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I. IRVING DAVIDSON

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

The informant mentioned in the enclosed LHM is WF 970-S* (S)

Due to lack of background information BOB McGRATH mentioned in the enclosed LHM is not identifiable in WFO indices.

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(JFK) [EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA
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On February 21, 1963, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned the following concerning a contact between Frank Barry, registered agent for the Government of Nicaragua and Oscar Danilo Sanson-Roman, Counselor, Embassy of Nicaragua: (S)

Barry indicated that he had recently returned to Washington, D. C., and referred to a recent article by newspaper columnist Drew Pearson in which Barry was mentioned. Although he did not identify the individual by name, Sanson-Roman said that he is certain of the identity of the source of Pearson's information because the individual he believes to be Pearson's source shares an office with Jack Anderson, Pearson's partner. (S)

Barry noted that Pearson said he got the information he published from a "foreign agents report". Sanson-Roman did not believe this, and both agreed that such information is not contained in "foreign agents reports". (S)

It is noted that I. Irving Davidson, registered agent for Nicaragua, shares an office with Jack Anderson.

In reference to the source of Pearson's information Barry continued that he got his start in everything from "old General Somoza". He said this person was starving to death, and that everything he has he owes either to the Somozas or to Barry. Sanson-Roman commented that "old General Somoza" even gave the individual being discussed the down payment for his home. (S)

The informant could not explain or elaborate on the following, but noted that Barry commented, "remember, he

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put in that three hundred and some thousand dollars that he got, well I never put in the donation because I have nothing to do with the donation, they gave it themselves."

[Sanson-Roman commented that he had visited the Protocol Office at the United States Department of State (USDS) the morning the Pearson article appeared. At the USDS, there was comment to the effect that Latin American countries could conceivably give \$1,000,000 to the Democratic Party (DP). Those making the comment reasoned by citing the example that if the Latin American countries now see that the Somozas gave \$10,000 to the DP, it follows that other countries will try to better Nicaragua's donation. Barry felt that such a situation is good and Sanson-Roman commented that the Deputy Chief of Protocol, USDS, told him that he does not consider it a bad situation because the Nicaraguan Government does not have to reply to Pearson's article, inasmuch as President Kennedy was unaware that the Somozas gave \$10,000 to his campaign. Sanson-Roman continued, however, that the Deputy Chief of Protocol pointed out that in spite of the actual circumstances the article will cause people to believe that the Somozas' donation had influenced the United States aid to Nicaragua.]

[Sanson-Roman conjectured that in spite of an attempt on the part of Pearson's source to hurt Barry, it has all turned out for the best.]

[Both Barry and Sanson-Roman agreed that Nicaragua would have been in a very bad situation if it had given the donation to Richard Nixon, the Republican candidate for the Presidency. Barry indicated that he is going to insist that Nicaragua take the Nicaraguan Agency away from the individual under discussion and described him as crazy for money with a desire to be a second Jimmy Hoffa. Hoffa is President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers.]

In regard to the above, it is noted that on February 13, 1963, "The Washington Post Times Herald" carried an article by Drew Pearson which reported that United States Senate probers had unearthed two political contributions from Luis and Anastasio Somoza, President and Secretary of Defense of Nicaragua respectively. One contribution was described as a \$10,000 donation to the 1960 presidential campaign of President Kennedy. Pearson's article pointed out that

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