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Report Made By: Shelby L. Overstreet

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Reference: NYN-1442, 27 March 1957

Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

Subject: Views of Rafael GARCIA Barcena on Cuban Political Situation.Comments: OVERSTREET was interested in meeting Rafael GARCIA Barcena because of the report that Subject was instrumental in influencing the political thinking of Ramon BARQUIN, former Cuban Military Attaché in Washington, now serving a six-year term in prison for conspiracy to overthrow the Cuban Government. The introduction was made by HOOVER, a law student at the University who had known Subject when he was a professor. OVERSTREET and Subject have become friends because of their mutual friendship for BARQUIN.

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To: OF PIRAT	No. of Pages: Five
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Source: [Signature]	Para 1 - AMBROS Para 2 - AMBROS
Source Classification:	References: EMB-1212

Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

Subject: Revolutionary Activities

Comments:

1. A copy of the letter summarized in Paragraph 1 is on file at this Station.
2. The information contained in Paragraph 2 was obtained by AMBROS from Juan FURTAS Iero and Roberto LEON Lema.

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Subject: Revolutionary Activities

Report No: ERE-1216

Date of Information: 12-13 February 1956

Place Acquired: Habana

Date Acquired: 14 February 1956

Evaluation:

Date of Report: 14 February 1956

Source: Para. 1 - Cuban Government Official (S)

Para. 2 - Cuban with good contacts in opposition circles (S)
from revolutionary plotters (S)

Appraisal of Contents: Para. 1 - Doc.

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1. There follows a summary of a confidential letter sent on 12 February 1956 by the Chief of the Department of Direction of the Cuban National Police to the Chief of the Department of Investigation concerning revolutionary

plans by Communists and oppositionists to create disturbances on 13 February, the anniversary of the death of student Rubén BATISTA, and on the Cuban national holiday, 24 February 1956:

"The leader appears to be Fidel CASTRO, who from abroad is directing over 50,000 youths throughout the island. Other leaders are: FERNANDEZ of the Federación Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU; University Students' Federation).

"Asper CHAPLE Trujillo, FEU leader, national director of the Juventud Socialista (JS, Communist Youth group), who has just been elected president by the School of Philosophy and Letters.

"Gustavo MARIN of the Movimiento de la Nación, who is closely connected with the Communists of the University.

"Enzo JORRES.

"Max LASHICH of the Juventud Ortodoxa Insurreccional.

"Dr. RAFAEL CORONA, long-time Marxist but pseudo Orthodox director of insurreccional line.

"As a prelude to the commemoration of the fall of student BATISTA, they will again mobilize national opinion, this time in a united front of struggle with the sugar, port, and transportation workers, whom they say they have on their side.

"Communist and oppositionist youths are spreading defeatist rumors to the effect that the year 1956 will be tragic in national history, the political situation is very dangerous, a feeling of insecurity reigns. The Communist and oppositionist student brigades of the so-called Popular Front of Ordo ESCOLA Insólán and others are painting

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No. of Enclosures: None

Report Made By: *John H. [unclear]*Approved By: Sherwood P. Roebon *SPR*

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2 Files

Orally to: None

Source CITIZENSHIP: AMERICAN

References:

Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

AMERICAN furnished the information in the attached report at our request. Although a considerable amount of it is background, it does tend to answer some of the questions raised in HXN-W-1334 and is therefore being forwarded.

AMERICAN claims that he obtained the information in the report from direct conversations with Carlos PRIO Socarrás and his secretary Dr. Luis Octavio FERNANDEZ; Rolando MANFRADE; Jose PABLO Lladá; Enrique FILL de Pared, Chief of Publicity for the Presidential Palace; and Carlos MARQUEZ Sterling.

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 DISPATCH NO. 1712-278

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TO : Chief, WFO
 FROM : Acting Chief of Station, Lima, Peru
 SUBJECT: GENERAL
 SPECIFIC: Douglas Hedden ALLEN

DATE: 21 January 1954

Action required by Headquarters: For information and such action as is deemed necessary.

1. Douglas Hedden ALLEN is President of the Astoria Exporting & Manufacturing Company, Inc. of Iquitos, Peru, and a director of the Cerro de Pasco Corporation. He is personally acquainted with Ambassador Harold W. TITTMANN.

2. On 18 September 1953, Subject called at this Station to see Einar T. HEDMAN, who was out of Lima at that time. He talked with Jane C. BURDEAT and at her suggestion that he talk with the Chief of the Political Section stated that he wanted to talk only with HEDMAN, that he had confidential information on Rafael PAVLITCH Trujillo, Prefect of Junta (and brother of former Communist functionary Esteban PAVLITCH Trujillo) and some Communist literature which had come into his possession. Subject returned to the United States on 2 October 1953 without trying to contact HEDMAN again.

