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1 - Mr. [redacted]
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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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W. J. [redacted] (info)
Jim

Reurairtel 12/14/66.

The Bureau appreciates the interest and enthusiasm exhibited in preparing and submitting the counterintelligence measure set forth in reairtel; however, after giving it careful consideration the Bureau is of the opinion that it should not be utilized. It is felt that this measure could possibly have the effect of furthering the aims and purposes of the independence groups.

While it is not possible to approve your suggestion in this instance, you should continue to give this program your continued attention.

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NOTE: San Juan proposed utilizing a letter written by the President of the NPPR to the Secretary General of the MPIPR on 9/14/66 as a counterintelligence tactic. It desired to mail this letter with a short note written in a condescending manner ostensibly from the MPIPR to independentists in Puerto Rico. Although this tactic could possibly cause some ill-feeling between the two organizations, it is felt that added publicity to the letter from the head of the NPPR more than counterbalances any possible good that could come otherwise.

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Date: 1/12/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439190)
 FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6731) (P)
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT
 COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
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Enclosed for the Bureau, New York and Atlanta are 15
 copies, 3 copies, and 1 copy respectively, of a letterhead
 memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above and classified
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 (3 - 100-439190)
 (1 - 105-292 Juan Mari Bras)
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 (1 - 105-104143 [REDACTED])
 (1 - 105-13436 [REDACTED])
 (1 - 105-439854 [REDACTED])
 (1 - 100- [REDACTED] Stokely Carmichael)
 (1 - 105-53868 FUPI)
 (1 - 100-214354 [REDACTED])
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Juan, Puerto Rico
January 12, 1967

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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Characterizations of the FUPI and the MPIPR
appear in the appendix.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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Carmichael will start his activities on January 24, 1967, at 3:00 p.m., when he will hold a press conference. [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] At 6:00 p.m. the conference will be concluded and the next activity will be a meeting sponsored by the FUPI in Rio Piedras at 8:00 p.m., January 24, 1967. Following this there will be a meeting with the youth group of the MPIPR and some other invited guests which will start at 11:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1967, Carmichael will have an interview with MPIPR Secretary General Juan Mari Bras commencing at 9:30 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. that day Carmichael will participate in a march protesting compulsory military service which will take place in the metropolitan San Juan area and which should be concluded by 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. on January 25, 1967, a conference will take place at the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, sponsored by the FUPI. [REDACTED] b7d

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On January 5, 1967, SJ T-1 furnished additional details concerning scheduled activities during Carmichael's visit to Puerto Rico as follows:

January 24, 1967 - Carmichael will depart New York City at 8:30 a.m., via Pan American Airlines, Flight #291. He is scheduled to arrive in Puerto Rico about 12 noon.

3:00 p.m. - a press conference will be held at the Mallorquina Restaurant, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

8:00 p.m. - Carmichael will speak at a FUPI meeting to be held at the corners of Calles Amalia Marin and Humacao, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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January 25, 1967 - At 1:00 p.m. a march from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, in protest of compulsory military service. Carmichael will participate in the march.

At 8:00 p.m. a conference will be held at the University of Puerto Rico Amphitheater, which conference Carmichael will conduct.

January 26, 1967 -



SJ T-1 stated, with reference to the conference to be held at the University of Puerto Rico Amphitheater, Carmichael's topic will be "Black Power and the Anti-Colonial Struggle".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: 1/12/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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ReBulet, 12/28/66.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 1/13/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

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

ReBulet, 12/13/66.

On 12/4/66, the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) New York Junta (NYJ) underwent a reorganization. Former dissident Nationalists assumed the principal positions on the Board of Directors and former prominent members of the Board were elected to lesser positions.

On the surface, this would appear to indicate that the previous dissension between the 2 major factions has been resolved; however, the distrust between these factions is so deep rooted that a strong possibility exists that dissension will again erupt.

An indication of this disharmony is the lack of attendance by the current NYJ leadership at a special dance held by [redacted] in NYC within a week of the reorganization. [redacted] will be recalled, previously held the [redacted] of the NYJ and was replaced on 12/4/66 by [redacted]. While the dance organized by [redacted] was not for NPPR purposes, it received the support of most active Puerto Rican independentists because the profits therefrom were to be given to [redacted] a fellow independentist who had sacrificed money and time to promote the cause of independence in NYC through picketing demonstrations.

The NYO suggests that counterintelligence techniques aimed at reopening the schism between the previously disputing parties be held in abeyance until the exact direction of their relationship becomes known. Based on past experience, this should occur in a reasonably short period of time. It is felt a counterintelligence technique aimed at a specific target to gain a specific objective will prove more effective than a general technique aimed at the entire membership and/or leadership.

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It is felt that the working together of these 2 factions will soon reopen old wounds and the NYO will then be in a position to know at whom to direct a specific technique.

The NYO continuously alerts its sources operating in the Puerto Rican pro-independence field to report every/or incident personality conflict. The NYO will remain alert to take advantage of every such conflict which presents itself.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

1/16/61

SAC, NEW YORK (105-39139)

MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA
de PUERTO RICO

IS-PR

(OO: San Juan)

Re San Juan radiogram dated 12/15/60; NY letter
to San Juan dated 12/16/60 (Interoffice).

It is noted that except for the following
information all information concerning the activities on
behalf of the captioned organization has been furnished
to San Juan.

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El Diario of Nueva York, daily Spanish language newspaper, published at San Juan, of 12/13/60, contains an article which when translated from the Spanish is entitled MPI Presents to UN the Case of Albizu and Forty Prisoners. This article indicates that the MPIPR through MARI BRAS, MAURA and VICENTE GEIGEL POLANCO have presented a document to the Commission of Human Rights of the UN requesting them to look into the matter of the nationalists who are incarcerated on behalf of their independence activities.

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The article quotes MAURA as saying "Even though MUNOZ MARIN can elect candidates which approve colonialism in Puerto Rico and take away the liberty and sovereignty of Puerto Rico as was promised by history, the men of all races and social levels have decided to erase this last black page of the history of colonialism and neither MUNOZ MARIN nor anyone else can stop them."

^a
It is noted that/picket organized by the MPIPR was observed in the Plaza across from the UN on 12/10/60, to begin at approximately 2:50 p.m. and to end 3:50 p.m.

MARI BRAS was observed by SA [REDACTED] to participate in this picket with numerous other individuals, including representatives of the NPPR, Movimiento Marzo 21, Workers World Party and Movimiento Libertador de Puerto Rico.

[REDACTED]

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
[REDACTED]	12/7/60	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	12/6/60	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	12/14/60	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	12/20/60	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	12/20/60	[REDACTED]

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Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

12/20/60

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In view of the above there appears to be no further organized activities on the part of captioned organization in the NY area. Any information coming to the attention of the NYO will be furnished to San Juan on a continuing basis.

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ReSJairtel 1/10/67.

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR)-
NY Junta has no official headquarters or meeting place.

[REDACTED] is a well known, old line NPPR
member who has resided at [REDACTED]
for the last four to five years.

The NYO suggests the following names of persons
to receive an anonymous letter:

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR WASHINGTON FIELD

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WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK

VIA TELETYPE

OCT 16 1967

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM;
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

NY FIVE ONE ZERO NINE DASH S MADE AVAILABLE COPY OF "MOBILIZER
NEWS TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM", DATED TEN SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN,
WHICH IS BEING MAILED TO SIX THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IT CONTAINS REPORT BY DAVE DELLINGER,
WHICH STATES IN PART THE FOLLOWING:

GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS ULTIMATUM, PERMITS EXPECTED FOR MARCH AND
RALLIES THE FIRST OF WEEK. REVISED CONFRONTATION SCHEDULED IS:
TEN AM ASSEMBLE, ELEVEN THIRTY RALLY AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL, ONE
THIRTY PM MARCH TO PENTAGON BEGINS, THREE THIRTY TO FIVE PM RALLY
AT PENTAGON, FOUR PM DIRECT ACTION, PEACEFUL SIT-IN AND SUPPORTING
PICKETS AND VIGIL. RALLY CONTINUES. NINE PM MASS MEETING LOCATION
TO BE ANNOUNCED AT RALLY. SUNDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY SECOND, _____
CONFRONTATION CONTINUES WITH DIRECT ACTION SUPPORTING PICKETS OCT 23 1967
AND VIGILS. SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

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JUAN MARI BRAS

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[REDACTED]

The New York Office, since 7/20/60, has been attempting to develop the following individuals who have knowledge of anti-CASTRO activities:

*Est. era
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de 11-17-71
Barbara
C. [unclear]*

[REDACTED]

JUAN BRAS (FRD).

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Sullivan _____
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Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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DATE: 1/18/67 - CONFIDENTIAL

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

PURPOSE:

DETAILS:

Mari Bras, a San Juan attorney, is the dominant leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) which is the largest and potentially most dangerous of the militant groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rican Government recently enacted a law calling for a plebiscite to be held in July, 1967, to determine if the people there desire independence, statehood or to continue the present commonwealth form of government. Facing certain defeat at the polls, the independentists have indicated they will go to any length to frustrate the holding of the plebiscite. Mari Bras has stated that the plebiscite could lead to civil war. (u)

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[REDACTED]

On 10/12/66, source advised the closing speech
of the Tenth annual FUPI congress would be given by JUAN
MARI BRAS. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

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Mari Bras is the founder and current Secretary-General of the MPIPR, the largest and potentially the most dangerous of the militant groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico. Mari Bras completely dominates this organization. He is rabid in his hatred of the United States and he and his organization seize every opportunity to embarrass this country. The MPIPR is known to be planning a terrorist campaign and Mari Bras has recently stated publicly that statehood will come to Puerto Rico only over the dead bodies of independentists. (u)

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On 9/27/66, source advised JUAN MARI BRAS would appear on a panel TV program that night and planned to make much of the anti-Selective Service campaign and the "persecution" directed against the MPIPR. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 8/29/66, source advised that MARI BRAS would address an anti-military service rally at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) the following day. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 9/15/66, source advised that MARI BRAS had traveled to New York on that date. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 9/27/66, source advised that MARI BRAS would
appear on a panel-type program on local TV that evening,
where he would have the opportunity to expound his views. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 10/12/66, source advised that MARI BRAS would give the closing address of the Tenth Annual FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE (FUPI) Congress being held at the University of Puerto Rico on that date. (u)

[REDACTED]

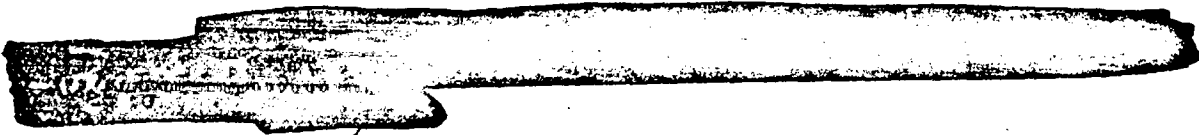
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On 10/23/66, source advised of plans of MARI BRAS and his wife to attend MPIPR functions at Arecibo, Puerto Rico. (u)



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On 9/1/66, source advised MARI BRAS would speak at a teach-in at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) that evening protesting the war in Viet Nam. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 9/20/66, source advised MARI BRAS would conduct a press conference that afternoon and would attend an MPIPR meeting in Caguas, Puerto Rico that night. (u)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 10/14/66, source advised that MARI BRAS had received an invitation to appear on the English language TV program NITE SIDE in the near future. (u)

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On 10/26/66

[REDACTED] JUAN MARI BRAS,
[REDACTED] planned to travel to
San Juan, Puerto Rico on MPIP business later that date. (u)

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Kitchens

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Reurlet 12/21/66 captioned "Groups Seeking Independence
for Puerto Rico, IS-PRM," and Bureau letter 10/12/66 concerning
the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR).

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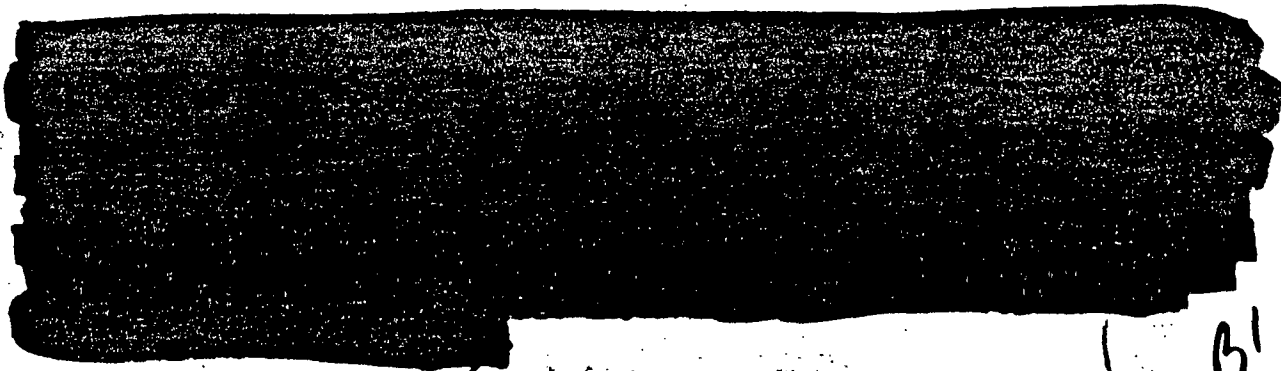
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-9143) (P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL
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JUAN MARI BRAS

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It is noted that STOKELY CARMICHAEL, listed as a member of the Tribunal, is scheduled to arrive in San Juan, Puerto Rico, during the afternoon of 1/25/67 [REDACTED]

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LEADS:

SAN JUAN DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, P. R.

Will continue to conduct investigation relevant
to proposed trip of MARI BRAS to North Vietnam.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
January 24, 1967

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL
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JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

[REDACTED] a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that JUAN MARI BRAS was planning to travel to North Vietnam as part of a "Legal Investigating Team" of the International War Crimes Tribunal. [REDACTED]

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 Del Este, Uruguay, April, 1967

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Re San Juan teletype dated 1/24/67.

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(1 - 100-75715) (MELER)
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(1 - 100-) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL) (Info)
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(1 - 100-) (SNCC) (Info)
(1 - 100-) (STOKELY CARMICHAEL) (Info)
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(1 - 100-4785) (JOHN MARE FRAS)
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observers from the CI, PUPP and the San Juan Office of the FBI estimated the size of the crowd at approximately 50 individuals.

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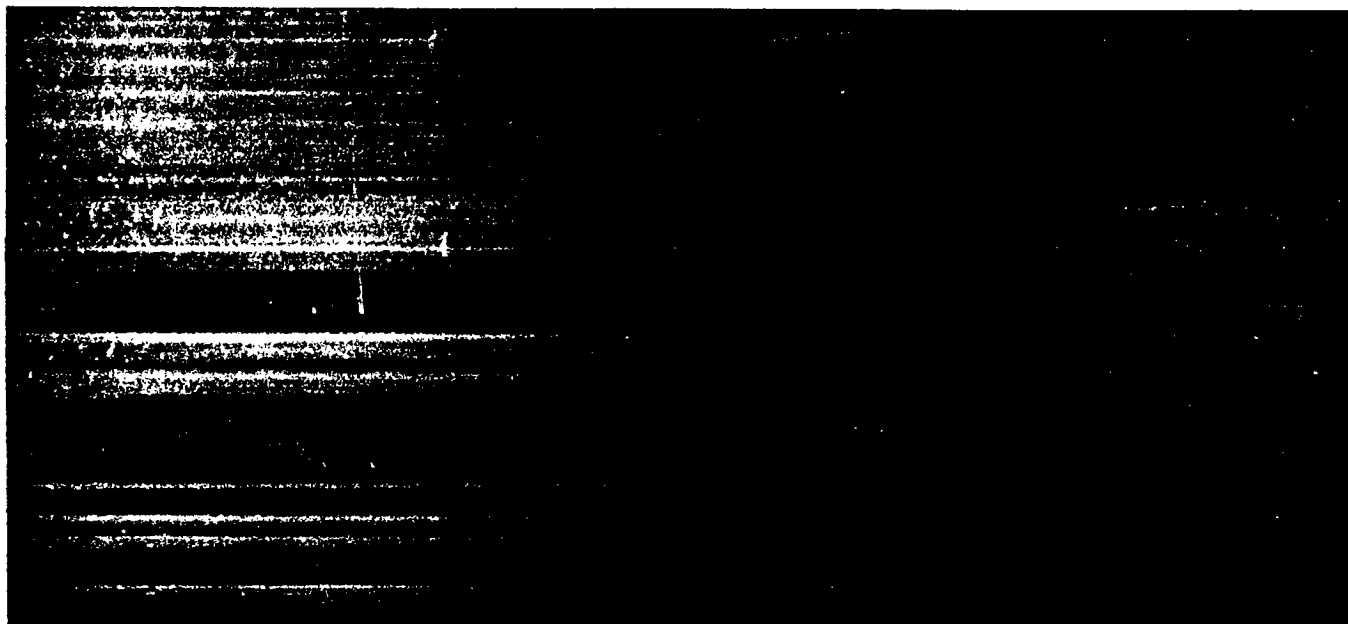
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Juan Mari Irias, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR); Pedro Raiges Chapel, Secretary of Organization of the MPIPR; and Juan Angel Siler, the leader of the youth group of the MPIPR, along with approximately 200 sympathizers, most of whom were students, were at the airport to greet Carmichael.

A characterization of the MPIPR is contained in the appendix.

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COMMITTEE (SMCC)

Upon Carmichael's appearance, the reception committee began to chant "black power" and "awake Puerto Rico, defend what is yours." Carmichael addressed the group in Spanish explaining that although he could not express himself clearly in Spanish at this time, he intended to master the language enough so that on his next trip to Puerto Rico he could address the islanders in their own language. There was no provocation or incident at the airport but numerous agents from the Police of Puerto Rico and the Security Office of that organization were present.

[redacted] stated that from the airport, Carmichael and the people in the reception committee drove to La Perla, a slum area which borders the ocean in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in the vicinity of Fort Brooke. From La Perla they went to a cemetery which lies adjacent to the walls of Fort Brooke to visit the grave of Pedro Albizu Campos, who for a long time had been the titular head of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) until his death in April, 1950.

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

[redacted] commented that Carmichael had stated that the plight of the Puerto Ricans living in La Perla was similar to the situation in which American negroes find themselves in the United States.

From the cemetery the group journeyed to the Mallorquina Restaurant in Old San Juan, where Carmichael read a statement in Spanish to a group of reporters.

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██████████ stated that the text of Carmichael's statement was as follows:

"Brothers of Puerto Rico, I bearly understand the Spanish language, however, I want to speak to you briefly in the tongue of your country. Affirming and cultivating your own language is a necessary step in forwarding the cause of liberation and your own determination.

"I appreciate the invitation which the Puerto Rican people have given me, through the MPIPR and the SNCC. I have come to your fatherland to bring you the warmest greetings of solidarity of my organization, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and of the Afro-American people, in your struggle for liberation and for black power. We feel that there is a great relationship in our struggle for black power and your struggle for independence. Black power signifies to us our liberation from the oppression which the structure of the white power imposes upon us in the United States. It signifies that we ourselves control the Afro-American communities. That we ourselves direct the matters which concern us. That we have power in political things and economic things. Equally, independence for you is directing and controlling your own lives and the riches of your own country now controlled by a foreign nation - - the United States and its 'lackies the piti yanquis'. Our people are a colony inside of the United States, you are a colony outside of the United States.

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"Brothers, we see our struggle tied to the patriotic struggles of the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America against foreign oppression, especially North American. We all have the same enemy. For this we firmly support your just struggle for independence. For this we especially support firmly all of the peoples who fight for their own determination. The Vietnamese people suffer at present a brutal war. To conduct this war the North American Army makes use of the Afro-American masses. They use them to go to fight against our own brothers. They tell us that we are going to fight for a supposed democracy, but we understand the hypocrisy of this allegation. We understand in our flesh and blood what the American democracy signifies. This makes us opposed, absolutely, I repeat, absolutely to the recruitment of Afro-American youth and the recruitment of the youth of Puerto Rico and the recruitment of youths of whatever nationality who are oppressed as we are. If we have to fight, we will do it, yes, 'but in the United States, to liberate our people. Brothers, Puerto Ricans, let us unite effectively and solidly to obtain our goal. The opposing forces, although very powerful, are of a very small stature compared with the power we can exercise with all the oppressed masses united. We challenge these forces - - onward!"

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At 6:00 p.m., [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Carmichael and Mari bras
gave a press conference at the airport during which each
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pledged mutual cooperation in their common struggle.

[REDACTED] advised further that a "protocol",
described as a written statement of cooperation and mutual
interest, was signed by the MPIFR, FUPI and SNCC.

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 - 1 - 100-4785 (JUAN MARI BRAS)
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[REDACTED] b7d has requested the San Juan Office to supply them with biographical data regarding STOKELY CARMICHAEL due to CARMICHAEL's recent activities in Puerto Rico, and because of the possibility that he may return. Atlanta is requested to furnish appropriate background data since it is not in the possession of the San Juan Office.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

New York is requested to follow the activities of JUAN MARI BRAS through appropriate sources while he is in that Division's territory. New York should be particularly alerted to the possibility of travel by JUAN MARI BRAS to Vietnam since sources of the San Juan Office have indicated that MARI BRAS

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will go to Vietnam during the month of February,
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January 24, 1967

[redacted] advised that some of the members of the Movimiento Pro Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIR) and the Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (FUPI) had indicated that they desired to demonstrate the militancy of their organizations to Stokely Carmichael, leader of the SNCC during a march which would take place on January 25, 1967, protesting the draft of Puerto Ricans into the armed forces of the United States.

