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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR, dated April 4, 1964, at Miami, Florida in the above caption, wherein JOHN V. MARTINO, Miami Beach, Florida, attributed various information regarding the activities of OSWALD in Miami and in Mexico to a Cuban source, whose identity he would not reveal. Information attributed by MARTINO to this source included an allegation that OSWALD had made a telephone call to the Cuban Intelligence Service in Cuba from a private residence in Miami, and that OSWALD had pamphlets of a pro-FIDEL CASTRO character printed in Miami, Florida, paying the printer by check drawn on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. MARTINO, during the period March 21 to 31, 1964, was contacted on several occasions in an effort to elicit the identity of his Cuban source. He said he intended to solicit his source to consent to interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He said he had been unable, however, to locate the source during that period.

A characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) can be found in the Appendix of this memorandum.

On April 13, 1964, Mr. MARTINO was again contacted. He claimed his source was then in California, and that he had sent an airmail letter to his source on April 17, 1964, telling him to telephone on receipt of the letter relative to consent to FBI interview.

On April 21, 1964, Mr. MARTINO was recontacted and advised his source was then en route to Miami by car, and was expected to arrive on April 24, 1964.

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MARTINO indicated his source had left California prior to delivery of the letter, and that the party in California at whose home the source had stayed telephoned Mr. MARTINO, advising him of the departure of the source.

On April 27, 1964, Mr. MARTINO stated he still had not heard from his source, but had been talking to a Cuban friend at Miami, who informed him that the source and friends of the source, all of whom were traveling together from California, were coming to Miami for the purpose of joining the forces of the Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionario (MRR), an anti-CASTRO organization at Miami.

It was explained to Mr. MARTINO that inasmuch as it was essential that the allegations regarding OSWALD's activities be resolved, it might be deemed necessary that he (Mr. MARTINO) be called to appear before the President's Commission on the assassination of President KENNEDY. Mr. MARTINO said he could not be forced to reveal the identity of his source. He said he would be leaving on April 27, 1964, for several days, to fulfill lecture engagements in Boston, Minneapolis and Charleston, South Carolina, but that if his source contacted his home, his wife in turn would instruct his source to contact the FBI Office in Miami.

On May 1, 1964, ARTHUR BOIGES, Executive Officer of the MRR at Miami, Florida, advised no one arriving from California had recently appeared at the offices of the MRR for the purpose of affiliating themselves with the organization, and he had no knowledge that individuals were being expected from California to join the forces of the MRR.

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On May 6, 1964, Mr. JOHN V. MARTINO, who continues to reside at 2326 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida, advised that he had received no word from his source, and he believed his source had probably not yet arrived in Miami. He said he would continue his efforts to locate the source, and in the event he was unsuccessful, he would probably furnish the name of his source to the FBI in the matter of a week or so.