3. Former agent DUPTONAR, who has made a nuisance of himself by calling sporadically at this Station, told HEDMAN on 1 October 1953 that he was planning to apply for an immigration visa to the United States and that Subject had tried to contact HEDMAN on DUPTONAR's behalf in connection with the anticipated application. DUPTONAR further claimed that Subject has a close friend who is a senior official of COMINT from whom he had gotten DUPTONAR's name, and that Subject had shown DUPTONAR a picture of a Peruvian Communist which DUPTONAR remembered having submitted to this Station five or six years ago. It seems quite likely that DUPTONAR gave Subject HEDMAN's name.

4. In connection with another matter (LIMA-0340), HEDMAN contacted the subject of LIMA-949, who, in the course of conversation, told of having received a letter (encl. 1.) through

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the New York office from Subject. This letter forwarded a report (believed to be encl. 2.) to Augusto NICOLENI. Subject of WPA-949 also told of having cocktails on several occasions in New York City several months ago with Subject and Ambassador TITMUS. During one of these get-togethers Subject stated that a report (believed to be encl. 2) had been made available to KUBARK.

5. On 18 January 1954 BUTTERMAN volunteered a copy of enclosure 2 with the explanation that NICOLENI had sent it to him especially for KUBARK but that NICOLENI wanted it back. When questioned as to the source of the document BUTTERMAN said that he did not know the identity of the source but that it had come from an English aviator. The document provided by BUTTERMAN has not been shown to Subject of WPA-929.

6. WPA-35 and references, and WPA-6240 suggest that Augusto RUIZ LOPEZ, Minister of Government and Police; Mariano TUJ Aljoven, a confidential investigator on President CERDA's staff; Ernesto NICOLENI, a prominent and wealthy Peruvian businessman; BUTTERMAN, employee of Ernesto NICOLENI; and Luis GUERRERO Nicolini, nephew and employee of Ernesto NICOLENI, are associated in some sort of intelligence work, which is separate from the intelligence activities of Alejandro SPARZA Jhanartu, Director of Government and Municipalities, who is immediately inferior to RUIZ LOPEZ in the Ministry of Government. On the basis of the foregoing data and references, it appears that Subject is involved with intelligence operatives of the Peruvian Government on one hand, and is in contact with KUBARK and other U.S. Government officials on the other hand.

7. It is noted that enclosures 1 and 2 both have the initials "MO", presumably the initials of Subject's secretary.

Winthrop T. Hegman
Winthrop T. Hegman

Enclosures:

1. Ltr dtd 25 Nov 53, in trip
2. Rpt copied 18 Nov 53, in trip

21 January 1954

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Date February 20, 1952

- c. The third stage, which seems to be going on now, is the ever increasing number of rapprochements between the Ortodoxo and FAV labor leaders and the communists. This is the result of a and b (above), and is perhaps hastened by the strong undercurrent of dissatisfaction with the FAV regime combined with their desire to vote this regime out of power in the forthcoming elections.
3. As an example of the success of this campaign, source supplies the following. In the Sindicato Provincial de Obreros de la Cera de la Habana, elections for a new executive committee were held January 17, 1952. The anti-communist syndicate led by Ramon LUNA won by more than 100 votes receiving 352 votes in all. However, the Ortodoxo candidates within the syndicate, supported by the communists and members of the Bloque Obrero del FAV, obtained 247 votes. In the Sindicato Textilero de San Antonio de las Baños, elections were also held recently. Again, the Ortodoxos, communists, and members of the FAV united against the anti-communist candidates. In this case, the anti-communist candidates won by only 16 votes, the anti-communists obtaining 141 and the opposition obtaining 125 votes.
4. In the Sindicato de Obreros y Empleados de Crucillas, S. A., the leadership is held by the Ortodoxos, Emilio MENEN and Leopoldo. Up until recently, these leaders were in sympathy with the anti-communist CTC. However, they have recently permitted the entry of communists into their syndicate without requiring them to pay by their back dues. These leaders have also become friendly with the communist leader, Angel TORRES, who is a member of the PSP Executive Committee of the Cerro district, and two other communists, one an (fmr) CGO and another who goes by the name "Traga-almorzo".

COMMENT: We have no traces on Angel TORRES. His name does not appear as a delegate to the Habana PSP Municipal Assembly from the Cerro district.