Characterizations of the FUPI and the MPIR are contained in the Appendix.

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The "San Juan Star," an English language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article on pages one and fourteen of its January 26, 1967 edition dealing with a protest march staged on January 25, 1967, by members of the FUPR and MPHR and lead by Stokely Carmichael. According to the article approximately 250 marchers left the vicinity of the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and marched a distance of approximately ten miles to Fort Brooke, site of an armed forces induction center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The marchers carried a large banner which read "We Support Black Power in the United States." The marchers were escorted by helmeted police of the Riot Squad of the Police of Puerto Rico, who carried night sticks and guarded the marchers on both sides of the column. As the marchers passed in front of the Inter American University Building in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, rocks, beer cans, and oranges were thrown from the direction of that building.

Police prevented further violence by intervening between the marchers and the students hurling the missiles. Another minor incident occurred in the vicinity of Central High School, Santurce, Puerto Rico, where more rocks were thrown by hecklers. Two marchers were slightly injured. The marchers who were carrying red and black flags on long poles brandished them as weapons at this point and yelled insults to the hostile crowd gathered along the sidewalks. As

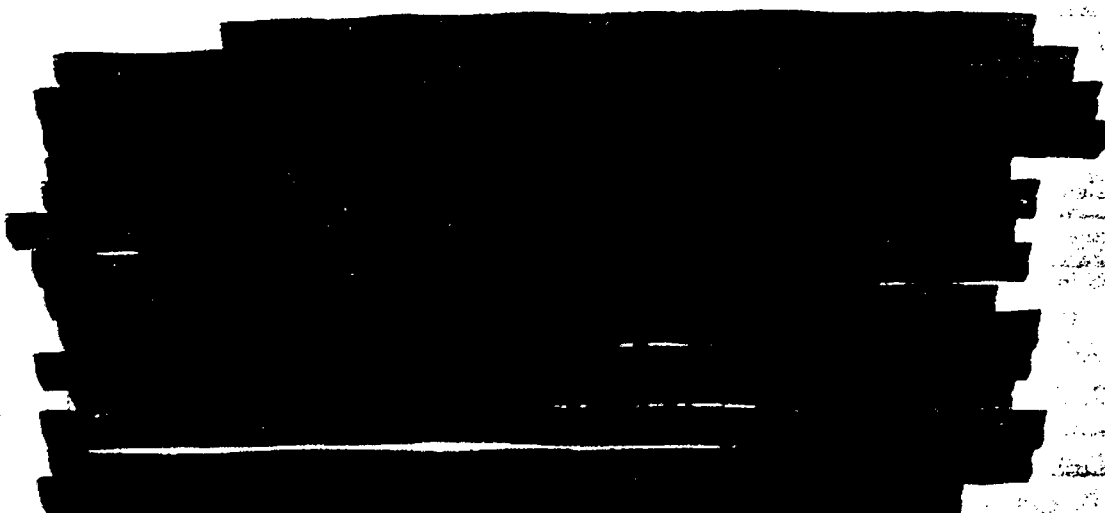
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many as three thousand spectators observed the march and accompanied it part of the way. They were generally hostile and yelled insults at the marchers keeping the police constantly on guard.

At the marchers termination point, Fort Brooke, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Carmichael, who was accompanied by the SNCC Chairman in New York, Ivanhoe Donaldson, addressed the audience as "Brothers and Sisters" and stated that "We black Americans will not fight the dirty war in Viet Nam." Following the address by Carmichael, Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MFIAP addressed the crowd stating that the MFIAP in New York is ready to join with the SNCC "when fighting the common enemy." At approximately 7:45 p.m. the rally was broken up because of rain. The marchers were instructed by their leadership not "to leave alone from Fort Brooke."



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FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO-INDEPENDENCIA
(Federation of University Students for Independence)
(FUPI)

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Mayaguez at approximately 1:00 p.m., January 26, 1967 b7d

At 6:00 p.m., Carmichael was observed by [REDACTED]
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Juan Mari Bras and Stokely Carmichael were observed
boarding Pan American Airlines Flight #296 destined for
New York at approximately 7:00 p.m. by [REDACTED] b7d
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439190)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6731)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT CO-
ORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Re San Juan teletype dated 1/26/67.

9 Bureau (Encl. - 15) (RM)
(3 - 100-439190) (SNCC)
(1 - 105-292) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
(1 - 105-134565) [REDACTED] b7C
(1 - 100- [REDACTED] (STOKLEY CARMICHAEL)
(1 - 100- [REDACTED] b7C
(1 - 105-75715) (MFIIR)
(1 - 105-53868) (FUPI)
- Atlanta (Encl. 2) (RM)
(1 - 100-6488) (SNCC) (Info)
(1 - 100- [REDACTED] (STOKLEY CARMICHAEL) (Info.)
- New York (Encl. 4) (RM)
(1 - 105-39139) (MFIIR) (Info.)
(1 - 100- [REDACTED] (SNCC) (Info.)
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(1 - 100-4785) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
(1 - 105-3401) (MFIIR)
(1 - 105-3079) (FUPI)
(1 - 105-6937) [REDACTED] b7C

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SJ 100-6731

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies; for Atlanta 2 copies; for New York 4 copies; for Chicago one copy of an LHM dated and captioned as above and classified ~~confidential~~.

The LHM has been classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information from SJ T-1 the unauthorized disclosure of which might result in his identification and be detrimental to the security interest of the United States.

Information copies are being sent to Atlanta, New York, and Chicago in light of their interest in the activities of STOKLEY CARMICHAEL.

~~SJ T-1 is~~ [REDACTED] b7d

1 - Mr. Gale (Attn: [REDACTED])

1 - [REDACTED]

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11/24/67

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

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) — 239

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

ReSJairtel 11/8/67. ✓

Since the Selective Service case on [REDACTED] is still pending at the present time, the Bureau does not believe that the counterintelligence measure suggested in SJairtel 10/10/67 should be approved. Your letter 6/9/67 regarding [REDACTED] San Juan file 25-19489, indicated that he was being carried as a delinquent with the local Selective Service Board because his case had not been referred back to the Board by the United States Attorney's Office for final action by the local Board. In your report 10/31/67 regarding [REDACTED] San Juan file 105-7706, you indicated that the documents filed by the subject with the local Selective Service Board entitled him to a reclassification from 1A to 3A. The report indicated that the local Board expected to render a decision in this matter on 10/17/67.

The Bureau feels that your suggested counterintelligence measure has definite merit and when the Selective Service case on the subject is resolved, you should advise the Bureau under captioned matter if you still desire to follow through with the suggested counterintelligence measure.

1 - New York (105-32872)

1 - 25-518228 (Alvelo)

1 - 105-147298 (Alvelo)

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Airtel to SAC, San Juan

RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

105-93124

Two copies of this airtel are attached for your files 25-19489 and 105-7706 on Alvelo.

NOTE:

[REDACTED] a Security Index subject, has been one of the leading figures among Puerto Rican youths in defying Selective Service laws. San Juan received information that he submitted certain forms to his local Board and the filing of these forms constitutes to some degree a recognition by him of the authority of the Board. San Juan feels that we should publicize his compliance to cause dissension within the ranks of independence groups and in particular, among those youths who are defying Selective Service laws.

This matter was discussed with the Special Investigative Division which is handling the Selective Service case on the subject and it feels that the counter-intelligence measure should not be considered until the Selective Service case is resolved.

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

From: Director, FBI (105-93124)

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

Your Weekly Intelligence Summary dated 11/22/67 told of a meeting on 11/12/67 between Juan Mari Bras and members of the Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (FUPI) Executive Committee. According to information received by your office, Mari Bras accused three of the members of attempting to cause a split between FUPI and the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR). Reportedly, one of the three members called Mari Bras a liar and Mari Bras responded by slapping this individual in the face. Reportedly, a letter was sent by the FUPI Executive Committee to Mari Bras asking for an apology regarding his actions at the meeting.

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You should give consideration to possible counterintelligence action regarding the above-mentioned matter if this can be done without jeopardizing your sources. Secure prior Bureau approval for any counterintelligence measure.

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NOTE:

Mari Bras is head of MPIPR, militant Puerto Rican independence organization. FUPI is a university student independence group. There has been dissension between the MPIPR and FUPI recently and we have been attempting through counter-intelligence measures to further exploit this situation.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reurairtel 12/6/67. ✓

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

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

1 - New York

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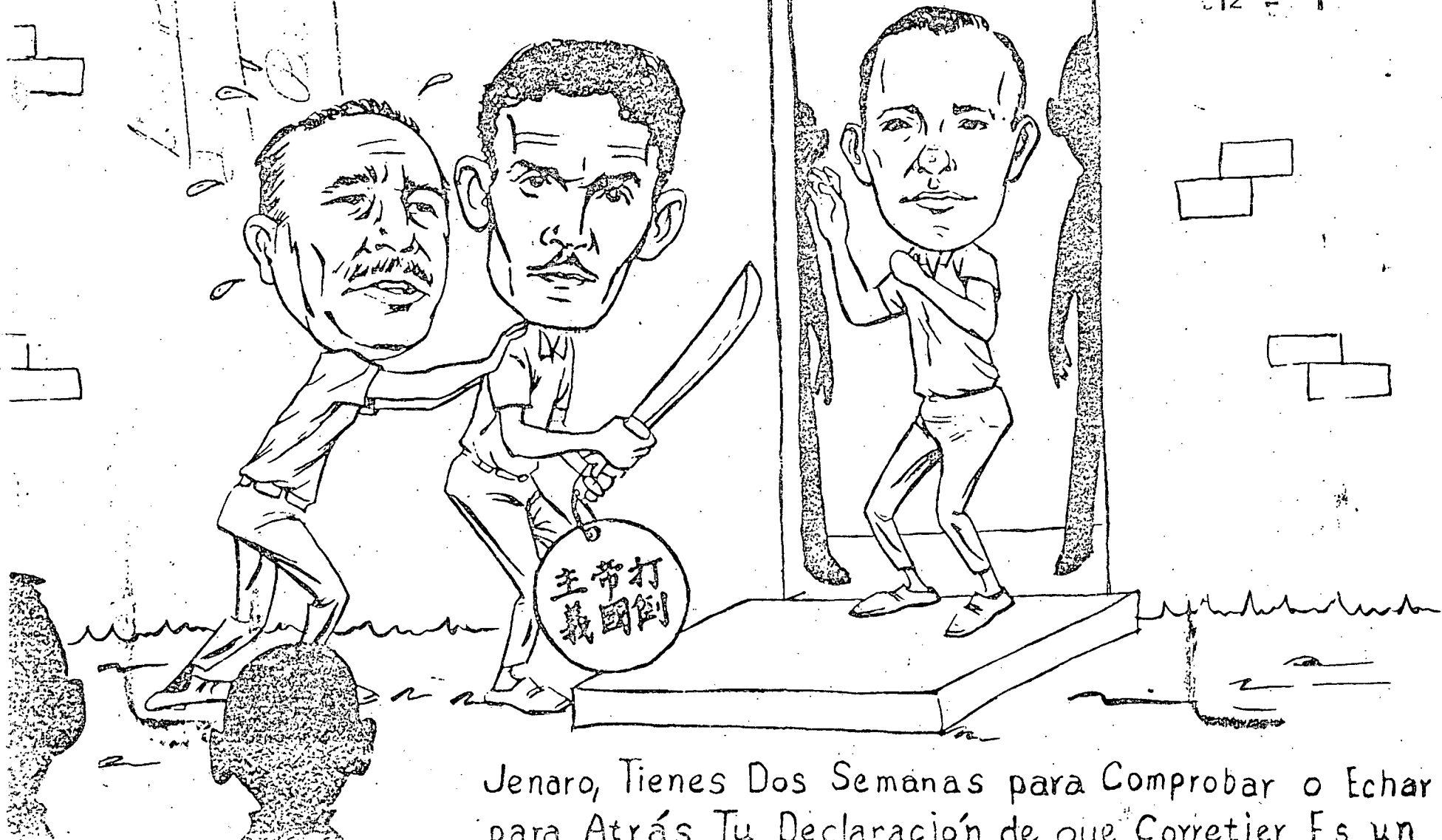
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NOTE: For reasons set forth in above airtel, it is believed that we should not authorize the mailing of the proposed letter.

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In an effort to exploit [redacted] possibility, [redacted] NPPR case agent at New York, reviewed the internal situation within the NPPR both at New York and San Juan. Based on this review, his long experience in Puerto Rican independence matters, his close association with the individual subjects in this area and his knowledge of the animosity created by [redacted] prepared a document pointed toward discrediting [redacted]. This document, in the form of an anonymous letter, was designed to be mailed from New York to specific individuals in Puerto Rico with the hope of creating disagreement within the NPPR over the elevation of [redacted] to the second highest leadership position, and/or to promote further disagreement between the NPPR and the MPIPR.

The preparation of such a letter posed several problems; one, the matter of focusing attention for its preparation toward an organization or individual who could have reason and capacity for preparing such a letter; second, the necessity for so wording such a letter that in translation it would appear to have been written in the Spanish vernacular; third, the placing in proper context of various telling bits of information to lend credence to the entire document; and fourth, the statement of facts in such a manner to evoke anger and promote dissension.

[redacted] successfully anticipated and overcame these problems. His letter was prepared attacking [redacted] as a dictator, interested only in personal gain and as an individual who could not be trusted. By innuendo, it was made to appear that [redacted] had not been acceptable as a leader to the late [redacted] the esteemed NPPR titular head, and [redacted] election after his death could only be construed as a mockery of [redacted] ideals. In order to heighten the suspicion of the MPIPR as the source of this letter, certain slogans and catch phrases commonly used by the MPIPR in their official publications were utilized by [redacted]

To assure the authenticity of this document, it was forwarded to the San Juan Office where it was assigned to [redacted] for review and translation into Spanish. [redacted] has had considerable experience in the investigation of pro-independence matters and is well cognizant of the feelings existing both in the NPPR and the MPIPR. He has been particularly adept at realizing weak points in the pro-independence movement and exploiting these for counterintelligence purposes.

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[REDACTED] after preparing a colloquial translation, from his experience was able to make an indicated change in context which made the translation more authentic and realistic to the Spanish reader. His wide knowledge of the individuals constituting the NPPR and the MPIPR in Puerto Rico enabled him to compile a suggested list of persons who would probably respond to the contents of the letter. By design, the mailing was restricted to heighten the appearance of authenticity.

After this, the counterintelligence letter was presented to the Bureau and was approved. It was prepared in a non-professional manner, in mimeographed form, according to the exact directions of [REDACTED] and was mailed from New York on July 12, 1966, to those on the list prepared by [REDACTED].

The results of this mailing, to date, have been highly successful. Within a week of this mailing, a San Juan informant reported those NPPR members in San Juan who received the letter were outraged and were firmly convinced that it emanated from the MPIPR; further, they were attempting to determine what action could be taken against the MPIPR. Subsequently, the July 20, 1966, edition of "Carta Semanal", the official MPIPR weekly newsletter sent out to the rank and file membership and sympathizers, devoted an entire page to the repudiation of the anonymous letter. An open letter to [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] of the MPIPR, [REDACTED] was set forth, in which authorship of the letter was denied, the CIA was accused as its author and [REDACTED] was assured of continued MPIPR support.

It is also noted the July 20, 1966, issue of "Claridad", self described as the official organ of the MPIPR, similarly carried the above repudiation which, as a matter of interest, is circulated in approximately 9000 copies, the vast majority of which is outside the pro-independence movement.

[REDACTED] purposely did not mail the anonymous letter to New York subjects in order to heighten the curiosity concerning it and to promote knowledge of it through word-of-mouth, thus leaving room for personal distortions and exaggerations. The effectiveness of this was shown in a speech given by JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary-General of the MPIPR, in New York City on July 29, 1966, at an MPIPR General Conference, attended by numerous non-members and sympathizers. With the leadership of the NPPR-New York Junta present, MARI BRAS attacked the NPPR, calling them "behind the times, confused and in error", as well as "so called Nationalists".

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The NPPR-New York Junta leaders stormed out of the meeting and later voiced anger and confusion. [REDACTED] of the NPPR-New York Junta, in referring to the scathing attack made by MARI BRAS, stated that they (New York NPPR members) did not know what was going on in Puerto Rico to cause MARI BRAS to make the statements he did. She angrily denounced his speech and heatedly commented that such remarks "create a bad and conflict situation". The President of the NPPR-New York Junta instructed [REDACTED] to correspond with the President of the NPPR to advise him of MARI BRAS' comments and to strongly suggest that the NPPR sever all association with the MPIPR.

The success of this document may be judged by the reaction of the two individual organizations. The NPPR recommended that all associations with the MPIPR be severed and the MPIPR felt the necessity for a public repudiation, thereby giving the matter greater circulation than the NYO could have achieved by direct mailing. The overall result can best be evaluated from the view that the schism between the MPIPR and the NPPR has been widened, that additional animosity has been created, that personal conflicts have been aroused, and the limited strength of both groups has been further weakened by creating a situation which will diminish any prospects of unity in the pro-independence field.

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In view of the above, the counterintelligence measure suggested in referenced airtel is now a very timely step to take. For this reason San Juan requests that the Bureau reconsider this matter in the light of these new developments and authorize San Juan to employ this counterintelligence measure.

Information copy is being provided New York in view of their continuing interest in this matter.

JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MPIPR is attempting to use these individuals as test cases to determine the legality of Selective Service laws as applied to Puerto Ricans.

[redacted] stated that this matter had caused him considerable anxiety and he believed that it was having a similar effect upon several of the other MPIPR and FUPI members so involved; particularly since it is felt that MARI BRAS may not be depended upon for the necessary support should an adverse court decision be rendered against these defendants who now stand in the position of offering themselves as sacrifices to the policies of the MPIPR.

San Juan, when the above is taken into consideration in connection with the counterintelligence measure set forth in referenced San Juan airtel, believes that the ramifications are twofold:

1) A strong rallying point and source of cohesion among the FUPI and MPIPR has recently been opposition to the Selective Service laws in Puerto Rico. The counterintelligence measure proposed, viewed in the light of information provided by [redacted] could prove to be extremely pertinent at the present time and could destroy all confidence in MARI BRAS and his organization in their positions as would be companions or violators of the law. MARI BRAS' position could evolve into a source of embarrassment to the MPIPR and their policy of opposition to Selective Service should further difficulties such as [redacted] occur.

2) The counterintelligence measure if effective could remove a potential source of embarrassment to the Bureau in that the MPIPR, in connection with the arrests of its members for Selective Service violations is constantly seeks to ascribe political motives to such and is continuously searching for means of embarrassing the arresting Agents, and consequently the Bureau, at the time arrests are made. The San Juan Office has always been extremely circumspect in these matters, however, it is felt that an effective counterintelligence technique could possibly be instrumental in decreasing potential for embarrassment in this regard.

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Date: 11/8/67

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

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

Re San Juan airtel to Bureau dated 10/10/67;
Bureau airtel to San Juan dated 11/3/67.

[REDACTED], voluntarily appeared at the office of the FBI, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He advised that he had become disenchanted with the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) since he realized that it was now functioning as a communistic organization, serving neither the people of Puerto Rico nor the United States. He also indicated that additionally he no longer cared to be associated with the MPIPR for personal reasons and intended to serve in the U.S. Army.

[REDACTED] recently arrested by Bureau Agents for violation of Selective Service laws and had been awaiting trial together with several other Puerto Rican youths, all primarily members of the Federation de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) or MPIPR for similar violation.

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1 - New York (105-32872) (Info.) (RM)
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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To; SACs, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)
New York (105-32872)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 237
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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

ReSJlet 11/13/67. ✓

Authority granted for San Juan to prepare the
anonymous letter suggested in relet and to mail it to
selected Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico members
in Puerto Rico and New York City. Preparation and mailing
should be handled under the most secure conditions to protect
the Bureau as the source.

San Juan and New York should advise the Bureau of
any information coming to their attention regarding the
mailing of this letter.

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NOTE: See cover memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
dated 11/21/67, captioned same, prepared by JJD:ebb.

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vehemently anti-Communist and expelled any Nationalist who joined the Communist Party.

