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ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR DREW J. CLARK, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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SLIP(S) OF declared
DATE 7-26-83

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE BUTEL JUNE 2, 1978.

FORMER SAC WARREN C. DEBRUEYS (RETIRED) INTERVIEWED JUNE 8, 1978 BY NEW ORLEANS ASAC THEODORE M. GARDNER.

AFTER BEING ADVISED OF HSCA CONTENTION THAT HE IDENTIFIED "ORESTE PINA, [REDACTED]

AS A BUREAU INFORMANT, DEBRUEYS STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD HSCA COUNSEL ROBERT GENZMAN WHEN ASKED BY GENZMAN THAT PENA

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On 6/9/78 G. Robert Blakey, HSCA, ^{EX-115} was advised that no informant file exists on Pena. This response to Blakey was coordinated with SA Danny O. Coulson, LL + CA unit, Legal Counsel Div.

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WAS CATEGORICALLY NOT AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI. DEBRUEYS ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM FBIHQ PERSONNEL PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HSCA; HOWEVER, HAD RECEIVED THESE INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE HOLDING HEARINGS ON THE ASSASSINATION APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO. HE STATED THAT THIS WAS IRRELEVANT AS HE WOULD NEVER REVEAL TO ANYONE THE IDENTITY OF A BUREAU INFORMANT.

DEBRUEYS REITERATED THAT HE WHEN QUESTIONED BY GENZMAN AND ON THE FOLLOWING DAY BY THE FULL HSCA ON BOTH OCCASIONS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT PINA WAS AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI, AND FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW PINA'S ADDRESS IN NEW ORLEANS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT HAVE FURNISHED SAME TO THE HSCA OR TO GENZMAN.

DEBRUEYS DID STATE THAT DURING HIS INTERVIEW WITH GENZMAN AND BEFORE THE FULL HSCA HE ATTEMPTED TO DEFINE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN AN INFORMANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AND A SOURCE OF INFORMATION, WITH PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE DEFINITION OF A SOURCE OF INFORMATION. AS HE RECALLS HE WAS

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ASKED WHETHER PENA COULD HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND HE STATED THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE PENA COULD HAVE BEEN; HOWEVER, WAS NOT AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI. DEBRUEYS STATED THAT PENA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY HIM AS AN INFORMANT BECAUSE HE NEVER FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION OF VALUE WHEN CONTACTED AND NEVER VOLUNTEERED ANY INFORMATION.

DEBRUEYS ADVISED THAT HE IS PREPARING A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR ENCLOSING APPROXIMATELY 18 PAGES OF DETAILS OF HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HSCA. HE WILL FURNISH THIS LETTER AND ITS ENCLOSURE TO THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION ON JUNE 9, 1978.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE INDICES INDICATES NO RECORD OF AN INFORMANT FILE, EITHER 134 OR 137 CLASSIFICATION, HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR ORESTES FARNICIO PENA ALFONSO OR ORESTE PENA.

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NEW ORLEANS WILL FURNISH FULL DETAILS OF OFFICE INDICES SEARCH, DEBRUEYS PERSONAL INTERVIEW, AND HIS WRITTEN COMMUNICATION VIA LHM UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM HIM.

IN VIEW OF THE SAC, NEW ORLEANS ATTENDANCE AT THE ALL SAC CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW ORLEANS ASAC THAT THE HSCA BE ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF OUR RECORDS FAILS TO MANIFEST ANY INFORMATION THAT ORESTE PENA WAS AN INFORMANT FOR THE FBI AND THAT THIS REVIEW SUBSTANTIATES DEBRUEYS' STATEMENT THAT HE DENIED CATEGORICALLY TO THE COUNSEL FOR THE HSCA AND TO THE FULL HSCA COMMITTEE THAT PENA WAS AN INFORMANT. ALTHOUGH DEBRUEYS ADVISED HE EXPLAINED TO THE HSCA THE DEFINITION OF INFORMANT, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AND A SOURCE OF INFORMATION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE

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DEFINITIONS BE REITERATED TO THE HSCA, AS IT WOULD APPEAR
THEY ARE INTENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY INTERCHANGING THESE
TERMS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THEIR CONTENTION THAT PENA WAS
INDEED AN INFORMANT.

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