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TO : Mr. M. C. Miskovsky

DATE: 27 Dec 67

FROM : L. Guinot Jr.

SUBJECT: Indictments for crimes involving conspiracy in the cities of Milwaukee, New Haven, Detroit, Cincinnati, and Newark.

Pursuant to your instructions, I have contacted the District Attorneys State Prosecutors etc. for the jurisdictions mentioned above and have inquired of them whether or not they have arraigned, indicted, or in any way docketed any criminal action against any individual for crimes involving conspiracy, as a result of the recent riots.

All the gentlemen contacted were unanimous in their beliefs that if there was any conspiracy within their cities, they had not been able to find one scintilla of evidence that would so indicate, and as a result, no indictments have been returned against any individuals.

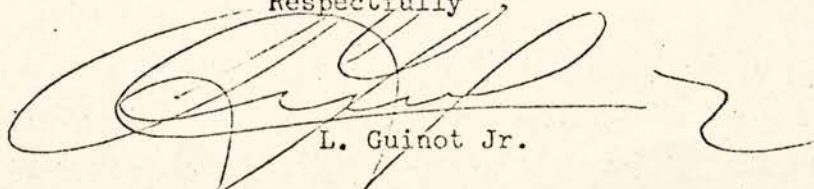
The State Attorney for New Haven, a Mr. Tiernan, informed me that while he has not indicted anyone as of this date, there have been several recent arrests made (over the Xmas weekend) which may result in actions of this type being brought. He would not amplify his last statement in spite of my repeated inquiries into the matter. It is respectfully suggested this area be further explored.

Mr. Byrne, County Prosecutor, Newark, informed me he had not indicted any person for crimes of conspiracy of any kind. He did state however, that there are at present certain "things" which may lead to a finding of conspiracy. Whether or not these "things" are specific enough to make up a case, he does not dare say at this time. Again it is suggested this be explored further.

Mr. Cors, City Prosecutor, Cincinnati, stated that some "trouble makers" had gone to the press and demanded that an investigation be made by the State Prosecutors Office to determine whether or not there had been any conspiracy before and during the riots. He stated that the investigation had not revealed any evidence to that effect. It would be a good idea to procure a copy of the report of this investigation.

Listed below are the names and telephone numbers of persons contacted for possible future use.

Respectfully



L. Guinot Jr.



City	Person	Title	Telephone #
Newark	Mr. Byrne	County Prosecutor	Area Code 201 - MA41515
Detroit	Mr. Garber	Prosecuting Attorney	313 - 2245766
	Mr. Cahalan	Asst. Pros. Atty	313 - 2245000
	Mr. Nolan	" " "	313 - 2245759
Cincinnati	Mr. Cors	City Prosecutor	513 - 4215700
	Mr. Rueger	County Prosecutor	513 - 6328555
Milwaukee	Mr. O'Connell	District Attorney	414 - 2716366
New Haven	Mr. Tiernan	State Attorney	203 - 7721780

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October 25, 1967

Memorandum

To: David Ginsburg  
Executive Director

From: M. C. Miskovsky  
Director of Investigations

Subject: Information on Concerted Action

The following information was received from a source whom I consider reliable. The leads provided are being followed up by checks with FBI, IRS, and our own investigation. H. Rap Brown was reported as being connected with a group which constructed in Detroit an armored vehicle, complete with automatic weapons. The vehicle apparently, after completion, was shipped by truck to Selma, Alabama. IRS, in conjunction with Justice, is planning to put the barn in which the vehicle is reportedly parked under surveillance. From the reports, the vehicle may have been constructed from stolen parts. The group and the connection of Rap Brown has not as yet been identified.

I have asked IRS for information on a woman from the Chicago area, a Lucy Montgomery, a source of funds to H. Rap Brown.

We are looking into a possible pattern in disturbances in high schools in the following cities:

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Los Angeles, California  
Maywood, Illinois

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Bloomington, Illinois  
Muncie, Indiana  
Waukegan, Illinois  
Joliet, Illinois

Some of the disturbances occurred between Negro and white students. There is some evidence of concerted action, including leaflets being distributed.

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David Ginsburg

October 23, 1967

M. C. Miskovsky

Riot Links to Organized Crime

As a result of Stan Hebert's visit to Detroit on Thursday and Friday of last week, we have some information on a link between the Detroit riots and organized crime. While the evidence is flimsy, there is enough to base further investigation.

