

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 11/2/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-22989) (RVC)

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

Re SJ airtel 10/26/67 and NY let dated 10/30/67.

Although JUAN MARI BRAS was listed as one of the individuals to speak at the National Mobilization Committee To End The War in Vietnam demonstration at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., on 10/21/67, no source either local or from another field office reported him as doing so. A representative of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, (MPIPR), did speak, but [redacted] on 10/30/67 advised that this individual was ~~LUIS GONZALEZ~~, Director, MPIPR, New York Mission.

Special Agents of the WFO who covered the speeches at the Lincoln Memorial were displayed photographs of JUAN MARI BRAS, and were not able to identify him as being observed on 10/21/67.

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- 1 - New York (100-3002) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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Date: 11/8/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
IS- PRNRe San Juan airtel to Bureau dated 10/10/67;
Bureau airtel to San Juan dated 11/3/67.

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

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

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Special Agent in Charge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

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

DATE: 11/13/67

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR
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(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL SECTION)
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Re San Juan report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 10/25/67, captioned "PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PCP); IS - C."

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

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

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little as a year
been anathema in any MPIPR publication or public statement.
In view of the proximity in time, it is felt that this
possible new MPIPR direction may have been suggested to, or
forced upon, MPIPR Secretary General JUAN MARI BRAS during
his attendance at the Latin American Solidarity Organization
(LASO) Conference in Havana, Cuba, 7/31 - 8/8/67.

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

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

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

"MPI Members,

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

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

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

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

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

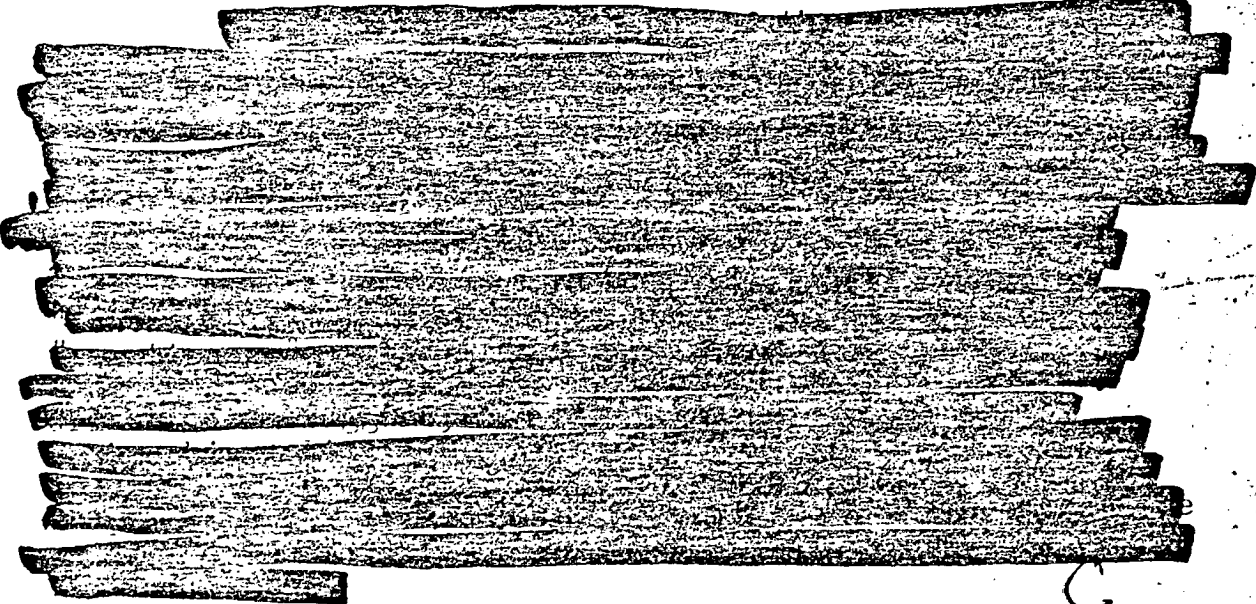
" I have done my duty by alerting fellow members to the Communist infiltration. I regret only that I must remain anonymous as I have grown old in the struggle and do not wish to be a figure of controversy. All of us, young and old, must protest the emergence of the Communist vermin. If we succeed, the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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 16, 1967

