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TO: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

FROM: HAROLD WEISBERG

My new friend who is known to Jim Alcock gives me the following information on a man who may be JOSEPH MOORE. He knows one JOSEPH GONZALEZ MOREJON whose other aliases include JOE MOORE, MORE' and DEARING, who is now an army captain in Echo Company of the Special Forces in Viet Nam and who earlier was a Marine *and in* the Bay of Pigs brigade. This man is a Cuban with no perceptible accent. He has many United States relatives. Despite his numerous efforts to affiliate with the CIA, they did not take him.

He was involved in the Dominican crisis in the course of which he embroiled a light colonel in so much hot water that the colonel is still in difficulty. As an example of this man's importance, my informant says that although the colonel almost got booted out, nothing happened to GONZALEZ MOREJON. He says this man "would get into anything". He went back into military service in 1963 apparently first as a Marine in the Cuban brigade. He went to Ft. Benning and after going through Quantico transferred to the Army.

He has a wife and child probably in the Ft. Bragg area and probably "registered as", meaning known as, the family of JOE DEARING.

If this is the man, he will be well protected. "Be very cautious. These people can smell you a mile away."

The 1963 graduation class of Cuban students at Ft. Bragg all had their pictures taken. Pictures also were taken at Quantico of the Bay of Pigs veterans, perhaps also at Ft. Benning. A book was published on these veterans by these Cubans. Other people may have pictures of him. Several are in Miami.

My source recommended that I write to JULIO REBEULL, Post Office Box 533, Miami. REBEULL is connected with the official organ of the Bay of Pigs veterans. My source recommends use of a cover in which I would write to REBEULL saying that I am writing about the Bay of Pigs veterans and would like to have a copy of this book in order to be certain that I have the spellings of the names correct. He says they might buy this but ordinarily are quite suspicious and suspicions lock them tightly. It is suggested that I ask REBEULL that if he does not have this, ask him how to get it.

The book he thinks will have the information including a picture was printed by a company in Ft. Benning.

To Louis from Harold Weisberg 4/17/68

Joseph Moore, etc.

On 4/5/68 I flew to N.O. with Alberto Fowler, who had been in Washington. Among the things about which I asked him is Joe Moore, with his various aliases. I had earlier asked Douglas Leathbridge and left a memo. Douglas did not consult Alberto, so this was not feedback.

Alberto believes the correct name is Jose Dearing, a rather unusual name, pronounced Day-eh-ring. They were captured at the Bay of Pigs. He is 500, chubby, big-chipped, unathletic type, weak arms, weak face, light complexion, baby-faced, brown hair, a little darker than mine, long and wavy. There is a suggestion of effeminacy. He got a little hysterical now and then, yet very military. His fact of good training under Batista. English, slight accent. Spanish origin.

First days of capture, he hid. Then he changed name to Morejon. Lived in fear Castro would find out who he was and he was wanted for fascist crimes under Batista. He defended to an exaggerated point a young boy who was mentally ill. Small boy, paranoid, Jose mothered. Boy thin, Anglo-Saxon looking. German?

Alberto thinks Douglas is mentally ill and afraid because of his previous CIA connections.

I am uncertain whether these two items refer to Moore or Douglas: possible radiist; really brave in combat.

I think this is another Bay Pigs vet N.O.: Miguel Bris, large head, square face.

Wish I could transcribe my notes more promptly!