These communists and the two Ortodoxo leaders of the Crucillas Sindicato are often seen together in the Club Casino which is opposite the Crucillas plant. At the present time, there is a good deal of labor unrest in this plant because the owners are attempting to reduce the labor force. Some of the workers are proposing that the syndicate join with the government CTC so that the latter body will take action and prevent them from losing their jobs. In answer to this, the Ortodoxo leaders in the plant are saying that the Crucillas workers will have to solve this problem by themselves as the government CTC is only the "tool of the employers and of FAVO who has sold out to the big industrialists". The workers are tired, demoralized and discouraged and are saying, "And was this the reason the communists were expelled from the CTC? It was a thousand times better under Latorre-RUIZ!" A desire to join any group which might help them in their present plight - including the communists - is now becoming stronger.

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CO DOCUMENT EXTRACT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT OF THIS 201 DOSSIER HAS BEEN EXTRACTED FROM ANOTHER OFFICIAL CO FILE. PERSONS PERFORMING NAME TRACES ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE DOCUMENT FROM WHICH THIS EXTRACT WAS PREPARED CONTAINS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT AND SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM IP/FILES.

LESNICK, MAX
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201-0733547
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AMFREE-1 (classified as good source with retentive memory, was in Cuba from 59-64 (free) and in prison from 64-mid-73, charged with illegally attempting to leave the country - got 9 yrs. He 54 yrs old, Am. cit., turned over to FBI Nov. 73.

COMMENTS OF SURJ 201-0733547 FROM REVIEW OF 3 VOLUMES MUG BOOK AUG 73

Src said LESNICK was an officer with Fidel and as of 2 Aug 73 was in Miami working for magazine Replica - src described Lesnick as "red as a beet". When he returned Miami from Cuba, he contacted by Lesnick who wanted to write an article for magazine - src later got

DATE 10 JAN 74

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anonymous phone call telling him Lesnick dangerous and not to go to interview - he didn't.

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Form G-135a
Agency Name Check
(Rev. 10-1-65)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service

DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20505

Attention: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS

OW: ADDI (INM)
Miami, Florida 33130
FILE NO. A12 542 416
Date OCT 1, 1968

Please furnish any derogatory information that may be contained in your files concerning the following person. **X** FBI Ident. Number **None**

LAST NAME: LESNICK - MENENDEZ, Max Edgardo		FIRST NAME: Max Edgardo		MIDDLE NAME: 		DATE OF BIRTH: September 8, 1930		PRESENT NATIONALITY: CUBA	
OTHER NAMES USED (Include names, names in other languages, names changed legally, or otherwise known, including aliases, etc. Specify which, and date of acquisition): "POLACO" "MAXIM" "CESAR"						PLACE OF BIRTH: San Antonio de las Vueltas, Las Villas, CUBA		MARRIAGE STATUS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		HEIGHT: 		WEIGHT: 		COLOR - EYES: 		COLOR - HAIR: 	
IDENTIFYING MARKS: 									
<p>IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MARRIAGE NAME. GIVE DATES AND PLACES OF ALL MARRIAGES OR DIVORCES.</p> <p>Miriam Alvarez-Digat; dpob March 26, 1932 Havana, Cuba; married December 29, 1955 Havana, Cuba; same address.</p>									
<p>PARENTS - NAME (Last name) (First name) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (if known) ADDRESS</p> <p>Father: Lesnick, Samuel; 7-23-03 Polonia; res. Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.</p> <p>Mother: Menendez, Maria Teresa; 2-23-10 Las Villas, Cuba; res. Miami, Florida</p>									
<p>ORGANIZATIONS (List all organizations, clubs, etc. Include dates when first and last known, and address of organization.)</p> <p>Cuba, 1948-55; Orthodox Party; director, Juventud Ortodoxa, 1951, 1947-60; Segundo Frente de la Sierra del Escambray, Nat. Secy 1959-60, 1959-60.</p>									
<p>RESIDENCE LAST (S) (F) YEARS (Show & No. Sts., Apt. No. and County)</p> <p>2122 SW 22nd Terrace, Miami, Florida</p> <p>1236 SW 22nd Ave., Miami, Florida</p> <p>960 SW 10th Court, Miami, Fla.</p> <p>16th Ave., 2-31 Sts. Miami, Fla.</p> <p>1332 NW 2nd Street, Miami, Fla.</p> <p>Benos 205, Vedado, Havana, Cuba</p>									
<p>EMPLOYMENT LAST (S) (F) YEARS (Show & No. Sts., Apt. No. and County)</p> <p>Unemployed, Miami, Florida</p> <p>Self employed, WMIE Radio Station, News Commentator, Miami</p> <p>Cadena Oriental de Radio, and Radio Periodico El Nacional,</p> <p>Diario Nacional, Havana, Cuba</p>									
<p>LAST ADMISSION TO U.S. (Show year and month)</p> <p>91-26-61 KEY; 212(d)(5)</p>									
<p>FROM BIRTH AND DEPARTURES (Show year and month on if departure, for years when previously in U.S.)</p> <p>FROM TO</p> <p>Dec 1967 Present</p> <p>Dec 1961 Feb 1967</p> <p>Sep 1961 Dec 1961</p> <p>July 1961 Sep 1961</p> <p>Jun 1961 July 1961</p> <p>Feb 1965 Present</p> <p>Feb 1959 Sep 1960</p>									
<p>U.S. PASSPORT NO. (if known)</p> <p>SOCIAL SECURITY # 261-72-9903</p>									
<p>REASON FOR REQUEST</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DEPORTATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD TO U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> RE-ENTRY TO U.S.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> AGE OF STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSERS TO U.S.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> APPLICANT FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY FOR RELIEF OF (Report 105-11510 MIA 10-5-66; 8-24-61; 9-21-61 MIA 105-3492; 105-64869; 105-2124; 64869 San Antonio 3-30-61.)</p>									
<p>RETURN TO</p> <p>U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service</p> <p>119 D St., N.E.</p> <p>Washington, D. C. 20505</p> <p>Assessment Conditional Investigation</p>									

