

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3400) DATE: 3/10/67

FROM : *JJO* SAC, MIAMI (105-1360) (C)

SUBJECT: DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE) (CUBAN STUDENT DIRECTORATE) IS - CUBA (OO: Miami)

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Re New Orleans letter to the Bureau 2/27/67 requesting Miami to determine if CARLOS BRINGUIER is the DRE delegate in New Orleans. New Orleans letter pointed out that BRINGUIER reportedly spends considerable time studying the report of the Warren Commission on the assassination of President KENNEDY, MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION.

On 3/7/67 JUAN MANUEL SALVAT, principal officer of the DRE, which is called the Cuban Student Directorate in English, advised that the DRE has been inactive for approximately the past year inasmuch as it lacked funds to continue operation and also there appeared to be no logical action which the DRE organization could undertake in the exile movement against the CASTRO regime.

Mr. SALVAT, who is the owner of a bookstore called Libreria Universal at 2465 S. W. 8th St., Miami, Fla., stated that during the several years that the DRE had been active subsequent to the CASTRO takeover in Cuba its delegations always acted pursuant to advice from the DRE Headquarters at Miami. DRE delegations at present are inactive but in the case of CARLOS BRINGUIER, who has been the DRE representative at New Orleans, there has been evidence of an independent attitude. Mr. SALVAT explained that ever since BRINGUIER was developed as a witness in the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY, due to BRINGUIER's contacts with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in New Orleans, the whole issue of the assassination has become for BRINGUIER a cause celebre.

SALVAT advised that about 3/1/67 he made a long distance call to BRINGUIER in New Orleans in view of statements made by BRINGUIER to the press relative to the current

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investigation of a conspiracy in the President's assassination which is being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney JIM GARRISON. SALVAT said BRINGUIER was quoted as stating, in effect, that no Cuban exile was involved in the assassination but that perhaps there was some involvement on the part of FIDEL CASTRO. SALVAT stated he admonished BRINGUIER that the entire matter of the assassination was very serious and that he should refrain from making any statements or expressing personal speculations.

Mr. SALVAT stated that BRINGUIER currently operates a store called Carlos Enterprises at 111 Decatur Street, New Orleans, telephone 523-0387. BRINGUIER came to Miami about the beginning of 1/67, the purpose being to make purchases for his store. BRINGUIER orders books in Spanish through SALVAT.

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Mr. SALVAT stated that he was not acquainted with any other member of the DRE at New Orleans although he has heard the name CELSO HERNANDEZ (mentioned in referenced letter as active with BRINGUIER in the DRE at New Orleans). SALVAT stated that he did not know MIGUEL AGUADO, whose name is mentioned in referenced letter as appearing in literature printed by the DRE at New Orleans.

Mr. SALVAT stated that the DRE as an organization remains inactive although he is aware that CARLOS BRINGUIER at New Orleans continues to engage in some propaganda activities pertaining to the Cuban problem.

No further investigation is indicated in view of the inactive status of the DRE and accordingly this case is being placed in a closed status at Miami.