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2) Will contact selected sources and informants for information regarding the subject.

#### - ADMINISTRATIVE -

Special Agent ELMER C. MULLEN was the Agent who conducted spot checks of the subject's residence and place of employment on numerous occasions during the period covered by instant report.

It is noted the subject was recommended for occupancy of the apartment at 7926 East Drive, Apartment 4, Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Florida, by RICHARD BERGSTRESSER, Miami attorney who occupies Apartment 2 at above address and is also engaged as subject's attorney. It is noted that RICHARD BERGSTRESSER is the subject of Miami file 97-390, a Registration Act case. BERGSTRESSER is a partner in the firm Taylor and Bergstresser located at Suite 803, Biscayne Building, Miami, Florida. It is also noted that BERGSTRESSER and TAYLOR have in the past represented Cubans in litigations in the Miami area and have also represented the Cuban government.

Referenced Bureau letter dated June 7, 1961, indicates that the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) had advised that a Miami attorney named BENTON, who had recently returned from a business trip to Canada, had reported that the subject was in close contact with "CHE" GUEVARA. BENTON was to be located, identified, and interviewed for details regarding subject's connection with "CHE" GUEVARA.

Investigation by the Miami Office has indicated that SAM BENTON is a business partner with the subject in the G & B Sales, Inc., and is shown as the President of this corporation, with the subject as Treasurer. Inasmuch as BENTON and TEJADA are officers of the same business firm, BENTON has not yet been interviewed, pending development of additional background information concerning him, as a direct interview with the subject will probably be more desirable and productive if the subject is to be interviewed.

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Indices of the Miami Office are negative regarding subject and YALE GOLDBERG. Indices reflect one reference to SAM BENTON, which information was furnished by PSI HEROINA G. MELO to Special Agent MAURICE F. FARABEE on October 31, 1960. It was reflected that PSI was approached on October 31, 1960, by an individual who identified himself as SAM BENTON, who had previously been observed by PSI in the office of JUAN ORTA in September, 1960, in Cuba. PSI advised that BENTON contacted PRIMITIVO CONDIS, a former Cuban Consulate employee in Miami, on October 28, 1960, regarding the extension or renewal of a passport for a Cuban friend. PSI described BENTON as follows:

Height Weight Age Hair

Eyes Complexion 6'
185 to 190
40 to 45
Light brown, balding in back
Light blue

Light blue Light

1960. PSI has not observed BENTON since October 31,

Miami has been unable to locate BENTON as of August 24, 1961.

It is noted that the enclosure to Legat, Ottawa, letter to Bureau indicates a newspaper clipping from the "Gazette" of Montreal, Canada, dated June 17, 1961, captioned, "No Bail on Cuban Charge," states that ROBERT B. SLAVEN, a 45 year old Toronto, Canada, exporter, was held without bail on a \$158,000.00 fraud conspiracy charge preferred by a Cuban import firm which also accuses one of its employees of being a co-conspirator. The co-conspirator was identified as "JUAN TEJUDA," age 30, formerly of Havana and now of "parts unknown." There was no indication in the newspaper article as to whether TEJADA, described as a co-conspirator, was wanted.

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Field Office File #:

JUAN DE DIOS-TEJADA Y VILLAGELIEU

Character

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Synopsis:

Subject maintains residence at 7926 East Drive, Apt. 4, Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Fla., and 140 S. W. 30th Court, Apt. 148, Miami, Fla. Subject is Treasurer of G & B Sales, Inc., 563 West 28th St., Hialeah, Fls. Subject has personal checking account at Curtiss National Bank, Miami Springs, Fla., and also has commercial account for G & B Sales with instant bank. Subject interviewed by INS, Miami, and assigned INS Alien Registration Number A-11885881.

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### DETAILS:

On July 17, 1931, ONIS WOOD, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Investigator, Miami, Florida, made available INS file A-11885881 on JUAN DE DIOS-TEJADA Y VILLAGELIEU, also known as Jack Tejada. This file revealed the following information:

TEJADA currently resides at 7926 East Drive, Apartment 4, Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Florida, and has resided there since June, 1961. He is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Nationality
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Scars and Marks
Marital Status

White
Male
September 10, 1929
Havana, Cuba
Cuban
5' 9"
165
Brown
Black
Dark
Scar on left wrist
Divorced

TEJADA indicated that from 1945 to 1947 he had resided at Baxter, Tennessee, and from 1947 to 1948 he had attended the University of Miami at Miami, Florida. In 1948 he was employed by the Sinclair Oil Company of Cuba for approximately 28 days and by the International Harvester Company of Cuba for approximately seven months. In 1949 TEJADA was employed by the Cuban Telephone Company as an office clerk until 1951. During the latter part of 1951 he was employed by the Nickel Processing Company for

approximately six months until 1952 as a power plant superintendent. In 1954 he was employed as an account executive for Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane. Subsequently, he was employed by Revion of Cuba as a sales manager for two years and by Remington, Rand as a sales manager until 1959. TEJADA then became employed by the Cuban government in 1960.