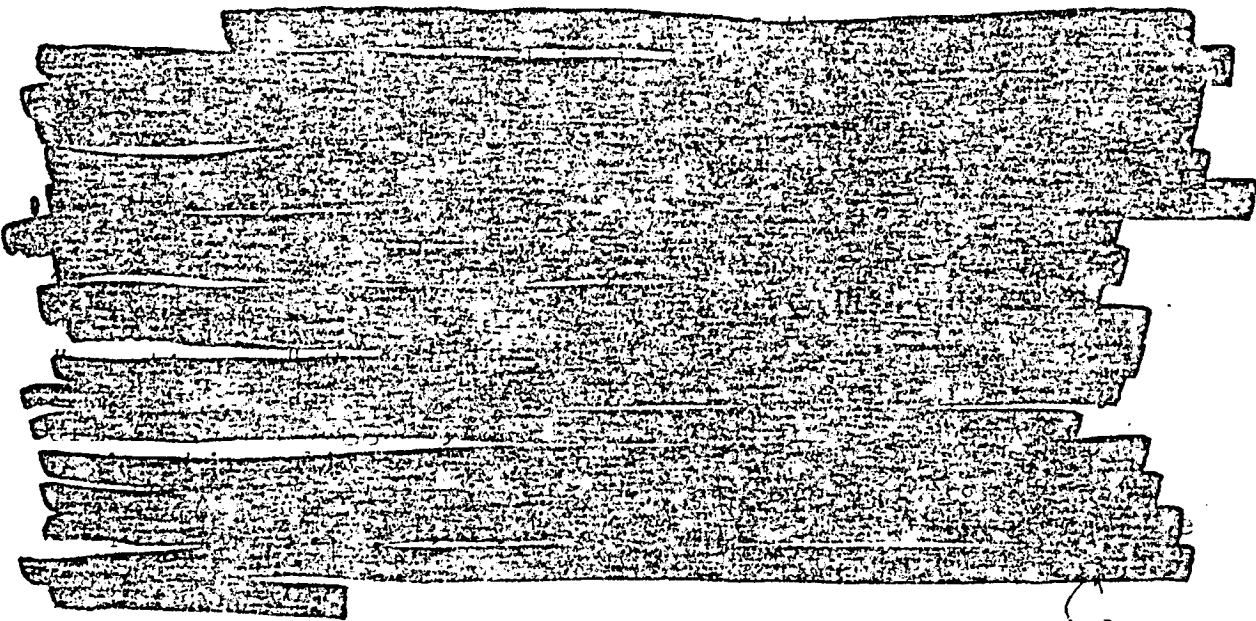
If approved by the Bureau, the above letter will be translated into idiomatic Spanish and mailed to selected MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City. These letters should be mailed prior to December 1 in order to stimulate a reaction in advance of the Sixth National Assembly mentioned above.

New York is requested to furnish the names and addresses of not less than five nor more than ten influential MPIPR - NYM members. Include the address of [REDACTED] representative, as he is known to feel strongly that the MPIPR should carefully avoid a pro-Communist line, such being repugnant to the average Puerto Rican.

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The "Grito de Lares" mentioned in the first paragraph of the above letter is an independentist catchphrase referring to an abortive Puerto Rican uprising 99 years ago at Lares.



The statement that several "Youth" ("Juventud"-MPIPR Youth Group) joined the PCP concurrently with [redacted] is false but this will not be known to the readers of the letter. There recently was a split in the MPIPR Youth between the "radical" element led by [redacted] and the predominant "conservative" element. [redacted] have long considered "hardliner", pro-Red Chinese [redacted] a communist or communist sympathizer and the allegation in the letter, being non-specific as to names and not therefore susceptible to proof or disproof regarding individuals, may be construed as a reference to [redacted] and several cohorts.

Redacted The reference to [redacted] in the letter is to [redacted] deceased Nationalist leader, who is revered by all independentists. [redacted] was

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"patriots have worked and fought, been imprisoned and even died for the ideal while Communists watched silently and hid their cowardice?

" We must not allow the Communists to steal our victory. What have we gained if we exchange JOHNSON for FIDEL or MAO TSE TUNG? We are Puerto Ricans and Christians, not Communists who hate GOD and owe loyalty to foreigners. We are inspired by the philosophy and deeds of DON PEDRO, not those of foreigners MARX and LENIN. Puerto Rico must be preserved for the Puerto Ricans, for our children and their children, forever.

" Only Licenciado MARI BRAS has the power to end this Communist threat before it is too late. He must publicly identify Communist agents and withdraw his support from them. Only in this manner can he remove the stain from his patriotic honor. Any mistake can be forgiven if there is repentance.

" I have done my duty by alerting fellow members to the Communist infiltration. I regret only that I must remain anonymous as I have grown old in the struggle and do not wish to be a figure of controversy. All of us, young and old, must protest the emergence of the Communist vermin. If we succeed, the MPI will go forward in unity to the final triumph. If we fail, the Communists will gain control of our organization, cause disunity and do irreparable harm to the independence struggle. Awake! Defend what is yours!

"Un Empeista y Puertorriqueno Verdadero
(An MPI member and true Puerto Rican)"

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The following draft of a proposed letter is therefore being submitted for Bureau approval:

"MPI Members,

" We have reached a turning point in the independence struggle. We are growing in numbers and strength. It is obvious to all that the United Nations will soon consider the matter of Puerto Rican independence, following which the United States will be forced through diplomatic pressures to grant that which has been our right since the first 'Grito' (shout) of Lares. It is at this point, then, that the Communists, as they have done in so many other nations, plan to seize control of the liberation movement for their own purposes. This is not an idle statement. There is proof. Were not recent zone assemblies ordered to consider the possibility of MPI adoption of a Marxist-Leninist viewpoint? Is there not a plan to force adoption of Marxism-Leninism as the basis for the new thesis to be announced at the National Assembly next month? And is it a secret that the leader of the Fajardo Mission has joined the Communist Party along with several of our Youth from the metropolitan zone? What is happening?

" There can be only one explanation. These strange events have occurred since the return of 'Licenciado' (lawyer) MARI BRAS from the OLAS Conference. It appears obvious that FIDEL somehow, perhaps by means of blackmail, convinced our leader that the victory for independence in Puerto Rico must be a Communist victory. Is it not the strategy of the Communist jackals to inject themselves into independence struggles for their own purposes when victory is in sight, when true

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Regarding the above, it is noted that the MPIPR since its inception has welcomed all who desire independence for Puerto Rico, regardless of ideological convictions. At the same time, MPIPR leaders, cognizant of the basic antipathy of Puerto Ricans, predominantly Roman Catholic, to Communism, have consciously avoided, at times through public statements, any direct, overt linkage of the MPIPR to communism. As little as a year ago, the words "Marxism-Leninism" would have been anathema in any MPIPR publication or public statement. In view of the proximity in time, it is felt that this possible new MPIPR direction may have been suggested to, or forced upon, MPIPR Secretary General JUAN MARI BRAS during his attendance at the Latin American Solidarity Organization (LASO) Conference in Havana, Cuba, 7/31 - 8/8/67.

It is further felt that MARI BRAS and his leadership associates, realizing the disruptive potential inherent in MPIPR adoption of the Marxist-Leninist ideology, are attempting, through a display of general membership "discussion" at MPIPR zone assemblies of the "possibility" of adopting a Marxist-Leninist outlook, to gauge membership reaction to such a radical step prior to the Sixth National Assembly and to give the impression that inclusion of this ideological outlook in the new thesis would reflect membership consensus rather than imposition by the leadership.

The SJO feels that the above situation can be exploited by means of a counterintelligence letter, purportedly written by an anonymous veteran MPIPR member. This letter would alert MPIPR members to a probable Communist takeover of the organization in light of certain recent events. By means of emphasis on the imminence of a Communist putsch within the MPIPR and an emotional appeal to combat same, it is felt that a considerable rank and file reaction to such a takeover would be generated, thereby frustrating any plan to adopt a Marxist-Leninist viewpoint in the new MPIPR thesis and causing considerable embarrassment to MARI BRAS in his capacity as MPIPR maximum leader and in his carefully cultivated relationships with Cuba and with the CP, USA, which latter organization reportedly is furnishing, through MARI BRAS, free Stateside legal counsel to a number of youths, mainly MPIPR members, currently awaiting trial at San Juan for their respective refusals to be inducted into the Armed Forces. Further, reaction to an alleged Communist takeover of the MPIPR could result in defections from that group and create an atmosphere of dissension and distrust with long range weakening effects. It is also felt that this letter will inhibit further PCP attempts to recruit within the MPIPR.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

DATE: 11/13/67

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

Re San Juan report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 10/25/67, captioned "PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PCP); IS - C."

As set out in the cover pages of referenced report, the PCP continues attempts to ingratiate itself with the MPIPR and to identify MPIPR actions and goals with its own, hoping ultimately to greatly increase membership through recruitment of MPIPR members. As a matter of fact, three current PCP Central Committee members were recruited from the MPIPR approximately one year ago and retain MPIPR membership. In addition, the two newest PCP members, accepted into the Party on 9/16/67, are MPIPR members, one of these being a leader of the MPIPR Mission at Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

In the past such PCP proselytizing has been countenanced by the MPIPR, that organization being aware of the debilitated condition of the PCP. However, a recent development within the MPIPR portends a possible change in relationship between these organizations. On 10/22/67, an assembly of MPIPR members from all San Juan metropolitan area missions was held. The letter announcing this assembly indicated that one of the assembly topics would concern the possibility of the MPIPR adopting a Marxist-Leninist outlook. In addition, the 10/27/67, issue of "Carta Semanal", MPIPR weekly newspaper, set out that the MPIPR Political Commission, prior to the adoption of a new MPIPR political thesis at the Sixth National Assembly in December, is studying six themes, one of which is "Should the science of Marxism-Leninism be adopted as a guide for MPIPR action?"

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(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

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Bureau 10/23/67. ✓

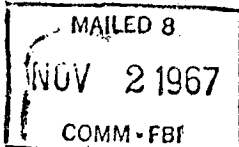
Careful consideration has been given by the Bureau
to the suggested counterintelligence measure set forth in
reSJairtel; however, the Bureau does not believe that this
counterintelligence action should be approved at this time.

1 - New York (105-32872)

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NOTE:

San Juan has suggested the preparation of a handbill
which would point up compliance by a Puerto Rican independence
subject with Selective Service regulations. He previously, due
to his fight against Selective Service laws, had become a
rallying point for other Puerto Rican youths.



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

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(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

Reurairtel 4-25-67.

The Bureau concurs with you that the refusal of the Committee of 24 of the United Nations to take up the so-called colonial status of Puerto Rico offers an excellent opportunity to utilize a counterintelligence measure to discredit the leaders of the independence movement and particularly Juan Mari Bras. It appears, however, that your proposed anonymous letter as it stands might provoke Mari Bras into taking violent action to overcome this defeat in the eyes of his followers.

It might be desirable to blame the communist bloc and particularly Cuba for the failure in the United Nations and to criticize Mari Bras and the others for isolating the Puerto Rican independence forces from the democratic countries. This would imply that Mari Bras erred in aligning the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico with the communist countries but would not directly attack his leadership.

Your comments concerning the above are solicited. If you concur with the above, submit a proposed letter for anonymous mailing in line with the Bureau's observations.

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NOTE: Puerto Rican independence groups in an effort to block the plebiscite scheduled in Puerto Rico for 7-23-67 sought to have the Committee of 24 which handles colonial matters in the United Nations take up the colonial status of Puerto Rico. This was defeated 4-19-67. San Juan proposes to anonymously mail a letter to the independentists in Puerto Rico attacking the leadership and stating that Mari Bras has proven himself to be without influence in vital Puerto Rican independence matters.

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Memorandum J. F. Bland to W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
105-93124

San Juan is cautioned to insure that the letter will be prepared and mailed in such a manner that it cannot be traced back to the Bureau.

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Date: FEB 2 1967

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)
 FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401)
 SUBJECT: MPIP
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Enclosed herewith are 16 copies of an LHM suitable
 for dissemination pertaining to [REDACTED]

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 3 - 105-75715 (Encs. 9)
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 1 - 100-18642 [REDACTED] (Enc. 1)
 1 - 105-76456 [REDACTED] (Enc. 1)
 1 - 105-93103 [REDACTED] (Enc. 1)
 1 - 105-85183 [REDACTED] (Enc. 1)
 1 - 105-75686 [REDACTED] (Enc. 1)
 1 - 105-157312 (UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE PLEBISCITE)
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 2 - New York (Info) (RM)
 1 - 105-39139 (MPIP) (Enc. 1)
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The source mentioned in LHM is [REDACTED] b7d

The LHM is classified confidential because it contains information from a confidential source, the unauthorized disclosure of which might result in the identification of this source to the detriment of the security interests of the United States.

On 1/30/67 [REDACTED] b7d
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has not received any information pertaining to this matter.

Information copies of this LHM are being sent to New York in view of their continued interest in MPIPR activities.

Local dissemination is being made to Secret Service, 471st Military Intelligence Detachment, NISO and OSI.

The matter of MPIPR plans to utilize certain leftist organizations on college campuses in the United States, referred to in attached LHM, to fight the proposed plebiscite in Puerto Rico, will be closely followed and appropriate offices advised.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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General Post Office Box BT
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)

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by Cesar Andreu Iglesias, whom source described as a member of the National Assembly of the MPIPR and columnist whose column "Cosas de Aqui" (Things As They Look From Here) is published on a daily basis in "El Imparcial", a Spanish language newspaper published daily in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)

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A characterization of the PIP appears in the appendix.

According to public source information, the Popular Vanguard is a group of young Popular Democratic Party leaders founded in July, 1964, as an unofficial organization within the Popular Democratic Party, and which has shown itself as attempting to influence the Popular Democratic Party into following a course leading to eventual Puerto Rican independence.

The Popular Democratic Party is the incumbent party in Puerto Rico.

According to public source information, the Anti-Colonial Congress is a nonpartisan organization formed at a meeting on January 17, 1965, of the Puerto Rico Bar Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, which pledged itself to work until the problem of Puerto Rican status is definitely resolved.

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

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(FUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
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Re Bulet to San Juan, 1/19/67, captioned, "GROUPS
SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO; IS-PRN; MOVIMIENTO PRO
INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO, IS-PRN."

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 105-66754 Groups Seeking Independence for Puerto Rico)
2 - San Juan (105-3401)
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

February 6, 1967

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

Dear Sir:

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

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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 - (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

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February 6, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY- PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

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A characterization of the MPIPR
appears in the appendix.

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APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : J. F. Bland *JFB*

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

~~1 - Mr. DeLoach~~
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
DATE: 2/3/67
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To recommend that a monograph be prepared on the
independence movement in Puerto Rico.

DETAILS:

The militant groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico present a continuing threat to the security of this country. These groups have committed numerous acts of violence ranging from the attack on Congress in 1954 and the attempt to assassinate President Truman in 1950 to acts of malicious mischief.

During December, 1966, the government of Puerto Rico enacted a law calling for a plebiscite to be held on 7/23/67 in which the people of Puerto Rico will express their preference for independence, statehood, or to continue the present commonwealth form of government. The independentists have indicated that they will go to any length to defeat the plebiscite. As a result, we have intensified all phases of our investigation of Puerto Rican Nationalist activities.

OBSERVATIONS:

A monograph setting forth the background and history of the independence movement in Puerto Rico would be of tremendous assistance in indoctrinating Agents in the field assigned to handle Puerto Rican Nationalist investigations. In addition, the monograph would serve as a ready reference source for use at the State Department.

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DATE 5-15-80 BY SP-1 GSK/ldh

Re San Juan teletype 2/8/67.

Investigation at Florida State University (FSU),
Tallahassee, negative regarding Caribbean Conference. FSU
source advises a Caribbean Conference is held annually at
the University of Florida, Gainesville.

- JACKSONVILLE

AT GAINESVILLE, FLA.

Will conduct appropriate investigation at
University of Florida, Gainesville.

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TELETYPE TO SAC, SAN JUAN
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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SAN JUAN IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND CONTACT HIM
FOR DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE ABOVE. PROMPTLY ADVISE THE
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NOTE:

Above information set out in memorandum R.H. Haynes to
Mr. D.J. Brennan, Jr., dated 2/6/67 and captioned as above. We
have no information concerning the above supply of phosphorus.
However, the above meeting is in line with plans of Puerto Rican
nationalists to disrupt plans for the plebiscite to be held in
July in Puerto Rico to determine whether Puerto Rican preference
for independence, statehood, or to continue the present commonwealth
form of government.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : J. F. Bland

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

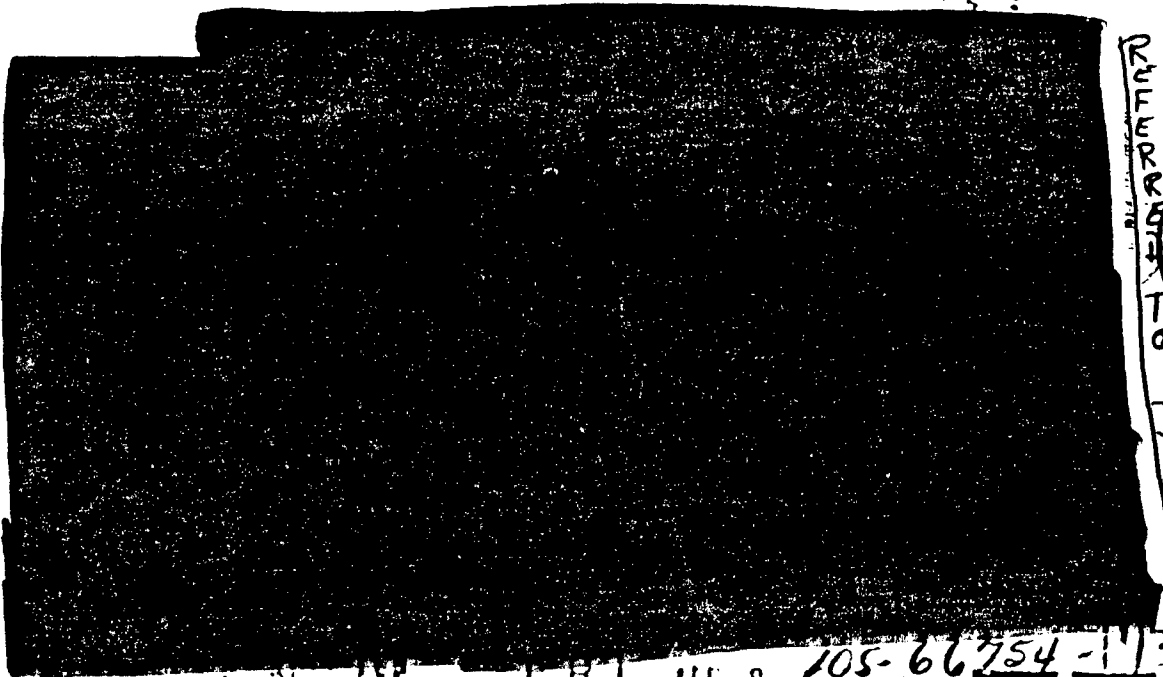
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
DATE: 2/8/67
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To advise of further information that
Puerto Rican Nationalists will attempt to disrupt
Puerto Rican Government plans for the plebiscite to be
held in July, 1967, in Puerto Rico to determine preference
of Puerto Ricans for independence, statehood, or to
continue their present commonwealth form of government.

DETAILS:



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Memorandum J. F. Bland to W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
105-66754

OBSERVATIONS:

The above ties in with previous information that Puerto Rican independentists have indicated they will go to any length to defeat the plebiscite. As a result, we have intensified all phases of our investigation of Puerto Rican Nationalist activities.

ACTION:

San Juan has been instructed to identify and interview [REDACTED] for full particulars and to immediately conduct appropriate investigation to verify and determine full details of the above allegation. We are following San Juan closely and will keep you advised.

weys *V. N/H7*
OK.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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DATE 5-15-80 BY SP-1 GSK/ML

To advise of further information that Puerto Rican Nationalists will attempt to disrupt Puerto Rican Government plans for the plebiscite to be held in July, 1967, in Puerto Rico to determine preference of Puerto Ricans for independence, statehood, or to continue their present commonwealth form of government.

DETAILS:

Lieutenant Colonel Fred A. Grohgan, Office of Counterintelligence and Security, Defense Intelligence Agency, has advised by liaison that Colonel William H. Crosson, Jr., Joint Chiefs of Staff, had obtained information from a [REDACTED] that at a recent meeting attended by top-level people in Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, and Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno, plans were discussed about sabotage of efforts to establish Puerto Rico as a state or as a commonwealth with very close ties to the United States. The leadership reportedly intends that actions shall be attributable to the rank and file and not to the leadership. It was alleged that the plotters have cached a large supply of phosphorus for use in sabotage of United States based industries located in Puerto Rico.

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SAC, San Juan (65-419)

Director, FBI (65-68323)

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1 - Mr. Bland
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1 - Mr. Kitchens
1 - Mr. DeBuck

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Information reported in referenced teletype does not relate to investigation of subject's espionage activities. It relates to his activities as an NPIPR leader.

In order to assure proper routing at the Bureau, it is imperative that you utilize appropriate case caption when reporting information concerning Bras.

1 - San Juan (100-4785)
1 - New York (65-22500)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 2/9/67

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

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

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 1/16/67.
SJ airtel to Bureau, 1/10/67.
Bulet to San Juan, 1/5/67.
SJ let to Bureau, 12/19/66.

On instant date, San Juan mailed copies to selected NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO (NPPR) members in Puerto Rico and New York City of anonymous letter for which Bureau authority was granted in referenced Bulet.