FROM :

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SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

JUNE

Purpose is to advise of information received indicating that Radio Havana had telephonic interview with Juan Mari Bras on September 29, 1967. Mari Bras is leader of Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), militant Puerto Rican independence organization. (u)

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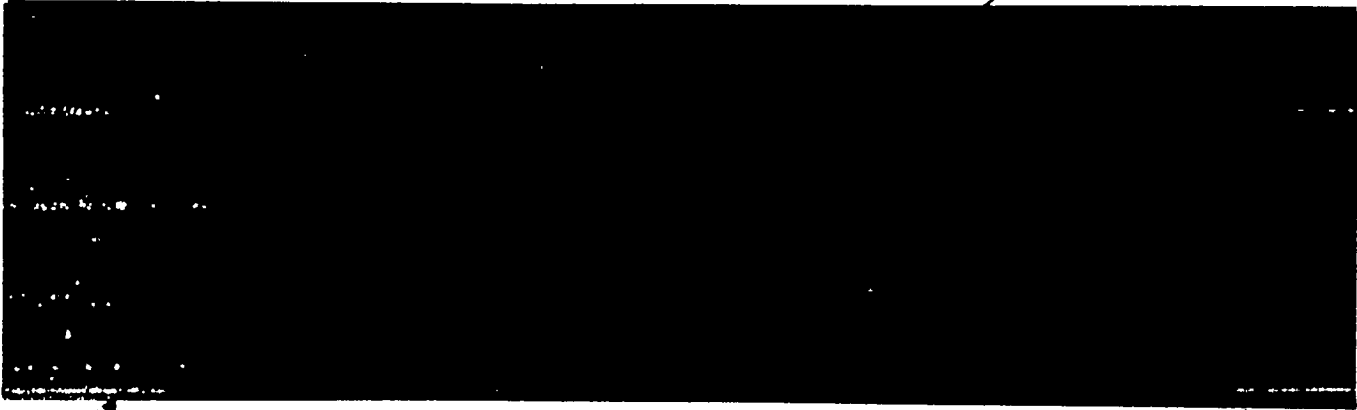
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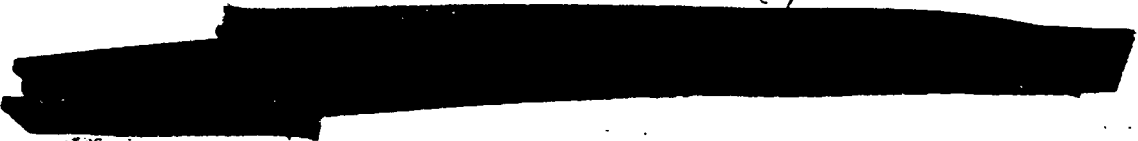
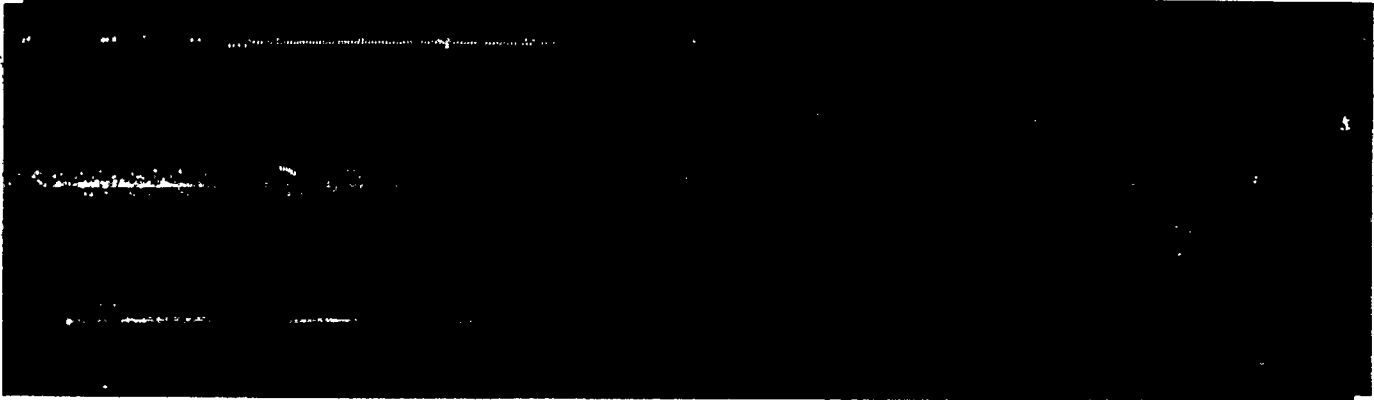