The INS file revealed further that TEJADA was divorced from his wife, MARTA LIDO VAMAZA, in 1961 and that the two children from this marriage currently reside with his divorced wife in Cuba. The file reflected that TEJADA was last admitted to the United States on June 10, 1961, at New York on a B-1 visa which was valid until July 8, 1961. TEJADA held Cuban Passport Number 24814 issued to JUAN DE DIOS-TEJADA Y VILLAGELIEU at Havana, Cuba, on October 2, 1953. He was also issued a non-immigrant visa by the American Embassy at Havana, Cuba, on July 31, 1959, in the name of JUAN DE DIOS-TEJADA, which was valid for unlimited applications for admission in the United States before July 30, 1961.

The INS file also reflected that subject can be reached through the office of his attorneys, Taylor & Bergstresser, 803 Biscayne Building, Miami, Florida, phone FRanklin 1-7601. TEJADA advised that he does not intend to return to Cuba under present conditions and that he has money set aside in a local bank in Miami to take care of him, which money was deposited June 12, 1961. TEJADA advised he has attended Baxter Seminary at Baxter, Tennessee, and has also attended the University of Miami, where he pursued business administration courses. He has made about 25 trips to the United States from Cuba.

In 1950 TEJADA was employed by the Cubac government as general manager for the Department of Mines and Oll

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under the Ministry of Agriculture. He was then head of the Machinery Section of the Bank of Foreign Trade. As general manager of the mines, he was concerned with administrative work, enforcing mining laws, collecting taxes and exporting ores. TEJADA advised he had exported ores to the United States, Russia, Czechoslovakia, England, and Japan and that these ores consisted of iron ores, manganese, chrome, and copper.

According to the file, TEJADA also furnished INS a sworm statement dated June 14, 1961, before INS Investigator OTIS E. WOOD. This statement is a matter of record in TEJADA's INS file.

On August 4, 1961, an Agent of the FBI spot checked the residence of the subject at 7926 East Drive, Apartment 4, Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Florida, and observed that the subject was in contact with the Curtiss National Bank of Miami Springs, Florida.

On August 11, 1961, THOMAS A. ZARCONE, Owner-Manager of the apartments at 7926 Fast Drive, Harbor Island, Miami Beach, Florida, advised that he had rented Apartment 4 to two instviduals on June 10, 1961, at the rate of \$375.00 per month. These individuals have paid the rent on Apartment 4 until September 10, 1961. As of August 11, 1961, ZARCONE advised he was uncertain as to whether JUAN TEJADA or JACKAVILIA were currently occupying instant apartment, although the rent was paid. ZARCONE feigned total ignorance of the activities of TEJADA and VILLA and indicated he did not know one from the other. ZARCONE did state that RICHARD BERGSTRESSER, Attorney, occupied Apartment 2 at 7926 East Drive and had recommended TEJADA as a tenant for Apartment 4. Harbor IS/4nd

On August 14, 1961, INS Investigator OTTS R. WOOD advised that the subject had furnished a letter indicating he currently resides at 140 S. W. 30th Court, Apartment 148, phone Highland 6-9750, and is associated with G & B Sales, Inc., 563 West 28th Street, Hialeah, Florida, phone TU 7-6420. On this occasion, TEJADA offered his cooperation to INS.

On August 17, 1961, an Agent of the FBI observed the location and office space of G & B Sales, Inc., at 563 West 28th Street, Hialeah, Florida. An Agent of the FBI also observed a 1961 black Chevrolet convertible bearing 1961 Florida license 1W-162602.

A check of the records of the Dade County Auto Tag Agency revealed that 1961 Florida license 1W-162602 is registered to JUAN DE DIOS-TEJADA, 7926 East Drive, Harbor Island, Hismi Beach, Florida.

On August 23, 1961, an Agent of the FST observed TRJADA at G & B Sales, Inc., 563 West 28th Street, Hislesh, Florids.