Brief handwritten paragraphs requesting the addressee's cooperation in this matter were added to most of the letters in order to "personalize" them. These additives were carefully phrased and tailored to individual backgrounds. It is expected that they will enhance prospects of positive results.

Mailing was under secure conditions; paper and envelopes were purchased at a Woolworth's store; typewriter used in preparing multilith was a mechanical one containing Spanish language symbols; envelopes were hand addressed.

LEADS:

SAN JUAN OFFICE

Will report any results of this letter to the Bureau

NEW YORK OFFICE

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Will furnish any results of this letter to Bureau and San Juan.

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- 2 - New York (105-32872) (RM)
- 1 - San Juan
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CHARACTER OF CASE IS - N; RA - CUBA			
CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL ATTACHED			

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: *all paragraphs are classified unless marked differently.*
San Juan letter to Bureau 12/21/60

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Copies of the letterhead memorandum evaluating informants mentioned in this report have been disseminated locally to ONI, CIC and OSI.

Agents observing subject in picket 1/7/61 were SA's **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]**

Information contained in this report as furnished by confidential informants has already been reported or will be reported in San Juan file 100-4785 captioned, "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - N" in the next semi-annual summary report due by 6/30/61.

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In view of the above, specific location of data from informants is not being set forth inasmuch as it can readily be located in the event it should be needed at a later date.

The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of this report to the Internal Security Division of the U. S. Department of Justice for a determination as to whether subject has incurred any obligation to register under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

This file is being closed in the San Juan Office; however, a periodic review of SJ 100-4785 will be conducted for the existence of information which should be reported under this caption. In the event same is received, a supplemental report will be submitted and the pertinent data will also be included in semi-annual reports from subject's substantive file.

INFORMANTS:

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The following sources were used in characterizations:

SANC - [REDACTED]

MPIPR - [REDACTED]

FUPI - [REDACTED]

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) information from SJ T-1 through SJ T-11

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8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed 6/20/60.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) although cordial during interview 6/20/60, subject subsequently discussed this interview with other independence leaders, as a result of which articles alleging FBI persecution of Puerto Rican independence leaders appeared in "Revolucion." In view of subject's recent activities at the United Nations, it is not believed an interview at this time would be desirable.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject was re-elected Secretary General of the MPIPR for 1961. During interview in June, 1960, subject stated he did not believe in use of force or violence to gain independence for Puerto Rico only because he did not believe that same could be successful against overwhelming strength of U. S., but that he would advocate force and violence if occasion presented itself when it would appear revolution would be successful.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☒ do warrant Detcom tabbing.

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"El Mundo" and "El Imparcial" are daily Spanish language newspapers published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, while "La Prensa" is a Spanish language newspaper published in New York City.

"The San Juan Star" is a daily English language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Characterizations of organizations and commemorative events appear in the appendix hereto.

I. BACKGROUND

Unless otherwise noted, information reported under this caption was contained in a biographical sketch of the subject prepared by the 471st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment on May 1, 1959.

Birth Data

Subject was born on December 2, 1927 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico to SANTIAGO ~~MARI~~ RAMOS and MERCEDES ~~BRAS~~.

Citizenship

MARI BRAS is a United States citizen by virtue of his birth in Puerto Rico.

Education

MARI BRAS attended the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, in 1944. He transferred to the University of Mexico, Mexico, D. F., in 1945, and returned to the University of Puerto Rico in October, 1947. In December, 1947, he was one of the individuals who lowered the American flag at the University of Puerto Rico, and in January, 1948, he participated in a series of riots at that institution as a result of which he was expelled from the University of Puerto Rico in May, 1948.

He received an LLB Degree from the American University, Washington, D. C., in 1954.

Residence and Employment

On February 8, 1961, SJ T-2 advised that the subject is employed as a public defender by the Legal Aid Society, Degetau Street, Bayamon, Puerto Rico and resides at 1502 Calle Temesis, Urbanizacion El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.


Physical Description

The following physical description of the subject appears in the files of the San Juan FBI Office:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	December 2, 1927
Place of Birth	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
Age	33
Height	5'7"
Weight	165 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Build	Chubby
Hair	Dark Brown, receding in front
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Wears mustache
Marital Status	Married
Wife	FRANCISCA "Paquita" PESQUERA de MARI BRAS

II. ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT

Information contained in this section was developed during the period January 1, 1959, through February 1, 1961.



B. Connections with Pro-Cuban Organizations
in Puerto Rico

1. MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE
PUERTO RICO (MPIPR)

a. Position Held

On December 22, 1960, "The San Juan Star" reported that JUAN MARI BRAS had been re-elected Secretary General of the MPIPR for the year 1961.

On February 8, 1961, SJ T-2 advised that MARI BRAS served as Interim Secretary General of the MPIPR from January, 1959, until the First Annual General Assembly of the MPIPR held in Ponce, Puerto Rico, at which time he was elected Secretary General of this organization. According to SJ T-2, MARI BRAS was re-elected Secretary General of the MPIPR at the Second Annual General Assembly of this organization held November 26-27, 1960 in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

b. Meetings Attended

SJ T-2 has reported that MARI BRAS regularly attends meetings of the MPIPR as well as other functions sponsored by this organization.

SJ T-2 and SJ T-5 have reported that MPIPR announcements of the Jose Marti homage for January 28, 1961, were signed by JUAN MARI BRAS.

JOSE MARTI was a 19th century Cuban revolutionary leader often referred to as "the George Washington of Cuba."

2. SOCIEDAD DE AMIGOS DE LA NUEVA CUBA
(Society of Friends of New Cuba)
(SANC)

a. Position Held

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On July 11, 1960, "El Mundo" reported that MARI BRAS had been elected to the Board of Directors of the SANC during the previous month.

b. Activities

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On August 27, 1959, "El Imparcial" reported that the subject was one of the signers of the Declaration of Principles of the SANC.

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3. FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO INDEPENDENCIA (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI)

SJ T-2 has advised that MARI BRAS participated in a picket held in front of the Cuban Consulate in San Juan on July 16, 1960, which was sponsored by the FUPI for the purpose

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of demonstrating the solidarity which existed between organizations advocating independence for Puerto Rico and the Cuban Revolutionary Government.

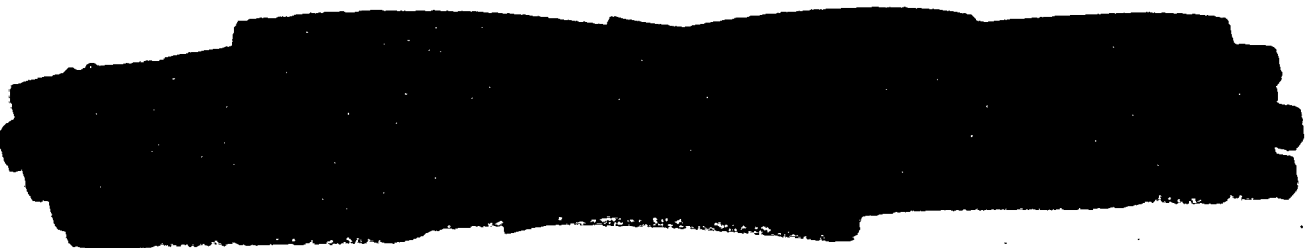
On January 7, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed the subject participating in a picket in San Juan which was held for the purpose of demonstrating support of the Cuban Revolutionary Government by organizations which advocate independence for Puerto Rico.

On January 9, 1961, SJ T-7 reported that the subject participated in the above-mentioned picket on January 7, 1961, which had been sponsored by the FUPI after a request was received from a Cuban student organization for conduct of the picket.

"El Mundo" on January 9, 1961, characterized the above-mentioned demonstration as a pro-CASTRO parade and indicated that individuals observing the pickets charged that those participating in same were "Reds." Article shows that MARI BRAS was one of the participants in the picket.

C. Oral Statements and Speeches



"El Imparcial" of September 26, 1959, reported that at the GRITO DE LARES commemoration on September 23, 1959, MARI BRAS urged unity among groups advocating independence for Puerto Rico and requested that a campaign be launched throughout Latin America for the purpose of obtaining the moral support of all Latin American countries for the cause of Puerto Rico's independence.



In an article on July 11, 1960 relative to the election of officers in the SANC, "El Mundo" attributed a

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statement to JUAN MARI BRAS to the effect that the SANC would intensify its propaganda in Puerto Rico in defense of the Cuban revolution.



On January 12, 1961, "El Mundo" reported that at the DE HOSTOS DAY commemoration in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on January 11, 1961, MARI BRAS closed his speech by stating, "Cuba will also encircle Puerto Rico."

D. Statements Appearing in Press

On August 1, 1960, JOSE F. RUA, Customs Control Officer, United States Bureau of Customs, San Juan, Puerto Rico, reported that Cuban propaganda material was confiscated from JUAN MARI BRAS at the Isla Verde International Airport, San Juan, on July 30, 1960, when MARI BRAS returned from Havana, Cuba.

"El Mundo" of August 2, 1960, contained an article in which MARI BRAS accused Customs officials of violating his civil rights and characterized their actions as "typical of United States hypocrisy and an effort to destroy the faith of the Puerto Rican people in the Cuban Revolutionary Government."

"El Mundo" of August 17, 1960, contained an article captioned, "United States Trying to Use Puerto Rico for Aggression Against Cuba," wherein MARI BRAS ridicules statements previously released by the United States State Department to the effect that Cuba was attempting to agitate groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico. MARI contended that the United States was actually trying to use Puerto Rico as a base for aggression against Cuba, and that this was the reason they had made statements relative to alleged support by the Cuban Revolutionary Government for groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

On September 6, 1960, "El Mundo" reported on a speech given by Governor JOHN DAVID MERWIN, of the Virgin Islands, in which he attacked the Government of FIDEL CASTRO. In the same article JUAN MARI BRAS claimed that it was unjust for MERWIN to use his speech for propaganda purposes. He stated that for anyone to fully understand the Cuban Revolutionary Government it was necessary to visit Cuba and observe activity there firsthand. MARI accused United States news services of manufacturing false information regarding the Cuban Revolutionary Government in an attempt to turn public opinion against Cuba.

The September 27, 1960 edition of "The San Juan Star" attributed a statement to MARI BRAS that he was in complete agreement with the speech made by NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV

before the United Nations wherein KHRUSHCHEV stated that Puerto Rico should be included among those areas in the world still labeled as colonial.

In an article in "El Mundo" on December 3, 1960, MARI BRAS stated he had been in contact with RAUL ROA, Cuban Foreign Minister, during the time he was in New York during November, 1960, for the purpose of securing support for an MPIPR-sponsored resolution on Puerto Rico which would have Puerto Rico included in the general debate on colonial territories then in progress before the United Nations General Assembly session in New York City.

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"El Mundo" of December 16, 1960, contains the text of a telegram sent to RAUL ROA by JUAN MARI BRAS and GABRIEL VICENTE MAURA, Secretary of Foreign Relations of the MPIPR, wherein they congratulate ROA for the "valiant statement of the revolutionary government and Cuban people" on behalf of Puerto Rico's independence.

Referring to ROA's speech before the United Nations General Assembly, which was characterized in the telegram as a "brilliant statement on colonialism," MARI BRAS pointed out that the reply of the United States delegation to ROA's statement as to the status of Puerto Rico was not valid, inasmuch as he characterized Puerto Rico as a "colony ... conditioned on interlocking, juridicial, economic, and military power imposed on Puerto Rico by United States brute force."

E. Literature Received

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Editions of "Obra Revolucionaria" show that it is printed in the shops of National Printing of Cuba, Simon Bolivar Avenue #158, by the Ministry of Education, Revolutionary Government of Cuba.

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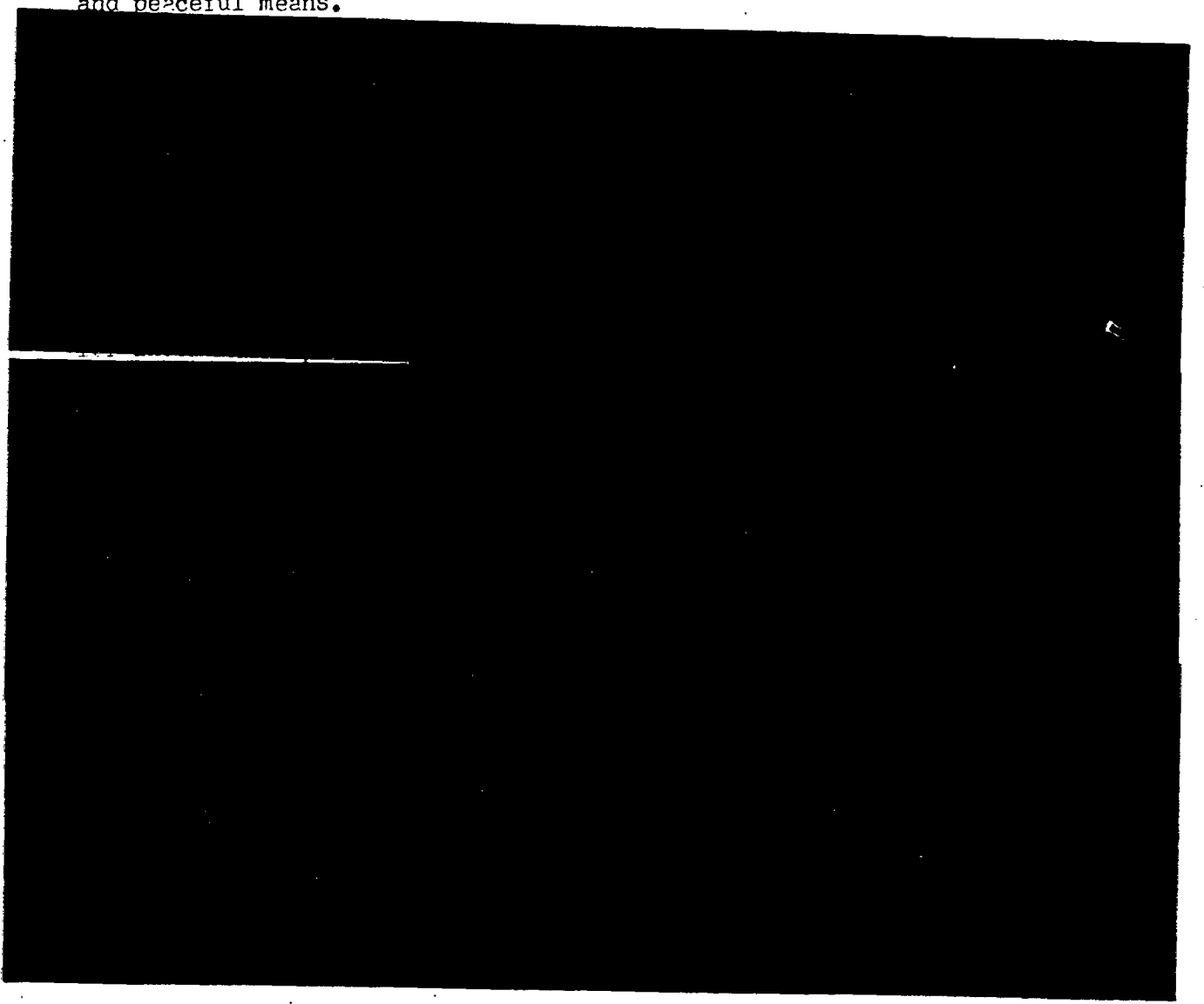
DE HOSTOS DAY - JANUARY 11

EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS was a 19th Century Puerto Rican revolutionary writer and philosopher. His birth date is celebrated on January 11 of each year.

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FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO INDEPENDENCIA
(Federation of University Students for Independence)
(FUPI)

According to information appearing in "Patria," self-described official organ of the FUPI, the FUPI was formed as a student organization at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, in October, 1956. "Patria" stated the FUPI was not connected with any political organization and would work for independence for Puerto Rico through legal and peaceful means.



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

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., contains 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.)"

The above sources were in a position to furnish accurate information concerning the organization, aims and purposes of the FUPI.

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GRITO DE LARES
September 23, 1868

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) celebrates this date as the anniversary of the brief rebellion at Lares, Puerto Rico, against the Spanish regime, staged by a group of Puerto Rican revolutionists. On this date the Puerto Rican group established momentary control in the mountain town of Lares and proclaimed the Republic of Puerto Rico. This date has a special significance for the NPPR, inasmuch as a main thesis of NPPR doctrine is the claim that Puerto Rican sovereignty was actually established on September 23, 1868, with the rebellion at Lares. The large NPPR celebration on September 23 of each year is concentrated at Lares.

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JULY 26TH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

The JULY 26TH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT was organized by FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, Cuban revolutionary leader now Prime Minister of Cuba. This movement was successful, through guerrilla warfare, in bringing about the downfall of the government of FULGENCIO BATISTA in Cuba.

LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS
(LAYC)

The June 21, 1960 edition of "El Mundo" contained an article indicating that the LAYC would be a meeting of Latin American youth to be held in Cuba during the period July 26 to August 4, 1960, sponsored by the Cuban Revolutionary Government. According to this article, RAUL CASTRO, Minister of the Cuban Armed Forces, stated in a speech during a preparatory meeting for this Congress held in Havana, Cuba, on June 19, 1960, that "Cuban youth have destroyed the myth of the invincibility of Yankee imperialism."

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

A confidential source advised on January 31, 1959, that the MPIPR was formed at a meeting of former leaders of the PARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUEÑO (Puerto Rican Independence Party) (PIP), a former legally constituted political party, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on January 11, 1959, as a result of discussions by various PIP members who were dissatisfied with the PIP and who desired to form a more active organization. The announced purpose of the MPIPR was to work for the complete independence of Puerto Rico through propaganda and other peaceful means. The source advised that no information had come to his attention indicating that the MPIPR advocated the use of violence as a means of obtaining independence for Puerto Rico.

On June 20, 1960, JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MPIPR, furnished the following information to Special Agents of the FBI:

Speaking on behalf of himself and his organization, MARI BRAS stated that the MPIPR does not currently advocate violence as a method of obtaining Puerto Rico's independence only because he feels violence would be ineffective against the force of the United States Government. MARI BRAS believes 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 effort.

MARI BRAS stated this same philosophy when he was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI in March, 1944, subsequent to the NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO (NPPR) shooting in the United States Congress. MARI BRAS feels great pride and admiration for those Nationalists who have given their lives for their country.

The MPIPR General Secretariat and Directive Mission are made up of leaders of the independence movement in Puerto Rico and include leaders from other groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico, including the NPPR.

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

The above source was in a position to furnish accurate information regarding the organization, aims and purposes of the MPIPR.

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SOQIEDAD DE AMIGOS DE LA NUEVA CUBA
(Society of Friends of New Cuba) (SANC)

An article in the August 27, 1959 edition of "El Imparcial," a Spanish-language newspaper published daily at San Juan, Puerto Rico, indicated that the SANC had just been organized in San Juan for the purpose of uniting all Puerto Ricans who sympathize with the fundamental principles of the Cuban revolution and to promote Cuban-Puerto Rican fraternalism.

A confidential source advised on September 3, 1959, that the SANC had no elected officers and no apparent direction, but that the moving forces of the SANC appeared to be leaders of various organizations advocating independence for Puerto Rico. The source further advised that according to statements made by ranking members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) the SANC would serve to provide a respectable cloak to cover public meetings of the NPPR and other pro-independence organizations and thereby avoid police surveillance.

On February 2, 1960 another confidential source advised that speakers at meetings of the SANC stress cooperation between Puerto Rico and Cuba in the Movement for independence of Puerto Rico.

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

The above sources were in a position to furnish accurate information concerning the activities and membership of the SANC.

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PUERTO RICO AND THE MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO HAVE
NO KNOWLEDGE OF A HIGH LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN THESE ORGANIZATIONS AS
DESCRIBED IN REBUTEL. NEW YORK WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION
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[REDACTED] RESIDENT OF CARACAS, VENEZUELA, DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] WHO IS PRO-CASTRO LEFTIST AND WHO HAS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED GUERRILLA OPERATIONS IN VENEZUELA, STATED IN PRESENCE OF [REDACTED] SOURCE DURING ABOVE MENTIONED CONFERENCE, THAT PLANS FOR INDEPENDENCE IN PUERTO RICO WERE PROGRESSING ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN RE BUTEL. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY TOP-LEVEL MEETING OF PIP, NPPR, AND MPIPR.

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"MPIPR" CONTAINS IN ENCLOSED LHM INFORMATION SHOWING THAT AT
MPIPR SIXTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF DIRECTORS HELD AT LUQUILLO,
PUERTO RICO ON JANUARY TWO ZERO DASH TWO TWO LAST, [REDACTED]

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ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN MEETINGS WITH PIP LEADERSHIP, THE LEADERS
OF THE NPPR WOULD NOT BE CONTACTED REGARDING A UNITED FRONT
BETWEEN THE MPIPR AND THE NPPR. BUREAU IS AWARE OF ATTEMPTS BY
MPIPR TO CONSTRUCT UNITED FRONT [REDACTED]

IN ADDITION, TACTIC OF HAVING MPIPR LEADERS REMAIN
FREE FROM CONTACT WITH ILLEGAL ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT BY RANK
AND FILE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY FOLLOWED BY THAT ORGANIZATION AND
IS NOT NEW. SAN JUAN OFFICE DID LEARN, HOWEVER, FROM INTERVIEW
WITH [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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WAS REPORTEDLY IN ATTENDANCE AT "CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE"
HELD AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER LAST.