We have talked to Roger Wilkins, at Justice, about a possible contract with Professor Edward Lurie, of Wayne State, to develop further patterns in the riot which would point to organized crime involvement. Lurie claims to have evidence of organized crime pinpointing for destruction businesses which were not paying protection money. There is also a linkage in the payoff system in prostitution.

I plan to discuss the organized crime involvement in the riots with Warren Christopher tomorrow.

M. C. Miskovsky

Jan. 8, 1968

M. J. Connell

Nature and Extent of Foreign Influences on Black Nationalist Organizations

The public nature of some of the militants' contacts with foreign governments and the espousal of Neo-communist, Third World slogans, theories and doctrines by some witnesses 1/ before the Commission as well as by nationally known militant spokesmen require a response by this office. All of the information in this section, except where noted, has been obtained from highly classified documents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We have not yet had access to information from the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Communist Party USA, which represents Soviet interests, has recently condemned violence in racial matters. 2/ The Soviets and the Cubans have openly disagreed on the "export of revolution", in Latin America, the Cubans contending that Soviet trade in the area harms peasant revolution. It is in this conflict that our problems concerning SNCC and Stokely Carmichael arise.

We have a classified document of one of the military services 3/ which states that as of mid-1967 SNCC was not dominated by any foreign elements and indeed we have an informal FBI opinion to that effect. The reports which the FBI provided on SNCC tend to substantiate such a view. 4/

But in our own reporting, supported by a search of other FBI documents in addition to communist support, we see a development of strong secret Soviet Intelligence interest, with financial support, in SNCC which culminated in the election of Stokely Carmichael as National Chairman. 5/

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By UCL NARA, Date 06-21-2016

In January of 1967, Carmichael went to Puerto Rico as a guest of the Puerto Rican Independent Movement (MPIPR), which has a direct and favorable relationship with the CPUSA. In August of 1967, he was in Havana as a guest of the Cuban Government in company with George Ware and Julius Lester.

While in Havana, Carmichael talked of burning and killing and destruction, and he attacked aspects of Soviet policy. He condemned U.S. policy in Vietnam, applauded the city riots in the U.S. and said this country faced 50 Vietnams. 6/

Human Events, a conservative U.S. publication, stated that Carmichael, Ware and Lester visited a guerilla training camp in Havana, a statement we are attempting to substantiate. Carmichael did speak wildly of the prospect of guerilla warfare in America while in Cuba. 6/

Lester traveled from Cuba back to the United States by way of Moscow and Paris, arriving in New York on the same calendar day that he left Havana. This is the same individual who authored a recent article in the SNCC Newsletter in which he said, "To resist is to make the President afraid to leave the White House because he will be spat upon wherever he goes to tell his lies, because his limousine will find the street filled with tacks and thousands of people who will surge around it smashing the windows and rocking the car until it is turned on its side. Have we forgotten? The man is a murderer. It is us he is killing . . ."

"One does not protest murder.

"One apprehends the murderer and deals with him accordingly. 7/

Carmichael traveled to Hanoi, Syria, a Soviet ally, Algeria, Tanzania, Western Europe and home. In all of his travels to the Far East, Middle East and Africa, he continued the twin themes of his Cuban talks; the necessity of "colored" people (colonial" was another phrase) uniting for "liberation". He also referred constantly to the "Third World" 8/ a phrase for which the Commission does not have a precise definition.

So there is no proof that Carmichael ever was under Communist control, although there is direct evidence of overt and covert support. He would now seem to be outside of domestic

Communist Party USA influence and there is no evidence now available as to what other controls, influences or support might exist, if any.

At an earlier time, when it exercised no control on either, the leader of the Communist Party USA said that SNCC and SDS were the best things the Party had going for it. Control isn't always necessary. Encouragement, excitation or seduction are sometimes enough so that while destruction can be made in motion, goals become common.

While the Che Cuevara mystique was developing and part of the World thought he was dead, a "Third World" activity of sorts grew not only in legend but in fact. Part of it culminated in the Mountains of Bolivia where the capture of a French National with Algerian ties, who worked with the Castro Government in the "export of revolution" led to the disclosure of Che's presence and ultimately to his death. According to the New York Times of 31 December 1967, the Frenchman, Regis De Bray has written a letter which will be published in a U. S. magazine on 15 January, in which he says, "I belong in thought, word and deed to an over all revolutionary movement which is based upon the premise of clandestine struggle."

