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MIAMI, FLORIDA

DATE: March 9, 1955

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Rebulet to Miami dated 10/15/54 and WFO let to Bureau dated 2/14/55.

Parts I and II of the HCUA publication entitled "Investigation of Communist Activities in the State of Florida" have been reviewed and pertinent information relating to Communist activities of individuals residing within the Miami Division has been disseminated to their files and will be reported in their yearly reports.

This review failed to uncover any new information concerning the greater part of the persons identified as being Communist Party members in the Miami Division.

Fifteen witnesses appeared before the HCUA of which seven were "friendly witnesses" and eight were "unfriendly witnesses". The seven "friendly witnesses" identified some 131 individuals as Communists of whom some 71 resided in the Miami Division, and some 25 in the Charlotte Division. Five of the "friendly witnesses" have testified previously as government witnesses and all have been interviewed by the FBI. Three of these witnesses were former security informants, two have furnished information concerning Communist Party activities in the Miami area and the remaining two were recently interviewed by agents of the Miami Division at which time they agreed to cooperate fully with the government.

Six of the eight "unfriendly witnesses" are Security Index subjects in the Miami Division and the other two are Communist Index subjects.

During the HCUA Hearings, no disclosures were made of any Communist activities in Florida later than 1949. The investigation failed to uncover any Communist Party activities during the past five years in Florida.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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- 2 - Los Angeles (1-ENCL) (RM)
- 1 - 1009217 (LEAH ADLER)
- 1 - 100-4640 (JULIO SANCHEZ ALONZO)

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1 - 100-10406 (HOMER BATES CHASE)
1 - 100-1172 (PAUL CROUCH)
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1 - 100- (LEOPOLDO DE LAMAS)
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1 - 100-6975 (FRANK JEHN)
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1 - 100-5321 (ROSE KIRKPATRICK)
1 - 100-10656 (JOHN LACKNER)
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1 - 100-10694 (MYRON MARKS)
1 - 100- (MIKE MC GRAIL)
1 - 100-10525 (GEORGE NELSON)
1 - 100-9273 (OSA L. NICKERSON)
1 - 100-7314 (JAMES NIMMO)
1 - 100-10667 (ESTHER NORRIS)
1 - 100-10505 (LOUIS ORNITZ)
1 - 100-1012 (JACK OSMAN)
1 - 100-11174 (LOUIS J. POPPS)
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1 - 100-3099 (WILLIAM ZUCKERMAN)

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NAME	BUFILE #	MM FILE #	CITY IN FLA. THEN LOCATED
CARBONELL, JOE	100-287068	100-9487	Miami
CARCOUTHERS, SAM	100-207551	100-10546	Miami
CASUELA, JULIO	--	--	Tampa
CHAPU, JESUS	--	100-7159	Tampa
CHASE, HOMER BATES	100-349078	100-10406	Jacksonville
CROUCH, PAUL	61-6547	100-1172	Miami
CRUZ, MIRTA	--	100-10819	Tampa
DAVIS, CHARLES	100-17460	100-10369	Miami
de LAMAS, LEOPOLDO	--	--	Tampa
DIEZ, FRANK	100-39865	100-7170	Tampa
EARLY, TOM	--	--	Miami
FELDMAN, LEAH	100-207878	100-7258	Miami
FELDMAN, PHILLIP	100-30240	100-3377	Miami
FERNANDEZ, FRANK	100-302630	100-9469	Tampa
GARCIA, OPHELIA	100-192974	100-7166	Tampa
GRAFF, BOBBY	100-339698	100-10774	Miami
GRAFF, EMANUEL	--	100-11018	Miami
GREENBERG, CELIA	100-360961	100-7590	Miami Beach
HERNANDEZ, FELICIDAD	100-201584	100-7163	Tampa
HERNANDEZ, JOE	--	--	Tampa
JEHN, FRANK	100-197953	100-6975	Miami
KANTOR, TESS	100-356119	100-8533	Miami Beach
KIRKPATRICK, ROSE	100-52763	100-5321	Miami
LACKNER, JOHN	100-354908	100-10656	Miami
LIEBOLD, IRVING	100-335386	100-10640	Miami
LINDIAN, KATHLEEN	100-387007	100-12036	Tampa
LINDIAN, SAQUINA	100-12400	100-942	Tampa
LIPPERT, DAVE	100-210568	100-10795	Miami
MARKS, MYRON	100-357136	100-10694	Miami
MC GRAIL, MIKE	--	--	Miami
NELSON, GEORGE	100-50434	100-10525	Tampa
NICKERSON, OSA L.	--	100-9273	Miami
NIMMO, JAMES	100-192991	100-7314	Miami
NORRIS, ESTHER	100-378437	100-10667	Miami
ORNITZ, LOUIS	100-103641	100-10505	Tampa
OSMAN, JACK	100-19021	100-1012	Miami
POPPS, LOUIS J.	--	100-11174	Miami
PRENSKY, DAVID	100-88237	100-8245	Miami
ROBINSON, FOSTER	100-381531	134-19	Tampa
RODRIGUEZ, ALFREDO	100-336889	100-10204	Tampa

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RODRIGUEZ, LUCAS	100-192973	100-7168	Tampa
RODRIGUEZ, MARIANO	100-180859	100-6461	Tampa
RODRIGUEZ, VIOLETA	100-180859	100-6461	Tampa
ROSENKRANTZ, JOSEPH	--	100-11412	Miami
SANCHEZ, GERADO	--	100-7213	Tampa
SAPPHIRE, ISADOR	100-100759	100-946	Miami
SCHEFFSKY, PHILIP	100-376966	100-10752	Miami
SEGAL, SARA	100-13275	100-7316	Miami
SEGAL, TED	100-13275	100-7316	Miami
SHANTZEK, MIKE	100-52611	100-10559	Miami
SHEINER, LEO	100-355223	100-10563	Miami
SHLAFROCK, MAX	100-20715	100-1024	Miami
SMOLIKOFF, BERTHE	100-12632	100-8111	Miami
SMOLIKOFF, CHARLES	100-12632	100-938	Miami
SOLOMAN, JOE	--	100-10671	Miami
SPETIA, MARIO	--	--	Tampa
SPICEY, DAVID	--	100-10782	Miami
STRAUSS, MAX	100-44195	100-10575	Miami
SUG (WILLIAM SUGGS)	--	100-11411	Miami
TAMARGO, JOSE, JR.	3-41	134-94	Tampa
TRAINOR, ALEX	100-15974	61-62	Jacksonville
TRENCHER, GEORGE	100-369117	100-10626	Miami
TRENCHER, RUTH	--	100-10167	Miami
VIDAL, RAUL	100-258677	100-9224	Miami
WALLER, EDWIN E.	100-354953	100-10561	Miami
ZUCKERMAN, WILLIAM	100-364956	100-3099	Miami

No recommendations are being made at this time for additional investigation on any Miami subject or for permission to interview any of these persons.

There were six individuals mentioned as being Communist Party members in the testimony before the HCUA who resided in the Miami Division during the period the witnesses knew them that have not been subjects of any Bureau investigation. The Miami Division has opened a case file on each of these individuals and the Bureau will be advised of the results of the investigations. The following names are those individuals who were not previous subjects of any Bureau investigation.