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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, SAN JUAN

RE GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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(Bufile 105-66754)
(San Juan File 105-3353)

THAN MARI BRAS

(Bufile 105-292; 65-68323)
(San Juan File 100-4785-Sub 3;
65-419-Sub 4)

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DATE 9/7/77 7:15/78

Re San Juan airtel captioned as above dated
3/9/67, and San Juan letter to Bureau with enclosed
Brief captioned "Cuban Clandestine Operations in Puerto
Rico", dated 4/26/67. (u)

The Bureau's attention is directed to referenced
San Juan airtel, pointing out certain background regarding
the previous history of violence within San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Since the submission of referenced airtel, no information
has been developed to either confirm or negate the analysis
submitted by the San Juan Division. (u)

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NR 3 4-30PM URGENT 5/2/67 MRK
TO DIRECTOR (105-66754)
FROM SAN JUAN (105-3353 SUB-4) 8P

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO. IS-PRM.
Internal security - Puerto Rican Nationalist

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER
GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN PUERTO RICO ADVISED THIS DATE THAT U.S.
AIR FORCE ^{*Reserve Officer's Training Corps*} ROTC IS SPONSORING AN OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD ON MAY
FOUR ^{*1967*} DASH SIXTYSEVEN AT THEIR FACILITIES ON THE CAMPUS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, (UPR) RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, BETWEEN
THE HOURS OF ONE TWO NOON AND SIX PM. ACCORDING TO SOURCE
THE ROTC HAS INVITED REPRESENTATIVES IN PUERTO RICO IN THE FIELDS
OF EDUCATION, POLITICS, PRIVATE INDUSTRY, NEWS MEDIA, AS WELL AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION ARE
Puerto Rico
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN, FORMER GOVERNOR OF COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
AND CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE PUERTO RICO SENATE; JAIME BENITEZ,
PRESIDENT OF THE UPR; ^{*University of Puerto Rico*} HECTOR MODESTE, DIRECTOR OF WAPA-TV; MIGUEL
A. SANTIN, EDITOR OF EL MUNDO, A SPANISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER

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PUBLISHED IN SAN JUAN, PR; DONA FELISA ~~RINCON DE GAUTIER~~, CURRENT MAYORESS OF SAN JUAN; ~~LUIS MUNOZ RIVERA~~, A MEMBER OF THE PUERTO RICO SENATE.

SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO, ROBERTO ~~SANCHEZ VILELLA~~, AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE, BUT AS OF THIS DATE HAVE NOT REPLIED TO THE INVITATION.

Puerto Rico

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE LAST APPEARANCE OF EL MUNDO EDITOR, MIGUEL A. SANTIN, ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UPR, ^{University of Puerto Rico} FEBRUARY FOUR, ONE NINE SIX SIX, PRECIPITATED A STUDENT DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY FEDERACION UNIVERSITARIA PRO INDEPENDENCIA (FUPI) (FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE), WHICH DETERIORATED TO A NEAR STUDENT RIOT IN WHICH SANTIN WAS ASSAULTED BY UNKNOWN STUDENTS.

(C) [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE FUPI ASSISTED BY MEMBERS OF THE MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (MPIPR) (PRO INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT OF PUERTO RICO), WILL HOLD A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UPR, MAY FOUR, ON NINE SIX SEVEN.

ON MAY TWO, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, [REDACTED]

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A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION ON THE UPR CAMPUS UPON CONFIRMING
THE ARRIVAL OF SANTIN ON MAY FOUR, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

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

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) *212*

EX 109

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(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.

TWK:mh (5)

FBI - WASH DC

NOTE: Puerto Rican independence groups in an effort to block the plebescite 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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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date **5-3-67**

The Reserve Officer's Training Corps of the University of Puerto Rico will hold an open house on 5-4-67 on the campus. A number of dignitaries have been invited to attend the open house. The Federacion de Universitarios Pro Independencia (FUPI) will hold a protest demonstration on the campus on 5-4-67. FUPI is a militant student group seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

This information is being disseminated by teletype to Secret Service and the military intelligence agencies. Copy of the teletype is being disseminated to Assistant Attorney General Yeagley of the Department.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
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Reference San Juan teletype to the Bureau dated 4/27/67, and Bulet to San Juan captioned, "Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico Independence Movement) (MPIPR), IS-PRN dated 4/27/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned matter. Information copies are being sent to New York, WFO, and Kansas City, in view of their current interest in this matter.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is being classified "Confidential" to protect a source of continuing value.

This matter will continue to be followed by the San Juan Office and pertinent information will be immediately reported.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN
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A characterization of the MPIPR is
attached hereto.

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

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The "San Juan Star" an English language
newspaper published daily in San Juan, Puerto Rico,
carried an article on May 1, 1967, captioned, "Four
Nationalists Seeking Retrial." This article stated
that during the course of a meeting held in San Juan,
Puerto Rico, on April 30, 1967, JUAN MARI BRAS of the

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Groups Seeking Independence
For Puerto Rico

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MPIPR announced that a writ of habeas corpus would be submitted by him and fellow attorney ~~LEN HOLT~~ asking for a retrial on grounds that "The four were denied their civil and constitutional rights." *P.R.*

The four prisoners referred to are:
RAFAEL SANCEL, IRVING FLORES, ANDRES FIGUEROA BORDERO, and LOLITA LEPRON, all serving life terms in the United States penitentiaries. *USA*

JUAN MARI BRAS is the Interim Secretary General of the MPIPR who is presently a member of the MPIPR General Assembly and leader of the Unity Commission.

JUAN MARI BRAS added that the "tremendous amount of adverse coverage given them in Washington, New York, and the rest of the country made it impossible for them to have a fair and impartial trial." *B7C, B7D*

JUAN MARI BRAS further stated that the four nationalists in prison for the 1954 shooting are also eligible for parole, "but they refused to apply for it. They are not interested in paroles or pardons, but in a fair and impartial trial."

JUAN MARI BRAS stated that the appeal began three months ago when the four wrote to him asking if he would represent them. He said that this would be the first appeal made by the four, but they could give no reason why they have not filed an earlier appeal.

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Title	GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
Reference	San Juan letterhead dated and captioned as above

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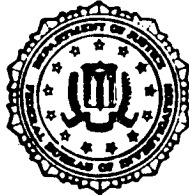
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May 3, 1967



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PLEBISCITE IN PUERTO RICO

July 23 Referendum

The inhabitants of the Island of Puerto Rico are scheduled to go to the polls next July 23 to express their desires on the future political status of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. They will have a choice among three recommendations: (1) to retain commonwealth status with the United States; (2) to become the 51st state of the Union; or (3) to become, with the consent of the United States Congress, an independent country. Opponents of the plebiscite contend, however, that the options are not that simple. The most important among those opposing the plebiscite are the violence-prone supporters of independence, who realize that their cause has little chance of success on July 23.

A Capsule History

Puerto Rico was discovered by Christopher Columbus in November, 1493. It remained under Spanish rule until occupied by American troops during the Spanish-American War, and it was granted to the United States in 1899 by the Treaty of Paris. The so-called Jones Act, which became effective in March, 1917, conferred United States citizenship on Puerto Ricans. Relations between the mainland and the island passed through gradual steps to the Elective Governor Act of 1947, which granted the Governor full power to appoint all officials except an auditor. Luis Munoz-Marin was elected Governor, held that position until he turned it over to Roberto Sanchez Vilella in 1964, and is still leader of the Popular Democratic Party. In 1948, that Party had proposed a commonwealth status with a separate constitution. Despite opposition by statehood advocates who insisted that it was a move toward separation and by independence supporters who argued that it was merely another example of colonial subservience, the 80th Congress adopted the proposal by passing Public Law 600. In a July 4, 1951, referendum, the voters of Puerto Rico gave, in fact, their consent to Public Law 600 by a majority of better than three to one.

Commonwealth Favored

It is expected that the supporters of commonwealth status will win on July 23. They have persuasive arguments-- Puerto Rico receives, under the present "free association

status," substantial financial assistance from the United States; it does not pay taxes to the United States Treasury; and it has free trade with the United States. On the other hand, those opposing the status quo argue that the referendum may only be an attempt by Luis Munoz-Marin and the Popular Democratic Party to rule out statehood and independence for all time. In addition, statehood advocates fear that Puerto Rico may move gradually from a commonwealth to independence. The volatile supporters of independence contend that the referendum is merely an attempt to kill independence and prevent them from taking their cause to the United Nations. Furthermore, many in the independence movement, particularly those influenced by communism, want to see all relationships between the United States and Puerto Rico severed.

Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico

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Potentia for Violence

[REDACTED], who has said that a plebiscite under present conditions would be like kicking a paralytic, also

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maintains relations with the old Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR), the terrorist group whose members attempted to assassinate President Truman in 1950 and, in 1954, fired into a session of the United States House of Representatives wounding five Congressmen. Current NPPR leaders are Jacinto Rivera Perez and Julio Pinto Gandia. In a speech delivered in October, 1966, Rivera appealed to Puerto Ricans to prepare to obtain independence by any means that might be necessary. Also in October, Pinto advocated armed revolt to obtain independence for Puerto Rico. In view of the many statements by militant supporters of independence that a plebiscite will bring civil war, the past history of terrorism on the part of the NPPR, and the communist connections of some of the militant organizations supporting independence, it is obvious that Puerto Rico may see difficult days in the weeks ahead.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN JUAN

Internal Security - Puerto Rican
GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO. IS-PRW. *Nationalist*

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RE SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWO LAST.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. HUNTER, U.S. AIR FORCE, ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR, AEROSPACE STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO,
RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, ADVISED FIVE TWO ONE P.M., AST,
THIS DATE THAT DURING AN OPEN HOUSE SPONSORED BY THE AIR FORCE
RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORP
ROTC ON THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO CAMPUS AT RIO PIEDRAS
SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS WHOM HUNTER BELIEVED TO BE CONTROLLED
BY THE FUPI BEGAN RIOTING WHEN THE AFOREMENTIONED GROUP WAS
COUNTERPICKETED BY ANTI-FUPI ELEMENTS.

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RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORP
COURSE OF ROTC FESTIVITIES, WHICH WERE PICKETED BY MEMBERS OF
FUPI AND COUNTERPICKETED BY AN ANTI-COMMUNIST STUDENT GROUP,
THE MEMBERSHIP OF WHICH IS DOMINATED BY CUBAN EXILES, A RIOT
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LEAST THREE UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICERS AND FIVE STUDENTS
INJURED.

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Mr. Kitchers

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Riot mentioned in attached teletype pertains to student riot on campus of University of Puerto Rico on 5/4/67, during open house sponsored by Reserve Officer Training Corps. We received advance information regarding the riot and disseminated it to interested agencies.

Information in attached being furnished by teletype to Departments of the Army, and Air Force; Defense Intelligence Agency and Secret Service. It will also be given to Internal Security Division of the Department and Department of the Navy.

This will be closely followed with San Juan.

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FROM SAN JUAN (105-3353)

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO,

*INTERNAL SECURITY -
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PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS*

ABRAHAM DIAZ GONZALEZ, CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF
PUERTO RICO, RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT
OF APOLOGY ON MAY SIX LAST, FOR ACTS COMMITTED BY UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS DURING A RIOT ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS ON MAY FOUR
LAST STATED THAT THE UNIVERSITY WILL EXHAUST ALL RESOURCES AT
THEIR COMMAND IN ORDER TO BRING BEFORE THE PROPER AUTHORITIES
THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR "THESE UNFORTUNATE ACTS."

LOCAL NEWS MEDIA ON MAY SEVEN LAST REPORTED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO INTENDS TO
SUSPEND FROM THE UNIVERSITY THIRTY STUDENTS WHOM THEY
CONSIDER TO HAVE BEEN INSTIGATORS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RIOT.

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Mr. KITCHENS

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATTN: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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(CONFIDENTIAL) GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO.
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Date

The San Juan Office previously furnished information indicating the possibility of a student riot during an open house being sponsored by the Reserve Officer Training Corps on the campus of the University of Puerto Rico 5/4/67. This information was furnished to all interested agencies.

As indicated in attached, a riotous situation did occur during this open house festivity. The information in attached was furnished by teletype to the White House, Secretary of State, Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Army, Department of Air Force and Secret Service. It will also be given to the Attorney General and the Office of Naval Intelligence.

As a matter of interest, the leaders of the disturbance, Rafael Rodriguez Santiago, Jose Antonio Irrizary Matias and Miguel Angel Cabrera, are on the Security Index of the San Juan Office.

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FROM SAN JUAN

DATE 9/17/80
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cc - Messrs. Sullivan & Kitchener

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REF : Montevideo 1831 (NOTAL)

SUBJECT: Puerto Rican Independence Movement Seeks IA Support in UN Committee
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1. Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of Movimiento Pro Independencia (MPI)
of Puerto Rico and Carlos Padilla Rodriguez, editor of MPI publication
"Claridad": are on trip to Chile, Uruguay, and possibly Venezuela (IA ORR2
member countries of UN Committee of 24 on colonialism) to obtain support
for Committee consideration of PR. They attempt to be received by
political leaders and others they believe able to assist them.
2. U.S. position is that Committee of 24 has no authority to discuss
self-governing areas such as PR. General Assembly made specific
finding in 1953 that PR no longer non-self governing territory, and PR
has never been inscribed on Committee agenda.
3. MPI is numerically insignificant group in PR, Castroist in orientation,
and highly vocal. All groups advocating independence in recent PR elec-
tions obtained vote count amounting to only three percent, of which MPI

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4. HPI comprised entire PR delegation to Tricontinental Conference and a constituent member organization of AZ AMLAPO, IASO, and 13-member AMLAPO

Executive Secretariat. HPI student arm, Federacion Universitaria Pro Independencia (FUPI) is member organization of Havana-based Organizacion Latinoamericana de Estudiantes (OLAE) and of seven-member OLAE Permanent Secretariat. It is thus closely associated with objectives these three interrelated communist-dominated organizations which support "national liberation movements" in attempting overthrow governments. (See Levalle Committee report for further details.)

5. For Montevideo.

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Department leaves degree of press initiative with press to Embassy's discretion depending on amount of publicity HPI is now receiving.

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should of course avoid expressing opinions on options re PR status to be decided in July 1973 plebiscite.

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6. For Caracas and any other posts individuals may visit.

