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137-1594

MM T-4 is ALFRED
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2/15/60

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MM T-5 is DAVE WILLIAMS,
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tion, were:

MARIANO FAGET DIAZ, PSI, former Director of the Bureau⁴
for the Repression of Communist Activities, from 11/57 to 12/31/
58, contacted by SA JAMES D. HAYES, 5/12/60. *(M)*

MAXIMILIANO PEREZ, 1569 S. W. 1st Street, Miami, Cuban
Catholic priest, residing in Miami in exile, contacted by
SA JAMES D. HAYES, 4/21/60.

GILBERT BARRERAS, PSI, airline purser and private
investigator of Cuban descent, acquainted with anti-CASTRO
elements in the Miami area, contacted by SA JAMES D. HAYES,
5/9/60. *(M)*

RICHARD B. JAFFE, former PSI, acquainted with many anti-
CASTRO individuals in the Miami area, contacted by SA LEMAN L.
STAFFORD, JR., 5/3/60.

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MARIO MARTINEZ, PSI, acquainted with certain phases of anti-CASTRO activities in the Miami area, contacted by SA STAFFORD on 5/12/60. (S)(M)

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Report of: JAMES D. HAYES
Date: June 18, 1960

Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA

Field Office #: Miami 97-213

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Title: NORMAN ROTHMAN

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Synopsis:

NORMAN ROTHMAN was born 12/26/14, Bronx County, New York, New York. MM T-1 advised 1/12/60, that ROTHMAN received money from Mrs. MARTA BATISTA, wife of FULGENCIO BATISTA, former President of Cuba. MM T-1 also stated that ROTHMAN desired to change site of anti-CASTRO operations from Miami area, due to intensification program of U. S. authorities in S. Fla. area. [On 1/17/60, MM T-2 advised ROTHMAN reportedly paid \$10,000.00 each for several B-25⁺ or B-26 airplanes, which were located in the Miami area. On 2/9/60, MM T-3 advised ROTHMAN reportedly had stored firearms with ABE DANCHES, owner of a plastic plant, Hialeah, Fla. 1959 Suburban City Directory, Miami, lists ABE DANCHES, Secretary-Treasurer, Everglades Plastic Corp., 1055 E. 35th St., Hialeah. On 2/15/60, MM T-4 advised ROTHMAN was attempting to exchange 1,000,000 Cuban pesos into American dollars, for use in case ROTHMAN decided to leave U. S. On 2/15/60, JOHN R. EKBERG, 570 Lee Drive, Miami Springs, Fla., advised Cuban Revolutionary Police interested in ROTHMAN's activities concerning raids against Cuba, and indicated ROTHMAN and his "group" were paying \$10,000.00 to pilots making such flights over Cuba. On 3/7/60, records of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, DC, reflected ROTHMAN had been refused a passport because of "Cuban revolutionary activity; under indictment and bond for transporting firearms". On

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DETAILS:

On February 8, 1960, I.C. WALTER P. QUIGLEY, reviewed the birth records of Bronx County, New York, which reflected under record No. 15680/14, that NORMAN ROTHMAN, male, white, was born December 26, 1914. His father's name was listed as LEON ROTHMAN, age 30, born in Rumania, and his mother's name was listed as BETTY TANNENBAUM, age 26, born in Rumania. ROTHMAN's address was listed as 1155 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, New York, and the record reflected that NORMAN ROTHMAN was the second child of LEON and BETTY ROTHMAN.

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On January 12, 1960, MM T-1, an individual who has claimed to be familiar with certain phases of arms activities and their relationship to Cuba and the Dominican Republic, advised that Mrs. MARTA BATISTA, the wife of FULGENCIO BATISTA, former President of Cuba, was engaged in bringing BATISTA money to the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. BATISTA reportedly is alleged to have distributed this money to her brother, ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, and NORMAN ROTHMAN, described as Manager of the Biltmore Terrace Hotel.

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MM T-1 said that due to the intensification program of the U. S. Border Patrol, particularly in the Miami area, anti-CASTRO activities in South Florida had been greatly slowed down, and both ROTHMAN and FERNANDEZ MIRANDA were in favor of a change of site for anti-CASTRO operations, not further described.

On January 17, 1960, MM T-2, an individual acquainted with certain phases of Cuban counterrevolutionary activities, advised that NORMAN ROTHMAN of the Biltmore (K)(u)

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