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opinion in Cuba. In February, 1943, Ernest Hemingway and Gustavo Duran submitted information to the American Ambassador charging that Special Agent H. E. Knoblauch, assigned to the Embassy as Assistant Legal Attache, was a participant of the Franco Movement in Spain, and had acted as a paid Franco propagandist. These charges were based on the fact that Special Agent Knoblauch had written a book "Correspondent in Spain" upon his return from Madrid as an Associated Press correspondent in 1938. Although Hemingway had been ostensibly friendly with Special Agent Knoblauch in Spain, Hemingway had no discussion with Special Agent Knoblauch concerning the book, but took the charges directly to the Ambassador. The Ambassador later admitted to the Bureau Legal Attache that he had read only a few pages of the book, and after requesting the Legal Attache to have Special Agent Knoblauch assigned to some other post, the Ambassador dismissed the subject as being of no further importance. Hemingway and Duran are known to have a low esteem for the work of the FBI, which they consider to be "methodical and unimaginative."

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PRESENT STATUS OF GUSTAVO DURAN IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY,  
HAVANA, CUBA

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The services of Ernest Hemingway in intelligence matters were ostensibly discontinued by the American Ambassador on April 1, 1942. The Embassy is still receiving a few reports relating to cases previously investigated by Hemingway's organization and directed to Gustavo Duran. It is also known that Hemingway is continuing a project on behalf of the Naval Attache in Havana, which consists of an investigation of enemy submarine and clandestine radio activity off the coasts of Cuba. *These reports unclassified per Navy letter dtd 2/9/57. 58-56151-77, 520 v/6/57*

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While the investigation of subversive activity suspects as such has been ostensibly discontinued by Hemingway, the American Ambassador has requested that Gustavo Duran continue to submit reports on public opinion in Cuba as was previously undertaken in the "Voice of the Street" reports. The Ambassador feels that these reports give an "inside picture" of public opinion in Cuba, and are received with great interest by the State Department. Duran is now employed at the Embassy in Havana on a permanent basis as a member of the Auxiliary Foreign Service, and Duran employs the services of a few informants at a cost of around \$200.00 per month. Duran also analyzes political comments and articles appearing in the Cuban newspapers and assists the Ambassador in preparing speeches to be given in the Spanish language.

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The Bureau Legal Attache has recently reported that Gustavo Duran is evidencing no spirit of hostility toward FBI representatives in Cuba, and Duran has been cordial and helpful. The Bureau Legal Attache is aware of no instance in which Duran has taken an undue interest in FBI operations in *PH*

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*omit* Cuba, which might indicate an ulterior purpose on the part of Duran. However, all of the FBI reports pass through a section of the Embassy where Duran is employed, giving him an opportunity to be aware of all FBI activities in Cuba as reported to the Embassy. (S) u

SUMMARY

*omit* In view of the status of Gustavo Duran as an employee of the American Embassy in Havana, and in view of the esteem in which Duran is held by the Ambassador, and in view of Duran's close association with Ernest Hemingway, an active investigation in Cuba to determine whether Duran is a member of the Communist Party has not been undertaken by the Bureau Legal Attache. (S) u

*omit* Independent sources in Cuba, which have previously proved to be reliable, have reported that Gustavo Duran was a member of the Communist Party in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. A fourth source in Cuba has declared that Duran owed his military advancement in Spain to the favor of the Communist Party, although he was not actually a member of the Party. (S) u

*omit* A reliable source in the United States has reported that Gustavo Duran was a member of the Youth Socialist League at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, and became a member of the Communist Party of Spain when the Youth Socialist League affiliated with the Party in December, 1936.

*omit* As has been previously mentioned, three sponsors of Gustavo Duran in the United States have been reported to be connected in some degree with Communist Party or Communist Front activities.