Same considerations would presumably apply as in Montevideo.

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7. For Santiago. This information may still be useful for Foreign Ministry and possibly also in as event any continuing press interest. However, no action request unless appropriate.

8. For all posts. Please report press coverage.

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a summary of activities of each subject not known to NYO.

For information of New York, a copy of this album is
currently being prepared and will be forwarded to NYO upon
completion. A succinct summary of activities of each subject
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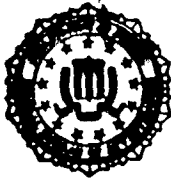
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Norman Pietri Castellon is the self-admitted Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the MPIPR, who has long been active on behalf of groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

Carlos Padilla Rodriguez, also known as Carlos Padilla Perez and Carlos Perez Padilla, is a long time active Puerto Rican independentist, who has supported the Cuban revolutionary government since its inception and is reportedly a

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Reurairtel 4/27/67.

According to reairtel, Ana Livia Cordero is giving a special indoctrination course to five members of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico. You are requested to immediately determine additional details concerning the indoctrination course and the identities of those involved. Submit this information in a letterhead memorandum (LHM). If any of those taking the course are not included in the Security Index (SI), you should immediately open security investigations and submit the results thereof in appropriate reports together with your recommendation concerning the placing of their names in the SI. You should also reopen your case on Juan Francisco Rene Marques Garcia (your file 105-3480). Submit the results of this investigation in a report together with your recommendation concerning the placing of his name in the SI.

Reairtel indicates that Juan Mari Bras stated that there will be a concentration of independentists in San Juan sometime before the plebiscite to show the strength of the independentist movement. This matter should be followed very closely and the Bureau kept informed of the plans as developed for this demonstration in form suitable for dissemination.

It is noted that reairtel contains information concerning several minor incidents which could have been perpetrated by independentists to express their dislike for the present situation in Puerto Rico. If a series of such incidents occur they should be appropriately reported in an LHM in order that other agencies may be kept apprised of conditions in Puerto Rico.

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RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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NOTE:

Reairtel contains information obtained from [REDACTED] concerning various activities of the independence groups during the latter part of April, 1967. Ana Livia Cordero, an SI subject, is reportedly giving a course in Marxism and Leninism, sabotage, personal defense and so forth at the residence of Juan Francisco Rene Marques Garcia who is on Section A of the Reserve Index. Juan Mari Bras is the leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico. The plebiscite is scheduled to be held in Puerto Rico on 7/23/67 to determine if the natives desire independence, statehood or commonwealth form of government. Independence groups are vigorously fighting this plebiscite.

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

(NEW YORK VIA WASH) (ENCODED)

FROM SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO; INTERNAL SECURITY
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

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

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
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ReSJtel to Bureau and New York dated 1/13/67
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 5/12/67

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

SUBJECT:

JUAN MARI BRAS
IS-PRN
(OO: SJ)

Re SJtels 3/25 & 28/67; 4/5, 10 & 13/67; SJairtel & LHM, 4/7/67; NYtels 3/27 & 28/67; 4/13/67; NYairtel & LHM, 4/20/67, captioned, "UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE PLEBISCITE; IS-PRN".

Re communications reflected subject's presence in NYC on 4 separate occasions, 3/25-28/67, 4/5-7/67, 4/10-13/67 and 4/17-20/67. His trips on these occasions were for the purpose of contacting delegates on the UN Committee of 24 in the hope of influencing their vote as to whether Puerto Rico should be placed on the Committee's agenda.

All information developed by NYO sources concerning these visits have been or are being disseminated to San Juan and interested offices by separate channelization memoranda. More pertinent information has been disseminated by airtel & LHM under appropriate case caption.

An attached xerox copy of NYairtel & LHM dated 4/14/67 captioned, "UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE PLEBISCITE; IS-PRN", is being submitted for San Juan file on the subject as a copy for this file was inadvertently omitted at the time of preparation.

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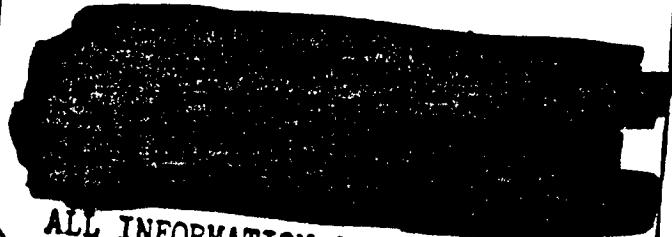
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/16/67

The pertinent information in attached was disseminated by teletype to the Secretary of State, Central Intelligence Agency, the military agencies and Secret Service. It will also be given to the Department and the Office of Naval Intelligence.



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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO; IS - PRN.

Internal Security - Puerto Rican Nationalist

^{SIXTEEN}
ON MAY SEVEN SIXTYSEVEN, [REDACTED]

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AS HAVING FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING -

FOLLOWING A FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO INDEPENDENCIA
(FUPI) (FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE)
SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION AND PICKET HELD BY THE MAIN ENTRANCE
TO THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANICAL ARTS (CAMA)
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO (UPR) AT MAYAGUEZ ON MAY
SEVEN LAST, A MEETING OF FUPI MEMBERS WAS HELD IN AGUADA,
PUERTO RICO AT THE RESIDENCE OF EVANGELISTA GONZALEZ RIVERA,
WHOM [REDACTED] HAS DESCRIBED AS A MILITANT FUPI LEADER
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*FULPI - FEDERATION of University Students
For Independence

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 5/17/67

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SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353-SUB-1) (P)

SUBJECT:

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

Re Bureau airtel 5/11/67.

On instant date, San Juan mailed copies to selected members of the independentist community in Puerto Rico of anonymous letter for which Bureau authority was obtained in referenced Bureau airtel.

Although copies of this anonymous letter were not sent to persons residing within the New York Division, it is anticipated that some comments may be made regarding it by members of the MPIPR, New York Junta and the New York Office is requested to remain alert to this matter and advise any results obtained by this letter to the Bureau and San Juan.

Mailing of this anonymous letter was made under secure conditions and the paper and envelopes used were from stock readily available at local stationery stores.

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SAN JUAN

At San Juan, Puerto Rico:

Will report any results of this letter to the Bureau.

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ON MAY SEVENTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, A SOURCE, CONTACT WITH WHOM HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY, FURNISHED THE FBI OFFICE AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION-

DURING A CONVERSATION IN THE CAFETERIA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO (UPR), RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN BETWEEN FIVE INDIVIDUALS, TWO OF WHOM WERE IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] (BOTH MEMBERS OF THE FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO INDEPENDENCIA, FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE, FUPI), THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED-

[REDACTED] REMARKED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE AFORE- MENTIONED CONVERSATION THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO DETER ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES BUSINESS INTERESTS FROM COMING TO PUERTO RICO BUT BEFORE DEFINITE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN THE FUPI WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO SAME FROM "THEIR MAN WHO

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RESIDES IN EL PARAISO." SOURCE NOTED THAT JUAN MARI BRAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PUERTO RICAN PRO-INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, RESIDES IN EL PARAISO, A RESIDENTIAL AREA OF SAN JUAN.

FOLLOWING THE REMARKS OF [REDACTED] SOURCE WAS ADVISED BY [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] THAT THE FUPI HAS DECIDED TO "BLOW UP" THE BUILDINGS WHICH HOUSE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE CORPORATION, AS WELL AS GRAND UNION SUPERMARKETS, SEARS DEPARTMENT STORES, AND BELK- b7c

KINDSEY [REDACTED] DID NOT FURNISH SOURCE WITH ANY SPECIFICS REGARDING THE ALLEGED BOMBING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CORPORATIONS. b7c

[REDACTED] IS [REDACTED] b7D
COGNIZANT OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION. b7c

THERE HAS BEEN NO CORROBORATING INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM ESTABLISHED SOURCES IN SAN JUAN [REDACTED] HAVE NOT FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION TO DATE WHICH WOULD CORROBORATE THE ABOVE. b7c

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SOURCE MENTIONED ABOVE IS [REDACTED] b7D

STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO [REDACTED] b7D

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, WHO HAS REQUESTED THAT HE BE FULLY BE PROTECTED. b7D

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RESIDES IN EL PARAISO." SOURCE NOTED THAT ~~JUAN MARY BRAS~~ ^{SECRETARY} GENERAL OF THE PUERTO RICAN PRO- INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, RESIDES IN EL PARAISO, A RESIDENTIAL AREA OF SAN JUAN, P.R.

FOLLOWING THE REMARKS OF [REDACTED], SOURCE WAS ADVISED BY [REDACTED] ^{FEDERATION of University Students for INDEPENDENCE} THAT THE FUPT HAS DECIDED TO "BLOW UP" THE BUILDINGS WHICH HOUSE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE CORPORATION, AS WELL AS GRAND UNION SUPERMARKETS, SEARS DEPARTMENT STORES, AND BELK-LINDSEY. [REDACTED] DID NOT FURNISH SOURCE WITH ANY SPECIFICS REGARDING THE ALLEGED BOMBING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CORPORATIONS.

THE OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE, POLICE OF PUERTO RICO IS COGNIZANT OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

ESTABLISHED SOURCES OF THE SAN JUAN, FBI OFFICE, AND THE OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE, POLICE OF PUERTO RICO, HAVE NOT FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION TO DATE WHICH WOULD CORROBORATE THE ABOVE.

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Student at the U of P. who has
reported that his identity has
been protected.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/17/67

FROM : *W* SAC, BUFFALO (105-6604) (P)

SUBJECT: *W* GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO (PRIP)
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Re ReBuairtel 3/1/67, captioned as above, San Juan letter 3/9/67, captioned "PUERTO RICAN INFORMANT PROGRAM; IS-PRN," and mylet 3/28/67.

Buffalo has alerted sources and informants regarding captioned, especially concerning anything connected with the plebescite to be held in Puerto Rico 7/23/67. No information concerning this has come to the attention of any of the Buffalo Office sources or informants.

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INSIDE LABOR

New 'Marxist-Leninist' Network Plans to Mock
With Terror Operation in Puerto Rico

By Victor Riesel

Washington, D.C.: -- It may be Puerto Rico and not the big mainland
will have a long hot summer. The Vietnamese front may simply move thousand
eastward.

A network of dedicated revolutionists, devoted to Peking and Hanoi and somewhat
disdainful of Moscow, are believed by federal authorities to be preparing to give the
sunny island a dose of terror.

"You've been to Caracas," said one official. "You've had a machine gun poked
into your car. You've heard the fusillades. You've noted the damage at U.S.-owned
plants and stores. We believe the same type of wild ones are ready to repeat
Venezuela in Puerto Rico early this summer to make a mockery of the plebiscite.
They're calling for a civil war. They won't get it from the Puerto Ricans. But
they'll try to embarrass us and discourage investments and keep people from working."

This plebiscite on Puerto Rico's future is set for July 23, which gives the
network of interlocked "Marxist-Leninist" parties enough time to shake the cool from
the Commonwealth.

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Their target is obvious: Disrupt the people's vote on three propositions -- the
retention of Commonwealth status; statehood; or an independent nation, which would
have to be voted by the Congress here.

Some of the network reaches into the mainland so there might well be some
explosive sounds in some of the eastern megalopolises as far west as Chicago.

Biggest of the so-called independence movements is one with a representative
in Czechoslovakia at the International Union of Students. This headquarters is in
Prague and it takes no deep analysis to know of its orientation.

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OG Groups Seeking Independence From Puerto Rico

It also has a permanent representative at the Cuban headquarters of the Tricontinental Congress. This was set up in January 1966 to coordinate with what the revolutionists agilely refer to as "wars of liberation in Asia, Africa and Latin America."

This alleged independence movement has its allies. One is the Federation of University Students for Independence -- whose leaders have scurried as far as Mongolia (a costly trip) to participate in anti-U.S. global gatherings of students.

There is, too, the Puerto Rican Socialist League -- no relation to the American brand advocated for so many decades by Norman Thomas. It is led by Juan Corretjer who believes the traditional Communist Party has gotten too moldy. He teaches Marxism and Leninism. He champions Castro's Cuba. He is in close touch with the tiny cells of the New York based pro-Peking Progressive Labor Party, a violent group of young, young people who were right in the midst of the '64 Harlem riots.

The party's chairman that year, William Epton, soon after was convicted of conspiring to riot and advocating criminal anarchy. After being sentenced to a year's imprisonment, he was released last Jan. 4. His was the first indictment in New York on criminal anarchy charges since 1919.

Senor Corretjer is both socially and politically close with the Independence Party of Puerto Rico and with the explosive Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico. Some will recall its raw terrorism and its members' efforts to kill President Truman. Some will even recall how they did a wild West from the public balcony in the House of Representatives here in '54 when they gunned down five Congressmen.

This by no means insinuates that all those for the independence of Puerto Rico are allied with the terrorists. The political scientists expect the island to move slowly from Commonwealth status to statehood. Nor does the trigger-happy network have much strength on the mainland. But they are neo-revolutionists. And that's where the action is.

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4 They can't stop the plebiscite. But they can embarrass such efforts as the
5 cooperative venture of the Rockefellers' International Basic Economy Corp. (IBEC)
6 and the proletarian, New York City-based International Ladies Garment Workers Union.
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10 Under the leadership of the now honorary president David Dubinsky and the
11 current president Louis Stulberg, the union put up \$25 million in mortgage money for
12 the IBEC to build individual homes for some 2,000 families. So here is America today
13 -- a union puts up millions for a billion dollar family subsidiary, so low-income
14 Puerto Rican workers can be housed in their own homes amid gardens and modern
15 plumbing.
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22 No revolutionist can tolerate this. So they plan to make a mockery of the free
23 elections to prove that the long arm of the U.S., its industry and its labor, is too
24 short to protect them from the new "way out" radicalism.
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28 It will be a short hot summer -- fireworks and all.
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Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies and
for New York two copies of an LHM setting forth information
concerning plans of various groups seeking independence for
Puerto Rico.

Local dissemination has been made to WISO, 771st
MI-DET., OSI and Secret Service.

SAs who observed the meeting at the Ateneo
Puertorriqueno, San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 5/17/67, were
SAs [redacted], an [redacted]

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

Organizations mentioned in this memorandum
are characterized in the appendix.

