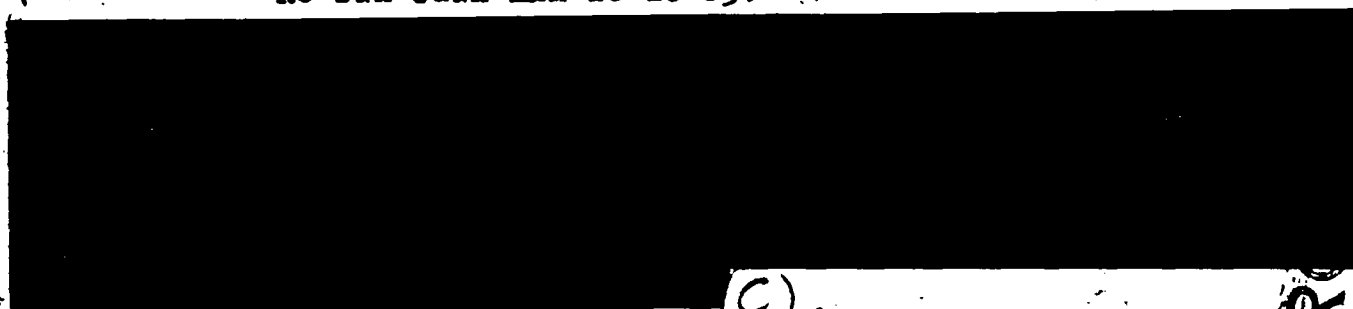
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