REQUEST OF BUREAU -

SAN JUAN OFFICE IN POSSESSION OF NO INFORMATION
REGARDING [REDACTED] b7c AND REQUESTS BUREAU TO
ADVISE SAN JUAN OF ANY INFORMATION IN BUFILES LINKING [REDACTED] b7c
WITH PRN ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, BUREAU IS ASKED TO CONTACT
CIA THROUGH APPROPRIATE LIAISON FOR INFORMATION POSSESSED
BY THAT AGENCY SHOWING CONTACT BY [REDACTED] b7c WITH PRN AFFAIRS.

LEADS-

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.

WILL, BY APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY, DETERMINE EXACT NATURE OF "CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE",
STATED TO HAVE BEEN HELD THERE DURING NOVEMBER LAST AND IF b7c
POSSIBLE, VERIFY ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE BY [REDACTED]

SAN JUAN OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE BUREAU OF
ATTEMPTS BY INDEPENDENCE GROUPS TO UNITE FOR PURPOSE OF
BLOCKING PLEBISCITE AND/ OR CONDUCT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

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UNITED FRONT AGAINST PLEBISCITE
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Administrative:

The information contained in the enclosed LHM concerning the plans of the PIP indicates that the MPIPR will not be successful in its attempt to engage the PIP in a united front, since the conditions listed by the PIP for other "independentista" groups opposing the plebiscite will not be acceptable to the MPIPR.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On February 13, 1967, SJ T-1 advised that on Saturday, February 18, 1967, a conference concerning the proposed plebiscite which will take place in July and determine the political status of Puerto Rico, will be held in the amphitheater of the school of Social Science, University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. According to SJ T-1, the conference is to be sponsored by the Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI). It will start at 10:00 A.M. and continue through the morning and afternoon. Scheduled lecturers for the conference are JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), CESAR ANDREU IGLESIAS, a member of the National Mission of the MPIPR, and JUAN ANGEL SILEN, Director of Youth of the MPIPR.

Characterizations of FUPI and MPIPR
appear in the appendix.

"The San Juan Star", an English-language newspaper published daily in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article on Page 6 of its February 14, 1967, edition captioned "PIP to Organize Combine to Oppose Plebiscite Vote."

A characterization of the Partido Independ-
dentista Puertorriqueno (Independence Party
of Puerto Rico (PIP) appears in the appendix.

According to the article, the PIP has organized plans to organize a united front of Puerto Rican independence organizations to fight the July status plebiscite. A PIP spokesman has stated that Vanguardia, formerly Vanguardia Popular, will be one of the groups invited to join the front.

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 has advised that Vanguardia Popular is a loosely-connected group of individuals within the Partido Popular Democratico (Popular Democratic Party) (PPD) who desire independence and work for it within that party.

A characterization of the PPD appears in the appendix.

The article continues that Vanguardia announced on February 13, 1967, that it would ask its supporters and all Puerto Ricans to abstain from voting in the plebiscite. The group made no mention of joining the independence united front. The PIP spokesman, according to the article, added that the MPIPR would be invited to join the front "but only if its leaders accept the conditions which the PIP demands. Among the conditions listed by the PIP for other "independentista" groups opposing the plebiscite are:

1. Use of the Puerto Rican flag as the only insignia for the campaign;
2. Campaigning only for independence and not in favor of the CASTRO Government in Cuba or against the Vietnam war.

The PIP spokesman, according to the article, stated that a three-man group appointed by the Executive Committee of the PIP will be in charge of setting ground rules. The group is composed of lawyers JORGE LUIS LANDIN, ORLANDO MUNIZ and CARLOS JUAN SANTIAGO, the party's Political Organization Director.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-²⁹²~~332~~) AND NEW YORK (~~65-22988~~)

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON (ENCODED)

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ON FEBRUARY ONE FIVE INSTANT, [REDACTED]

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EDWIN SANTIAGO, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, [REDACTED]

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

February 16, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO
RICAN NATIONALIST

On February 15, 1967 [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] advised that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary-General, Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), departed from San Juan International Airport on Eastern Airlines Flight 938 at 2:00 p.m., Atlantic Standard Time on February 15, 1967, and that he was destined for John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, New York.

A characterization of the MPIPR is contained in the Appendix hereto.

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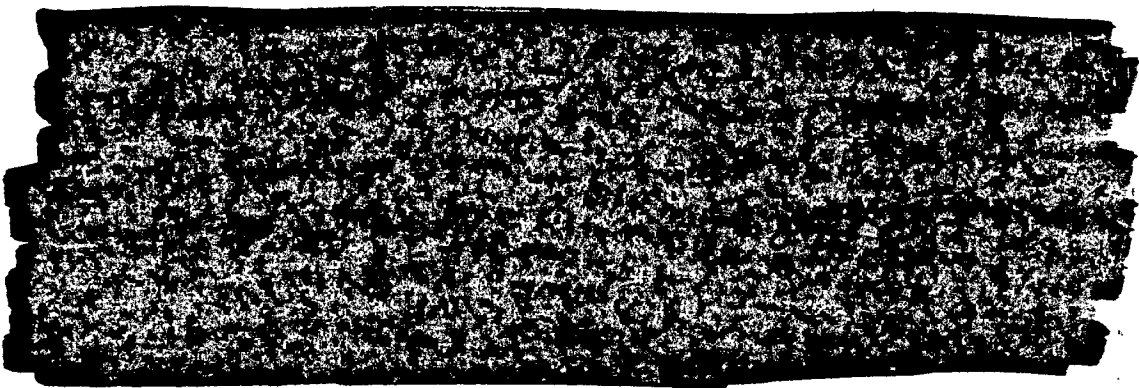
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-392) *0-17 to SS, NY*
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FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Re San Juan teletypes (2) to Bureau, 2/15/67; and New York airtel to Bureau, 1/25/67, captioned, "MEETING OF OAS HEADS OF STATE, PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY, APRIL, 1967; INFORMATION CONCERNING."

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are 15 copies and two copies respectively of an LHM dated and captioned as above at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Extra copies of instant airtel and enclosed LHM have been designated for the Bureau for transmittal to Mexico City.

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The confidential source mentioned in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

February 16, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO
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On February 15, 1967 [REDACTED]

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Isla Verde, San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that Juan
Mari Bras, Secretary-General, Movimiento Pro-Independencia
de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement)
(MPIPR), departed from San Juan International Airport
on Eastern Airlines Flight 938 at 2:00 p.m., Atlantic
Standard Time on February 15, 1967, and that he was
destined for John F. Kennedy International Airport,
New York, New York.

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Date: February 17, 1967

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reference is made to prior correspondence concerning Juan Mari Bras and the United Front Against the Plebiscite.

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New York and San Juan should attempt to determine additional details concerning travel plans of the subject. Furnish this information in a letterhead memorandum.

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For information of Legats, Mari Bras is on the Security Index and San Juan is the office of origin. The Puerto Rican Government recently enacted a law calling for a plebiscite to be held on 7/23/67 to determine if the people there desire independence, statehood or to continue the present commonwealth form of government. Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela are the South American countries represented on the Committee of 24, which deals with colonial matters.

You may advise your sources that Mari Bras is the dominant leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico which is the principal militant group seeking independence for Puerto Rico. It maintains close ties with Cuba and other communist countries. Mari Bras, a San Juan attorney, was born on 12/2/27 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

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Date: February 17, 1967

To: Director
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Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reference is made to prior correspondence concerning Juan Mari Bras and the United Front Against the Plebiscite.

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The above is submitted for your information.

- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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This reference pertains to the MPI (105-120776) activities of Juan Mari Bras in Puerto Rico and NY during the period October, 1966 to 2/20/67. These activities, which involved the NYM, included instructions from Mari Bras regarding the action at the UN in connection with Puerto Rico's request for independence. He spoke at meetings of the NYM, to the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, and the Casa de las Americas, an organization in favor of Fidel Castro and the communist form of government in Cuba. Mari Bras was also concerned with the adverse activity within the NYM.

105-120776-36 p.2,8-10,12,19,20,24,
(17,52) 29,31,39,40

105-156243-50 p.2
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SI 105-156243-15X p.12, encl. p.3,5,6
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Times"; NY 5071-S)

Bumemo dated 3/31/67 advised that on 3/18/67, Radio Havana announced that Juan Mari Bras had just returned from a tour of Chile and Uruguay to gain support for Puerto Rican independence. The White House and the Attorney General, by letter dated 3/28/67, were furnished detailed information concerning Mari Bras' opinion that demonstrators in Uruguay during the Summit Meeting of Western Hemisphere Heads of State, 4/12-14/67, at Punta Del Este, Uruguay, would demonstrate in favor of Puerto Rican independence. This information was also furnished to interested Government agencies.

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New York, New York
February 21, 1967

Juan Mari Bras

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) arrived in NYC on February 15, 1967. [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] According to this source, Mari has participated in several conferences of the MPI - New York Mission. [REDACTED] NY.

A characterization of the MPI and the MPI - New York Mission are attached hereto.

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Juan Mari Bras

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED] b7d that Carlos Padilla Rodriguez, MPI official, was expected to arrive in New York City on either February 21, or 22, 1967, and that Mari and Padilla would then travel to Chili and Uruguay, South America, where they would line up support for the cause of Puerto Rican independence. According to the second source, the trip of Mari and Padilla was to be sponsored by an organization in Chili known as "Frap".

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APPENDIX

1.
MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA
DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT)

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

At the time the MPIPR was organized it indicated that it did not advocate violence but would accept members who did. JUAN MARI BRAS, the founder and dominant leader of this organization, in a speech during March, 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States. A source reported in 1966, that a leader of the MPIPR has indicated that "the revolution" would soon begin and another source advised that another official of this organization has attempted to obtain a number of automatic pistols. Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in MPIPR publications. In 1961, it adopted a resolution expressing 100 per cent approval of and solidarity with the Cuban revolution. It sent a delegation to the Tri-Continental Conference of African, Asian and Latin American People, held in Havana, Cuba, during January, 1966, and it maintains a permanent delegate to the Secretariat located in Havana.

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

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA
DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)
(NEW YORK MISSION)

A source advised on August 15, 1961, that the New York Mission of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) was organized on August 6, 1961, in New York City (NYC).

A second source advised on October 24, 1961, that the New York Mission of the MPIPR supports and promotes the aims and principles of the MPIPR as set forth by the headquarters of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico. The announced purpose of the MPIPR is to work for the complete independence of Puerto Rico through propaganda and other peaceful means.

JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MPIPR, advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 20, 1960, that the MPIPR does not advocate violence to gain independence because it would be ineffective against the force of the United States Government. MARI BRAS believes that the Puerto Rican people have a right to use violence to gain their freedom if there was a possibility of success.

The second source advised on December 14, 1961, that the New York Mission of the MPIPR had adopted the name "Mision Central Vito Marcantonio."

A third source advised on May 15, 1966, that the headquarters of the New York Mission is located at Casa Puerto Rico, 106 East 14th Street, New York City, with other facilities available at 336 East 13th Street, New York City.

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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Foreign Service Dispatches dated 4/9/59 and 7/3/58 received from the Department of State indicate that Margot Boulton de Botton, born 11/8/10 in Venezuela, was the founder and President of Centro Venezolano - Americano, a bi-national center affiliated with the United States Information Service, and the Director of Agrupacion Feminina Intercambio. According to these dispatches, Mrs. Botton was an enthusiastic, hard-working, and effective advocate of good relations with the United States. (109-12-228-92 and 64-25441-228-32)

The records of the Central Intelligence Agency contain no derogatory information concerning the above-mentioned individual and neither does it possess any information indicating that she is involved in any Puerto Rican political activity.

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Defense Intelligence Agency advised by liaison that it had obtained information from [redacted] that at a recent meeting of leaders of independence groups in Puerto Rico plans for sabotage were discussed. Former SA William G. Friedemann, Security Officer, Gulf Petroleum, SA, Puerto Rico, advised source of information is informant of his. He stated information originated during Caribbean Conference held in November, 1966, at Florida State University. According to Friedemann, above-mentioned individual a resident of Caracas.

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Venezuela, a member of a wealthy family and a pro-Castro
leftist, stated in presence of Friedemann's source that
plans were progressing for independence of Puerto Rico
through use of sabotage.

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Letter to SAC, San Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - PRM
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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ReNYairtel and LHM, 2/21/67; NYtel, 2/24/67.

Enclosed herewith are 15 copies of an LHM dated
and captioned as above at NY, reflecting scheduled travel by

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1 - New York (105-39139) (MPI) (44)
1 - New York (105-40519) [REDACTED] b7C
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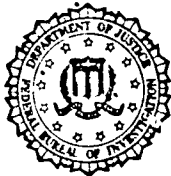
the subject and CARLOS PADILLA RODRIGUEZ to South America. Extra copies of instant airtel and LHM have been designated for the Bureau for transmittal to Legats at Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro and to the US Mission to UN, if deemed advisable.

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

New York, New York
February 24, 1967

Juan Mari Bras

Reference is made to New York memorandum
dated February 21, 1967.

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A characterization of the MPI is
attached hereto.

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that Mari planned to visit Uruguay and Venezuela, in
addition to Chili. He noted that these three nations are
members of the United Nations Committee of 24 and that
his trip would be to advance the cause of the MPI.
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Juan Mari Bras

On February 24, 1967, [REDACTED] b7C
Braniff International Airlines, East Side Airlines Terminal,
New York City, advised that Juan Mari Bras and Carlos
Padilla Rodriguez are listed as passengers on Braniff
International Airlines, Flight 971, scheduled to depart
J. F. Kennedy International Airport, New York at 7:00 PM,
February 25, 1967, arriving in Santiago, Chili, 8:10 AM
on Sunday, February 26, 1967.

Carlos Padilla Rodriguez is the
editor of the MPI publication,
"Claridad".

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APPENDIX

1.
MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA
DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT)

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

At the time the MPIPR was organized it indicated that it did not advocate violence but would accept members who did. JUAN MARI BRAS, the founder and dominant leader of this organization, in a speech during March, 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States. A source reported in 1966, that a leader of the MPIPR has indicated that "the revolution" would soon begin and another source advised that another official of this organization has attempted to obtain a number of automatic pistols. Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in MPIPR publications. In 1961, it adopted a resolution expressing 100 per cent approval of and solidarity with the Cuban revolution. It sent a delegation to the Tri-Continental Conference of African, Asian and Latin American People, held in Havana, Cuba, during January, 1966, and it maintains a permanent delegate to the Secretariat located in Havana.

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

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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ReNYairtel and LHM, 2/24/67.

Subject and CARLOS PADILLA RODRIGUEZ observed by
SA of NYO boarding Braniff International Airlines Flight 971,
which left NY at 7:35 PM, 2/25/67, from J. F. Kennedy
International Airport for Santiago, Chile. As travel plans
of MARI BRAS and PADILLA RODRIGUEZ were set forth in
recommunication, no LHM being disseminated on departure.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-36893)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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ReBureau airtel, 3/1/67, pointing out that Washington, D. C., could be the focal point of an attack on Government officials by captioned groups.

All offices were instructed to alert WFO for unexplained travel by fanatical Puerto Ricans to Washington, D. C.

The San Juan office is requested to review its files concerning instant matter and submit to WFO any material of a background nature which will assist this office in its dissemination to the police departments in Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3/1/67

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - PRN

1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Kitchens

SAC, San Juan, was in touch with me on 2/28/67 and requested authority to utilize [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], to assist San Juan Agents in conducting interviews of members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist groups. b7D

As you are aware, there have been mounting indications during the past year that the fanatical nationalist groups are planning to engage in violence to further their aim of achieving independence for Puerto Rico. This situation has become more acute since the Puerto Rican Government enacted a law in December, 1966, calling for a plebiscite to be held on 7/23/67 in which the people will express their preference for statehood, independence, or to continue the present commonwealth form of government. To cope with this situation, we have intensified all phases of our investigations of Puerto Rican Nationalist matters. An expanded interview program is a part of this over-all intensification program.

The San Juan Office over the years has worked closely with the [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] are [REDACTED] in good standing and the individuals assigned to it are experienced and trustworthy men. b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM : *cdj*
SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)

DATE: 3/3/67

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS-PRN

Re: San Juan report dated 11/21/66

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.

- A. The subject, a United States citizen, resides at Calle Tamesis 1502, Urbanizacion El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and is self-employed as an attorney with law office at #559 Barbosa Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. He is a male, white, born Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on December 2, 1927. Although subject has recently suffered from heart attacks, there has been no decrease in his pro-independence activities, nor did they preclude him from travelling to South America in furtherance of these goals.
- B. Subject is married to FRANCISCA "PAQUITA" PESQUERA DE MARI, female, white, who is employed as an instructor at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. There is no indication that she is not in good health.
- C. Subject has been, since his college days, associated with various Puerto Rican independence groups and is the founder of and current Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

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- D. Subject's wife is a member of the Feminine Action Secretariat of the MPIPR and has been an active participant in Puerto Rican pro-independence activities and various anti-American demonstrations, viz. US participation in Viet Nam and protesting the drafting of Puerto Rican youths.
- E. Subject's father, SANTIAGO MARI RAMOS, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is an active member of the MPIPR.
- F. There is no indication of defection on the part of the subject or his wife and his present sympathies, as well as those of his wife, are anti-American and pro-Puerto Rican independence.
- G. Last interviewed in 1960, and it is believed that an interview at this time would serve to apprise the subject of this Bureau's continued interest in his activities, as well as affording the interviewing Agents the opportunity to evaluate any weakness on the part of the subject which would present possible counter-intelligence potential and also to remind the subject of certain provisions of United States law, viz. Executive Order 10450 and Title 18, USC, Section 2385, which evidenced by his public statements, as well as private statements, he has forgotten or never knew.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-36893) (P)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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ReBuairtel dated 2/1/67, instant caption.

In accordance with reBuairtel instructing
WFO to advise appropriate police agencies concerning
the Puerto Rican situation, WFO advised [redacted]

on 3/2/67.

[redacted] and [redacted]
Washington, D. C., were each advised concerning this
matter on 3/3/67.

As indicated in reBuairtel, WFO will, in its
normal liaison, keep appropriate police departments
advised of the developing situation in Puerto Rico.

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From: Director, FBI (105-66754)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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The Puerto Rican legislature enacted a law during December, 1966, calling for a plebiscite to be held on 7/23/67 to determine if the people of the island desire statehood, independence, or to continue the present commonwealth form of government. This has caused consternation among the small fanatical element of Puerto Ricans that is dedicated to obtaining complete independence from the United States. The leaders have made veiled threats of civil war and the use of violence and sabotage to attain their goal of independence. Information has been developed recently that the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, the largest of the militant groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico, has organized a special underground force.

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Airtel to SAC, Buffalo et al
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
- FOR PUERTO RICO
105-66754

Due to the history of violence by Puerto Rican Nationalists such as the attempt to assassinate former President Truman and the attack on Congress, all offices and Legats receiving copies of this airtel must insure that their sources are alert for any indications that this fanatical element plans to commit acts of violence. Your sources must not only be alert for such acts by the various Puerto Rican Nationalist groups but also by fanatical individuals who may engage in such activity without the knowledge or consent of the leaders of the various organizations. The Bureau should be immediately advised of the receipt of such information and immediate investigation conducted to develop complete details. You must also insure that appropriate agencies and police departments are promptly advised of matters of interest to them.

Since Washington, D. C., could be the focal point of an attack on Government officials, all offices should be alert for unexplained travel by fanatical Puerto Ricans to Washington. This information should be furnished to the Washington Field Office which in turn should immediately advise appropriate police agencies. The Washington Field Office should also, in its normal liaison contacts, keep appropriate police departments advised of the developing situation in Puerto Rico. In this regard all offices should keep the Washington Field Office informed of important developments.

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Airtel to SAC, Buffalo et al
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-66754

NOTE:

Above airtel being sent to offices with limited Puerto Rican Nationalist activity to alert them to growing indications that Puerto Rican Nationalists will resort to the use of violence in their efforts to obtain independence for Puerto Rico. All Federal agencies have been furnished extensive amount of information concerning developments in Puerto Rico.

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Date: 3/6/67

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)
 FROM: *CDP* SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)
 SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Re San Juan teletype, 3/3/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau and for New York are 15 and 2 copies, respectively, of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ and suitable for dissemination.

Local dissemination is being made to NISO, 471st MI-DET, OSI and Secret Service.

Confidential source mentioned herein is [REDACTED] *b7d*

Enclosed letterhead memorandum is being classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ in order to protect the identity of [REDACTED] whose disclosure would be inimical to the national defense interest. *b7d*

③ Bureau (RM) (Enc. 15) **ENCLOSURE**
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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353) **PERSONAL ATTENTION**

From: Director, FBI (105-66754) 181 1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Kitchens

**GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR**

Reference your (telephone call 2/28/67.)