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On 2/19/66, source advised MARI BRAS planned to travel to Mayaguez on Caribair Flight #40, leaving San Juan at 7:15 a.m., 2/21/66 and would return to San Juan on Caribair Flight #150 the same afternoon. (u)



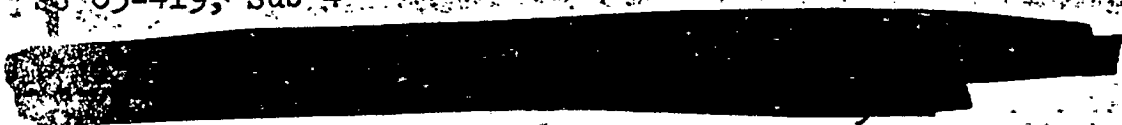
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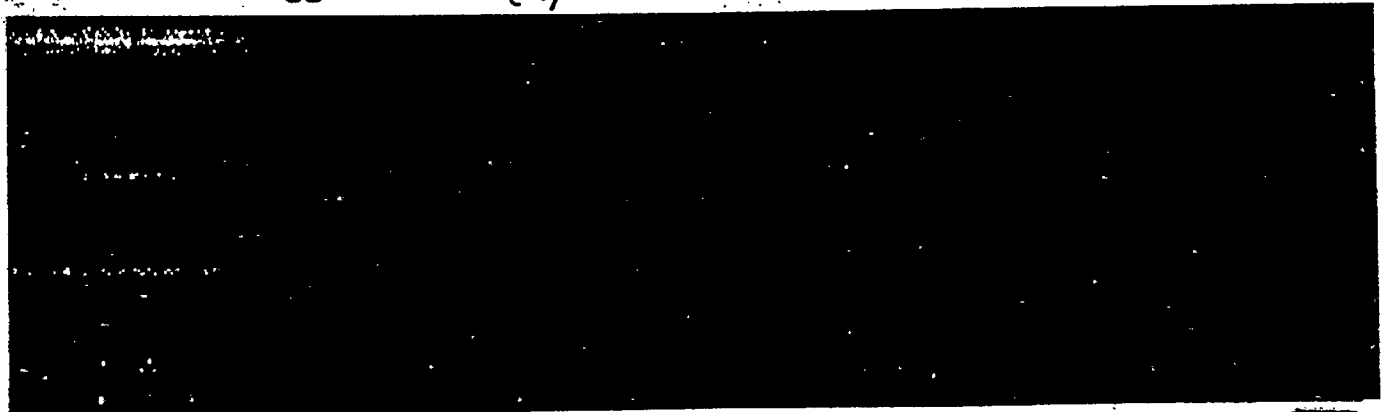
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In a recent interview on WTSJ-TV, San Juan, JUAN MARI BRAS stated, in answer to a specific question as to whether or not he advocated the use of force and violence to gain independence for Puerto Rico, that whether or not violence was used, was up to the United States, but that he was sure independence would come one way or another. (u)

