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ReBulet to NY, 11/4/63 and NYlet to Bureau, 6/8/65.

This is to bring to the Bureau's attention a recent news release, which may result in inquiries to the Bureau.

On 2/28/67, a feature article appeared in "El Tiempo", one of NY's daily Spanish newspapers, written by Editor STANLEY ROSS, which alleged that Premier FIDEL CASTRO of Cuba sent eight teams to the US for the purpose of assassinating President JOHN F. KENNEDY. In addition, ROSS was interviewed on several radio and television news programs being broadcast in the NY vicinity, at which time he made statements similar to those appearing in the newspaper article.

In substance, ROSS claimed that the subject informed American authorities three days prior to the President's assassination that CASTRO intended to order President KENNEDY killed, and that this plan was to be carried out by six to eight teams sent to the US by CASTRO. According to ROSS, GONGORA was suspected of being a Cuban agent by the FBI, and that when he was picked up three days prior to the assassination, he freely admitted that he was a member of one of the teams sent to NY to await the opportunity of killing the President. Furthermore, other teams were said to have been sent to other places, like Dallas, where the President was due to make visits.

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GONGORA was flown to Spain by commercial airliner on 11/28/63 for deportation to Cuba. Spain was unable to get Cuba to agree to accept GONGORA, and for that reason he was flown back to NY on 2/21/64, and turned over to INS. GONGORA was then admitted to Creedmoor State Hospital in Queens, NY, where on 5/3/65, Dr. H.A. LA BURT, Director, advised INS by letter that the subject was, "psychotic" and that, "his release is not contemplated at the present time".

On 3/1/67, Mrs. EMILY ENGEL, Ward Attendant, Creedmoor State Hospital, advised SA THOMAS F. BUNDY, JR. that GONGORA was still an inmate there, and that it was not anticipated that he would be released soon. She also stated that their files still showed an FBI stop on GONGORA regarding reNYlet.

The files clerk in the Administrative Section of the hospital advised that by coincidence, there had been another inquiry at the hospital on 3/1/67 regarding GONGORA. She was not certain who the caller had been, but stated that as a result of the call they were mailing the pink stop card placed on GONGORA by the Secret Service back to that agency.

The FBI stop card on GONGORA is current and in light of his present confinement, the NYO contemplates no further action in this matter UACB.

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GONGORA is quoted as having said that CASTRO was convinced that KENNEDY was planning to have him killed as he had done to NGO DINH DIEM of Viet Nam, and that CASTRO decided to kill KENNEDY before he got him.

ROSS related that when the President was assassinated, GONGORA was in the INS jail in Manhattan, and that the North American authorities did not know what to do with their prisoner. They feared that if they announced his detention, the public, in fury and sadness over KENNEDY's death, would kill innocent and defenseless Cuban anti-Castroites in the streets. As a result, the authorities sought permission from Mexico and Canada to deport GONGORA to Cuba via their countries. Both countries refused to do it. Finally, Spain agreed to send the subject back to Cuba, but the CASTRO government was afraid and refused to recognize GONGORA as one of their agents.

ROSS goes on to say that he would not be surprised if GONGORA were still in the US under another name, since GONGORA was so impudent as to suggest to the chiefs of INS that they send him to Key West where he would be able to steal a launch and escape to Cuba. This in brief is the article as written by ROSS.

The file reveals that GONGORA had written several letters to President KENNEDY and ROBERT KENNEDY assailing policy toward CASTRO, and expressing the desire to be deported.

According to the NY "Journal American" dated 12/16/63, "Because there was a foreign alien angle to his letters, the US Secret Service referred the matter to INS". Mr. ESPERDY, District Director of INS, was quoted as saying at that time, "On November 14, (1963), GONGORA was being questioned here in the office and he became so threatening we decided to have him searched. A hunting knife and two sharpened metal instruments that could be used as weapons were found on him. Police were called and GONGORA was arrested."