Bureau authority is not being granted to utilize [redacted] to assist your Agents in conducting interviews of members of Puerto Rican Nationalist groups. Your proposal has received the most careful consideration at the Bureau. However, it is believed that the possibilities of your proposal leading to embarrassing situations and thereby hindering our over-all operations in Puerto Rico are so great that it cannot be adopted. You should continue to obtain Bureau authority to conduct interviews of security subjects pursuant to current Bureau instructions. B7D

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NOTE:

This matter was considered in memorandum Sullivan to DeLoach 3/1/67 and the Director noted that the proposal of SAC, San Juan, should not be adopted.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-66754

OBSERVATIONS:

The presence of a native Puerto Rican during an interview could be beneficial to us in overcoming the reluctance of members of independence groups to cooperate with a "Gringo" which all continental Americans are called. In addition, the [REDACTED] knowledge of native customs, conditions, personalities, etc., could be of definite assistance to our Agents. The interview will, of course, be under the command of the Bureau Agents. B7D

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel to SAC, San Juan, be approved granting authority to utilize [REDACTED] to assist San Juan Agents in interviewing members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist groups. B7D

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You would be in -
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CLAYTON CRITCHET

CIA Hit by Puerto Rican Student Charges

SAN JUAN, P.R.—As if the Central Intelligence Agency didn't already have enough trouble with students in the United States, it has also been accused of inciting attacks here in San Juan against Puerto Rican students who are campaigning for independence of the island.

Juan Mari Bras, a wealthy lawyer who is secretary-general of the Pro Independence Movement (PIM), charges that the Association of University Students for Statehood (AUPE) is really an "instrument" of the CIA, and that AUPE is responsible for a recent rock-throwing assault on other youths demonstrating for independence.

"We do not have the slightest doubt," said Mari Bras, "that in back of all this is the infamous CIA, which has been trying through its San Juan office, to attack the PIM and the independence struggle in general."

Mari Bras may not have any "doubts," but most other Puerto Ricans do. His charges against the CIA are not taken seriously, but they have

nevertheless served his purpose of attracting attention to the emotional new political struggle that is developing here unbeknownst to most Americans.

Since this conflict revolves primarily about the island's relations with the United States, and will probably come to a head later this year through a plebiscite on status, Americans are soon going to be hearing a great deal about it, especially if Mari Bras and his sensational new ally, the one and only Stokely Carmichael (head of SNCC) have anything to do with it.

Carmichael, whose leadership of the Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee so aroused Americans last year, has come and gone from Puerto Rico, but he will be back, and meanwhile he is busy stirring up things in New York. **77 MAR 700,000 1967**
Ricans now live.

In fact, Carmichael and Mari Bras have issued a joint communique saying they will work together against the war in Vietnam, the draft, and

"police brutality," and for better housing, education, and living conditions in urban slums.

The Independistas share the view of Cuba's Fidel Castro that Puerto Rico is merely a "perfumed colony" of the United States. The PIM and SNCC alliance intends to try to bring questions of Puerto Rican independence and Negro "oppression" in the United States before the United Nations.

All this makes headlines, but here in San Juan interest centers not on the Independistas (as of now a negligible group), but on the coming battle at the polls between the two major parties, one of which stands for the present commonwealth status and the other for statehood.

In the United States it is generally assumed that all or nearly all of Puerto Rico is happy and contented with its existing status, but actually there is a substantial dissent. Just how big this is nobody knows (that's what the plebiscite, if it is held, is supposed

to determine) but there is certainly a strong, if minority, sentiment for full statehood, especially among the more affluent and better educated elements.

It is a curious fact that although only a handful of Eskimos and Hawaiians live in the United States, both Alaska and Hawaii enjoy statehood, but Puerto Rico, with perhaps 1.5 million residing in the United States, remains something less, or, as some would have it, equal but separate.

In any case, Puerto Rico is neither fish nor fowl. There is no other status quite like it anywhere else in the world. It is part of the United States and yet isn't. The people escape the income tax, but not the draft. And so it goes.

Modern Puerto Rico is really almost the work of one man, the incomparable Munoz Marin, who founded the Popular Democratic party and was the governor for so many years until he insisted on retiring in 1964. But even in "retirement" he is "Mr. Puerto Rico," with an immense popular following, particularly among the workers and peasants. He is the father of the "commonwealth" arrangement with the United States, and as long as he continues to favor it (and he does wholeheartedly), it probably will persist.

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Nevertheless, there seems to be a growing sentiment for statehood. Blessed by the strong leadership of Luis Ferre and Miguel Gacia Mendez, the Republican Statehood party has shot up from 85,172 votes in 1952 to 284,627 in 1964.

This is still only a little more than 34 percent of the total vote, but there is a strong belief that the percentage would be considerably larger in an election where statehood was the only issue. Many also feel that statehood would win outright if Munoz Marin was out of the picture.

Munoz himself thinks commonwealth would win even if he were dead. However, as he said to me, "I do not intend to take my life to prove the point."

8 March 1967

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Juan MARI Bras

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A. Juan MARI Bras

RACE: White
DPOB: 2 December 1927, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
CITIZENSHIP: United States
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 180 lbs.
BUILD: Plump
HAIR: Black and straight
EYES: Blue
CHARACTERISTICS: Wears thin black mustache
OCCUPATION: Lawyer
PASSPORT: United States Z 208501, issued
9 October 1962

This information was taken from a report dated October 18, 1965, prepared by your office in San Juan, Puerto Rico and headed

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

15 MAR 14 1967

Approved for Release
Date: 1 APR 1983

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B. Juan MARI Bras has been the dominant leader of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement - MPIPR) since it was founded in 1959. (1) The MPIPR and its leaders have frequently expressed sympathy for the Communist revolution in Cuba and with the Castro Government. (1) Subject has travelled to Communist Bloc countries and Communist China. (2) (3) ~~He recently stated that in the future the MPIPR will be anti-Soviet and pro-Chinese and that he favors open revolt in Puerto Rico. (4)~~

2. References for the above information are as follows:

- (1) Bureau File [REDACTED] 12 August 1966 (Appendix)
- (2) San Juan Bureau report dated 25 February 1966, with Subject

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

- (3) Bureau File #64-47532, 25 October 1965
- (4) Bureau File [REDACTED] 12 May 1966

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754) DATE: 3/9/67

FROM : *AKB/emt* SAC, JACKSONVILLE (105-1357)(RUC)

SUBJECT: *0* GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
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Re San Juan radiogram to Bureau dated 2/8/67,
Jacksonville airtel to Bureau dated 2/14/67 and Bureau
letter to San Juan dated 2/21/67.

On 3/3/67, [REDACTED] a
reliable source who is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that the 17th Annual
Conference on the Caribbean was held at the University
of Florida from December 1 - 3, 1966. He advised that
the general theme for this conference was the "Hemispheric
Role of The Caribbean".

[REDACTED] advised he recalls [REDACTED]
from Venezuela and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] attending the above
conference. [REDACTED] stated he observed no parti-
cular association between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] while the
conference was in session.

[REDACTED] stated he is only professionally
acquainted with [REDACTED] and knows nothing of his political
affiliations. He understands that [REDACTED] is married to a
colored person from the Virgin Islands. [REDACTED]
stated it is his opinion that [REDACTED] considers himself a
Puerto Rican and does not approve of the United States'
policy toward the Caribbean. He advised that [REDACTED] would
probably like to see Puerto Rico become independent of the
United States but realizes that they would not be nearly
so well off if they had their independence.

[REDACTED] stated he knows very little
about [REDACTED] and does not know anything about her poli-
tical affiliations. He understands she is associated with
some [REDACTED] in Venezuela.

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19 regarding the 17th Annual "Conference On The Caribbean"
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The Caribbean Conferences are organized by the
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and an annual conference has been held at the University
of Florida each December since 1950.

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Date: 3/13/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM: *ccg/* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
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Re San Juan airtel, 3/9/67.

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2. 4. 8, 2.3

DATE OF REVIEW *1-13-87*

DATE *9/11/80* *680025* Referenced airtel set forth San Juan's extreme concern over the explosive situation now existing in Puerto Rico. In order to more effectively combat this threat, the following specific observations and recommendations are being made:

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③ Bureau (RM) *initial*

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: 3/14/67

FROM : *cdap* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

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✱ of blindly following the policies of those who, under the guise of seeking independence, advocate violence, and should carefully consider the issues at stake and consequences which would result from such action. Above all, the people of Puerto Rico should avoid being duped into unconscionably furthering the aims of international communism in Latin America.

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Bureau's comments regarding above plan would be appreciated.

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JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRM.

AT TEN FOUR FIVE P. M. MARCH ONE THREE LAST, IMMIGRATION AND
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THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT AND CARLOS PADILLA RODRIGUEZ

ARRIVED AT SAN JUAN,
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SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Enclosed for the Bureau are fifteen copies and for New York two copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned and dated as above.

Local dissemination is being made to OSI, NISO, 471st MI-Det., and Secret Service, San Juan.

San Juan will continue efforts to ascertain subject's travel while in South America as well as his activities while out of the country.

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G.P.O. BT
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
March 14, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Immigration and Naturalization Office, San Juan International Airport, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, advised on the evening of March 13, 1967, that Juan Mari Bras and Carlos Padilla Rodriguez arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Iberia Airline Flight No. 986 from Caracas, Venezuela, at 10:25 P.M. that date.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

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SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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San Juan has previously furnished Bureau with an outline of the underground organization of JUAN MARI BRAS and has shown its financing and control by Cuba. In casting about for disruptive measures which could possibly minimize the influence of this group and neutralize its effect upon the outbreak of major revolt, San Juan has formulated the following plan which is being set forth for the Bureau's consideration.

A carefully worded Bureau press release in the form of a "Message to the People of Puerto Rico" over the signature of the Director could be issued simultaneously to the Puerto Rican Spanish language newspapers at the time deemed most propitious by the Bureau. This message would emphasize the FBI's neutral position with regard to the Puerto Rican political scene but would point out the Bureau's responsibilities in the Internal Security field. Thereafter, the message would generally contain the following:

For several years, the FBI has been concerned with the extent of influence and control by Cuban communism, with its policy of exporting violent revolution to other Latin American countries, over a certain segment of the Puerto Rican independence movement. We have watched with concern the build-up of a highly efficient Cuban-trained underground network in Puerto Rico, composed of "cells," members of each cell theoretically being unaware

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of the identities of other cell members. A substantial number of these cell members have been trained in Cuba in sabotage and guerrilla warfare and have thereafter returned to Puerto Rico to resume their daily routines, quietly waiting to receive the word from Cuba through their leader to initiate their campaign of killing and terrorism. This campaign will be conducted under the guise of the struggle for Puerto Rico's independence but will have as its actual purpose the furthering of the aims of communism in Latin America. Through this campaign of violence and terrorism, assisted and abetted by the communist government of Cuba, this group will be, in effect, attempting to impose its will upon the Puerto Rican people without their consent. Not content with legal and peaceful means to further their aims, this secretive group hopes to create sufficient clamor and confusion on the political scene through violence and terrorism to leave the false impression with the United Nations that the vast majority of the people of Puerto Rico are being subjugated by the United States Government. In this way, they hope to create a favorable climate for the submission of their pro-independence proposals to the United Nations.

The FBI is well aware of the extent and purpose of this underground group, the identities of its officers and individual "cell" members, as well as their targets and overall plan of operation. Proper authorities stand ready to take swift, appropriate action upon the first sign of violence and sufficient measures will be employed to halt this terrorist campaign and protect the people of Puerto Rico from the irresponsible actions of this fanatic group.

The honorable people of Puerto Rico, regardless of their political affiliations and desires concerning the future status of this great island, should be wary

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Issuance of the above press release would serve a dual purpose - that of informing this violence-prone group that proper authorities are alert to their activities and plans and stand ready to summarily deal with any attempt at violence, and that of alerting those in the independence camp to the Cuban communist direction of an organized plan of violence and possibly sway them to oppose any violent action which otherwise they may have supported. In this connection, it is noted that the MPIPR has an estimated active membership of 1300, while it is believed fully twice this number can be mobilized from among active members, inactive members and sympathizers, a large percentage of which may oppose any violent course initiated and directed by Cuba.

While issuance of the above message by the Director may never become necessary, it could be prepared in advance and released if necessary at a time believed appropriate by the Bureau. It may well be that issuance of such a message at the proper time could serve as a severe deterrent to any action by MARI BRAS' underground group.

Bureau's comments regarding above plan would be appreciated.



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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

The Spanish language newspaper, "El Popular" (Popular), self-described as organ of the Communist Party and which is published in Montevideo, Uruguay, carried, in its edition of March 8, 1967, an article together with photographs of Juan Mari Bras and Carlos Padilla Perez, who were described as representatives of the Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico - MPIPR). These photographs were taken of the mentioned individuals, the article stated, during a visit which they made to headquarters of the Leftist Liberation Front (Frente Izquierda Liberacion - FIDEL). It is noted that FIDEL is the political front of the Communist Party of Uruguay (CPU).

The article reflected that while visiting with the executive committee of FIDEL, Bras and Padilla were together with its President, Congressional Deputy Bonavita (Luis Pedro Bonavita) and with its Vice President, Dr. Edmundo Soares Netto, together with Uruguayan Senator Enrique Rodriguez, a member of the executive committee of the CPU.

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The article further stated as follows:

"Two Representatives of the Puerto Rican people are in Montevideo. As delegates of the Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico, Juan Mari Bras and Carlos Padilla Perez are making a tour of different countries to inform peoples organizations and government authorities of the present Puerto Rican situation, of its colonial status as well as the preparation of the farce of a plebiscite."

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO

"which the government of the United States is trying to bring about to maintain the dependency status of the so called 'free associated state.' At the same time, the representatives of the brother Nation are informing of the present situation of the case presented by the MPI to the Special Committee of the United Nations which deals with the question of territorial colonials. One member of this committee represents Uruguay."

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ReBUairtel 3/18/67 in the captioned matter as well as NYO airtel to Director 2/24/67 in the case entitled, "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN" (BUFILE 105-292) and NYO airtel to Director 1/25/67 entitled, "MEETING OF OAS HEADS OF STATE, PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY, APRIL, 1967, INFORMATION CONCERNING."

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March 15, 1967

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Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-5581)

REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2.2

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SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE

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Re Bureau airtel to Buffalo, 3/1/67.

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- 4 - Bureau (RM)
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Chicago will furnish the Bureau, New York and San Juan with copies of the reports of the informants when prepared by Chicago. Chicago will remain alert to the receipt of further information and has instructed its informants that the obtaining of any such information is of prime importance. (S) (u)

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Bureau observations relative to the above plan
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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

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Title	JUAN MARI BRAS
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST; [REDACTED]
Reference	San Juan report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

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

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN JUAN	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN JUAN	DATE MAR 16 1967	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/21/66 - 2/26/67
TITLE OF CASE JUAN MARI BRAS ✓		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY lcv
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - PRN; IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA	

REFERENCE

San Juan report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 11/21/66. - *b7C*

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LEADS

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*Alphonse (TND)
Chambers (TND)
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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

1. Will follow and report subject's activities.
2. Will await Bureau approval to interview subject. *Chapman*

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
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[REDACTED] who verified subject's residence and employment on 2/10/67, was [REDACTED] b7c b7d

✓ The Special Agent who observed the subject on 11/30/66 and 12/27/66 was SA [REDACTED] b7c

Translation of the article entitled, "The Public Social Politics and Political Action in Puerto Rico" was made by San Juan Office translator [REDACTED] and is being set out in its entirety as it reflects the political credo of the subject. b7c b7d

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002) (RUC)
SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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(00: SJ)

DATE: 3/16/67

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ReSJairtel & LHM 1/27/67, captioned, "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE; INTERNAL SECURITY-COMMUNIST"; SJtels 1/30/67, 2/15/67 and 3/14/67; NYairtel 2/27/67.

Re communications reflected subject's presence in NYC from 1/26/67 to 1/30/67 and again from 2/15/67 to 2/25/67 when he departed JFKennedy International Airport, NY for Chili, South America via Braniff International Airlines Flight 971, accompanied by CARLOS PADILLA RODRIGUEZ. ReSJtel of 3/14/67 reported that MARI and PADILLA returned to Puerto Rico on 3/13/67.

All information developed by NYO sources concerning subject's two visits to NYC, set forth above, have been or are being disseminated to SJ and interested offices by separate channelization memoranda.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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

Dear Sir:

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

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

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The subject currently is the Interim Secretary General of the MPIP and is acting in this capacity during the illness of LORENZO PINEIRO.

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III. ACTIVITIES AGAINST PUERTO RICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE
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The PPD is the incumbent political party in Puerto Rico.

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Date **March 17, 1967**

In summary, New York advises that rumor is spreading throughout the Puer Rican pro-independence circles in the New York City area that some kind of violence will take place in Puerto Rico on 3/28/67. Source knows nothing further concerning the nature of the violence, individuals involved, or the target. Other New York sources have no knowledge of the rumor.

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San Juan and New York are following this matter closely to determine if there is any substance to these rumors.

Secret Service and the Military Intelligence Agencies are being advised by teletype. Copy of the teletype is being furnished to the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division of Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Information in above teletype received from New York and San Juan by teletype this date. Copies of this teletype will be furnished to the Assistant Attorney General of the Internal Security Division, and the Department of the Navy.

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Information concerning possible violence disseminated
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ReSJAirtel dated March 13, 1967.

Attached for New York is a copy of reairtel.

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The Bureau agrees that you should afford those subjects
of your office who are most likely to commit acts of violence
intensified coverage during the critical period immediately
preceding the plebiscite. You should work closely with *B7*

that there is a free interchange of pertinent information and
that there is not a needless duplication of effort. You are

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Coverage of each will include, but not necessarily be limited to, immediate verification of whereabouts and residence and employment; frequent spot checks and spot surveillances; development of neighborhood source who would advise of any unusual activity, contact with any relatives known to be extremely opposed to subject's independentist beliefs, and identification of vehicle used.

If this program is approved, a conference will be held by the SAC with

to coordinate this program with

Any additional subjects felt to be extremely dangerous by will be added to the list of those selected for this intensified coverage.

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It is anticipated that approximately 200 subjects will be included on this list. The names and Bureau file numbers of these individuals will be furnished if desired by Bureau.

It is further anticipated these subjects will be interviewed with Bureau approval more or less simultaneously by SAs of the SJO and [REDACTED] at a time deemed appropriate in the light of events. Purpose of this interview program is solely to attempt to neutralize any violent actions planned by these individuals.

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In order that we may implement this program and utilize our manpower most effectively, Bureau is requested to declare a moratorium on annual reports regarding Security Index subjects in the SJO until the plebiscite is over. This would not affect our investigations re those not yet on the SI or our informant program.

Bureau's observations relative to above programs are solicited.

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TO DIRECTOR 105-66754 SAN JUAN 105-3353 AND WASHINGTON FIELD
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New York Office
OTHER NYO SOURCES HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE RUMOR, BUT ALL HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT INFORMATION HAVING ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION.

IN VIEW OF NEBULOUS NATURE OF INFORMATION, ^{Letterhead memorandum} ~~it~~ WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL SUBSTANTIATION CAN BE MADE OR FURTHER FACTS ARE DETERMINED TO LEND CREDENCE, ^{San Juan office} ~~WASH.~~ ^{unless advised to contrary by}

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

March 20, 1967

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FOR PUERTO RICO

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

San Juan, by letter dated March 14, 1967, recommends that a press release over the signature of the Director be prepared concerning the underground force of Juan Mari Bras in Puerto Rico. Mr. Tolson noted, "I doubt the wisdom of this."

Juan Mari Bras is the founder and dominant leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, which is the largest of the militant groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico. A plebiscite is scheduled to be held on July 23, 1967, in which the people of Puerto Rico will express their preference for independence, statehood, or a continuance of the commonwealth form of government.

San Juan states that the issuance of the press release would serve the dual purpose of informing the violence-prone element in Puerto Rico that the authorities are alert to their activities and of possibly swaying those members of the independence element who are opposed to communism from participating in violent acts.

Attached is an airtel to SAC, San Juan, advising him that the Bureau does not concur with his recommendation since it could be construed as an attempt by the FBI to influence the outcome of the plebiscite and embroil us in a local political situation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel in line with above be approved.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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The Bureau does not concur with your recommendation concerning the press release over the signature of the Director concerning the underground force of Juan Mari Bras. It is noted that such a press release could be construed as an attempt by the FBI to influence the outcome of the plebiscite and could embroil us in a local political situation.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 20, 1967

FROM : J. F. Bland

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
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RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-66754

reminded, however, that [REDACTED] has the primary responsibility of [REDACTED] whereas our primary responsibility is the gathering of intelligence information. The Bureau concurs with your observation that it may become desirable to interview those individuals deemed most likely to commit acts of violence in an effort to prevent them from committing acts of violence. As you are aware, these interviews cannot be conducted jointly with [REDACTED]

The Bureau agrees that you should have a well-thought-out plan for action to be taken in the event of a major outbreak of violence and you must certainly take whatever action you deem necessary to protect your office. While you should not make any requests of [REDACTED] which could be construed as telling it how to meet its responsibilities, you should maintain close liaison with the [REDACTED] regarding possible courses of action that may become necessary to meet emergency situations.