He did not become a combatant because "Che decided the time was not yet ripe for that, not yet, and that for the moment it was better that I serve by keeping the outside world informed." De Bray, a "Marxist theorist", is a journalist who has had close ties with Castro. He has recently written a book, "Revolution Within the Revolution", about guerilla warfare in Latin America.

There is another element to be considered in the evolution of SNCC. In its May Staff Meeting, one member forecast that the organization would undergo radical change. Carmichael, at this point, was talking of revolution. 9/ Three weeks later, in a closed meeting on the West Coast, he talked quietly and seriously on "How to Organize a Revolution." He said two organizations were needed, a political structure which was legal on paper to conform with the law, then an underground structure of guerillas. 9a/

During the summer and in Carmichael's absence, the Headquarters withered away. We reported the seeming concentration of SNCC national power in New York; that the phone had been shut off

in Atlanta and that the Newsletter had not appeared recently. The FBI corroborated this in detail.

Since Carmichael's return, the Atlanta office has become active again and the Newsletter referred to earlier was printed. An organization in California is lining up a Nation-wide speaking tour for him. He was recently given a five-minute standing ovation when he appeared at a Howard University Meeting. Even under close surveillance, Carmichael could well represent the role which Che instructed De Bray to continue and he could make substantial amounts of money while doing so.

SNCC had admitted a relationship with Arab representatives and has requested recognition by the United Nations so that a representative could appear before the Special Political Commission to discuss U.S. investments in South Africa.

Other matters of more simple fact have come to our attention while looking into foreign involvement. A check drawn on a European bank and deposited in a bank in this country to the account of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) covered the withdrawals on that account for a three-month period. One check drawn in favor of a woman whom we have not identified was endorsed with the name of a person which is identical to the name of one of the members of the Jamaica Rifle Club of New York. The Club has been identified as a Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) affiliate and the member is one of those indicted in New York.

PLP officers having access to this account are responsible for printing and distributing at least forty thousand copies of Black Liberation Now, a well printed booklet which was widely distributed, at least in Newark. The bookley calls for a new Negro leadership and organization for "SOCIALISM". 10/

Through our own efforts, we discovered that Rebellion News is being printed and distributed in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Records at the National Headquarters of the FBI showed that it was discontinued after two issues by early 1966. At least two issues have been printed recently. Their writing is highly inflammatory. Each issue includes a call for all Negroes to arm themselves with rifles, listing places where they can be purchased. 11/

This paper was originally associated with the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), a Trotskyite, Communist Party. There is a suggestion now of PLP involvement.

There is a report that a RAM member traveled to Africa to receive money. There has not been time to confirm details of this alleged transaction.

None of the matters mentioned in this memorandum, with the possible exception of the last item, can be considered other than fact or at least of attributed statement. The peculiar nature of the threat of violence which we face renders our traditional concepts of subversion useless in these deliberations. While we might use the phrase "foreign involvement" rather than "foreign subversion", we are talking about "conspiracy" and subversion".

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M. C. Miskovsky

Dec. 6, 1967

S. A. Romero

Interview with Cuban Refugee

Mr. Orlando Cruz, Chairman of the Spanish Speaking Committee of Virginia, 3704 S. Arlington Boulevard, Telephone 524-8183, came to this office where he was interviewed for a long period of time. The information relates to funds that have been allocated by the Government for Cuban refugees and other Latin American people residing in the Washington area, which he reports are not reaching them. He feels that influential people that are employed with OEO and UPO are the ones responsible for withholding these funds.

In this respect, he named one Gary Weisman who he believes to be the head man of some type of Communist organization and operating out of Washington, and the one responsible for blocking those funds. He has been told that if he does not cooperate with Gary Weisman, chances are that his people will not receive the funds or any other type of assistance which they are entitled to.

Cruz stated that Gary Weisman is a member of the Communist Party, very pro-Castro, and that in his office he use to have a picture of J. Edgar Hoover with all types of vulgar remarks written across it and a picture of Che Guevara very nicely framed. That Weisman had told him that he has been to Cuba several times, in 1959, 1963 and in 1965. He also stated that Weisman may be the person who collects monies from student groups from several Universities and responsible for transferring same to Cuba.