*omit* [Basque informants in Cuba] report that Gustavo Duran took his forces to Madrid during the closing days of the Spanish Civil War and fought alongside the Communist forces in opposing the surrender of the city to Franco. According to Duran's own statement, he never returned to Madrid after June, 1938. It is noted that Duran's statement that he was unaware of any violence between the Communists and Republicans in Madrid appears to be inconsistent with rather widespread information circulated at the time concerning the disorder in Madrid based on refusal of the Communists to join in a surrender of Madrid to Franco. (S) u

*omit* It has been suggested that the following sources of information might be contacted for evidence of membership in the Communist Party on the part of Gustavo Duran: (S) u

*omit* A Colonel Casado, reported to be well known in Spanish Republican circles and believed to be presently in London, England, was charged with the defense of the Andalusian Front in Spain, and was assigned to expell Communists from positions of power in the Spanish Republican Army prior to the surrender to Franco in March, 1939.

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Gustavo Duran is well known among Leftist Republicans and Spanish Communists presently in Mexico City, D.F. as refugees, and the possibility exists that a confidential source of information could be developed in this group for information bearing on Duran's alleged membership in the Communist Party. *u*

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A check of the records of the State Department and the War Department might reveal information concerning Duran as reported by the American Embassy in Madrid. *u*

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is believed that information received from confidential informants in Cuba is sufficient indication of Gustavo Duran's Communist Party membership to warrant further inquiry of a most discreet nature of all logical sources of information in order that it may be definitely determined whether Duran is in fact a member of the Party. *(S) (u) u*

It is recommended that the Bureau Legal Attache in Havana, Cuba, be instructed to recontact his confidential sources of information in this matter with a view to securing additional information from Spanish Republicans and anti-Communist Spaniards concerning Duran's alleged Party membership, and particularly with regard to the report that Duran joined the Communists in fighting Spanish Republicans who favored the surrender of Madrid to Franco during the closing days of the Spanish Civil War. *(S) (u) u*

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It is further suggested that a blind memorandum be prepared setting out all information previously mentioned concerning the activities of Gustavo Duran, and that this blind memorandum be furnished to Mr. Berle and the State Department with the confidential request that the Bureau be furnished all information contained in their files concerning the activities of Gustavo Duran in Spain and elsewhere in Europe. *(S)* It is recommended that Mr. Berle be advised in confidence that the presence of Gustavo Duran in the Embassy at Havana will seriously impair Bureau operations in Cuba should Duran be a member of the Communist Party as indicated in reports received to date. *(S)* It is also pointed out that in discussing this entire matter with Mr. Berle, it should be kept in mind that Gustavo Duran is reported to be a close friend of Ernest Hemingway and American Ambassador Spruille Braden in Cuba. *(S) (u) u*

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
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RE ERNEST HEMINGWAY - CUBA LATIN AMERICAN MATTERS. REFERENCE PREVIOUS  
REPORT CONCERNING BOOK BEING WRITTEN BY SUBJECT CONCERNING INTELLIGENCE  
EXPERIENCES IN CUBA. ACCORDING TO NEWS ITEMS IN UNITED STATES SUBJECT  
HAS LEFT CUBA. ADVISE BUREAU IMMEDIATE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT AND PROPOSED  
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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
HABANA, CUBA

September 21, 1943

DECLASSIFIED BY 382-10772  
ON 5-28-81

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ERNEST HEMINGWAY  
Cuba Latin American Matters

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Dear Sir:

On September 13, 1943, SIS #213 accepted an invitation to have lunch with Subject at his finca located in San Francisco 15 kilometers from Habana. There was no other person present. Hemingway was quite talkative but kept away from controversial subjects. He revealed that MARTHA GELLHORN-HEMINGWAY, his present wife, left for the United States the first week in September, and planned to talk with her publishers about the book which she has been writing for the past few months. Hemingway had previously informed the writer that he had proofread the work of his wife, and was convinced that she had something worth while. He further revealed that after conferring with her publishers, it was her intention to join the Allied Forces invading Europe as a correspondent for Colliers. She is expected to be gone for five or six months. (u)

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Hemingway stated that he is tired of being on land with nothing to do and is anxious to return to his confidential work (which, we are confidentially advised, is patrol duty in the Caribbean waters on behalf of the U. S. Navy). On September 13, 1943, he stated that he expected to leave on or before the 20th, but in conversation with him on September 20, he told the writer that he would not be able to leave before September 22 or 23 due to delay in repairs to his boat. As in the past, he is to be accompanied by WINSTON GUEST and a small crew. He explained that the usual procedure is to patrol for twelve hours, ostensibly fishing, and tie up at whatever dock is convenient every night. This particular trip is expected to last approximately two months. At the expiration of this trip, Hemingway plans to spend from six to eight weeks in New York City and Long Island, making the round of the night spots and duck shooting on Long Island, as he expressed it. (u)