In drawing up your plans you should not overlook the real possibility of individuals or small groups committing acts of extreme violence without the knowledge or consent of their leaders. In addition, your plans should not only cover the period preceding the holding of the plebiscite, but should also cover a reasonable period following it. The length of time would, of course, depend on developments in Puerto Rico. A decisive victory for the commonwealth or statehood forces could engender even more bitterness among the independentists than now exists.

Those individuals who over the years have been determined to be potentially dangerous have been placed on the Security Index. The activities of these individuals must be closely followed and their whereabouts known at all times. Pertinent information concerning their activities.

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must be promptly furnished to the Bureau and interested agencies. If it would be of material assistance to you in meeting your present responsibilities, Bureau authority is granted to declare a moratorium on the submission of annual reports until August 1, 1967. However, you must insure that the Bureau and interested agencies are kept fully and promptly advised of pertinent activities of these individuals through teletypes, airtels, letterhead memoranda, and so forth. Reports on Key Figures should be submitted as they become due.

New York is requested to submit its observations concerning the drawing up of plans in line with the above to neutralize possible acts of violence by Puerto Rican nationalists in New York City and for action in case of any outbreak of violence.

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- 1 - Mr. Kitchens

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754) - 190

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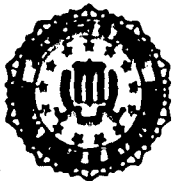
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

GPO Box BT
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

March 21, 1967

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Characterizations of the PCP and
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APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PCP)

An article by JUAN SANTOS RIVERA, President of the PCP, in the February 19, 1944, issue of "Puerto Rico, Ayer, Hoy y Manana" (Puerto Rico, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow) stated the Communist Party of Puerto Rico was founded in Ponce, Puerto Rico, on September 23, 1934.

A source advised in November, 1963, that JUAN SANTOS RIVERA was changing the name of the PCP and the new name would be Partido Obrero Liberador (POL).

In May, 1964, RIVERA publicly declared that the POL was the new name for the Communist Party of Puerto Rico.

On September 12, 1966, a second source advised that on September 8, 1966, RIVERA called a special meeting of the POL at which meeting the name of the POL was changed to the original PCP.

The second source advised on September 12, 1966, that a communication had recently been received by the PCP, San Juan, from the Communist Party in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to the effect that Puerto Rico is recognized as a nation and that, therefore, the PCP is a Communist Party in its own right and not a district organization of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). This source stated that although the PCP is not a district of the CPUSA, it is based on the same Marxist-Leninist principles as the CPUSA.

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RE NEW YORK TEL MARCH ONE SEVEN LAST.

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO DETERMINE FROM UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE IF ANY MEMBER OF OFFICIAL FAMILY WILL BE PRESENT IN PUERTO RICO ON SAME DATE.

SECRET SERVICE, NYC, HAS ADVISED THAT VICE PRESIDENT EXPECTED IN NYC ON MARCH TWO NINE NEXT.

MATTER BEING FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY WITH SOURCES.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-86754) - 194

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)
 FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P)
 SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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Re San Juan teletype to the Bureau, 3/17/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a
 letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above
 and classified CONFIDENTIAL.

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 identity of [redacted] and because unauthorized disclosure of information from
 [redacted] might result in his identification and be detrimental
 to the security interest of the U. S.

Local dissemination is being made to NISO,
 471st MI-DET, OSI and Secret Service.

Copy of airtel and enclosed LHM being furnished
 New York for their information.

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☒ Info [redacted]
 date 3/24/67
 by [redacted]

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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TO-- DIRECTOR (105-66754), WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (100-38893) *Wys*
AND NEW YORK (105-32872)
(VF AND NY VIA WASH)
FROM-- SAN JUAN (105-3833)

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FROM-- SAN JUAN (105-3333)

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JOHNSON'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER ARE PRESENTLY VACATIONING IN
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-5581)

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 3/15/67; Report of
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Chicago airtels to the Bureau 3/15/67, 3/22/67.

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Date *3/27/67*

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Chicago has instructed its informants to remain especially alert in this situation and to promptly report any further information received.

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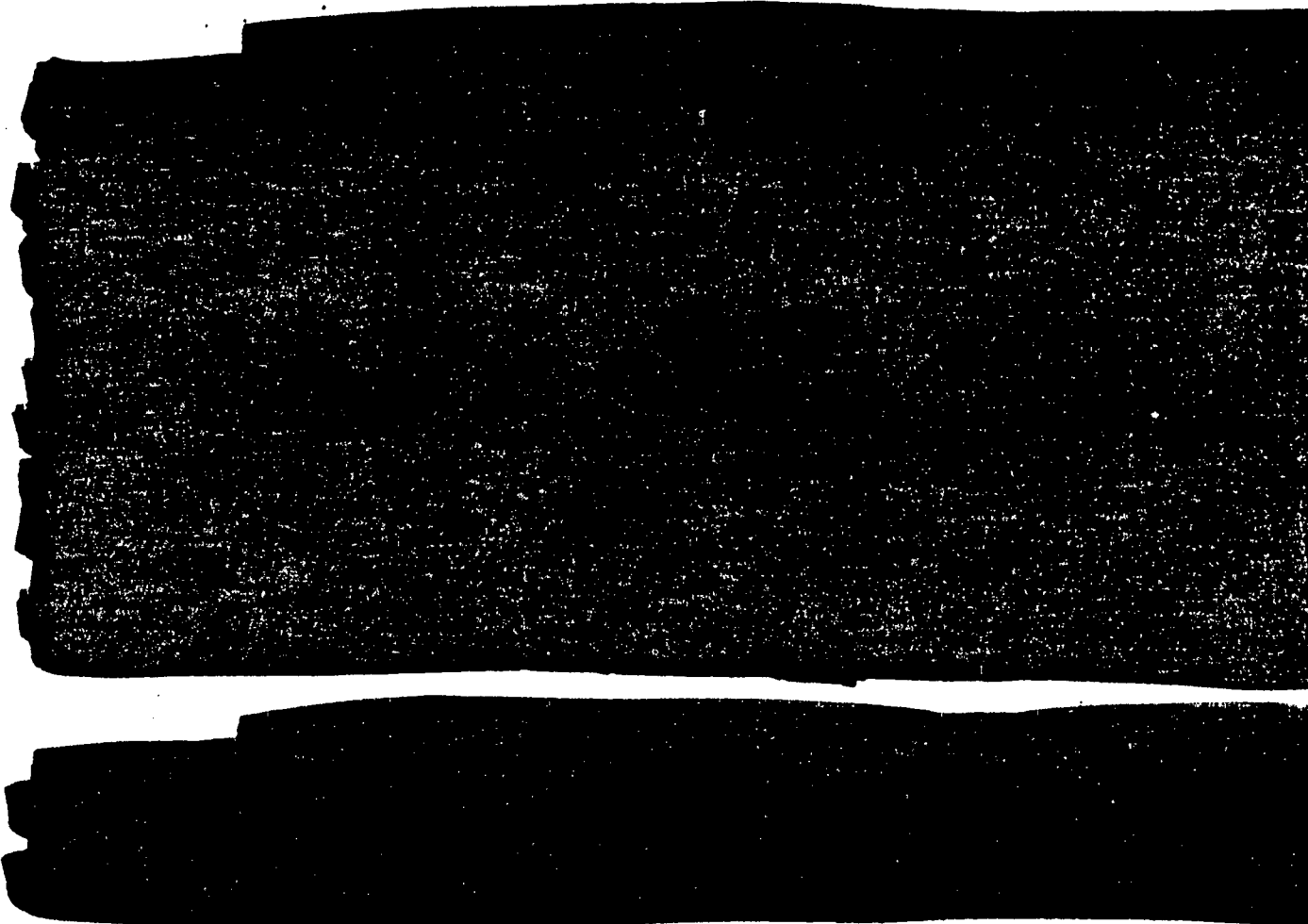
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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS

DATE *9/17/80 GSK/KK*

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



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Manual Rabago Torres is the Sub-delegate of the NPPR in the Chicago area.

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Jacinto Rivera Perez is the President of
the NPPR, National Board in Puerto Rico.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-5581

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
March 23, 1967

Title	GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
Reference	is made to memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-7721)

DATE: 3/23/67

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-498)

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SUBJECT: NPPR
IS - PRN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 3/15/67, captioned
"Groups Seeking Independence For Puerto Rico, IS-PRN."

Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies, for
San Juan ten (10) copies, and for New York eight (8) copies of
an informants report.

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3 - Bureau (RM) (Enc. 3)

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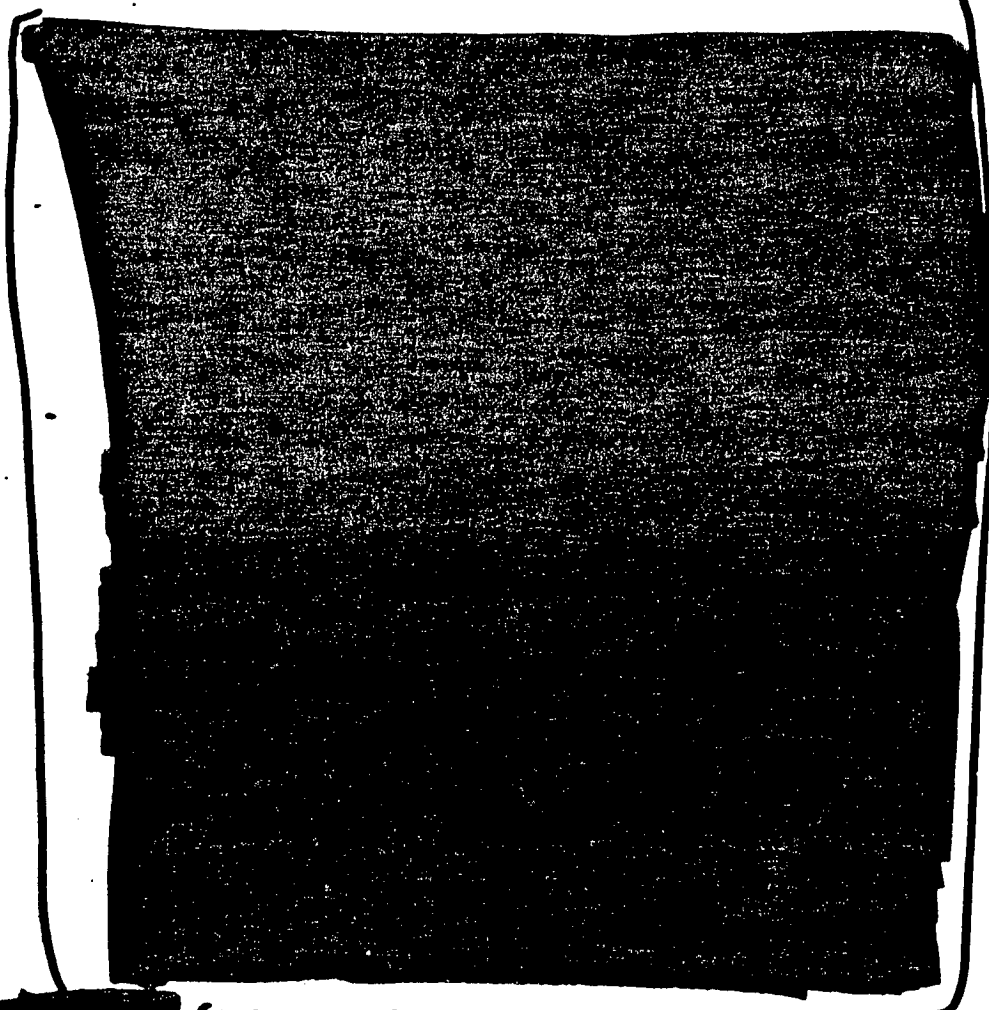
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1 - Mr. Floyd
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To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754) - 92

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
IS - PRM

Reurairtel 3/15/67 and Bureau airtel 3/17/67.

As pointed out in referenced Bureau airtel, the Bureau agrees that your office should afford those subjects of your office who are most likely to commit acts of violence intensified coverage during the critical period surrounding the holding of the plebiscite.

The number of individuals selected for intensified coverage should not be so large that other vital aspects of your investigation of Puerto Rican Nationalist matters will suffer. The Security Index is composed entirely of individuals who have shown themselves to be potentially dangerous to the security of the country, and the whereabouts of all these subjects should be known at all times. The potential of individuals or a small group of individuals to commit acts of violence, acting on their own and without the knowledge or consent of their leaders, must not be overlooked. In addition, there is the possibility of individuals who are not affiliated with organized groups but who secretly harbor strong independence feelings committing acts of violence. Your efforts to identify all members of the fanatical independence element must be pursued vigorously and you must persevere in your program to develop adequate informant coverage within all Puerto Rican Nationalist groups and especially among the tightly knit leadership of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico.

1 - New York (105-32872) (Enclosure)
1 - WFO (100-36893) (Enclosure)

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Airtel to SAC, San Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
105-66754

You should, of course, work closely with the [REDACTED] to insure that there is a free interchange of pertinent information and that there is not a needless duplication of effort. As you are aware, the maintaining of order in Puerto Rico is primarily the responsibility of [REDACTED]. Whereas our primary responsibility is the development of intelligence information. While you should fully cooperate with the [REDACTED] you should not enter into any joint venture whereby your office would be placed in the position of assuming some of the responsibility of [REDACTED].

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The Bureau concurs with your concern over the problems presented by the travel of nationalists to the United States. The Bureau has no objection to your furnishing photographs to the special airport detail [REDACTED] of any of the individuals on whom you desire coverage. The Bureau agrees that offices covering the cities to which potentially dangerous nationalists travel should be advised, and that appropriate agencies and police in these areas should be alerted. These offices should conduct sufficient investigation to be aware of the activities of these dangerous nationalists in their territories; however, it does not appear that in the absence of special circumstances full surveillance should be ordered in all cases.

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San Juan should insure that Secret Service is advised of the travel of potentially dangerous individuals.

Enclosed herewith for the information of New York and WFO is a copy of referenced San Juan airtel.

NOTE: San Juan advised that it intends to draw up a list of approximately 200 individuals who are most likely to be involved in an organized revolution and give these individuals intensified coverage. It states they will prepare photograph albums of these individuals and furnish one copy to [REDACTED] for use by the special airport detail that watches incoming and outgoing flights. San Juan also states that it purposes to request [REDACTED] assistance in this intensified coverage of the dangerous nationalists. San Juan purposes to advise offices to which nationalists may travel in the U. S. of such travel and request subjects be placed under close surveillance. San Juan requested observations of the Bureau relative to above plan.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: 3/24/67

FROM : *Sm* SAC, TAMPA (105-3344) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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Foregoing is furnished for possible assistance of
the San Juan office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN JUAN (Your file 105-3353) DATE: 3/24/67

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 105-66754)

Room No. 8090

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MAR 27 1967
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☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

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☒ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
☐ report ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted 4/3/67
☒ letter

Reporting employee _____

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

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☐ airtel ☒ letterhead memo
☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by _____ (Date)

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

3/24/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Kitchens

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754) - 197

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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Reurairtel 3/20/67.

The Bureau does not concur with your proposal not to submit annual reports or letters in lieu of reports on the Security Index subjects of your office which fall due during the period (4/1/67 through 7/31/67.) Reports should be submitted on these subjects as soon after 8/1/67 as feasible.

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NOTE:

Bureau, by airtel 3/17/67, granted San Juan a moratorium on the submission of annual reports on Security Index subjects through 7/31/67. This action was taken due to the manpower needs of the office to meet possible threats of violence due to the plebiscite, which will be held 7/23/67. San Juan proposes to open cases as they fall due, verify residence and employment, and thereafter close case setting ticklers to submit annual report one year later.

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MAR 25 1967

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Mr. Tolson_____
Mr. DeLoach_____
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Mr. Wick_____
Mr. Casper_____
Mr. Callahan_____
Mr. Conrad_____
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SAN JUAN TELEX 1 PM 3 25 67 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK
FROM SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS-PRN

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ADVISED MARCH TWO FIVE
INSTANT, THAT SUBJECT DEPARTED SAN JUAN VIA PAN AMERICAN
FLIGHT TWO FIVE EIGHT AT TWO PM EN ROUTE NEW YORK CITY.
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE KENNEDY AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY FOUR THIRTY
PM, EASTERN STANDARD TIME. SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING ALONE.
NEW YORK AFFORD APPROPRIATE COVERAGE, AND ATTEMPT
TO ASCERTAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT.

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15 MAR 28 1967

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

March 27, 1957

Title

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Character

JUAN MARI BRAS

Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned
as above

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MAR 27 1967
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FROM NEW YORK /1P

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JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN.

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[REDACTED] INDICATES SUBJECT ARRIVED AT NEW YORK LATE AFTERNOON
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NEW YORK WILL FURNISH BUREAU AND SAN JUAN ANY ADDITIONAL
FORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE.

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cc Mr. Kitchens

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Date: 3/27/67

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)
FROM: *CD 4/29* SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) --P--
SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN

Re San Juan teletype to the Bureau, 3/25/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau and for New York are ten copies and two copies respectively of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

The New York Division is requested to remain alert to the activities of the subject while within that Division and particular attention should be paid to develop any information regarding travel of the subject either within or without the United States.

The San Juan Division will remain alert to any activity regarding additional travel of the subject and attempt to ascertain the purpose of his travel out of Puerto Rico.

Local dissemination of letterhead memorandum is being made to NISO, 471st MI-Det, OSI, and Secret Service, San Juan.

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 - 3 - San Juan (100-4785)

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Copy to *incl - AAG Yeagley, State, CIA, ONI, OSI, ACST, SS*
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by *TWK*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

GPO Box BT
San Juan, Puerto Rico
March 27, 1967

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On March 25, 1967, the [redacted] San Juan International Airport advised that JUAN MARI BRAS departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Pan American Airlines Flight 258, at 2:00 PM on that date. Pan American Airlines Flight 258 was destined to arrive at John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, New York, at approximately 4:30 PM Eastern Standard time.

[redacted] advised that MARI BRAS was traveling alone.

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MAR 28 1967

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213AM 3-28-67 REY

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-1 GSK/65-15-80
REASON - FCIN 11, 1-2. 4. 2 2
DATE OF REVIEW 3-28-87

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM #1

ATTN: SECRET SERVICE (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY #1

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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(CONFIDENTIAL) GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO COMMUNICATION FROM THIS BUREAU MARCH SEVENTEEN, LAST, WHICH FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT A RUMOR IS SPREADING THROUGHOUT PUERTO RICAN PRO-INDEPENDENCE CIRCLES IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA THAT SOME KIND OF VIOLENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN PUERTO RICO ON MARCH TWENTY-EIGHT, NEXT.

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1 - Mr. Floyd
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TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
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TELETYPE TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

ATTN: SECRET SERVICE (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

RE: (CONFIDENTIAL) GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

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BE BEING ADVISED. B7D

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NOTE:

Information in above teletype received from New York and San Juan by teletype this date. Copies of this teletype will be furnished to the Assistant Attorney General of the Internal Security Division and the Department of the Navy.

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DATE *9/17/80*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

CLASS. & EXT. BY *SP-1 GSK/CH 5-15-80*
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2 *2*
DATE OF REVIEW *3-27-87*

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
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Photographs of [REDACTED] taken 4/25/65, and 11/22/66, respectively, are enclosed for assistance of the Chicago Division. B7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : J. F. Bland *JFB*

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

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
DATE: 3/28/67

1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Kitchens

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2. 4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 3-28-87

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[REDACTED] of the
San Juan Office, was [REDACTED] Justa Mission, an
organization composed primarily of ex-convicts which had as
its aim the securing of independence for Puerto Rico through
force and violence. [REDACTED] was arrested by
the Police of Puerto Rico for robbery and was sentenced on
11/28/62 to serve from two to five years at hard labor in the
Commonwealth Penitentiary.

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Memorandum J. F. Bland to W. S. Sullivan

RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
105-66754

ACTION:

Secret Service; Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; and the Office of Special Investigation, Air Force were advised of the above by teletype this date. Copies of the teletype have been furnished to Assistant Attorney General Yeagley and the Office of Naval Intelligence. San Juan has been instructed to furnish this information to [REDACTED]

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DATE: 3/28/67

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Re Bureau airtel, 3/1/67, captioned as above, and
San Juan let, 3/9/67, captioned "PUERTO RICAN INFORMANT
PROGRAM, IS - PRN."

Buffalo has alerted sources and informants
regarding captioned, especially concerning anything connected
with the Plebiscite to be held in Puerto Rico 7/23/67.

For the information of San Juan, Buffalo is not
aware of any discontinued informants who have returned to
Puerto Rico nor does it know of any possible sources
presently residing in Puerto Rico.

Any information regarding these matters will be
brought to the attention of the Bureau and San Juan.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-292) AND NEW YORK (105-3002)

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON (ENCODED)

FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785) 1P

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS-PRN.