In the course of the conversation, he mentioned several names whom he described as being closely associated with Gary Weisman. Those people were Rodolfo (Rudy) Ramos, Attorney, Suite 952, Shorham Building, 701 15th Street, N. W.; Juan Rodriguez, a Cuban by birth, and described as a former Captain in the U.S. Army who was discharged for refusing to serve in Vietnam and who still remains as a Reserve Officer attending USAR meetings

at Fort Myers. He mentioned one Bertha Usquiano, UPO employee, who lives at 3132 16th Street, N. W., Apt. #204, Telephone 667-6662, whom he believes to be a courier between Gary Weisman and Fidel Castro. This woman, according to Cruz, always seems to have plenty of money, has made several trips to the Virgin Islands, to Peru and to Ireland on vacation. That it has been reported to him that this woman has a fairly large account and expensive jewelry at the Park Road Branch of Riggs Bank, 14th and Park Road, N.W. That Gary Weisman was responsible for getting her the job she now holds with UPO which pays \$4770 per year.

Regarding Rudy Ramos, Cruz reported that Ramos has met on several occasions with Reies Tijerina here in Washington and that during the President's Conference on Mexican American Affairs which was held in El Paso, Texas, October 26, 1967, it had been reported to him that Ramos and Tijerina had met behind closed doors and shortly thereafter, some of Tijerina's followers had made an attempt to disrupt the proceedings.

He also made mention that Ramos, the Rev. Wendt and Gary Weisman have been working on plans to carry out protest marches or meetings in front of the White House which will involve Latin Americans and Negroes sometime in the near future. That the involvement of Latin Americans, they hope, will serve to establish a trend whereby Spanish Speaking people, especially Mexican Americans, will follow. That the idea behind it is to involve the Mexican Americans in civil disturbances in cities with heavy concentrations of Mexican Americans and other Latin American elements.

Cruz also mentioned that the father of Gary Weisman, (name unknown) who lives in Newark, New Jersey had had something to do with the Newark riots of last summer. He did not say how he was involved.

He reported that Gary Weisman has been instrumental in placing some of his people with OEO and UPO, and that he has some kind of influence over one Leveo Sanchez, Director, OEO, Mid-Atlantic Region, and one Hal Witt, Director, UPO, whose offices are here in Washington.

That sometime in April 1967, Gary Weisman had introduced him to Al and Margaret McSurely, former employees of UPO here in Washington, who later had gone to work for the Southern

Conference Educational Fund in the South. (NOTE: See attached newspaper photo.)

Cruz mentioned that sometime ago, he had purchased a revolver from Juan Rodriguez and at the time, Rodriguez had told him that he had other guns that he wanted to sell and he had two submachine guns in his possession that were not registered.

That some of Weisman's people serve in different community groups established either by OEO or UPO and that one such person is a Ruth Carmichael, sister of Stokely Carmichael, who works in the UPO's Arlington office. That the people working with Ruth Carmichael are producing propaganda materials at their place of employment.

Another person that he mentioned is one Javier Paso, who is the son of one Felipe Paso, one of the Directors of the World Bank, a Cuban who served under Castro in Cuba in a civilian capacity. He said that he knows Javier Paso very well, that he knew him in Cuba when he belonged to Castro's Rebel Army, that Paso is a Communist who travels quite extensively in South America, and whom he believes to be connected with Gary Weisman in some way.

As for himself, Cruz told the interviewer that he had served as a Captain in Castro's Rebel Army and that in 1963, he had been involved with some other officers who had made an attempt to stage a coup d'etat against the Castro regime. For his involvement, he had been sentenced to die before a firing squad, but that later the sentence had been commuted by Castro and that shortly thereafter, he had fled to the U.S., arriving in Florida aboard a boat named "San Francisco."

Sometime ago, he said, Gary Weisman had offered him \$10,000 if he would work with him as a courier and for helping him reorganize the Spanish Speaking element here in the Washington area. That Gary Weisman had then introduced him to the McSurelys, telling him that the McSurelys would show him how to go about it.

NOTE: During the first meeting with Orlando Cruz, he told the interviewer that he had papers and documents to back up his charges. Cruz failed to produce them. (Papers attached to report.) It appears that Cruz actually does not have

anything as he first claimed. However, it is my recommendation that we should check some of the people that he mentioned with other agencies, if only to satisfy ourselves. An FBI report on the following people should be requested:

Rodolfo (Rudy) Ramos, Attorney, Washington, D. C.

Gary Weisman (Address Unknown)

Juan Rodriguez, 1828 Lamont Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Hal Witt, Director, United Planning Organization  
Washington, D. C.

