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To: SACs, Miami
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From: Director, FBI (105-124552)

BERNARDO GONZALEZ DE TORRES ALVAREZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

ReButelephone call to Miami 2/21/67 in which Miami advised that subject has never been an informant, PSI, or source of information. For information both offices, "The Washington Post," on 2/20/67 carried article captioned "Assassination Report Will Grow, Cuban Says." Article in summary states that Bernardo Torres, Cuban exile and military coordinator of Brigade 2506, anti-Castro group, stated he helped Secret Service guard President Kennedy in Miami, Florida, four days before the assassination. Torres, a private detective who has been helping New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in an investigation looking toward reopening the Kennedy assassination case, stated he believes the Warren report will be proved incomplete.

On 2/20/67 Secret Service advised that President Kennedy was in Miami on 11/18/63 and spoke at the Orange Bowl. Since there were rumors prevalent that some Cubans might try to embarrass the President, Secret Service contacted several Cuban groups before the Kennedy visit and asked for their assistance. Brigade 2506 was one of the groups contacted but Secret Service did not talk to Torres. Torres is known to be a member of Brigade 2506, but not known as one of the top leaders. Some Cubans did mingle in the crowd to try to identify trouble makers.

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Bufiles indicate that Torres is identical with the subject, Cuban exile born 3/26/34 and military coordinator of Brigade 2506.

Be certain subject is not used as an informant or in any other capacity.

NOTE: 2/20/67
Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan/set forth information concerning subject. Director noted on memorandum, "be certain we don't use Torres as an informant nor in any capacity."

Section Chief W. A. Branigan telephonically contacted SAC F. A. Frohbose and SA Howard Albaugh, Miami Office, on 2/21/67.