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August 31, 1960

Mr. Guy Johnson  
2106 National American Bank Bldg.  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: Fidel Castro.  
Purchase of War Supplies.

Dear Sir:

My client in the above entitled matter is Mr. Maurice B. Gatlin, General Counsel, Anti-Communist Committee of the Americas. Mr. Gatlin has instructed me to make available to you a copy of my report of August 29, 1960.

Mr. Gatlin stated, as his reason for submitting the report to you, that it seemed incongruous, to say the least, to be shipping agricultural equipment to Cuba when the government of that country is seizing the farms and plantations of American citizens.

Mr. Gatlin said that the jeeps, weapon carriers and trucks were obviously war supplies. We seemed to be engaged, lustily, in increasing the war potential of Cuba, permitting Castro to exercise his military muscles in threatening us. Any war with Cuba would be short and the vehicles, while not perfect for the U.S. Army, will suffice for Castro and permit him to assume a dominating position in Latin American affairs, to the detriment of the interests of our country.

Also, Mr. Gatlin points out that helping to strengthen the military position of Castro makes it much harder to have a successful revolution to overthrow the Castro government. There can never be a successful revolution in the face of non-squeamish police methods. To have such a revolution, a unit of the Armed Forces must lead the revolution. Such a rebellious unit would be quickly overthrown by the massively equipped remainder, since this entire army would not rise up in rebellion at the same time.

This report is sent you for such attention as you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,  
*Guy Banister*  
Guy Banister, President

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**INFORMATION REPORT**  
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SERIAL NO.	278-60
DATE OF REPORT	2 September 1960
EVALUATION	A-2
REQUEST NO.	NRM TWO

DATE OF INFORMATION: 11 September 1960  
 FROM: Officer in Charge, DIO BND  
 SOURCE: One Time Source

SUBJECT: NIRM TWO INFORMATION Economic Matters - Cuba

Ref: (a) OXI 47-2B (NIRM TWO)  
 Encl: (1) Letter from Guy Minister to Guy Johnson dated 31 August 1960  
 (2) Report by Guy Minister concerning shipment of Jeeps from New Orleans  
 (3) Loading List of the M/V AENCS (PA), vessel in cention in enclosure (2), as mailed to this office by DALTON STEAMSHIP CORP and corrected prior to vessels sailing on 18 August 1960.

1. According to the source, the ~~AMERICAN MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT CO.~~ mentioned in enclosure (2) is not registered to do business in the state of Louisiana, and is allegedly violating state statutes by transporting the Jeeps from New Orleans to Arkansas and back to New Orleans again. The shipper, ~~W. A. CARRE~~, a Dallas, Texas firm is properly registered with the state of Louisiana.
2. Source stated that the information contained in enclosure (2) was being made available to Senator Eastland of Mississippi, as well as to ten other persons, one of the ten being the president of the Montana Bar Association.
3. In view of the comments contained in the second paragraph on Page 3 of enclosure (2), no discussions have been conducted with local U. S. Customs officials in this connection.

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Source of Information: Source of information contained in this report is a Naval Reserve officer with Naval Intelligence experience during World War II. Due to this fact he is judged to be ALFA. Information is evaluated TWO.

GUY BANISTER, who provided enclosure (2) to our source is an ex-FBI agent. Source stated that he was resident agent in several cities before getting out of the FBI. BANISTER then came to New Orleans allegedly to work for the Mayor as Assistant Superintendent of Police. He is now a private investigator.

BANISTER was hired by MAURICE B. GAILLY, General Counsel for the Anti-Communist Committee of the Americas. GAILLY is an attorney with a very plush office and no clients. He apparently is not held in very high esteem by local attorneys. A copy of the report was sent to our source on the direction of GAILLY as GAILLY is apparently aware of our source's present status as

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Preparing Officer's Comments: DIO 8ND files reflect information on the Anti-Communist Committee of the Americas which was forwarded by letter to DIO 8ND, copy to DMI, Serial I-0205 dated 25 January 1957.

Prepared,

James S. Jack, Jr.  
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LTJG, USNR

Forwarding Officer's Comment: Forwarded, contents noted.

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FILE NO. 23-3

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <i>7-2, 12, 17</i>	DATE OF REPORT <i>7/27/50</i>	REPORT BY <i>Guy Banister</i>
TITLE <i>File Control.</i>	CHARACTER <i>Receipt of War Supplies.</i>	

SYNOPSIS  
Military articles, completely re-stated, are being shipped through New Orleans to the State Government of Cuba.

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Details  
*As per 7-27-50*

Confidential informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that approximately one hundred (100) jeep weapon carriers of trucks have been shipped to the Cuban Government through New Orleans in the past few months. This shipment is involved through the office of New Orleans as "agricultural equipment".

As further investigation into could not be found for the most recent shipment of 100 (100) jeeps which were loaded aboard the ship on August 17.

A photograph was obtained, two views, showing the 100 jeeps on the Julia Street wharf and was taken between 11:00 noon and 1:00 P.M.

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