The May 11, 1967, issue of "Carta Semanal", self-described as the weekly newsletter of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) contained the following information:

During the special meeting of the MPIPR National Mission held at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, on May 7, 1967, it was resolved that the MPIPR would hold a "National Congress Against the Plebiscite" at the Sixto Escobar Stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This Congress is to be held on Sunday, July 16, 1967, one week prior to July 23, 1967, the date set for the Puerto Rico Plebiscite, to select a political status for Puerto Rico. The MPIPR's Congress on July 16, 1967, will be the culmination of the MPIPR campaign against this plebiscite.

During the May 7, 1967, meeting the MPIPR National Board also established minimum tasks to be accomplished in their campaign. The intent of this plan is that the missions throughout Puerto Rico develop carefully-planned activities within their areas, establishing work brigades which will hold meetings and "micro-meetings", develop neighborhood discussion groups, distribute publications, paste up posters against the plebiscite, and conduct similar activities. The missions were also urged to utilize local publications as well as other means of mass communication such as radio. In their work, the missions were instructed to attempt to link special local problems with the overall national purposes of the MPIPR.

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To complement this work, a special printing of posters and handbills will be prepared concerning some of Puerto Rico's principal problems. In addition, during the weeks prior to the plebiscite special issues of the MPIPR official organ, "Claridad", will be printed.

In the matter of finances, it was decided that in order to help defray the cost of this campaign, a special collection would be taken by militant MPIPR members who will travel around Puerto Rico to ask people to contribute to the campaign against the plebiscite.

It was resolved that the MPIPR would conduct a radio program every evening at eight o'clock over Radio Station WPRM, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. MPIPR leader JUAN MARI BRAS will be the speaker on the Thursday evening broadcasts. This radio program is to be a part of the MPIPR campaign against the plebiscite.

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The May 19, 1967, edition of "El Mundo", a daily Spanish-language newspaper, contained an article on page 2 entitled, as translated from Spanish, "Group Plans Mass Repudiation of Plebiscite". This article stated in summary as follows:

A group of Puerto Rican defenders of the political sovereignty of Puerto Rico announced that a concentration of forces to repudiate the plebiscite and to exhort Puerto Ricans not to vote in the forthcoming plebiscite would be held at the Sixto Escobar Stadium, San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Sunday, July 16, 1967, one week prior to the scheduled plebiscite.

The announcement was made Wednesday night at the Ateneo Puertorriqueno, San Juan, Puerto Rico, at a meeting attended by some two hundred persons who oppose the plebiscite and demand political sovereignty for Puerto Rico.

It was also announced at the meeting that one-hundred and fifty Puerto Ricans had signed a document to be published later in the week which exhorted voters not to vote in the plebiscite on July 23, 1967, and demanded political sovereignty for the island. The one-hundred and fifty signers are University professors, political and labor leaders, students, writers, bankers, and other professional people.

Three committees were named at the meeting to have control of all the organization of the concentration of independentist forces

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to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on July 16, 1967. The three committees are the Work, Publicity, and Finance Committees. The provisional committee which has charge of these activities is presided over by Dr. JOSE MILTON SOLTERO.

Among the speakers at this meeting were Dr. JOSE MILTON SOLTERO, AIDA NEGRON DE MONTILLA, Dr. MARGOT ARCE DE VAZQUEZ, Attorney NOEL COLON MARTINEZ, Dr. GILBERTO CONCEPCION DE GRACIA, Engineer GERARDO NAVAS, Dr. PIRI FERNANDEZ DE LEWIS, and Attorney JUAN MARI BRAS, all of whose speeches opposed the holding of the plebiscite on July 23, 1967. In addition, JUAN MARI BRAS stated in his speech that events of this meeting had "broken the isolation and dispersion" of the nucleus of forces fighting for Puerto Rico's independence and that thousands upon thousands of persons would come to Puerto Rico on July 16, 1967, to condemn the holding of this plebiscite.

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

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

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The individual referred to as [REDACTED] in
reairtel appears to be identical with [REDACTED]It should be noted that [REDACTED] was
formerly associated with the Progressive Labor Party (PLP)
newspaper "Challenge-Desafio", but [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was expelled from the PLP.

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personal friend of Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro. Padilla worked as a correspondent for the Cuban newspaper "Prensa Latina" in South America in the early 1960's and returned in 1966 to Puerto Rico, where he has since served as editor of the MPIPR publication "Claridad".

According to local press reports, Marta Sanchez Olmeda has been active on behalf of Puerto Rican pro-independence groups for many years and in the early 1960's traveled to communist China and other communist-controlled countries to obtain support for this movement. Sanchez has consistently supported Fidel Castro and has adopted an extremely anti-United States attitude in her public utterances.

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RICO; IS - PRN", and Buairtel, 4/7/67, captioned, "GROUPS
SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO; IS - PRN".

The files of the NYO contain no information which
could be identified with [REDACTED] B7

[REDACTED] was interviewed on 4/24/67. The B7C
interview was recorded on an FD-302, the original of which B7C
is filed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he did not advocate independence for
Puerto Rico. He denied that any attempt had ever been
made to recruit him or any of his friends to fight for Puerto
Rican independence. He denied that anyone had ever mentioned
to him a plot to assassinate LUIS MUNOZ MARIN, the former
Governor of Puerto Rico. He denied that anyone had discussed
with him the possibility of purchasing revolvers for any price.

Confidential informants of the NYO familiar with
Puerto Rican independence activity and/or Cuban activity in
the NY area, during April, 1967, reported that they had no
information regarding FRANK GREGORY or any of the other
matters discussed in reSjtcl of 4/5/67.

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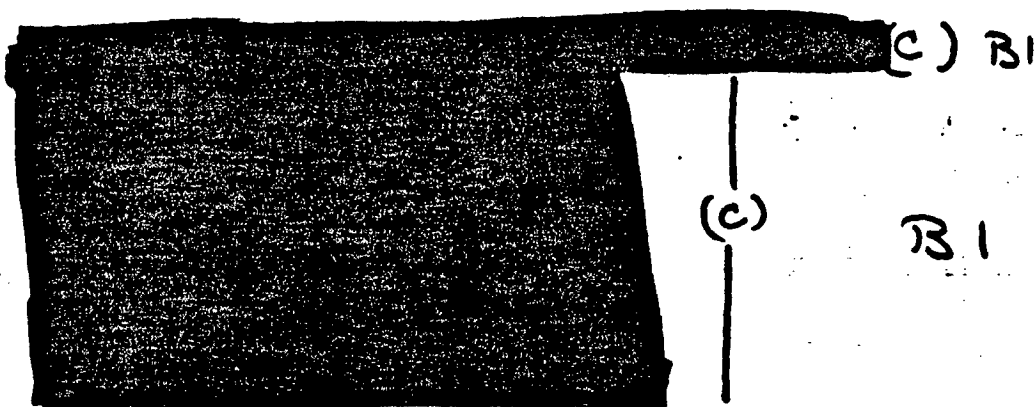
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No further action will be taken in this matter B7C
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TO DIRECTOR (105-292) AND NEW YORK (105-3002)

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON (ENCODED)

FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785) 1 P (P)

JUAN MARI BRAS. IS - PRN.

ON MAY TWENTY-TWO INSTANT, [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT THE

SUBJECT LEFT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, VIA TRANS CARIBBEAN
AIRLINE FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX AT ONE FIFTEEN P.M. THIS DATE.

NEW YORK DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO REMAIN ALERT TO
SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN NEW YORK. IT IS TO BE NOTED
THAT SUBJECT IS TRAVELLING ALONE AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/22/67

The attached is a summary of an article appearing in the 5/22/67, issue of the Spanish language newspaper "El Dia," in Puerto Rico, in which Juan Mari Bras, Puerto Rican Independence Movement leader announces that there will be violence during the forthcoming plebiscite in Puerto Rico.

Mari Bras, who is on the Security Index, and who has received Cuban assistance in connection with his Puerto Rican independence activity, attacks the Director several times during the article, presumably because of statements of the Director during the 1967 FBI Appropriations Hearing concerning violence on the part of Puerto Rican proindependence groups.

With every word, Mari Bras, in his statements to the newspaper, substantiates everything the Director testified to during the Appropriations Hearing.

The information in attached will be disseminated to the Secretary of State, Central Intelligence Agency, the military agencies and Secret Service, and to the Internal Security Division of the Department.

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5/22/67

Letter to Legat, Buenos Aires
RE: JUAN MARI BRAS
105-292

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NOTE:

Subject is leader of the MPIPR, foremost Puerto Rican independence group. We previously alerted CIA and State to his travel to South America and also alerted Legal Attaches in Mexico City, Buenos Aires, and Rio de Janeiro. Request from State Department was received by Liaison Supervisor Bartlett and he should advise the State Department of our action as mentioned in the above letter to Legat, Buenos Aires.

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EL DIA, A SPANISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, PUBLISHED IN
PONCE, PUERTO RICO, DATED MAY TWENTY-TWO INSTANT CONTAINED
AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "MARI BRAS REITERATES THAT THERE WILL
BE VIOLENCE ON THE DAY OF THE PLEBISCITE," WHICH IS
SYNOPSISIZED HEREIN--

"ATTORNEY JUAN MARI BRAS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, CONFIRMED IN A STATEMENT
SENT TO 'EL DIA' THAT THERE WILL BE VIOLENCE DURING THE
CELEBRATION OF THE PLEBISCITE SET FOR JULY TWENTY-THREE NEXT. HE
DISCARDS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ARMED INSURRECTION HERE IN THE CONVEN-
TIONAL SENSE, OR THE TYPE OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY WHICH OCCURS IN OTHER
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES." IN HIS STATEMENT, MARI BRAS ATTACKS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER.
"TO HELL WITH MR. HOOVER, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE
IMPERIALIST GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WE ARE NOT

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SCARED BY THEIR THREATS' SAYS MARI BRAS.

"MARI BRAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT HAS NOT ASKED FOR ARMS FROM THE CUBAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT' FOR GUERRILLAS' BUT ' IT HAS ASKED FOR MILITANT SOLIDARITY WITH OUR STRUGGLE, IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORUMS TO WHICH RED CUBA HAS ACCESS.'

"IN REFERRING TO THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MAY FOUR LAST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO THE LEADER OF THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT STATED 'NOBODY SHOULD DOUBT THAT VIOLENT SITUATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE. WE HAD FORESEEN IT, EVEN BEFORE MR. HOOVER SAID IT, ALTHOUGH WE DON'T HAVE A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SYSTEM, NOR DO WE THINK WE ARE PROPHETS. THIS REALITY IS ALREADY TAKING PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO. THE PROVOCATION ENGENDERED BY THE PLEBISCITE EMPHASIZES ATTITUDES AND POSITIONS. THIS IS THE REASON WHY A SPONTANEOUS STUDENT GROUP, ON MAY FOUR, TRIED TO STOP AN ROTC MILITARY PARADE ON THE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FIELD. THE FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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FOR INDEPENDENCE LEADERS DID NOT STOP THE STUDENTS AND WERE VERY WISE."

MARI BRAS CONTINUED SAYING THAT WHEN THESE FORCES PRODUCE THE MASSIVE PROTEST OF PUERTO RICO AGAINST THE ABUSE OF COLONIALISM ON A NATIONAL SCALE, WE ARE NOT GOING TO STOP THE PEOPLE, WE ARE GOING TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL. WE WANT TO PRODUCE THAT STRUGGLE. THAT IS THE STRUGGLE WHICH MR. HOOVER, THE FBI, AND THE CIA AND ALL THE IMPERIALIST MACHINERY ARE AFRAID OF"

FURTHER ON IN THE PRESS RELEASE MARI BRAS SAYS THAT "TO CONCEAL THE FACT THAT ALL THE PEOPLE ARE AGAINST THEM THEY SAY, AS THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY SAID, THAT THE SUBVERSION ORIGINATED IN HAVANA, MOSCOW, AND PEKING. WE DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL TO ANY COUNTRY TO LEARN THAT THE DUTY OF EVERY REVOLUTIONARY IS TO REVOLT. WE LEARNED IT FROM THE FATHER OF THE COUNTRY, RAMON EMETERIO BETANCES, WHO SAID IT IN CONCRETE AND NATIVE TERMS-- 'TO MAKE SCRAMBLED EGG'.
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YOU HAVE TO BREAK THE EGGS. SCRAMBLED EGGS WITHOUT BROKEN EGGS AND REVOLUTION WITHOUT REVOLT CANNOT TAKE PLACE."

MARI BRAS CONTINUED "BUT OUR REVOLUTION WILL BE WORKED OUT ACCORDING TO OUR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN THE REALITY THAT OUR COUNTRY IS A FORTRESS TODAY, IN EVERY SENSE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. TO JUST TALK OF ARMED REVOLUTION HERE IN THE CONVENTIONAL SENSE OR THE GUERRILLA WARFARE CONDUCTED IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SEEMS TO BE A NECESSITY. THIS IS ONLY DONE BY THOSE WHO ARE CONTENT TO FIGHT THE BATTLES BY ARBITRATION."

SPEAKING OF THE SITUATION WHICH SPRINGS FROM THE PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN MARI BRAS COMMENTS "HOOVER, HEAD OF THE FBI KNOWS VERY WELL THAT THE PLEBISCITE TO TAKE PLACE IN PUERTO RICO ON JULY TWENTY-THREE, CONSTITUTES A PROVOCATION TO OUR PEOPLE. HIS BLOOD HOUND AGENCY AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE REPRESSIVE YANKEE STRUCTURE IN OUR SOIL ARE TERRIFIED AT THE THOUGHT THAT THE PUERTO RICANS MIGHT UNITE TO DEFEND WHAT IS THEIRS. END PAGE FOUR

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THEY HAVE OBSERVED PANIC-STRIKEN THE GROUPING PROCESS OF THE
POLITICAL POWERS OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS,
PROVOKED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FALSE PLEBISCITE. WHILE
THE GOVERNMENT STRUGGLES INTENSELY AND THE FOLLOWERS OF
ANNEXATION DIVIDE ITSELF IN TWO, THE PATRIOTIC FRONTS BEGIN
TO UNITE IN A LARGE PUERTO RICAN, ANTI-COLONIALIST AND ANTI-
PLEBISCITARIAN FRONT. THAT FRONT ALREADY ACHIEVED SUCCESS WITH
AN HISTORIAL ACTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND AS A RESULT OF WHICH
THE FALSE PLEBISCITE WAS INTERNATIONALLY OPPOSED AND THE
PUERTO RICO PROBLEM IS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE FUTURE. NOW
THE UNITED FRONT BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE IN THE ORGANIZATION
OF A MASSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE PLEBISCITE TO TAKE PLACE
NEXT JULY SIXTEEN IN SAN JUAN".

