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While it is entirely possible that the Bureau has already furnished material to San Antonio concerning the following, it is desired to suggest that the subject be interviewed along the lines set forth below in the event this has not already been done. (u)

Subject arrived in Madrid from Cuba by air on 7-16-60 and remained in Madrid until 7-20-60, when he departed for Brussels, Belgium, by air. At that time he was traveling on Cuban diplomatic passport 59/927 issued on 12-28-59. According to information received from Cuban sources, subject while in Madrid held lengthy conversations with Colonel RAMON BARQUIN LOPEZ, who was residing in Madrid at that time and who headed a Cuban Arms Purchasing Commission in Europe. (u)

As the Bureau is aware, Colonel BARQUIN, who had spent time in jail during the BATISTA regime for plotting against the latter and who was released by CASTRO on 1-1-59, allegedly defected from the CASTRO government in about August 1960 and thereafter proceeded from Madrid to Miami, where he is believed to be residing at the present time. It is felt that it would be worthwhile to thoroughly interview the subject regarding BARQUIN and the nature of the subject's conversations with him in Madrid, it being noted that Cuban sources of the Madrid Office have been critical of the delay of BARQUIN in defecting from the CASTRO government and have expressed the opinion that his defection occurred only after he had been fired by CASTRO. (u)

In Madrid subject also had conversations with one OSCAR ORAMAS, a Cuban mulatto who has been definitely identified as a Cuban G-2 intelligence agent who operated out of the Cuban Embassy in Paris. ORAMAS is thought to be in Cuba at the present time. It is suggested that subject be questioned concerning his

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knowledge of [ORAMAS] and of any other Cuban intelligence agents [CS] operating in Spain and other parts of Europe. (S)

Paris letter of 1-11-61 in instant case transmitted to the Bureau a summary memorandum in the French language of the organization known as the Directorio Revolucionario Iberico de Liberacion (DRIL, Iberian Revolutionary Directorate for Liberation). This summary memorandum was received by the Paris Office from JULIEN VERNIMMEN of the Belgian Security Service. It is in the process of being translated at the Bureau at the present time, and the Bureau has furnished the Madrid and Paris Offices with portions of the translation. It is noted that this translation sets forth considerable information on the subject and on individuals identified with the activities of the DRIL, most of the information having been obtained as a result of the arrest of subject and several other persons in August 1960 in Belgium. It is suggested that if it has not already been done, a copy of the available translation to date of the summary memorandum be furnished to the San Antonio Office for use in connection with its interviews of the subject. (S)

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It is noted that among other persons, the memorandum mentions one JOSE VELO, described as a resident of Venezuela, a good contact man of the DRIL, and the chairman. This person is believed to be identical with JOSE VELO MOSQUERA, one of the leaders of the group which assaulted the SS "Santa Maria" on 1-22-61. Full information on VELO MOSQUERA was set forth in the attachment to Madrid letter to the Bureau dated 3-1-61 and captioned "ANTI-SALAZAR ACTIVITIES, IS - PORTUGAL". He is 46 years of age and fled Spain some years ago because of his political activities. He was supposedly the "political chief" of the assailants of the "Santa Maria". Despite subject's previous denial of any knowledge of the "Santa Maria" plot, it is believed that he should be reinterviewed concerning JOSE VELO MOSQUERA and his knowledge of the activities of the DRIL. (S)

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Also mentioned in the translation of the summary memorandum is one SANTIAGO MARTINEZ DONOSO, born 1-7-40 in Madrid and a Cuban national. This person was definitely implicated by the Spanish Police in the placing of several bombs in Madrid in February 1960. He was successful in escaping back into France, and according to the summary memorandum had (S)

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(apparently been in contact with other DRIL representatives in [S] Belgium. It is believed that the name of SANTIAGO MARTINEZ DONOSO was an assumed one.) It is suggested that subject be interviewed for any information he may have concerning the true identity of this person. (X)

Apart from the above specific points, it is suggested that subject be thoroughly questioned regarding his knowledge of any and all activities being planned against the present governments of Spain and Portugal. It is noted that there are some indications that there will be a build up in such activities and any background information the subject can furnish would be of considerable value.

Two extra copies of this letter are attached for forwarding by the Bureau to the San Antonio Office.

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