Bertha Usquiano, 3132 16th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Date of Birth: February 2, 1934, Lima, Peru  
Social Security Number [REDACTED]

b) (6)

Javier Paso (Address Unknown) Father, Felipe Paso,  
works for World Bank

Bernardo A. Lloyd, Panamanian national,

Date of Birth: June 2, 1928

Social Security Number [REDACTED]  
1810 Ingleside Terrace, Washington, D. C.

b) (6)

Manuel Gonzalez, Telephone No. 832-3144  
Supposedly entered the United States as a  
Catholic Priest. Works for UPO as a civilian.

S. A. Romero  
Investigator

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December 5, 1967

Memorandum

To: M. C. Miskovsky

From: John K. Scales

Subject: Interview with Orlando Cruz Hernandez

I participated in the very early portion of the above interview, but because of other assignments of higher priority, was not able to see the thing through as requested.

Romero advised that he would give me a copy of his report of the interview and that after I reviewed it, there would be no difficulty in asking the above to come back to answer any further questions.

I recommend that a complete statement be put in affidavit form at that time, Romero attesting to the translation.

I have in mind the suggested connections between this matter and the Newark disorder.

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December 1, 1967

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TO: Miskovsky  
Hebert

FR: Romero

SUBJ: Meeting with Cuban Refugees

On this date, I had a meeting with two Cuban refugees, Orlando Cruz, 3704 S. Arlington, Virginia, telephone #524-8183 and Dr. Luis H. Vidana, a Cuban lawyer, who gave only his telephone number, 548-7475, in a cafeteria at 17th & Pennsylvania, NW.

Orlando Cruz, identified himself as being Chairman of the Pan American Committee of Virginia, a former officer in Castro's rebel army and a baker by profession. The only information I was able to obtain on Vidana was his phone number and the fact that he is a Lawyer by profession and presently employed by the Office of United Planning Office, UPO.

Following are some of the things that Cruz and Vidana mentioned and also the fact that they were in possession of letters, documents, etc, that would prove what they mentioned: In a brief case, they had several papers and they showed me a letter addressed a Cuban refugee group ordering them to create a disturbance in front of the Pan American Union, during the time, that the Ministers Conference was being held there by the Organization of American States, OAS. The letter was from one individual named Witt, who, according to them was the Executive Director of UPO to the leader of the group named Juan Rodriguez. Rodriguez supposedly was kicked out of the U.S. Army for refusing to go to Viet Nam, and a Captain in the US Army Reserve now. Rodriguez was described as being a Mexican American.

Subject Cruz opened his coat and showed me a revolver he had strapped to his waist and as he mentioned, as protection against the communists whom he fears. He said, that sooner or later he would probably be killed anyway because the Communists never forget nor forgive.

What was said follows:

1. That Communists in the Washington area, under the leadership of one Gary Wesman and Juan Rodriguez are trying very hard to organize the Latin American element, including the Cuban refugees. The tactic that they are using is by terror, and by placing all kinds of obstacles of an economic nature before them. That Communist party members now employed by certain agencies of the government especially OEO and UPO deny them the funds allocated to them if they do not play ball and do what they are told. He said, that he has proof of this and will show it to me later on.
2. That the kingpin Communist is Gary Wesman, Jewish, and who has direct connections with Cuba. In fact, has papers showing how and when he has travelled to Cuba. That Wesman is serving as Treasurer for the Communist party in this area and the one that channels the necessary funds to known Communists in other cities and which are specifically used to foment civil disorders
3. That Wesman is in contact with Reies Tijerina through a local Attorney named Rudolfo (Rudy) Ramos. Ramos has an office at the Shoreham Bldg, 701 15th, NW.