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JUAN MARI BRAS; IS-PRN.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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

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May 23,
~~April 24,~~ 1967

Dear Sir:

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

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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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;
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 - (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, Puerto Rico

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FROM SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353-SUB 2)

RE GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
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OO: SAN JUAN

Re San Juan teletype dated 5/22/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies and for New York one information copy of a LHM dated as above and captioned "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN".

Local dissemination is being made to the 771st MI-DET, San Juan; NISO, 10th Naval District, San Juan; OSI, Ramey Air Force Base; and U. S. Secret Service, San Juan.

The translation of the article appearing in "El Dia" on 5/22/67, was by San Juan translator [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that the press release by JUAN MARI BRAS was made in response to an article appearing in the local press regarding the testimony of the Director before the House Appropriations Committee and it is to be noted that while the Director's testimony received wide publicity the reply by MARI BRAS did not receive equal coverage and was only synopsisized in the local San Juan Spanish daily papers.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Juan, Puerto Rico
May 23, 1967

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY -
PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

"El Dia", a Spanish language newspaper, published in Ponce, Puerto Rico, dated May 22, 1967, contained an article entitled "Mari Bras Reiterates That There Will Be Violence on the Day of the Plebiscite", which is synopsised as follows:

" Attorney Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), confirmed in a statement sent to 'El Dia' that there will be violence during the celebration of the plebiscite set for July 23, 1967. He discards the possibility of an armed insurrection here in the conventional sense or the type of guerrilla activity which occurs in other Latin American countries.' In his statement Mari Bras attacks the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, John Edgar Hoover. 'To hell with Mr. Hoover, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the imperialist government of the United States, we are not scared by their threats', says Mari Bras.

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

" In referring to the events which took place on May 4, 1967, at the University of Puerto Rico the leader of the MPIPR stated 'nobody should doubt that violent situations will take place.

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Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

"We had foreseen it, even before Mr. Hoover said it, although we don't have a counterintelligence system, nor do we think we are prophets. This reality is already taking place at the University of Puerto Rico. The provocation engendered by the plebiscite emphasizes attitudes and positions. This is the reason why a spontaneous student group, on May 4, tried to stop an ROTC military parade on the university athletic field. The Federacion De Universitarios Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) leaders did not stop the students and were very wise." "

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix hereto.

A characterization of the FUPI appears in the appendix hereto.

Mari Bras continued saying that "When these forces produce the massive protest of Puerto Rico against the abuse of colonialism on a national scale, we are not going to stop the people, we are going to help them achieve their goal. We want to produce that struggle, that is the struggle which Mr. Hoover, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Central Intelligence Agency, and all the imperialist machinery are afraid of."

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

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

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

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

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

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

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It is to be noted that the press release by JUAN MARI BRAS was made in response to an article appearing in the local press regarding the testimony of the Director before the House Appropriations Committee and it is to be noted that while the Director's testimony received wide publicity the reply by MARI BRAS did not receive equal coverage and was only synopsized in the local San Juan Spanish daily papers.

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"WE ARE WARNED"

"The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), J. Edgar Hoover, has just revealed that there is evidence that some separatist organizations of the island plan to create a wave of terror in connection with the coming plebiscite.

"Mr. Hoover made this declaration with all formality before the Appropriations Sub-Committee of the Federal House of Representatives. The creation of the form of government known as the Free Associated State, he explained, was surrounded with acts of extreme violence by the Nationalists in 1950. 'There is mounting evidence that renewed interest in the matter will cause a new wave of violence,' he stated to the Congressmen. 'The organizations that want independence for Puerto Rico have indicated that they will do everything possible to impede the plebiscite being held,' he added.

"The Director of the FBI mentioned among these organizations the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR), Federation of University Students for Independence (FUPI), the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) and the Puerto Rican Socialist League (LSP). He said that the four groups are under active investigation by the FBI.

"For the Puerto Ricans who have been living in recent months in a tense atmosphere, punctuated by clashes by the University students, acts of defiance towards the authorities, and protest demonstrations, the statement of Mr. Hoover does not produce great surprise.

"We are conscious that there are still some well intentioned persons who naively believe that the incidents which we have witnessed in past weeks are unconnected; the product of juvenile exhuberance. Others, not so well intentioned, only pretend to believe it and to convince the rest for their own convenience.

"Because of this we think it prudent to point up these statements of Mr. Hoover. We consider them of great importance because they come from a person of such high responsibility and because they have been stated officially before the highest legislative body of the nation.

"If the FBI says that it has proof that these acts

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of violence are planned, it is because it has the proof.

"It appears to us that particular attention should be paid to these statements by those persons who insist that the FUPI-one of the organizations mentioned by the Director of the FBI- is 'a group of irresponsible young men,' but concerning whose actions no great importance should be attached.

"We think it convenient to point out also another of the facts mentioned by Mr. Hoover and openly confirmed some-time ago by members of the MPIPR. Cuba has offered the Nationalists of Puerto Rico money and arms to promote an armed uprising.

"And it should not be forgotten either that Russia, Communist China and Castro-Cuba have trained some of the leaders of these organizations.

Noted!
"If these separatist organizations dare to put into practice their plans for violence, this would constitute a revolutionary attempt, an attempt that Puerto Rico is not disposed to tolerate.

"Here we have always resolved our political problems in peace and in order, as brothers. The island in the course of its history, has characterized itself by this peaceful and responsible attitude.

"On speaking in these terms, we refer of course to the great majority of the Puerto Ricans, because there have been minute groups disposed to use violence to accomplish their wants. The attitude of these small groups has been repudiated with firmness by the majority of the people, but it cannot be denied that they exist, that they are formed by fanatics and that they are capable of anything.

"If they resort to violence on this occasion, we have no doubt that the authorities will act in a rapid and effective form to deter them. The plebiscite must be held in peace and order. If there is an outbreak of violence, Puerto Rico has more than sufficient resources to suppress it. It would be better that it not occur."

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Editoriales

Estamos Advertidos

El director del Negociado Federal de Investigaciones (FBI), J. Edgar Hoover, acaba de revelar que existen pruebas de que algunas organizaciones separatistas de la Isla proyectan crear una ola de violencia con motivo del plebiscito próximo a celebrarse.

El señor Hoover hizo esa declaración con toda formalidad ante el Subcomité de Asignaciones de la Cámara de Representantes federal. La creación de la forma de gobierno conocida como Estado Libre Asociado, explicó, estuvo rodeada de actos de violencia extrema, causados por los nacionalistas en 1950. "Hay gran evidencia de que el interés renovado en el asunto causará una nueva ola de violencia", manifestó a los congresistas. "Las organizaciones que quieren la independencia para Puerto Rico han indicado que ellos harán cualquier cosa para impedir que el plebiscito se lleve a cabo", agregó.

El Director del FBI citó entre esas organizaciones al Movimiento Pro Independencia, a la Federación de Universitarios Pro Independencia, al Partido Nacionalista y a la Liga Socialista. Dijo que los cuatro grupos están bajo activa investigación por parte del FBI.

Para los puertorriqueños que hemos estado viviendo estos últimos meses en un ambiente caldeado, puntualizado por choques entre universitarios, actos de desafío a las autoridades y manifestaciones de protesta, las declaraciones del señor Hoover no nos producen mayor sorpresa.

Estamos conscientes de que aún hay personas tan bien intencionadas que genuinamente piensan que los incidentes que hemos presenciado en las pasadas semanas son sucesos inconexos, producto de la exuberancia juvenil. Otros, no tan bien intencionados, solamente pretenden creerlo y convencer a los demás de ello para su propia conveniencia.

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Por eso creemos prudente darle despliegue a esas declaraciones del señor Hoover. Las consideramos de gran importancia, porque proceden de una persona de tan alta responsabilidad y porque han sido dichas con carácter oficial ante el cuerpo legislativo más alto de la Nación.

Si el FBI dice que tiene pruebas de que se han proyectado esos actos de violencia, es porque las tiene.

Nos parece que deben prestarle particular atención a esas palabras aquellas personas que insisten en que la FUPI — una de las organizaciones mencionadas por el Director del FBI — es "un grupito de jóvenes irresponsables" a cuyos actos no debe dárseles mucha importancia.

Creemos conveniente señalar también otro de los hechos mencionados por el señor Hoover y confirmado abiertamente hace tiempo por los miembros del MPL. Cuba le ha ofrecido a los nacionalistas de Puerto Rico dinero y armas para promover un levantamiento armado.

Y no debe olvidarse tampoco que Rusia, China Comunista y la Cuba castrista han adiestrado a algunos de los dirigentes de esas organizaciones.

Si esas organizaciones separatistas se atreven a poner en práctica sus planes de violencia, ello constituiría un intento de revolución. Un intento que Puerto Rico no está dispuesto a tolerar.

Aquí siempre hemos resuelto nuestros problemas políticos en paz y en orden, como hermanos. La Isla se ha caracterizado en el curso de su historia por esa actitud pacífica y responsable.

Al hablar en esos términos, nos referimos, por supuesto, a la gran mayoría de los puertorriqueños. Porque sí han existido grupos ínfimos, dispuestos a recurrir a la violencia para lograr sus fines. La actitud de esos pequeños grupos ha sido repudiada con firmeza por la inmensa mayoría del pueblo, pero no puede negarse que ellos existen, que están formados por fanáticos y que son capaces de cualquier cosa.

De recurrir a la violencia en esta ocasión, no nos cabe duda de que las autoridades actuarán en forma rápida y efectiva para detenerlos. El plebiscito tiene que celebrarse en paz y en orden. Si ocurre algún brote de violencia, Puerto Rico cuenta con recursos más que suficientes para suprimirlo. Mejor será que no ocurran.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN + Mr. Dunn

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. C. D. DeLoach

DATE: May 25, 1967

FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

1 - Mr. J. F. Bland
1 - Mr. W. H. Floyd
1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

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

PURPOSE:

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To set forth the latest information regarding the latest plans of independence organizations in Puerto Rico regarding the plebiscite which is to be held there on July 23, 1967. At that time the Puerto Rican people will express their preference for statehood, independence, or a continuance of the present commonwealth status.

DETAILS:

At a special meeting of the National Mission of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), the foremost Puerto Rican independence group, it was resolved that the MPIPR would hold a "National Congress Against the Plebiscite" at the stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Sunday, July 16, 1967. This will be the culmination of the MPIPR campaign against the plebiscite.

During the above mentioned meeting of the MPIPR National Mission, the following plans were made in connection with the MPIPR opposition to the plebiscite:

1. Militant MPIPR members will travel around Puerto Rico soliciting contributions to the MPIPR campaign against the plebiscite.

2. Work brigades will be established in MPIPR missions throughout Puerto Rico which will hold meetings, develop neighborhood discussion groups, distribute publications, and paste up posters against the plebiscite.

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3. Six brigades, composed of members of the MPIPR National Mission, will talk at neighborhood meetings to be held in the San Juan metropolitan area. Eight brigades, composed of four members each, will travel on weekends to various areas in Puerto Rico to work with the local missions.

4. Increased utilization will be made of publications and radio to publicize the MPIPR viewpoint.

In connection with the above mentioned data, the MPIPR and certain other independence organizations in Puerto Rico have banded together to repudiate the plebiscite and to exhort Puerto Ricans not to vote in the plebiscite. Reportedly, a document demanding public sovereignty for Puerto Rico has been drawn up which will be signed by 150 professional people such as professors, politicians, and writers.

The above mentioned data has been disseminated to interested agencies in San Juan and at the Seat of Government. San Juan has been instructed to closely follow all developments pertaining to the plebiscite, particularly with regards to any planned violence and to keep the Bureau advised of developments on a continuing basis. This situation is being very closely followed at the Bureau and pertinent developments will be brought to your attention as they occur.

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For information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
PUERTO RICO
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Internal Security

Re Bureau airtel to San Juan, 5/25/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of three articles appearing in the May 17 and May 18, 1967 issues of "The San Juan Star", a local English language daily newspaper.

Additional articles concerning the Director's testimony on February 16 last before the US House Appropriations Subcommittee on February 16 last, as reported in local Spanish language newspapers, are currently being translated and translations will be forwarded to the Bureau when completed.

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Polanco, Ferre Disagree With Hoover On Violence

By HARRY TURNER
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Two Puerto Rican leaders from opposite political poles yesterday took issue with J. Edgar Hoover's prediction that independence groups "will trigger a new wave of violence" as the July 23 plebiscite nears.

Commissioner San Juan X. Abreu said he thought FBI Director Hoover was "exaggerating" the danger of violence from independence groups.

Senator Luis A. Ferré said he didn't think Mr. Hoover believed in the "peace" of the people of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Ferré testified before a Senate subcommittee on appropriations subcommittee on public Tuesday that the island is mounting a "new wave of violence" as the question of status of the island will trigger a new wave of violence.

Hoover added: "the organiza-

tions seeking independence for Puerto Rico have indicated they will go to any lengths to frustrate the holding of this plebiscite."

The FBI director identified the violence-oriented groups as the Pro-Independence movement, the Nationalist Party, the Federation of University Students Pro Independence (FUPI) and the Puerto Rican Socialist League.

In commenting on Hoover's testimony, Polanco said yesterday: "We have a vociferous subversive minority, but it's not of the size Mr. Hoover is describing. As far as I know, Mr. Hoover was exaggerating. However, we should be prepared to face any violent occurrences, and I am sure the Commonwealth government will guarantee the right of the people to peacefully participate in the July 23 plebiscite."

United Statehooders leader Ferre, who was in town to dis-

cuss with some congressmen the recently introduced Puerto Rico statehood bill, predicted that "this will be a completely peaceful plebiscite."

Hoover's testimony, which covered the whole gamut of subversive and violence-prone organizations in the U.S., was actually delivered on Feb. 18 but was only released Tuesday.

Hoover traced the evolution of violence-oriented organizations in Puerto Rico:

"The potential for violence in Puerto Rico has changed radically in the past decade. No longer dominant is the Nationalist Party... the modern independentists are well-educated and sophisticated.