RENYTEL MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

[REDACTED] AIRPORT DETAIL ADVISED THAT SUBJECT ARRIVED
SAN JUAN VIA PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT TWO NINE THREE, AT SIX
TWENTY PM THIS DATE. **[REDACTED]** FURTHER ADVISED THAT NO ONE MET
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JUAN MARI BRAS

IS - PRN

Bufile 105-292

New York file 105-3002

SJ file 100-4785

Re San Juan airtel and letterhead memorandum captioned, "Proposed International War Crimes Tribunal" dated 1/19/67; San Juan airtel and LHM captioned as above dated 1/24/67; and San Juan airtel and LHM captioned, "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN," dated 3/27/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are 15 copies and two copies respectively of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

Bureau is requested to forward one copy of the enclosed LHM as well as copies of the referenced communications to Legat, Paris, to assist that Legat in this matter. Bureau is also requested to forward one copy of enclosed LHM as well as copies of referenced communications to Legat, London for information purposes.

The San Juan Office has no definite information regarding JUAN MARI BRAS' travel plans at the current time but is

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submitting the enclosed information as there has been no information developed to date to negate the possibility of his travel outside the United States in conjunction with the War Crimes Tribunal.

For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, if not already available, much background information regarding the "War Crimes Tribunal" is included in an article entitled, "Prosecutor, Judge, and Jury" by BERNARD LEVIN which appeared in the "New York Times" magazine dated 2/19/67, page 24, et seq.

Legat, Paris, is requested to remain alert to the activities during the proposed International War Crimes Tribunal as well as the possible appearance of JUAN MARI BRAS at these activities.

The San Juan Office will continue to remain alert to any additional travel plans of JUAN MARI BRAS.

Local dissemination is being made to NISO and 471st MI Detachment, San Juan; OSI, Ramey Air Force Base; and Secret Service, San Juan.



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March 28, 1967

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reference is made to Federal Bureau of Investigation memoranda captioned, "Proposed International War Crimes Tribunal" dated January 19, 1967; and captioned as above, dated January 24, 1967, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The "San Juan Star", a daily English language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 24, 1967, contained an article datelined from the Associated Press, Paris, France, captioned, "Paris Hall Rented For 'Tribunal'".

The following is this article in its entirety:

"A Paris auditorium has been rented to conduct Lord Russell's anti-American 'war crimes tribunal' on Vietnam, it was learned Wednesday night.

"A spokesman at Le Palais de la Mutualite, a Left Bank auditorium, said the hall had been rented for the 'tribunal' April 10-14.

"At the same time, the French news agency quoted a lawyer said to be connected with organizers Russell and French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre as saying the 'tribunal' would try to determine if the United States and its allies had committed war crimes in Vietnam.

"The lawyer was unavailable for comment and Sartre was out of the country. There was no comment either from the French government or from the U. S. Embassy about such a trial being staged in Paris.

"France has a law prohibiting the insulting of a foreign head of state. Enforcement of this law could become an issue in the event of insults against President Johnson in the tribunal's pro-

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ceedings.

"The 'tribunal' has sent at least two teams of investigators to Indochina to gather evidence."

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Re San Juan tel 3/28/67 and San Juan airtel and LHM captioned, "Proposed International War Crimes Tribunal, Information Concerning; JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN", dated 3/28/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Local dissemination is being made to NISO, 471st MI Detachment, San Juan; OSI, Ramey; and U. S. Secret Service, San Juan.

An information copy each is being designated for Legat, Paris, and Legat, London, in view of information contained in San Juan referenced LHM dated 3/28/67.

Although the subject did not travel to Paris in conjunction with the War Crimes Tribunal, Legat, Paris, is requested to remain alert to his appearance at this activity.

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JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

[REDACTED] San Juan International Airport, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, advised that JUAN MARI BRAS arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Pan American Airlines Flight 293 at 6:20 p.m., Atlantic Standard Time, on March 28, 1967.

[REDACTED] further advised that this flight originated at John Fitzgerald Kennedy Airport, New York City, and that MARI BRAS was not met at the airport by anyone.

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FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)
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Re Miami teletype, 2/8/67 and Jacksonville
letter, 3/9/67.

Enclosed are nine copies of a letterhead
memorandum suitable for dissemination setting forth informa-
tion regarding this matter.

Local dissemination has been made to NISB,
U. S. Secret Service, 471st MI-DET, and OSI.

Letterhead memorandum has not been clas-
sified inasmuch as it is felt disclosure of this informa-
tion would not reveal identity of informant.

As shown in enclosed letterhead memorandum,
San Juan and New York sources are unaware of any high level
meetings between leaders of the NPPR and MPIPR.

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San Juan feels there is little likelihood that such meetings have occurred due to the basic differences between these organizations.

Informants in New York and San Juan have been instructed to be on the alert for any information indicating violence is being planned.

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On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had received the following information from a source who was not identified by the informant:

A Caribbean Conference was held in [REDACTED] in November, 1966 and was attended by one [REDACTED] described by [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] who is "pro-CASTRO leftist" and who has financially supported guerrilla operations in Venezuela. During this conference [REDACTED] stated in the presence of the informant's source that a recent meeting was attended by top-level people in the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) and Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP) and at this meeting plans were discussed about sabotage of efforts to establish Puerto Rico as a state or as a commonwealth with close ties to the United States. These leaders intended that these actions shall be attributed to the rank and file and not to the leadership. It was alleged that the plotters have cached a large supply of phosphorus for use in sabotage of U. S.-based industries in Puerto Rico.

On March 3, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the 17th Annual Conference On The Caribbean was held at the University of Florida from December 1 - 3, 1966. He advised that the general theme for this conference was the "Hemispheric Role of the Caribbean."

[REDACTED] advised he recalls [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] attending the above conference. [REDACTED] stated he observed no particular association between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] while the conference was in session.

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[REDACTED] stated he is only professionally acquainted with [REDACTED] and knows nothing of his political affiliations. He understands that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated it is his opinion that [REDACTED] considers himself a Puerto Rican and does not approve of the United States' policy toward the Caribbean. He advised that [REDACTED] would probably like to see Puerto Rico become independent of the United States but realizes that they would not be nearly so well off if they had their independence.

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[REDACTED] stated he knows very little about [REDACTED] and does not know anything about her political affiliations. He understands she is associated with some [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] made available a booklet regarding the 17th Annual "Conference on the Caribbean." This booklet lists as participants [REDACTED]

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The Caribbean Conferences are organized by the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, and an annual conference has been held at the University of Florida each December since 1950.

[REDACTED] advised that he had no personal knowledge of any top-level meetings between leaders of the PIP, NPPR and MPIPR. He also stated in his opinion his source's reference to phosphorus to be used in the sabotage of U. S.-based industries was a confused reference to a supply of potassium chlorate brought into Puerto Rico in October, 1965 and other incendiary materials brought into Puerto

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and of which the proper authorities are aware.

Confidential informants familiar with activities among pro-independence groups in Puerto Rico, including the PIP, NPPR and MPIPR, advised during February, 1967, that they were aware of no high-level meetings of leaders of these organizations.

Confidential informants familiar with NPPR and MPIPR activities in New York, New York, advised in February, 1967, that they had no knowledge of a high-level meeting between these organizations.

Characterizations of MPIPR and PIP appear in the appendix.

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

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MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX

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PARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUEÑO
(Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP)

The PIP is a former legally-constituted political party, which according to its published platform and the public statements of its officers, advocates independence for Puerto Rico through legal and peaceful means. In the November, 1964, general elections in Puerto Rico, the PIP failed to obtain the five per cent of the popular vote required to maintain its status as a political party.

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Reference is also made to previous San Juan requests
for other coverage during this plebiscite season which the
Bureau has stated should be reconsidered on May 1, 1967.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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(OO: SJ)

ReNYairtel, 3/28/67.

Submitted hereto are nine copies of an LHM reflecting the presence of the subject, his proposed activity in NYC, and his return to Puerto Rico.

The source used in the LHM is [REDACTED] b7d

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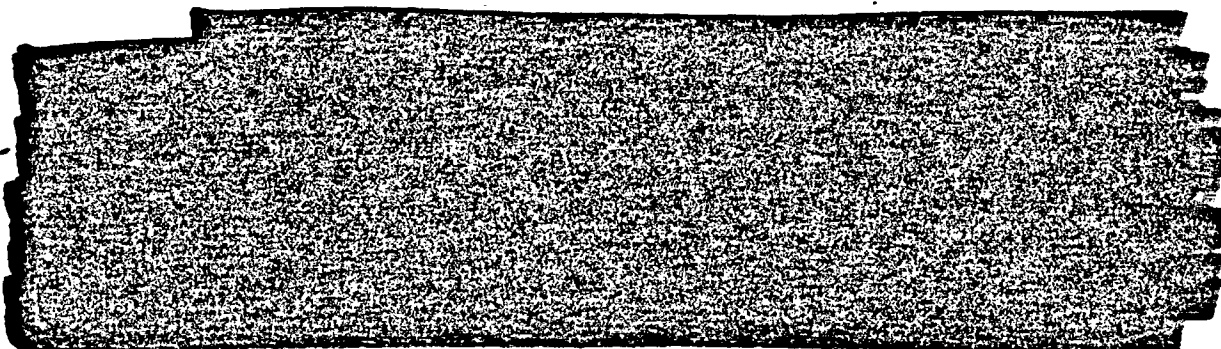
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 Mari planned to return to Puerto Rico during the afternoon of March 28, 1967, via Pan American Airways Flight 293, departing John F. Kennedy International Airport at 1:30 p.m.. *b2d*

A characterization of the M.P.I.
is attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

1.
MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA
DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT)

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

At the time the MPIPR was organized it indicated that it did not advocate violence but would accept members who did. JUAN MARI BRAS, the founder and dominant leader of this organization, in a speech during March, 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States. A source reported in 1966, that a leader of the MPIPR has indicated that "the revolution" would soon begin and another source advised that another official of this organization has attempted to obtain a number of automatic pistols. Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in MPIPR publications. In 1961, it adopted a resolution expressing 100 per cent approval of and solidarity with the Cuban revolution. It sent a delegation to the Tri-Continental Conference of African, Asian and Latin American People, held in Havana, Cuba, during January, 1966, and it maintains a permanent delegate to the Secretariat located in Havana.

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

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SAC, San Juan (105-3353 Sub. 1)

1/5/67

Director, FBI (105-93124) — 205

1 - ~~Mr. [redacted]~~
1 - Mr. ~~[redacted]~~

EX-104 GROUPS-SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
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Reurairtel 12/14/66.

The Bureau appreciates the interest and enthusiasm exhibited in preparing and submitting the counterintelligence measure set forth in reairtel; however, after giving it careful consideration the Bureau is of the opinion that it should not be utilized. It is felt that this measure could possibly have the effect of furthering the aims and purposes of the independence groups.

While it is not possible to approve your suggestion in this instance, you should continue to give this program your continued attention.

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NOTE: San Juan proposed utilizing a letter written by the President of the NPPR to the Secretary General of the MPIPR on 9/14/66 as a counterintelligence tactic. It desired to mail this letter with a short note written in a condescending manner ostensibly from the MPIPR to independentists in Puerto Rico. Although this tactic could possibly cause some ill-feeling between the two organizations, it is felt that added publicity to the letter from the head of the NPPR more than counterbalances any possible good that could come otherwise.

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

March 20, 1967

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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

San Juan, by letter dated March 14, 1967, recommends that a press release over the signature of the Director be prepared concerning the underground force of Juan Mari Bras in Puerto Rico. Mr. Tolson noted, "I doubt the wisdom of this."

Juan Mari Bras is the founder and dominant leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, which is the largest of the militant groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico. A plebiscite is scheduled to be held on July 23, 1967, in which the people of Puerto Rico will express their preference for independence, statehood, or a continuance of the commonwealth form of government.

San Juan states that the issuance of the press release would serve the dual purpose of informing the violence-prone element in Puerto Rico that the authorities are alert to their activities and of possibly swaying those members of the independence element who are opposed to communism from participating in violent acts.

Attached is an airtel to SAC, San Juan, advising him that the Bureau does not concur with his recommendation since it could be construed as an attempt by the FBI to influence the outcome of the plebiscite and embroil us in a local political situation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached airtel in line with above be approved.

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

105-93124

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-66754)

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The Bureau does not concur with your recommendation concerning the press release over the signature of the Director concerning the underground force of Juan Mari Bras. It is noted that such a press release could be construed as an attempt by the FBI to influence the outcome of the plebiscite and could embroil us in a local political situation.

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NOTE:

See memorandum 3/20/67, same caption, prepared by

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Date: 1/10/67

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124) Classified By 6080 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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Date of Declassification 6/2/77
FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub-1) Indef
SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

Re Bureau letter to San Juan, 1/5/67; ✓
San Juan letter to Bureau, 12/19/66.

Referenced Bureau letter granted Bureau authority to prepare and mail an anonymous letter. For information of New York, this letter, purportedly from an old Nationalist, is highly critical of the growing cooperation between the NPPR and [redacted] as evidenced by recent appearances of [redacted] as a featured speaker at NPPR ceremonies, laudatory remarks concerning [redacted] by [redacted] and an indication that a merger of the LSP and the NPPR is being considered. The letter points out that [redacted] personally dismissed [redacted] from the NPPR because of his communist activities and refers to the traditional NPPR anti-communist stance. The letter further points out that [redacted] is obviously attempting to do what he could not do while [redacted] lived - take over the NPPR.

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Approved: 62 JAN 20 1967

Special Agent in Charge

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 1/13/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

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

ReBulet, 12/13/66.

On 12/4/66, the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) New York Junta (NYJ) underwent a reorganization. Former dissident Nationalists assumed the principal positions on the Board of Directors and former prominent members of the Board were elected to lesser positions.

On the surface, this would appear to indicate that the previous dissension between the 2 major factions has been resolved; however, the distrust between these factions is so deep rooted that a strong possibility exists that dissension will again erupt.

An indication of this disharmony is the lack of attendance by the current NYJ leadership at a special dance held by [redacted] in NYC within a week of the reorganization. [redacted] will be recalled, previously held the [redacted] of the NYJ and was replaced on 12/4/66 by [redacted]. While the dance organized by [redacted] was not for NPPR purposes, it received the support of most active Puerto Rican independentists because the profits therefrom were to be given to [redacted] a fellow independentist, who had sacrificed money and time to promote the cause of independence in NYC through picketing demonstrations.

The NYO suggests that counterintelligence techniques aimed at reopening the schism between the previously disputing parties be held in abeyance until the exact direction of their relationship becomes known. Based on past experience, this should occur in a reasonably short period of time. It is felt a counterintelligence technique aimed at a specific target to gain a specific objective will prove more effective than a general technique aimed at the entire membership and/or leadership.

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It is felt that the working together of these 2 factions will soon reopen old wounds and the NYO will then be in a position to know at whom to direct a specific technique.

The NYO continuously alerts its sources operating in the Puerto Rican pro-independence field to report every/or incident personality conflict. The NYO will remain alert to take advantage of every such conflict which presents itself.

FBI

Date: 1/16/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
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ReSJairtel 1/10/67.

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR)-
NY Junta has no official headquarters or meeting place.

[REDACTED] is a well known, old line NPPR
member who has resided at [REDACTED]
for the last four to five years.

The NYO suggests the following names of persons
to receive an anonymous letter:

[REDACTED]

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 2/9/67

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

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

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 1/16/67. ✓

SJ airtel to Bureau, 1/10/67. ✓

Bulet to San Juan, 1/5/67. ✓

SJ let to Bureau, 12/19/66.

On instant date, San Juan mailed copies to selected NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO (NPPR) members in Puerto Rico and New York City of anonymous letter for which Bureau authority was granted in referenced Bulet.

Brief handwritten paragraphs requesting the addressee's cooperation in this matter were added to most of the letters in order to "personalize" them. These additives were carefully phrased and tailored to individual backgrounds. It is expected that they will enhance prospects of positive results.

Mailing was under secure conditions; paper and envelopes were purchased at a Woolworth's store; typewriter used in preparing multilith was a mechanical one containing Spanish language symbols; envelopes were hand addressed.

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SAN JUAN OFFICE

Will report any results of this letter to the Bureau

NEW YORK OFFICE REC-25

Will furnish any results of this letter to Bureau and San Juan.

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2 - New York (105-32872) (RM)
1 - San Juan
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124) DATE: 4/13/67

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

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

Re San Juan letters to Bureau dated 12/19/66, 1/10/67, and 2/9/67; Bureau letter to San Juan dated 1/5/67; New York airtel to Bureau dated 1/16/67; and New York letter to Bureau dated 3/22/67.

Set out below are additional results of San Juan counterintelligence letter regarding attempt of [redacted] to take over the NPPR.

The February, 1967, edition of "El Intransigente", official NPPR publication, carried a lead editorial by Editor [redacted] (Bufile 100-8184) attacking the writer of the "anonimo" (anonymous letter) and setting out several anecdotes purporting to show that [redacted] welcomed the support of adherents of all political and religious beliefs in the independence struggle. The editorial concluded with a statement that the writer of the anonymous letter should know that no one in Puerto Rico should discriminate against another Puerto Rican, no matter who the other is, or what his beliefs are.

This editorial began on the first page of text and was continued for almost another complete page, indicating by its length and plea for unity the importance attached to the "anonimo" by NPPR officialdom. The net result, of course, is greatly increased publicity of the controversy, as "El Intransigente" is widely circulated in the independentist community.

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It is noted that [redacted] in 1938 was sentenced to 5 years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, for his participation, with several other NPPR members, in the 1937 attempted murder of Federal Judge [redacted] in Puerto Rico. He continued NPPR connections after release from prison until 1959 when he [redacted] and [redacted] now deceased but then NPPR President, founded APU. [redacted] was APU Treasurer and after several years [redacted] in an intraparty struggle against [redacted] which culminated in the 1963 resignation from APU [redacted] to found the LSP. APU merged with the MPIPR in December, 1965, and [redacted] is currently the

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[redacted] of the [redacted] Mission of the MPIPR. [redacted] an accountant, currently employs [redacted] (File 100-374868), NPPR President preceding [redacted]. Prior to the NPPR General Assembly last month, information was received that an attempt would be made to have [redacted] reelected President. This was [redacted] by a decision that the Party would have to unify behind the [redacted] leadership. It is felt that identification of [redacted] as the letter's author will have to place also a [redacted] of suspicion on his close friend and employee, [redacted] thereby deepening the rift between the present leadership in the Party and [redacted] faction.

It is further noted that [redacted] is an [redacted] and his identification as the letter's author [redacted] serves to further exacerbate the strained relations between the MPIPR and the NPPR. The passage in the [redacted] letter citing an insulting description of [redacted] by JUAN MARI BRAS was inserted to possibly implicate an MPIPR member as the writer of the letter.

Regarding the effect of the letter on [redacted] relationship with the NPPR, it is noted that [redacted] principal NPPR activities since the mailing of the letter, the NPPR General Assembly and the Ponce Massacre commemoration. [redacted] spoke but was not a featured speaker and made no allusions to NPPR - LSP unification, nor did he mention his vision of a Socialist Puerto Rico, a stock item in previous such speeches by [redacted] and the basis of the letter's charges against him. Further, at preceding NPPR major activities several of [redacted] LSP underlings had made speeches and had made their [redacted] as a body, arrayed in LSP uniforms. Not only was [redacted] the only LSP speaker at the two recent NPPR major activities [redacted] but members of his LSP were conspicuous by their absence. [redacted] noted that [redacted] left the NPPR General Assembly [redacted] following his perfunctory speech. Obviously, [redacted] is treading lightly and taking pains to reduce [redacted] any impression that he is trying to take over the NPPR.

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Above results, combined with those reported by New York, demonstrate that the anonymous letter has caused great concern within the NPPR and has forestalled any merger of the NPPR and the LSP within the foreseeable future. It has created suspicions within the NPPR itself and has evidently added to NPPR - MPIPR hostility. U

Any further repercussions from this letter will be reported to the Bureau. U

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION PHOTO LAB

DATE: 4/17/67

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO.
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Enclosed are six, 100 foot rolls of 16 MM Tri-x film.

The photo lab is requested to develop instant film and return same to San Juan Office.

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SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

April 24, 1967

Director, FBI 105-93124-

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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Reference is made to your communication dated 4/17/67
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pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

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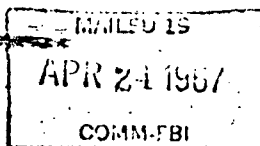
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Airtel to SAC, New York
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE CONTINUED:

Gil Green
Party to aid the MPIPR. [REDACTED], CP leader, recently made a trip to Puerto Rico in connection therewith and one of the MPIPR leaders spoke at the Communist Party May Day celebration in New York City on 5/1/67. Anonymous letter infers that MPIPR may be placing the Communist Party ahead of the MPIPR fight for independence. It is believed that the suggested anonymous letter will be most beneficial and may help us in preventing a further interjection of the Communist Party into the Puerto Rican independence picture. However, clarification from New York is needed before we authorize the mailing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FBI

Date: 6/16/67

Transmit the following in _____

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AIRTEL

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) SUB-1
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies
of photographs, one each of _____,
and _____

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

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2 - San Juan
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Bureau authority is hereby solicited to put this tactic into effect and the Bureau is requested to have the Document Section prepare these letters as rapidly as possible, in order that the San Juan Office will be able to issue these letters at a time when the plebiscite issue is before the entire island of Puerto Rico.