



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed

Portell - Vila, Herminio
Arensberg, Mariada
Dorticos, Osvaldo
CIA

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 5, 1964

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated May 26, 1964, wherein at the bottom of page two you were advised that further inquiry was being conducted regarding a message received by Herminio Portell-Vila.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated May 27, 1964, at Washington, D. C., containing further information about this message which Portell-Vila gave to Mrs. Mariada Arensberg. She, in turn, gave it to a representative of a government agency.

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For your information, a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency has advised that the note or message was received by a Central Intelligence Agency officer from Mrs. Arensberg. The reference to "Osvaldo" which appeared in the message was interpreted by the Central Intelligence Agency as pertaining to Osvaldo Dorticos, President of Cuba, rather than to Lee Harvey Oswald. It was concluded by the Central Intelligence Agency that the message contained no information of significance and it was destroyed.

No further inquiries are being made concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)