"They have been propagandized and indoctrinated by Cuba, the Soviet Union and Communist China. Their leaders have traveled widely in Communist countries... they are inspired by the success of Fidel Castro in Cuba and believe they can be equally successful in Puerto Rico."

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FBI Chief Warns Of Pre-Plebiscite Acts Of Violence

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A warning by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover of a possible outbreak of violence in Puerto Rico before the July 23 plebiscite was disclosed Tuesday.

There is mounting evidence that Puerto Rican nationalists will go to any length to frustrate the holding of this plebiscite, Hoover told a house appropriations subcommittee February 16.

In the testimony released Tuesday the FBI Director said that unlike their predecessors, the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico of the 1950's, modern advocates of independence are educated and sophisticated.

"They are inspired by the success of Fidel Castro in Cuba and believe they can be equally successful in Puerto Rico," he said.

Hoover said the new Nationalists have traveled widely and received training in Cuba, the Soviet Union and Communist

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China. He said their potential for violence changed radically in the last decade.

Since Castro's rise to power, there has been a definite turning of these Nationalists to Cuba and international communism for leadership and the promise of funds and arms with which to mount an armed insurrection in Puerto Rico, Hoover said.

He added, however, that the activities of these groups "are being very closely so the federal government may continue to be in a position to thwart their future plans for violence and revolution."

The Pro-Independence Movement (PIM) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico; federation of

university Students for Independence (FUPI) and the Puerto Rican Socialist League were listed as the main nationalist organizations.

Hoover said the PIM was the largest and most influential of the groups.

He said its founder, attorney Juan Mari Bras, has consistently supported the Castro regime and members of his organization were represented at the communist Tri-Continental Conference in Havana in January 1968.

A permanent secretariat for the organization was established in Havana at that time, Hoover added.

Hoover testified at a hearing on the FBI's proposed budget of \$187 million for fiscal 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)

DATE: May 31, 1967

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (105-7794) P

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
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Re: Bureau airtel, 3/1/67 and San Juan airtel, 4/11/67.

Security informants and appropriate security sources of the New Haven Office have been alerted in accordance with Bureau instructions as contained in referenced Bureau airtel.

Inasmuch as the crucial period for activities in the United States of groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico will continue until July 23, 1967, the date of the Plebiscite in Puerto Rico, the captioned matter will continued to be followed by the New Haven Office and the Bureau and San Juan will be immediate notified of any pertinent developments in the New Haven Office.

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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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 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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The Puerto Rico independence groups, in an abortive effort to bring the matter of the proposed political plebiscite scheduled in Puerto Rico for July 23, 1967, to an abrupt halt, have during the recent past, by extensive travel of various members, sought to have the question of Puerto Rico's "colonial" status adjudicated by the United Nations Committee of 24. This matter was heard before the Committee sitting in its entirety on April 19, 1967, and the Committee by a vote of 15 to 8 voted to adjourn the discussion without setting a new date for further debate in this matter.

It is to be noted that local representatives of the various pro-independence groups have issued a plethora of press releases, when originally the Committee agreed to hear their plea that the Puerto Rican question be placed before the United Nations; however, when the matter was shelved on April 19, 1967, the press releases emanating from this same group regarding the United Nations action were minimal.

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The San Juan Division plans to reactivate the "Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI" and remind the members of the MPIPR as well as the other independentists organizations of the failure of the group before the United Nations as well as the expenses involved in sending representatives to New York and South America, as well as the expenses involved in the traveling of members of the FUPI behind the iron curtain.

The text of the proposed is as follows:

"DESPIERTA BORICUA, DEFIENDE LO TUYO (Wake Up
Puerto Ricans, Defend What Is Yours)"

"We have been sleeping long, but not deeply and our eyes have been opened again by the failure of our 'jumping grasshoppers' to convince the United Nations to 'liberate' Puerto Rico.

"Are we to continue paying for the pleasure trips of JUAN MARI and CARLOS PADILLA (who is he) to South America when Professor GONZALEZ GONZALEZ in New York must beg money in order to survive? How can we afford the pleasure trips of FATTY PEREZ and henchman, RUBEN ALVAREZ to Manchuria, when each edition of 'Claridad' reminds us to pay our *man* gustas? We are not rich enough to afford sending JUAN MARI to New York every week so that he may return in failure from begging the United Nations to hear our plea for independence.

"We are now without effective leadership, as JUAN MARI has proven himself without influence in matters vital to Puerto Rican independence matters before the United Nations, and we are also certainly on the road to bankruptcy (ask the Financial Commission). All we are left with is Puerto Rican pride, the desire for unity in striving for independence and the ability to vote. The recent effort of our leadership to boycott the voter registration laws was, as it always has been, a failure.

"We are no nearer to independence now than we were in Ponce in 1959, we are poorer and older, but we hope wiser. Wake up Puerto Rico, make use of the vote! "Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI."

As has been done in the past, we propose to mail this leaflet from post offices in outlying areas to various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence community and also to select independence leaders not necessarily affiliated with any particular groups.

It is believed that this letter represents an opportunity to capitalize on the failure of the various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence groups to achieve any success in their concentrated effort before the United Nations and also to again bring to the attention of the rank and file of the MPIPR the amateurish direction of their leadership.

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

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As the Bureau is aware, during the recent past, GIL GREEN, Chairman of the NY District, CPUSA, went to Puerto Rico and while there contacted members of the "independentista" community.

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On 5/1/67, [redacted] was identified as an individual who had participated in an MPI sponsored picket of the US Mission to the UN, NY, NY, on 4/12/67.

On May 1, 1967, SAs of the NYO, FBI observed

American "colonialism" in Puerto Rico and on the picketsite proposed for July 23, 1967.

The NYO feels that additional activities showing closer cooperation between the CP, USA and the MPI could have extremely unfavorable effects on attempts of the Bureau and local law enforcement agencies to curtail illegal independence activity in Puerto Rico. As the Bureau is acutely aware the introduction of a large and wealthy Moscow dominated organization into the independence struggle at a time of crisis could result in disastrous complications.

The CP, USA with its long history of Soviet directed subversion would serve as an excellent conduit for such aid. In addition, the effects of a concerted effort by its numerous front groups and propaganda machinery directed toward Puerto Rican Independence would afford the MPI with a means of advertising in both the continental US and throughout the world. The results of such a campaign are obvious.

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The NYO feels that a directed effort to disrupt any union should be instituted. An initial effort would be a letter which has been prepared for translation into the Spanish language and dissemination by the SJO to the MPI membership through its mailing lists. The aim of the letter is to educate the majority of MPI members to the direction of the MPI by the CP, USA. It is felt that resentment against control by a non-Puerto Rican element would be a natural reaction for these fiercely nationalistic people.

In addition the letter is intended to embarrass MPI leadership by suggesting a "sell-out" and by making it appear that the MPI representative ~~ALFONSO CHAPIN~~ was made to appear ridiculous through his role in the May Day ceremonies.

It is felt that the cooperation between the two groups will grow if not curtailed.

Bureau authority is requested to have the letter translated and mailed under secure conditions to MPI members in San Juan Division and in NY Division, by the SJO.

The letter enclosed purports to be an anonymous letter by a dissident member, aware of the activities taking place in both Puerto Rico and New York.

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"Awake Puerto Ricans, Defend What Is Yours" U

The MPI through its leadership has betrayed the struggle for independence. U

A short time ago, a prominent member of the Communist Party of the United States, Gil Green, came to Puerto Rico and through the use of influence and money succeeded in doing what all the agencies of repression of the North American government have failed to do. He corrupted Juan Mari Bras, the maximum leader of the struggle. U

Secret agreements were reached. U

Lcdo. Mari, in return for who knows what, agreed to place the cause of independence second to the "party line" of the CPUSA. U

It is no secret that during recent days, Lcdo. Pedro Baiges Chapel, using the pennies of the "jibaros," went to New York and spoke at the CPUSA May Day celebration held there on the first of May. It is no secret that Baiges spoke in English, and badly, either ashamed of his language and culture or anxious to ingratiate himself to the North Americans. It is no secret that Baiges spoke about the goals of the Communist Party and not about the struggle taking place on the Island. It is no secret that many Puerto Ricans present at the ceremony, because of a desire to hear a leader from their country, burned with shame as Baiges made a fool of himself. U

What is a secret, is the story of Baiges' other activities in New York, the story of how he avoided his people, of how he went to cocktail parties at the homes of wealthy communists in the suburbs of New York, of how they gave him only "promises," after he had entertained them and Insert catered to them and promised to support first of all the Communist Party, USA. U

What has happened to the fight? Is even our ^{struggle} dying for independence to be controlled by North Americans and from the United States? Are we indeed a lost people engaging in a hopeless struggle? U

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U he had attempted to ingratiate himself with them and catered to their typically North American opinions about Puerto Rico

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Bureau believes that the proposed letter may be put to good advantage. However, New York is requested to clarify information set forth in paragraph seven of the proposed letter. This paragraph makes mention of attendance by [redacted] at cocktail parties which were held in the homes of [redacted] communists. Mention is then made how "he had entertained them and catered to them." It appears that this wording should be clarified and the wording changed since we have mention made of [redacted] attending cocktail parties and then we are talking about [redacted] entertaining the communists. New York is requested to reword this paragraph for clarification purposes.

The last paragraph of the proposed letter makes mention of "dying for independence." The Bureau believes that in order that more sympathy may not be invoked for the MPIP cause, the wording mentioned above should be changed from "dying for independence" to "struggle for independence."

Upon receipt of New York reply, further instructions will be issued to San Juan regarding the proposed mailing.

San Juan (105-3353-Sub 1)

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NOTE:

New York Office has proposed mailing of anonymous letter in Spanish language to members of MPIP, militant Puerto Rican independence group. Proposed letter is aimed at informing MPIP members of recent information showing apparent attempts by Communist

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: *ex 60 pgs* SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353, Sub 1) *P*
SUBJECT: *Q* GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
(OO: San Juan) ± S - FRN

Re San Juan airtel 4/25/67, and
Bureau airtel 5/2/67.

The comments of the Bureau with regard
to this matter are appreciated and the San Juan Office
is in agreement with the Bureau's suggestion to blame
the Communist bloc and Cuba for the failure in the
United Nations and to criticize MARI BRAS and others
for isolating the Puerto Rican independence forces
from the democratic countries.

The reference in the proposed letter
being submitted by the San Juan Office to *[redacted]*
[redacted] and *[redacted]* are references to three famous
Puerto Rican patriots. *Barbosa*

- De Diego*
- ③ - Bureau (105-93124) (RM)
 - 1 - New York (105-32872) (Info) (RM)
 - 2 - San Juan (105-3353, Sub 1)
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105-93124-211

G. C. Wick

MAY 20 1967

[Signature]
SUBV. CONTROL

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

The San Juan Division, through utilization of the Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI proposes the following leaflet:

"DESPIERTA BORICUA, DEFIENDE LO TUYO"
(Wake Up Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours)

"We have been sleeping long, but not deeply and our eyes have been opened again by the failure of our 'jumping grasshoppers' to convince the United Nations to 'liberate' Puerto Rico.

Let us now be men enough to admit that we have successfully defeated our hope of having the United Nations hear our plea for intervention. We have chosen the wrong course, let's admit it.

We are not Communists, so why have we sought the aid of Cuba, Russia, Poland and Bulgaria? We are God-fearing people, steeped in the tradition of De Hostos, De Diego and Barbosa, and we have no need of a Castro, Guevarra and other Cuban hoodlums.

Many years have passed since we were born in Ponce, however we are further away from our independence now than we were then. Wake up Puerto Rico, make use of the vote!

Grupo Pro Uso Voto Del MPI"

We propose to mail this leaflet from post offices in outlying areas to various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence community and also to select independence leaders not necessarily affiliated with any particular groups.

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

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

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) — 214
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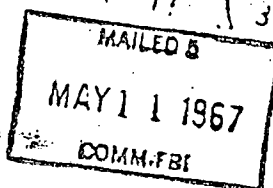
Authority granted to prepare proposed letter in Spanish language and to mail it as set forth on page three of referenced airtel.

Preparation and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions to protect the Bureau as the source. Advise the Bureau of any information coming to your attention regarding the mailing of this letter.

1 - New York (105-32872)

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NOTE: San Juan has proposed mailing of anonymous letter in Spanish language which points up the recent defeat suffered by independence groups at the United Nations. The United Nations Committee of 24, which handles colonial matters, did not take up the colonial status of Puerto Rico as sought by independence groups. Anonymous letter makes mention of the alignment of independence groups with some of the Soviet bloc countries and Cuba, and the letter points up the mistake of



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Airtel to SAC, San Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

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the independence groups aligning themselves with these countries who have failed to help the cause of Puerto Rican independence.

San Juan proposes to mail the letter to various representatives of the Puerto Rican independence community and also to selected independence leaders who are not necessarily affiliated with any particular groups. San Juan's proposal has definite merit and should aid us as a disruptive tactic within the independence organizations.

ENCODED MESSAGE

NR 1 12:53 AM URGENT 5-11-67 CRT

TO DIRECTOR (105-93124) AND NEW YORK (105-32572)

(NEW YORK VIA WASH)

FROM SAN JUAN (105-3353) (IP)

Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO IS-PRN.

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LAST, THAT [REDACTED], USING THE NAME

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK

VIA EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT NINE TWO EIGHT AT ELEVEN TWENTY FIVE

P.M. (AST) MAY TEN LAST.

IS INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM SUBJECT OF SAN JUAN OFFICE.

[REDACTED] NOT READILY IDENTIFIABLE DUE TO NUMEROUS REFERENCES SAN JUAN

INDICES. PURPOSE OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN. OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE POLICE

OF PUERTO RICO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD PUERTO RICAN FLAG IN

LUGGAGE.

NEW YORK COVER SUBJECTS THROUGH APPROPRIATE SOURCES AND ATTEMPT
TO ASCERTAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP.

SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED LOCALLY. NEW YORK SHOULD ADVISE
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Date: 5/11/67

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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)
IS-PRN

ReNYairtel, 5/4/67, with enclosure thereto and
Bureau airtel to NY, 5/10/67.

