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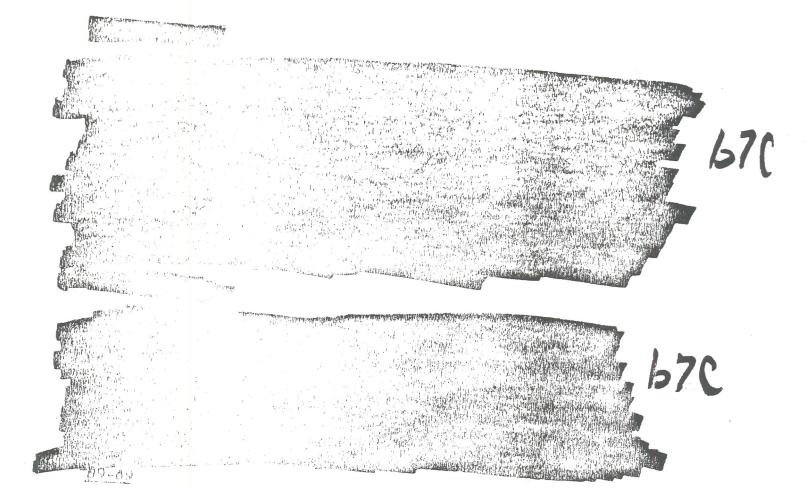
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FROM

SA ROBERT J. REIBEL

SUBJECT: SFROID ARGACHA SMITH

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Serial 198 and 299 ident

On 11/25763, SAN MIKE NEWWAN, owner of the office husleing at 344 Camp St., WOLA was interviewed by SAS ERNEST E. WALL and LANKENCE F. FOLSE. He adv approximately eight or nine months before he had rented effice space as Asd Camp St., which he believed was office number ( or 7 to saverel Cubene, names unknown, who were with the Cuben Revolutionary Association. MENNAN MAIN

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had seen these Cubana previously around the effice of OUX FAMISTER, Guy Panister Associates, but he didnot know their names. Mr. NEWMAN believed that one of these individuals was SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, who at that time appeared to be the head of the organization, but was later replaced by LUIS RABEL. He said that ARCACHA SMITH after being ing life insurance in NOIA.

Sertal 237

On ]1/25/63, FRANK BARTES, 1608 Moson Smith St., advised SA WALL that SERUIO ARCABHA SWITH was formerly the delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council in NOLA.

Serial 238

On 11/25/03, OUT BANISTER, Our Banister Associates, 531 Lafayette St., NOIA was contacted by SA WALL and advised that ARCACHA SWITH had talk him at some time in the past, that he, ARCACHA, had office space at 541 Camp St. BANISTER stated that he had seen a young Cuban mole with ARCACHA on he did not recall the man's name.

Serial 680

On 11/25/63, DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE, was interviewed by SAS WALL and SCHEARER. He stated that from appresimately Nevember, 1960 until August, 1981 he was associated with the Cuban Revoulutionary Front in NOLA. stated that he had actively engaged in working for the Cuban Revolutionary Front collecting food, money, medicine and clothing for the organization as well as giving talks before various citizens groups. He stated that at the time he was associated with the Cuban Revolutionary Front. 1 (CRI), the office was located in the Balter Bldg. and that SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH was the head of theis organization in NOLA. FERRIE afoted that he never had known the CRF to meintain offices at 5dd Camp St., nor did he have knowledge of ARCACHA BNITH maintaining an office at that address during the time he was head of the CRF and later after he wan replaced. FRRKIE stated that after disassecisting himself with the CRF he continued to have contect with ARCACHA SMITH of a purely social nature. He indicated that ofter ERCECHE SMITH AND hear replaced as head of the CRF, he (ARCACHA SHITH) had gone into the adverticing business and that he had assisted him in preparing letters in connection with his absertiaing business. FERRIE said that in 1982 ARCACHA SHITH estempted to organize a fund retoing committee, the name of which he did not recall, but he did not believe that the arguntantian over materialized. At that time ARCACHA RWITH were interested in issuing a commwas to be sold to a coin company. He stated that SMITH's plan provided that for a cortain amount denated by an individual the donor would receive one of the commemoration coins from the asia company. FERRIE related that in connection with this plan ARCACHA SMITH obtained a vendor's abandoned.

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On 31/27/63, MANUEL GIL, AMPloyer Of the Information Council of the Americas, Inc., was interviewed by SA EARL L. HASSPLE. He stated that he was not personally aquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but that the Information Council of the Americas had propared a tape of a debate between OSWALD, EDWARD BUTLER, Staff Director of Information Council of the Americas, Inc. and also ther individuals.

and individual who had made nongrous telephone calls to him was ONWALD and at that time had related his suspicious to Mr. NUTLER. All explained that the reason he had felt that the paraon making the calls was OSWALD was simply on the time of the interview sounded similar to the voice of the individual who had made the telephone calls to him previously.

to him had a first name of STEVE, but he could not recall what the last name had been. OIL advised that STEVE had first started making telephone calls to him in approximately November or December, 1961 and continued to make telephone calls until approximately January, 1962. GIL stated he had considered STEVE a "crack pot", but STEVE had called him so many times requesting that he, STEVE, be put in touch with the head of the Cuban Resistance Group", that he, OIL, had finally referred STEVE to SERGIO ARCACHA, who was "head of the enti-Castro Cuban organization" in NOLA. as a means of petting rid of a nuisance.

plan to free Cuba was simply that STEVE wented an erganimation to drap him into Cuba and he, STEVE, would kill CASTRO by means of a rifle with a telescopic sight.

OIL pointed out that since seeing the newspaper publicity concerning OSWALD, which indicated that OSWALD had been in Russia Euring the period on of the telephone onlie from STEFN, he, OIL, had confinged his mind as to the

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who was then in Nouston, had interviewed STEVE and could

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