4. That he attended the President's Conference on Mexican American Affairs, in El Paso, Texas, October 26-28, 1967, at the request of the Office of Equal Opportunity. And that while there Tijerina and Ramos had had a closed meeting and that shortly after, Tijerina's followers had created a disturbance and had attempted to boycott the conference. That he has documents that would indicate a close connection between Gary Wesman and Tijerina.
5. That Gary Wesman, Reverend Went and Ramos are now planning a disturbance that will take place here in Washington sometime in the near future
6. That he has proof linking The Reverend Martin Luther King with Gary Wesman and about funds that are channeled to King from a Washington office belonging to Wesman, and information regarding funds being funnelled to other individuals in other cities.
7. Will be able to give me the name of a Puerto Rican Communist that flew to New York to address Puerto Ricans in the New York area and what was under discussion.
8. Information that Wesman and others that he will identify later having participated at the Chicago conference (The New Left), where Cruz claims Wesman told people there that President Johnson should be killed.
9. Information regarding two U.S. Senators that had approached him with an offer of an all expense paid trip to attend the Chicago conference for the purpose of encouraging Latin Americans to create civil disturbances and gain support for them. He said, that he is willing to identify the Senators giving dates, meeting, etc.
10. Said that he had been offered \$10,000.00 by someone under Wesman in an attempt to get him to help them organize the Latin American elements in the Metropolitan area of Washington. Beside the money, he was promised that Wesman would intercede with Castro to forgive him. (Cruz stated that at one time he had been condemned to the firing squad by Castro and that when his sentence was commuted, he had fled at the first opportunity. and that he had arrived in Florida in a small boat)
11. That he will furnish names of Cubans who are Communist and now living here in the United States, giving information how, when and where they came into the country.
12. Furnish names of Americans, who are communist party members now employed by the OEO and UPO in several cities.

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~Vicena~~ Will do anything to unmask this conspiracy so the Government will know what is going on, They said.

He was told that if he wanted to give me the information he talked about to get all his papers, documents, etc and bring them to me. He said, he would do it and to name the time and place. I told him I would call him on Sunday night.

Romero

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : M. C. Miskovsky

DATE: Nov. 1, 1967

FROM : Sarah Carey

SUBJECT: Role of Cuba in Fostering Urban Unrest

1. Miami

Cubans constitute 13.6% of Miami-Dade County population (non-whites - 12.0%, white - 72.1%).

The basic composition of the community (age, education, etc.) can be found in "The Cuban Immigration and Its Impact on Miami-Dade County, Florida" a study done by the University of Miami's Center for International Studies for the Welfare Administration, HEW. Additional information can be obtained from Mr. John F. Thomas, Director of Cuban Refugee Affairs, HEW.

In general the community has been described as anti-Castro, more interested in counterrevolution than in forwarding Communist interests. This is particularly true of the Negroes included in the immigration group. (2% of the group are Negro; 3.5% part Negro) It is generally thought that race relations under Castro have deteriorated and that Castro is reluctant to have Negroes leave Cuba because of the discomfort that their criticism of his supposedly prejudice-free socialist state might cause.

In addition to the anti-Castro orientation of the entire community, it is unlikely that the community could be mobilized in support of communist or disruptive forces because of the extremely divisive character of the group. Over 2,000 political organizations exist at any one time, with a high attrition right among all. One or two groups may be in the ascendancy for a brief period--however, they are generally replaced within a short time. Besides the politically oriented groups, there are large numbers of professional and social organizations--equally separatist in nature.



The only reported demonstrations or incidents in the recent past have not been affiliated with racial or other demands-- but have primarily emphasized the need for containment of Castroism. Six months ago a general strike was held (objectives unclear to me). Minor disturbances have occurred within the community. And in addition 2,500 - 3,000 Cubans marched on Washington to petition the OAS to take sanctions against Cuba (several months ago).

2. Castro is making efforts to exploit the potential for chaos existing in present US racial situation--but efforts not directed as much to Miami (or other refugee centers) as to young Negro militants, SDS, etc.

a. Cuban UN Mission in New York - has a mailing list throughout the United States--including the officers of CORE, SNCC, etc. Aimed more at the colleges, intelligensia, etc. than at "proletariat".

b. Another outfit in NYC "Casa de las Americas" is also said to be a propaganda distribution center.

c. A Mr. Brower in St. Petersburg, Florida, is the "publications distribution agent" for the Cuban government. Conducts large mailing operation from St. Petersburg.

d. It is rumored that Castro has been looking for stooges similar to Robert Williams (now in Peking) and criticizing Castro regime--for, among other things, racist policies). One of the candidates allegedly was George Washington Ware of SNCC who accompanied Stokely Carmichael to Havana last summer. Ware is said to have returned after seeing how Negroes are treated in Havana.

### 3. Negro Population in Miami

Some potential for rioting does apparently exist among the American-Cuban Negro population of Miami. This group originally felt that the Cubans arriving in the city would deprive them of job opportunities. Although available labor statistics do not show any decline in Negro employment since the influx of Cubans, this "myth" remains and is a cause of some hostility on the part of the Negro population towards the Cubans. Last summer there was some concern that rioting might erupt because of this situation.

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The above information was obtained from George Clift at the State Department (182-8676). Other people at State: R. G. Wright ARA:CCA, Keith Smith, INR.

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