The NYO agrees with the Bureau's conclusion
that information set forth in paragraph seven of the
proposed letter should be clarified. In including in
the letter the words "he had entertained them and
catered to them," the NYO was attempting to show that
while at the cocktail parties concerned [redacted] had made
attempts to ingratiate himself with his hosts at the
possible loss of his dignity. It was the intention of
the NYO to subtly show the undermining of dignity which
is so important to the P.R. male.

In light of the Bureau's request to clarify the
strike letter two alternative wordings are hereby suggested:

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - San Juan (105-3353) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

1. The phrase in question could be replaced by the phrase "He had been entertained by and catered to by them." It is felt that this wording would result in no possibility of the reader misunderstanding the letter since it would fit in with the mention of ~~the~~ attending cocktail parties sponsored by the Communists. However, it is also felt that it would not have the affect originally desired by the NYO of subtly undermining ~~the~~ dignity.

2. As an alternative wording the NYO suggests that the wording in question be replaced by the phrase "he had attempted to ingratiate himself with them and catered to their typically North American opinions about Puerto Rico." The NYO feels that this wording would present no problem regarding clarity and would tend to achieve the affect originally desired.

The NYO is of the opinion that the observation by the Bureau of the possibility that sympathy might be evoked by the phrase "dying for independence," is correct and that the phrase should be changed to read "struggle for independence".

5/16/67

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To: SACs, San Juan (105-3353 SUB 1)
New York (105-32872)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) 216

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION) EX 109
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ReNYairtel 5/4/67 with enclosure thereto and
NYairtel 5/11/67.

Authority granted for San Juan to translate the
anonymous letter submitted as enclosure to reairtel 5/4/67 and
to mail it to MPIPR members including members of the
New York Mission. The preparation and mailing should be
handled under the most secure conditions to protect the Bureau
as the source.

The Bureau believes that the alternative wording
as set forth on page two of reairtel 5/11/67 should be
utilized in the second last paragraph of the anonymous letter.
Accordingly, line five of this paragraph should read "gave
him only promises after he had attempted to ingratiate himself
with them and catered to their typically North American
opinions about Puerto Rico and promised to support first of
all the Communist Party, USA." The word "dying" in the first
line of the last paragraph of the proposed letter should be
changed to "struggle."

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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MAY 18 1967
TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Airtel to SAC, San Juan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE:

New York Office has proposed mailing of anonymous letter in Spanish language to members of MPIPR, militant Puerto Rican independence group. Proposed letter is aimed at informing MPIPR members of recent information showing apparent attempts by Communist Party to aid the MPIPR. Gil Green, 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. We asked New York to clarify certain proposed wording in anonymous letter and this clarification is set forth in NYairtel 5/11/67. Changes in the wording in the proposed anonymous letter more clearly points out the point we are trying to get across here.

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 5/17/67

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

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

Re Bureau airtel 5/11/67.

On instant date, San Juan mailed copies to selected members of the independentist community in Puerto Rico of anonymous letter for which Bureau authority was obtained in referenced Bureau airtel.

Although copies of this anonymous letter were not sent to persons residing within the New York Division, it is anticipated that some comments may be made regarding it by members of the MPIPR, New York Junta and the New York Office is requested to remain alert to this matter and advise any results obtained by this letter to the Bureau and San Juan.

Mailing of this anonymous letter was made under secure conditions and the paper and envelopes used were from stock readily available at local stationery stores.

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SAN JUAN

At San Juan, Puerto Rico:

Will report any results of this letter to the Bureau.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Info) (RM)
1 - San Juan
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Date: 6/8/67

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754)
 FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
 FOR PUERTO RICO
 IS - PRN

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

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

XEROX

JUN 19 1967 has a personal following, and the San Juan Office feels that if [redacted] can be split from the MPIPR at this time, enough of the MPIPR Youth members would be sufficiently confused and disgruntled to effectively neutralize the MPIPR during the critical period just prior to the plebiscite scheduled for July 23, 1967.

- (3) - Bureau (RM)
 (1 - 105-93124) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
 2 - San Juan
 (1 - 105-3353 Sub. 1) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: ST-110 REC 46
Director, FBI (105-93124) - 2/8

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

Reurairtel 6/8/67.

The Bureau does not believe that the technique suggested in referenced airtel should be utilized at the present time. You are encouraged to review this matter in an attempt to come up with another counterintelligence plan which might be utilized against [REDACTED]

Secure prior Bureau authority before initiating any counterintelligence action in this matter.

1 - 105-76456 (Silen)

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NOTE:

[REDACTED], a Security Index subject, is leader of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico Youth. San Juan [REDACTED] has proposed an informant report be drawn up either in [REDACTED]'s handwriting or typewritten and planted in another subject's car thus indicating that [REDACTED] might be an FBI informant.

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FBI

Date: 6/26/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-86754)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
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The various groups advocating independence for Puerto Rico have greatly increased their activity with the approaching Plebiscite scheduled for July 23, 1967, to determine the future political status of Puerto Rico. The Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Pro Independence Movement (MPIPR) (Bufile 105-75715), as the largest of the pro independence groups, has placed an increasingly heavier workload upon their printing facilities, publishing pamphlets, and publications containing editorial attacks of, and planned demonstrations against, the scheduled plebiscite.

The San Juan Office proposes that a chemical agent, available to the Bureau, be placed in the printers ink, which, activated by the heat of the presses, will emit a strong odor and prohibit the use of the presses.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
 ADVISED BY ROUTING
 SLIP(S) OF _____
 DATE 6/26/67

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- 1 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 105-93124) (Counterintelligence Program)
 - 1 - San Juan
 - (1 - 105-3353 Sub 1) (Counterintelligence Program)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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The San Juan Office feels that this technique will be effective in neutralizing the attempts by the MPIP to obtain a popular following in their campaign against the plebiscite by denying their use of this press at time they need it most.

The Bureau's suggestions are solicited.

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1 - [REDACTED]
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To: SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 224

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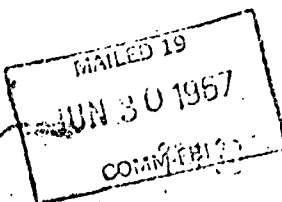
Reurairtel 6/26/67.

Careful consideration has been given to the counterintelligence technique set forth in referenced airtel. However, the Bureau does not believe it feasible to authorize the implementation of this technique. Your interest in forwarding this suggestion is appreciated.

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NOTE:

San Juan has suggested that a chemical be placed in the ink used by the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico to print its various pamphlets and publications. San Juan indicated that the proper chemical would be activated by the heat of the presses and emit an odor.



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APPENDIX

PARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUEÑO
(INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PIP)

The PIP was founded in 1948, but has declined in votes drastically since 1952. The party first lost legal standing when it failed to poll the required five percent of the total vote cast in the elections of 1960. The PIP was placed on the ballot by legislative edict for the 1964 elections, but again failed to poll the required number of votes. After being placed on the 1968 ballot by fulfilling all legal requirements for recognition as a political party by petition, the PIP received less than three percent of the total vote cast, again losing its status as a registered party.

On March 10, 1970, Mrs. ROSITA M. CORDOVA, Secretary to the Superintendent, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Elections Board, advised that at the January 23, 1970, meeting of the Elections Board, the PIP was certified as a legally constituted political party in Puerto Rico by reason of petition.

The January 26, 1970, edition of "The San Juan Star," an English language daily newspaper published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, reported that during his speech, accepting the presidency of the PIP, ROSEN BERRIOS MARTINEZ pledged himself to a more radical political posture, with "Christian socialism" and "pacific militance" as principal tactics. In an interview, BERRIOS placed special significance on the inclusion of other means of gaining independence in addition to going to the polls, such as more active participation in protests, marches, pickets and boycotts.

The February 24, 1970, edition of "The San Juan Star," reports that BERRIOS stated that "The only way to solve . . . the problem of military occupation in Puerto Rico is to achieve our independence as a nation."

The April 17, 1970, edition of "El Mundo," a Spanish language daily newspaper published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, contains parts of a speech given by BERRIOS wherein he says that the members of his organization are to intensify the struggle against the regime, but that violence was ruled out for his party. He added that it was more profitable for their cause "to let the invaders break the heads of those opposing their oppression than to fight them face to face." "Some day," he stated, "the lackeys of Yankee imperialism will go too far and there will be innocent victims and blood will run."

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APPENDIX

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

The MPIPR was organized in November, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico. It has a current membership of about 700-800 persons with several thousand sympathizers. The MPIPR is organized in missions which are located in various towns throughout Puerto Rico. There are also members and sympathizers in the continental United States. The MPIPR National Headquarters is located at 1122 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

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

MARI BRAS, in an editorial appearing in the March 15, 1970, issue of "Claridad," the MPIPR newspaper, stated that "in Puerto Rico there is an incipient armed struggle on the part of pro-independence individuals who consider it their patriotic duty to conduct warfare against the empire which dominates us. We believe that every Puerto Rican has the right to make war against the invaders of our country. And war is mainly killing and dying."

The press of Puerto Rico has reported that the MPIPR has held numerous public meetings and demonstrations at which they protested compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans and United States policy in Vietnam. The MPIPR has further urged the boycott of elections in Puerto Rico.

On April 21, 1970, during the course of a program on WPRJ Television in San Juan, Puerto Rico, MARI BRAS stated that the MPIPR has innumerable contacts with revolutionary organizations in South America, Canada, Cuba, Europe, Africa and in Asia. Through 1969, the MPIPR had a permanent representative stationed in Havana, Cuba.

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

From: Director, FBI (105-93124)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
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ReSJairtel 6/16/67 a copy of which is enclosed for the information of the New York Office. San Juan should note that the Bureau has a separate file for the Counterintelligence Program dealing with groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico.

In accordance with San Juan's suggestion as set forth in referenced airtel, a cartoon will be prepared by the Exhibits Section and 225 copies thereof will be forwarded to the San Juan Office. This work will be completed as soon as possible in order that San Juan may handle the mailing prior to the time of the plebiscite on 7/23/67. The cartoon will be prepared on unwatermarked commercial grade paper.

1 - New York (105-32872) (Enclosure)

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NOTE: The cartoon mentioned above is being prepared by the Exhibits Section pursuant to approval of memorandum to Mr. Sullivan, 6/20/67, in caption matter.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 6/26/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

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

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

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

In the June 11, 1967, issue of "Claridad," the official organ of the MPIPR (the target organization), [REDACTED] has written a lengthy article occasioned by the letter.

[REDACTED] as the Bureau is aware, is the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the MPIPR, a key figure of the San Juan Office and a delegate to the Tri Continental Conference, which was held in Havana, Cuba, in January, 1966. [REDACTED] is considered one of the most likely candidates to assume the mantle of power, if and when JUAN MARI BRAS, current MPI Secretary General, steps down.

In the article mentioned above, which [REDACTED] captioned, "Another Committee of the C.I.A.," he warns the membership that the "Committee Against Foreign Domination of the Struggle for Independence" is the latest weapon of the notorious Central Intelligence Agency. [REDACTED] labels the statements made in the letter "calumnies" and complains of its widespread distribution.

2 - Bureau (RM) ST-116
1 - San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1) (INFO) (RM)
1 - New York

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In an extended comment on past "C.I.A." tactics, [redacted] reviews the history of the "Grupo Pro Uso Voto del MPI", an earlier counterintelligence device originated by the SJO. [redacted] complains of how hundreds of persons associated with the MPI were bombarded with letters from the two Committees and how the letters changed in tone from mild policy statements to vicious attacks upon MPI leaders, in which the "Sinister" committees accused them of all manner of treason. [redacted] then assures the membership that despite all this, the MPI electoral strike, which was the target of past letters, was a success. (As the Bureau is aware, the MPI suffered a serious defeat in its strike against the 1954 elections since the largest percentage of voters in the history of Puerto Rican elections was recorded that year.)

Turning to the letter in question [redacted] takes each of the charges made in the letter and insists that they are not true, dwelling particularly on the alleged "secret meetings" with the CP, USA; control of the MPI by the CP, USA; alleged agreements between the CP, USA and MPI; and, a sellout by MPI leaders corrupted by the CP, USA. [redacted] ends his comments in a series of invectives against the CIA.

Analysis of the Above

1. It is the opinion of the NYO that the subject's letter has thoroughly disturbed MPI leadership. The usual tactic of the organization is to not respond to attacks by its adversaries, feeling that attacks which do not seriously affect the operations of the MPI are better ignored. It is unusual, to say the least, that the MPI would give space and extensive space at that, in its official organ for such a purpose. In addition, the fact that [redacted], whose credentials are set forth above, would be chosen to write a refutation is significant.

2. Factors mentioned in [redacted] refutation further indicate that the weight of the letters impact was strongly felt. Apropos of this is the admission by [redacted] that "hundreds"

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of MPI members have received counterintelligence letters, that is to say, that the coverage is wide spread and known to be so by MPI leadership. It is felt that references in [redacted] refutation to character assassination show that the NYO's attempt to embarrass [redacted] mentioned in the letter did not go unnoticed by the MPI.

3. At a time when revolution and violence is a distinct possibility in Puerto Rico, the creation of an impression that the CIA is operating in Puerto Rico against the MPI is a welcome result. The NYO is of the opinion that this impression may well act as a further deterrent toward violence.

4. In summary, confusion has been created in the rank and file, and MPI leadership has had to counter with a refutation. The leadership itself, which is of course more sophisticated, has, nevertheless, made a serious analytical mistake about the origin of the counterintelligence letter and will be more cautious with operations as a result. The widespread effect of this measure and the overall counterintelligence program of San Juan and New York has thus been tactfully admitted by the MPI. In addition, the security precautions taken by the SJO in preparing and mailing the letter have proven completely effective as evidenced by MPI leader's belief that the CIA is at the heart of the operation.

Additional results will be reported as received.

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 6/29/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

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

ReNYlet to Bureau, 6/26/67 and NY airtel to Bureau,
5/11/67.

The NYO has recently come into possession of the following information considered pertinent to the recent counterintelligence letter captioned "COMMITTEE AGAINST FOREIGN DOMINATION OF THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE":

Analysis

The NYO feels that the MPI's preoccupation with secrecy and the outrage at its violation in connection with aid from the CP, USA indicates that the above mentioned counterintelligence measure struck a sensitive nerve in a most timely manner. The illusions to a pact with the CP, USA mentioned in the letter were, as the Bureau is aware, fiercely denied by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the MPI in the organization's official newspaper "Claridad". It is not unlikely that the NY Mission received instructions to be careful in not publicizing financial aid from the CP, USA lest it cause unfavorable comment by members or non members of the MPI who received the counterintelligence letter.