The most recent manifestation of MPIPR militancy and vociferousness is evidenced in the 6/16/66 edition of the Spanish language newspaper, "El Imparcial," which carries banner headlines in its front page, "MPIPR on War Footing." The article related thereto states that MARI BRAS made a press release on 6/15/66 to the effect that at an emergency meeting of the MPIPR Central Directive on 6/14/66, the movement had been placed in a "permanent" state of mobilization so its members can "defend" the Cuban athletes presently attending the Tenth Caribbean Games in San Juan. (u)

The article states MARI BRAS declared, "There will be a revolution if the athletes are attacked." and "We categorically instruct all members of the MPIPR to go to the defense of the Cuban athletes if they insist on provoking them. We will respond to the provocation and we will respond to the aggression." (u)



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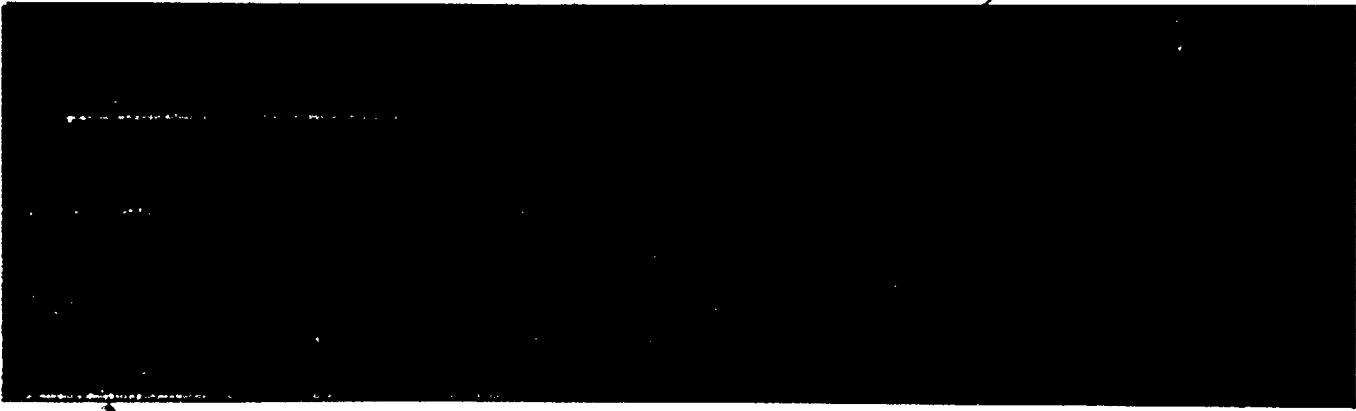
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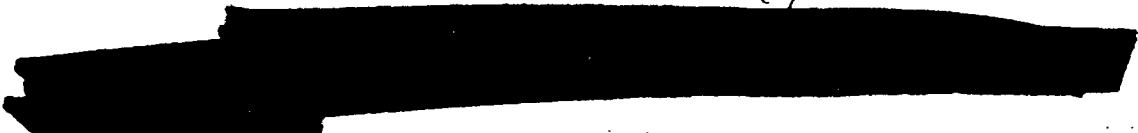



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DATE: November 21, 1967

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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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RE: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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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 MPIPR members in Puerto Rico and New York City.

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

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

ReSJlet 11/13/67. ✓

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

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

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

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The Attorney General

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
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November 24, 1967

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

This data is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)

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- 1 - [REDACTED] b7D
- 1 - 105-76176 [REDACTED] b7C

NOTE: See cover memorandum dated November 22, 1967, G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned "Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico, Internal Security - Puerto Rican Nationalist" prepared by JJD:ebb.

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this information might jeopardize this informant and be prejudicial to national defense interests. Memorandum transmitted as enclosure is classified "Secret" for same reason.

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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
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

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

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

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

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~~ALVELO COMMITTEE~~

~~FOR DEFENSE OF THE PUERTO RICAN YOUTH~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

the indecisive leadership of Mari Bras.

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

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