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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: 10/10/63

FROM : Mr. S. J. Papich

SUBJECT: **MANUEL PINEIRO**
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We previously have been informed that the subject is a high-ranking official in the Cuban G-2 organization in Havana. On 10/8/63, Mrs. Anita Potocki, a CIA analyst who has been working on **intercepted Cuban communications intelligence traffic**, advised the Liaison Agent that her Agency has come to the tentative conclusion that **Pineiro** is identical with **Petronio**, who has been mentioned in messages made available to the Bureau and CIA. We have noted that messages sent to the unidentified Cuban Agent in Panama referred to as **"Roberto"** have been signed by **"Petronio"**.

Mrs. Potocki gave the following explanation which led to CIA's deduction.

Messages emanating from Havana indicated that one of the recipients was probably located in a small town in Colombia near the Venezuelan Border. CIA developed a suspect and instituted coverage. Recently, this individual transmitted a letter to Havana which communication was intercepted by CIA. The person had apparently violated instructions by including some sensitive data in the communication. Havana then transmitted a radio message investigating the Cuban Agent in Colombia. An examination of the radio message and the intercepted communication sent by the Agent has led CIA to believe that **"Petronio"** is identical with **Pineiro**.

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