- 2- Bureau (RM)
- 1- San Juan (INFO) (RM)
- 1- New York

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In any event the fall of [REDACTED] from good graces will be exploited in a future counterintelligence operation which will be submitted to the Bureau for approval within a short time.

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January 1963

Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. DeLoa
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland

DATE: 6/20/67

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

PURPOSE:

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

BACKGROUND:

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San Juan Office has received information that [REDACTED], has accused [REDACTED] of being a coward. [REDACTED] and other members of the LSP have entered an MPIPR Mission and threatened [REDACTED] with bodily harm unless he proved or retracted his statement about [REDACTED]. On one recent occasion members of the MPIPR Mission were armed with firearms and knives when [REDACTED] and other LSP members came to the Mission and blows were exchanged between the two groups. San Juan Office has suggested that a cartoon be drawn up showing [REDACTED] standing in the doorway of the Mission with indistinct figures standing behind him. JUL 6 Confronting [REDACTED] would be a caricature of [REDACTED] with a machete bearing a Red Chinese slogan. The LSP is known for

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

its pro-Red Chinese views. [REDACTED] the LSP leader, would be shown behind [REDACTED] pushing him towards [REDACTED]. Under the cartoon there would be printed in Spanish the slogan "[REDACTED]o, You Have Two Weeks to Prove or Retract Your Statement That [REDACTED] is a Coward."

OBSERVATIONS:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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J.F.B.

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7/5/67

Airtel

1 - Mail Room

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To: SACs, San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1) (Enclosures - 225)
New York (105-32872) (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) - 222

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
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ReBuairtel to San Juan 6/22/67, copy of which
was furnished to the New York Office.

Enclosed for San Juan are 225 copies of the
cartoon mentioned in referenced airtel. One copy is en-
closed for the information of the New York Office. The
translation of the Chinese characters in the cartoon is
"Down With Imperialism."

Authority granted for San Juan to mail the
cartoon to members of or persons sympathetic to the
Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, the Liga
Socialista Puertorriquena, and the Nationalist Party of
Puerto Rico. The 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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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Airtel to SACs, San Juan
New York

RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
105-93124

NOTE:

Pursuant to approval of memorandum [REDACTED] to Mr. Sullivan 6/27/67, cartoon involved was prepared for mailing to members of certain independence groups in Puerto Rico. Cartoon is aimed at causing discord between two of the groups since San Juan has learned that the head of one of these has been called a coward by a member of the second group.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 7, 1967

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FROM : [REDACTED] JWS

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

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

PURPOSE:

To recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail an anonymous letter to members of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) in Puerto Rico and New York City. The MPIPR is a militant Puerto Rican independence group.

BACKGROUND:

In May, 1967, we authorized San Juan to mail the MPIPR members an anonymous letter which pointed up apparent attempts by the Communist Party (CP) to interject itself into the Puerto Rican independence picture. In sending this letter it was indicated that it emanated from the "Committee Against Foreign Domination of the Fight for Independence," which is a fictitious organization. This anonymous letter served as a very good disruptive factor and caused an MPIPR official to write a lengthy article in the MPIPR publication attempting to refute it.

Our New York Office has now learned from an informant that the CP recently sent \$500 to the MPIPR in Puerto Rico through the New York Mission of the MPIPR. The New York Mission attempted to keep this contribution secret but was unsuccessful in so doing and apparently MPIPR members in

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
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New York City learned of the action by the CP. A member of the Executive Board of the New York Mission was reportedly removed from her position on the Board because of statements she made regarding the CP donation.

The New York Office has now recommended the preparation of another letter by our San Juan Office which would be aimed at revealing the CP donation to MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City. It is hoped that the letter will cause dissension within the MPIPR, embarrass the New York Mission for failing to keep the donation a secret, and embarrass the leader of the MPIPR by inferring that he is utilizing the money for his own use.

OBSERVATIONS:

It appears that New York's suggestion has definite merit and will be most useful to us in causing internal strife in the MPIPR.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached airtel will be directed to San Juan authorizing it to mail the letter under secure conditions to MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City.

"Awake Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours"

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

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

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

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

Committee Against Foreign Domination
of the Fight for Independence

100-93124-220

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ENCLOSURE

FBI

Date: 6/30/67

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

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66754) ⁹³¹²⁴

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

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

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

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

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

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

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- (3-Bureau (105-66754) (Enc. 3) (RM)
 - 2-San Juan (105-3401) (MPI) (Enc. 2) (RM)
 - (1-105-3353) (GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PR)
 - 1-New York (105-39139) (MPI) (44)
 - 1-New York (105-32872) (44)

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1. Embarrass JUAN MARI BRAS, MPI Secretary General, by suggestions of his dishonesty.
2. Embarrass the NYM by exposing their failure to keep confidential a secret assignment.
3. Restate CP,USA influence over the MPI.
4. Cause dissension between MPI-NYM and MPI in Puerto Rico.

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

"Awake Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours"

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

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

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

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

Committee Against Foreign Domination
of the Fight for Independence

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ENCLOSURE

7/10/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

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New York (105-32872)

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FOR PUERTO RICO
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(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReNYairtel to the Bureau 6/30/67 with enclosure
thereto.

Authority granted for San Juan to translate the
letter submitted as enclosure to referenced airtel and to mail
it to Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico members
including members of the New York Mission. The preparation
and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions
to protect the Bureau as the source.

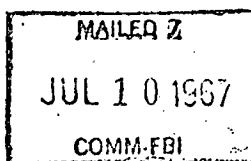
San Juan and New York should advise the Bureau of any
information coming to their attention regarding the mailing of
this letter.

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NOTE:

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See memorandum [REDACTED] for Mr. W. J. Sullivan,
dated 7/7/67, captioned as above, prepared by JJD:vjr.



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5 JUL 10 1967
MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT ☐

W. J. Sullivan
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 11, 1967

FROM : Mr. [REDACTED]

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

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

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Classified By 6080

Exempt from G.D., Category 2

Date of Declassification 6/3/77

PURPOSE:

To advise you of significant results achieved as a result of counterintelligence action taken against the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) in Puerto Rico and the Communist Party (CP). The MPIPR is a militant Puerto Rican independence group.

BACKGROUND:

In May, 1967, we authorized our San Juan Office to mail MPIPR members an anonymous letter which pointed up apparent attempts by the CP to interject itself into the Puerto Rican independence picture.

OBSERVATIONS:

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A follow up on this previous counterintelligence action has been approved. This highlights money donated by the CP to the MPIPR. It is expected that this will cause further dissension within MPIPR ranks and be detrimental to the CP.

ACTION:

For information.

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FBI

Date: 8/29/67

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

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

Re: Buairtel dated 7/5/67

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

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

3-Bureau
1-San Juan (105-3353)
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said he had received this paper through the mail on July 24, 1967. He believed it to be a threat to [redacted] and to the 21st of March Mission. He believed the lampoon had been prepared by and distributed by the LSP in Ponce. [redacted] said he is not a communist but said that the LSP follows the Communist Chinese line. [redacted] did not know whether or not other members of the MPIPR had received copies of the lampoon but stated he intended to present his copy at the MPIPR meeting next Wednesday, July 26, 1967, and ask for action against the LSP. U

[redacted]

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

SAC, San Juan (105-3353)

10/16/67

Director, FBI (105-93124)

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
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(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReBuairtel to San Juan and New York dated 7/10/67.

San Juan and New York should advise as to any information they have received regarding the counterintelligence measure which was utilized in reairtel.

2 - New York (105-32872)

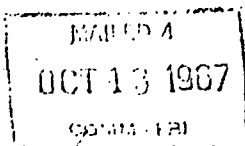
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NOTE:

By airtel 7/10/67 San Juan was authorized to translate and mail a letter which was intended to be a counterintelligence measure against the MPIPR, a Puerto Rican independence group. We have not received any data to date as to any tangible results.

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FBI

Date: 10/17/67

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub 1) (P)
SUBJECT : GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS-PRN

Re San Juan report of [REDACTED]
9/28/67, and Bureau airtel to San Juan,
10/12/67, both captioned, "MOVIMIENTO PRO
INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR); IS-PRN".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New
York are two copies and one copy respectively of a
cartoon depicting JUAN MARI BRAS, [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED]

As noted in referenced Bureau airtel, the
MPIPR youth secretariate has been dissolved and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been dismissed as [REDACTED] after
he allegedly attempted to create a faction within the
MPIPR and dismiss [REDACTED] from his position as
MPIPR [REDACTED] and other leadership
positions. On one occasion, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] very nearly
came to blows over the situation. MARI BRAS has
established a commission to control MPIPR youth activities
until the next national assembly of MPIPR youth in
November, 1967.

3-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
1-New York (105-32872) (Info) (RM)
2-San Juan
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Approved: Bishop

Special Agent in Charge

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Since [redacted] dismissal, the San Juan Office notes he still exerts considerable influence in fact, if not in name, over a segment of MPIPR youth. In that connection, the enclosed cartoon is submitted as a proposed counterintelligence measure which is entirely self-explanatory to the rank and file membership of the MPIPR as follows:

Fat and complacent maximum leader MARI BRAS blissfully leads the MPIPR and the Puerto Rican independentist community beneath the control and domination of the Cuban communist government as depicted by the caricature of FIDEL CASTRO on the flag upraised in the hand of MARI BRAS. MARI BRAS' principal henchman and lieutenant [redacted] acting as axman for his chief, destroys [redacted], the true Puerto Rican revolutionary and leader of the militant MPIPR youth, this depicted by the broken staff on the Puerto Rican flag held in [redacted] hand and the falling JMPI banner. The caption, MUERTE DE REVOLUCIONARIO BORINQUENO (death of a Puerto Rican revolutionary) merely strengthens the connotation that a true Puerto Rican and pursuer of true independence has fallen.

The San Juan Office proposes to reproduce approximately 200 of these cartoons exactly in the rough form as those enclosed in order to add to the authenticity by amateurish appearance. They will be reproduced on plain unwatermarked paper on our xerox copier and mailed under secure conditions to selected members of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico and New York City with emphasis on the younger group.

It is believed this measure will have the two-fold effect of deepening the rift in MPIPR leadership and quite probably actually creating a dissident faction within the MPIPR under the leadership of [redacted] thus creating distrust and confusion both in the inner circle of leadership and the rank and file membership. No possibility of any adverse results of the cartoon can be foreseen.

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Bureau authority is hereby solicited to immediately put this measure into effect, noting maximum results will be achieved if the technique is utilized prior to the pending assembly of MPIPR youth scheduled for November, 1967.

FBI

Date: 10/10/67

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

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

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

Enclosed for the Bureau is one (1) copy of a handbill distributed by the "Comite Pro Defensa De Sixto Alvelo" (Sixto Alvelo Defense Committee) during 1966, along with a Xerox copy of same (minus certain printed portions) substituting in the body a self-explanatory letter written in the Spanish language with an English translation attached.

One Xerox copy of this handbill with English translation attached is enclosed for the New York Office.

These handbills are being forwarded to the Bureau for consideration in being used in our Counterintelligence Program.

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(3) - Bureau (Encl. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (105-32872) (Info.) (Encl. 1) (RM)

1 - San Juan

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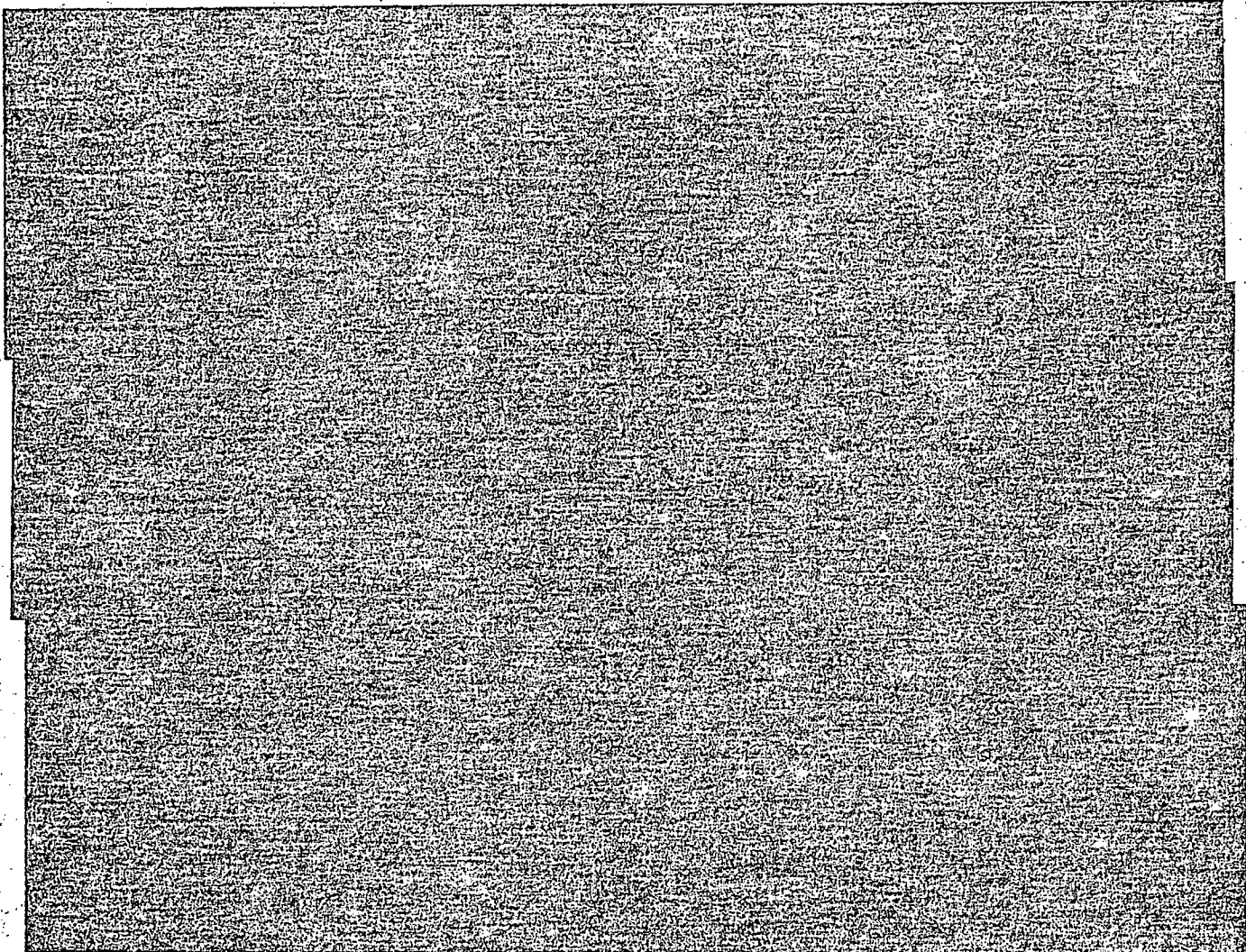
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San Juan feels the preparation and mailing of the proposed handbill to independence groups and newspaper media located in Puerto Rico and New York under the name of the "Sixto Alvelo Defense Committee" would afford the Bureau an opportunity to capitalize on this matter to the extent it will cause embarrassment to JUAN MARI BRAS, the MPIPR, and to FUPI, in trying to justify [REDACTED]'s actions. Further

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consideration is being given to mailing a copy of the proposed handbill to Radio Havana since they afforded [redacted] radio publicity during the early stages of his case.

