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TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director (Plan.)

SUBJECT : ~~Friends of Democratic Cuba~~

1. Reference is made to Bureau memoranda dated 20 January 1961 and 7 February 1961, both entitled "Frente Revolucionario Democrático (FRD)".

2. The following information concerning the subject, [redacted] is forwarded as being of possible interest to the Bureau.

3. The Friends of Democratic Cuba was incorporated 6 January 1961 in New Orleans, Louisiana, with offices in the Bulter Building, for the purpose of collecting funds to assist Cubans in opposition to Castro. The funds were to be channeled through the Frente Revolucionario Democrático (FRD). The New Orleans delegate of the FRD, Sergio P. GONZALEZ, was to receive the funds collected, minus some percentage (believed [redacted] to be 20%) to be retained by the Friends of Democratic Cuba. No public collection of money took place, but it is possible that donations were received from some company or union. [redacted]

[redacted] the only amount collected was \$100.00 received from a company with which Mario BELCANAL was connected. About one month after its organization, the Friends of Democratic Cuba closed, because, according to its organizers, some Cubans exhibited a "lack of understanding". Among those who strongly attacked the organization were Dr. Fernando PEREIRA de Andrade, a former Havana University professor, and his wife Vivian MORAN.

4. [redacted] Information concerning the persons composing the Friends of Democratic Cuba, Inc.:

- a. Grady C. DUREAN, a cousin of Governor DAVIS of Louisiana, is a businessman with offices in the Maritime Building, New Orleans. DUREAN was the one who obtained municipal permission to conduct fund-raising through coin cans in the streets, loudspeaker trucks, etc.

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b. W. Guy BANISTER, a former member of the FBI, is a former Second Chief of Police in New Orleans. The latter position terminated over differences of opinion with the mayor of New Orleans. BANISTER now has a detective agency at 531 Lafayette Street, New Orleans. [REDACTED] *some* [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] consider BANISTER a decent person and others think he is a racketeer.

c. Martin Mauliffe is the owner of a publicity agency at 1127 Royal Street. He was allegedly placed in the Friends of Democratic Cuba organization by Mr. ARCACHA as a reliable source of information on the activities of the company. *NO*

d. Gerard F. TUNAGUE is president of the New Orleans Exporters Company. [REDACTED] DURHAM and BANISTER included TUNAGUE in the organization because of his ability to obtain salary donations from the unions.

e. Alfred PHITZMAN, Chief of the New Orleans Stevedores Union, was included for the same reason as TUNAGUE. [REDACTED] *La*

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7. The FPD delegate in New Orleans is Sergio ARCACHA, assisted by Pedro OQUENDO. Francisco J. MARIARTE is the FPD delegate in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. *La* *2040*

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