FOR AGENCY REPLY

SAI to CSOI-3/764,464 dated 27 March 1961
subject: LESNICK Menendez, Max.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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FORM APPROVED
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

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APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT LAST FIVE YEARS (IF NONE, SO STATE); LIST PRESENT EMPLOYMENT FIRST

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1. FULL INITIAL INFO RE MAX LESNIK ROLE IN SURFACING OF CLEAR
 DELEGATION TO UN PRESS RELEASE RE TEXT 12 OCT CUBAN GOVT NOTE TO
 U.S. GOVT. PRIMARY SOURCE IS AMPLINK 1. SOME CONFIRMATORY DATA
 FROM AMOI.

2. MORNING 19 OCT MAX LESNIK MEMENDEZ 201-209258 WAS IN OFFICES
 SEGUNDO FRENTE NACIONAL DE ESCAMBRAY (SFNE) WHEN MAIL RECEIVED.
 INCLUDED WAS PLAIN PAPER ENVELOPE SENT AIRMAIL, NO ADDRESS SENDERS,
 ADDRESSED ONLY TO STREET ADDRESS, WITH SNFE NAME NOT APPEARING.
 LESNIK IMMEDIATELY OPENED ENVELOPE WHICH CONTAINED COPIES OLD CASTRO AND
 GILW. **ARA** SPEECHES PLUS TYPED COPY OF TYPE D "PRESS RELEASE" ON FORM
 GRADED COPA MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THREE-PAGE SPANISH LANGUAGE
 TEXT.

3. LESNIK BEGAN TRY DETERMINE IF OTHER EXILE GROUPS OR AMERICAN
 PRESS ELEMENTS HAD RECEIVED COPIES RELEASE. CHECKS WITH USIA, AP, TIME
 WERE NEGATIVE. PASSED LESNIK QUERY JORGE VOLSKY OF USIA (WHO NOW HAS
 CHANGED HIS STRINGER ALLEGIANCE FROM NEW YORK TIMES TO NEW YORK HERALD

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INISUREX PHONED MIAMI COORDINATOR CUBAN AFFAIRS WHO REPLIED HAD NO
KNOWLEDGE MATTER. VOLSKY THEN PHONED BARNARD COLLIER NYHT LATIN
AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT WHO CHECKED BY PHONE WITH CUBAN UN DELEGATION.
PERSON WHO ANSWERED PHONE, APPARENTLY A SECRETARY, CONFIRMED EXISTENCE
OF PRESS RELEASE BUT WAS VAGUE RE POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION. LESNIN
READ FROM RELEASE AND COMMENTED ON CONTENTS DURING HIS RADIO PROGRAM
NIGHT 19 OCT. COLLIER BROKE STORY IN NYHT MORNING 20 OCT.

4. CUBAN EXILE CIRCLES SPECULATE THAT PERSON WITHIN OR HAVING
CONTACT WITH CUBAN UN MISSION STOLE COPY OF RELEASE AND SENT IT
ANONYMOUSLY TO SFNE. NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS OR ANY OTHER THEORY

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CFN 6732 MAX LESNIN UN 12 U.E. AMELINA I AMOT 19 201 209258

SEGUNDO FRENTE NACIONAL DE ESCAMPAZ SFNE SNYE NOT APPEARING DIEGO
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TIMES NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE MIAMI NO KNOWLEDGE VOLSKY BARNARD
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