Should the Bureau approve this proposal it would require that the handbills be prepared at the Seat of Government to approximate as closely as possible the form, type and color of print of the enclosed handbill distributed by the Sixto Alvelo Committee during 1966. The last line on this handbill was purposely deleted since San Juan is not positive of the current mailing address being used by the Committee. To afford proper coverage 200 copies of the proposed handbill would have to be printed so as to provide 100 for New York and 100 for San Juan.

It is requested the Bureau give expeditious consideration to this proposal as mailing of the handbill by New York and San Juan should be somewhat contemporaneous with [redacted]'s reclassification date.

Any comments New York may have with regard to this matter are solicited.

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
10/24/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

To: SACs, San Juan
New York ^{BEC} 11

From: Director, FBI (105-93124) — 31

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

ReSJairtel to the Bureau 10/17/67 and enclosures thereto.

Authority granted for San Juan to reproduce the cartoon which was submitted as an enclosure to reairtel and to mail it to Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) members in Puerto Rico and New York City. The preparation and mailing should be handled under the most secure conditions to protect the Bureau as the source.

With regard to the mailing of this cartoon to MPIPR members in New York City, the Bureau has received no information which would indicate that the MPIPR in New York City is aware of the dispute involving [REDACTED]. If this is so, it appears the receipt of the cartoon by MPIPR members in New York City would not have too much impact. Accordingly, New York should suairtel to the Bureau and San Juan with its observations regarding the above so that San Juan can be guided accordingly as to whether or not the cartoon should be mailed to MPIPR members in New York City.

San Juan and New York should keep the Bureau advised of any information coming to their attention regarding the mailing of the cartoon.

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NOTE:

See cover memorandum same caption, dated 10/23/67,
prepared by JJD:ebb.

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

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

Re San Juan report of [REDACTED]
9/28/67, and Bureau airtel to San Juan,
10/12/67, both captioned, "MOVIMIENTO PRO
INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN
INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR), IS-PRN".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New
York are two copies and one copy respectively of a
cartoon depicting JUAN MARI BRAS, [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED]

As noted in referenced Bureau airtel, the
MPIPR youth secretariate has been dissolved and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been dismissed as [REDACTED] after
he allegedly attempted to create a faction within the
MPIPR and dismiss [REDACTED] from his position as
MPIPR [REDACTED] and other leadership
positions. On one occasion, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] very nearly
came to blows over the situation. MARI BRAS has
established a commission to control MPIPR youth activities
until the next national assembly of MPIPR youth in
November, 1967.

3-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
1-New York (105-32872) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
2-San Juan
AGG:vef

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Since [redacted] dismissal, the San Juan Office notes he still exerts considerable influence in fact, if not in name, over a segment of MPIPR youth. In that connection, the enclosed cartoon is submitted as a proposed counterintelligence measure which is entirely self-explanatory to the rank and file membership of the MPIPR as follows:

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Fat and complacent maximum leader MARI BRAS blissfully leads the MPIPR and the Puerto Rican independentist community beneath the control and domination of the Cuban communist government as depicted by the caricature of FIDEL CASTRO on the flag upraised in the hand of MARI BRAS. MARI BRAS' principal henchman and lieutenant [redacted] acting as axman for his chief, destroys [redacted], the true Puerto Rican revolutionary and leader of the militant MPIPR youth, this depicted by the broken staff on the Puerto Rican flag held in [redacted] hand and the falling JMPI banner. The caption, MUERTE DE REVOLUCIONARIO BORINQUENO (death of a Puerto Rican revolutionary) merely strengthens the connotation that a true Puerto Rican and pursuer of true independence has fallen.

The San Juan Office proposes to reproduce approximately 200 of these cartoons exactly in the rough form as those enclosed in order to add to the authenticity by amateurish appearance. They will be reproduced on plain unwatermarked paper on our xerox copier and mailed under secure conditions to selected members of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico and New York City with emphasis on the younger group.

It is believed this measure will have the two-fold effect of deepening the rift in MPIPR leadership and quite probably actually creating a dissident faction within the MPIPR under the leadership of [redacted] thus creating distrust and confusion both in the inner circle of leadership and the rank and file membership. No possibility of any adverse results of the cartoon can be foreseen.

Bureau authority is hereby solicited to immediately put this measure into effect, noting maximum results will be achieved if the technique is utilized prior to the pending assembly of MPIPR youth scheduled for November, 1967.

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11/29/67

Airtel

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

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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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 JJD:ebb
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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 MPIPR and FUPI recently and we have been attempting through counterintelligence measures to further exploit this situation.

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Date:

10/23/67

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AIRTEL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)

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

Re SJ airtel, 10/10/67.

It should be noted that [REDACTED] was a Speaker at an anti-Viet Nam demonstration held in NYC on 8/6/66. A large number of organizations participated in this demonstration. As the purpose of the leaflet attached to re SJ airtel is to embarrass JUAN MARI BRAS, NYO feels that 2 copies of the leaflet, if approved, should be mailed from Puerto Rico to the blow organizations, with several exceptions. It is hoped that the leaflet will be passed along within each organization, thus being more effective than a wide mailing to specific individuals.

- 3- Bureau (RM)
2- San Juan (105-3353)(Sub I)(RM)EX 109
9- New York

- (1- 100-148916) (YAWF)
(1- 100-147372) (PLP)
(1- 100-97078) (S.W.P.)
(1- 105-39139) (MPI)
(1- 100-137309) (WWP)
(1- 100-133479) (YSA)
(1- 105-2168) ([REDACTED])
(1- 105-32960) ([REDACTED])

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RKS:ptp
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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

AIRTEL

NY 105-32872

The organizations are:

Youth Against War and Fascism
58 W. 25th St.,
NYC

Progressive Labor Party
PO Box 808,
Brooklyn 1, NY

and

Room 617
1 Union Square West,
NYC

Socialist Workers Party
873 Broadway,
NYC

Movimiento Pro Independencia
336 E. 13th St.
NYC

Casa Puerto Rico
106 E. 14th St.,
NYC

Workers World Party
46 W. 21st St.,
NYC

Young Socialist Alliance
Room 532
41 Union Square West
NYC

The below persons, members of the Nationalist
Party of Puerto Rico in NYC, should receive one copy each:

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

Mr. Tolson _____
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 _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

DATE: October 23, 1967

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : G. C. Moore

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

PURPOSE:

To recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail an anonymous cartoon to members of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) in Puerto Rico and New York City. MPIPR is militant Puerto Rican independence group.

BACKGROUND:

The MPIPR youth secretariat has been dissolved and the [REDACTED], has been dismissed after he allegedly attempted to create a faction within the MPIPR and dismissed [REDACTED] from a position of leadership in the MPIPR. [REDACTED] are both included in the Security Index. Reportedly, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] nearly came to blows over the above-mentioned dispute and a commission has been established to control MPIPR youth activities until the next national assembly which is to be held in November, 1967.

To exploit this situation, a cartoon (attached) has been prepared by the San Juan Office. It shows Juan Mari Bras, leader of the MPIPR and a Security Index subject, with a flag in his hand. In the middle of the flag is shown the face of Fidel Castro. Behind Juan Mari Bras is [REDACTED] who is shown sticking a dagger into the stomach of [REDACTED]. Over the cartoon is the slogan "Death of a Puerto Rican Revolutionary." This is printed in Spanish in the cartoon. The revolutionary referred to, of course, is [REDACTED]. San Juan proposes to reproduce 200 of these cartoons on its Xerox copier and mail them under secure conditions to selected members of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico and New York City with emphasis on young members.

Enclosures *sent 10-25-67*

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ENCLOSURE

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

OBSERVATIONS:

It appears San Juan's suggestion has definite merit and will be most useful in causing internal strife in the MPIPR. This is most important at the present time since, as noted above, the national assembly of the MPIPR youth is scheduled for November, 1967. In addition, it is most important that we take all measures possible to disrupt the MPIPR since its activities of late have become more militant and its young members were involved in recent student riots in Puerto Rico.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the attached airtel will be directed to San Juan authorizing it to Xerox the cartoon it has prepared and mail it under secure conditions to MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City.

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Date: 10/27/67

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-32872)
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS - PRN

ReBuairtel 10/24/67.

NYO sources familiar with the MPI have not reported that the dispute involving [REDACTED] is known to rank and file MPI members in New York. It can be concluded that the MPI-New York Mission would follow policies as dictated by JUAN MARI BRAS.

NYO recommends that several copies of the proposed cartoon be mailed to the following:

Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York, N.Y.

Casa de las Americas
876 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

One copy should be mailed to:

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
c/o Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York City

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were closely associated with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] will be New York delegate to forthcoming MPI Youth National Conference in November, 1967.

- (3) - Bureau (RM)
2 - San Juan (105-3353 Sub 1)
5 - New York
(1 - 105-39139) (MPI) (#44)
(1 - 97-2525) (CDLA) (#44)
(1 - 105-76015) ([REDACTED]) (#44)
C. C. Bishop (1 - 105-85326) ([REDACTED]) (#44)
(1 - 105-32872) (#44)

RKS:IM

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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Per [Signature]

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

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

DATE: 10/27/67

ReBulet to San Juan 10/16/67.

San Juan has received no comment regarding counterintelligence measure mentioned in referenced communication other than mention by [REDACTED] that he had received a "well prepared letter" obviously from an independentista group seeking to undermine the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), or perhaps even from the CIA.

San Juan remaining alert for all developments which may arise from above measure and will keep Bureau advised accordingly.

2-Bureau (RM)
2-New York (105-32872) (RM)
1-San Juan

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Memorandum

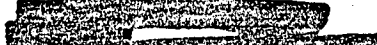


1 - Mr. C. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 21, 1967

FROM : 

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

Purpose is to recommend that we authorize our San Juan Office to mail an anonymous letter to selected Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) members in Puerto Rico and New York City. Letter will point up communist influence in MPIPR, which is the most militant of the Puerto Rican independence organizations.

BACKGROUND:

The two newest members of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico (PCP) are also MPIPR members and one of them is a leader of a MPIPR Mission. The PCP is continuing its attempts to ingratiate itself with the MPIPR and is achieving some success as evidenced by the fact that the MPIPR Political Commission is considering whether or not the science of Marxism-Leninism should be adopted as a guide for MPIPR action.

In the past, Puerto Ricans have reacted adversely to communist influence in the independence movement and San Juan feels that the latest communist attempts may have resulted from Cuban pressure on Juan Mari Bras, leader of the MPIPR.

OBSERVATIONS:

San Juan suggests the mailing of an anonymous letter purportedly written by a veteran MPIPR member. It will point

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan

RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

105-93124

up communist attempts to seize control of the Puerto Rican independence movement; suggest that Castro influence on Juan Mari Bras is the reason for attempted communist inroads and call for repudiation of the communists by Juan Mari Bras. We feel that this counterintelligence technique is an excellent idea and should be approved.

ACTION:

If approved, the attached airtel will be directed to San Juan authorizing it to prepare the anonymous letter (in the Spanish language) and to mail it under secure conditions to selected MPIP members in Puerto Rico and New York City.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

DATE: 11/29/67

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

ReSJlet 11/8/67. ✓

The New York Division suggests that the San Juan Division mail the counterintelligence letter, as set forth in relet, to the New York subjects set out below:

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
Queens, New York

[REDACTED]
c/o Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York City

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
Queens, New York

[REDACTED]
c/o Casa Puerto Rico
106 East 14 St.
New York City

It should be noted that the first four persons [REDACTED] above are not currently active in the affairs of the New York Mission of the MPI. They are "older generation" MPI members who maintain a fraternal sympathy for the organization. On the other hand, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are extremely active in the New York Mission.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - San Juan (105-3353)(Sub 1)
- 7 - New York (#44)

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- (1 - 105-40519) ([REDACTED]) (#44)
- (1 - 105-42963) ([REDACTED]) (#44)
- (1 - 105-51138) ([REDACTED]) (#44)
- (1 - 105-59145) ([REDACTED]) (#44)
- (1 - 105-53045) ([REDACTED]) (#44)
- (1 - 105-76015) ([REDACTED]) (#44)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM :

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

DATE: 1/14/67

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

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Wick _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
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Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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

PURPOSE:

To recommend that authority be granted to the San Juan Office to mail an anonymous letter to selected members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) denouncing its cooperation with [REDACTED] the President of the Liga Socialista Puertorriqueno (LSP), which is a militant Marxist independence group.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED], a key figure and Security Index subject of the San Juan Office, was formerly an officer of the NPPR who was expelled in 1943 by Pedro Albizu Campos because of his communist activities. In recent months, [REDACTED] has been a featured speaker at NPPR ceremonies and a merger of the LSP and NPPR is currently being considered.

The proposed letter emphasizes that the NPPR is dishonoring the memory of Albizu Campos by cooperating with [REDACTED] a communist who he personally dismissed from the party. In this regard it is noted that Albizu Campos although a militant independentist was a strong Catholic and adamant in barring communists from the NPPR.

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The attached letter is being sent to San Juan approving the mailing of the suggested anonymous letter.

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1 - 100-335202 (Juan Antonio Corretjer)

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TWK:bjr (7) [REDACTED]