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Concerning the picture "For Whom the Bell Tolls", Hemingway stated that he has no desire to see it because he does not believe it is a true portrayal of his work. He further declared that Sam Wood, the director, did not like the book, and, therefore, was unable to approach his task with a sympathetic viewpoint. Furthermore, Gary Cooper is past his prime and he does not consider his choice as leading man a happy one. (S) u

Under date of July 12, 1943, the file contains the following memorandum of information obtained by the Legal Attaché in conversation with Robert P. Joyce, former Second Secretary of the American Embassy:

"The picture based on Hemingway's book, 'For Whom the Bell Tolls,' will be presented for the first time at the Paramount Theater in New York City on July 14, 1943. Hemingway was invited to the premiere but refused; his wife, Martha Gellhorn Hemingway, was later invited and likewise declined. Their declination is a result of their dissatisfaction with the manner in which the film company has adapted the book for screen presentation. Hemingway received a letter from Gary Cooper, who plays the principal role, stating that the teeth had been pulled from the story and the result was a meaningless war romance cast against the Spanish countryside.

"Hemingway has refused to see the advance shots of the picture, though requested to come to Hollywood or New York at the film company's expense, feeling that the film executives intend to salve him into a state of submission to the mutilation of his story. He considers himself free to attack the picture when it appears because he did not O.K. the revision. He still threatens to expose the 'Fascist influences', namely the Vatican and certain State Department officials sympathetic to Franco, who were responsible for the 'castration' of his book."

The conversation turned to writing. He stated that at the present time, he was only catching up on some old correspondence. He said that he is not writing any books at the present time, but has three plots in mind which he thinks will form the basis for good stories. These concern his experiences in the past year. However, he does not intend to use these plots until the war is over. In connection with this, Hemingway told SIS #396 on August 24, 1943 that he would never write anything about his intelligence work on behalf of the Ambassador. If he wrote anything as a result of his present experiences, he would limit it to a fictional story based on anti-submarine work. At the time of his conversation with SIS #396, he stated that he had prepared nothing. (S) u

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In a discussion of columnists, Hemingway stated that DREW PEARSON is known to him only slightly. However, he has always believed that in his search for sensational stories, he frequently makes statements that are only half truths. As an example of this tendency, he referred to an article that Pearson had written in his column, "The Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round," in which Pearson stated that individuals who had fought in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War were discriminated against by U. S. Army authorities when they sought admission to Officers' Training School. Although Hemingway thinks that members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been the subjects of discrimination, he stated that Pearson was unfortunate in his choice of examples. According to Hemingway, each individual that Pearson claimed was refused admission to Officers' Training School was an out and out Communist, having attended a Communist Indoctrination School located in the Catskill Mountains in New York State. In these instances, Hemingway affirmed that the Army was perfectly justified in the action which was taken. (C) U

Regarding his work, Hemingway stated that he never intended to find himself in any such line of activity. His explanation for organizing an intelligence service which was in operation until April 1, 1943, was that he did so when specifically requested to do so by the Ambassador, who believed that he was eminently qualified to aid the Embassy in gathering information about the Spanish Falange because of his long association with Spaniards. (C) U

Very truly yours,

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ON 11-04-2008

RE ERNEST HEMINGWAY CUBA LATIN AMERICAN MATTERS. REFERENCE YOUR  
RADIOGRAM NUMBER 328. HEMINGWAY SEPTEMBER 19 ON ANOTHER SUBMARINE  
PATROL TRIP CARRIBEAN AREA AS DESCRIBED IN MY LETTER JUNE 26 PAGE 2.  
EXPECTS TO BE GONE ABOUT 2 MONTHS AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED SIS NUMBER 213 THAT AFTER INSTANT TRIP HE WILL  
PROCEED TO NEW YORK FOR VACATION FROM ONE MONTH TO SIX WEEKS DUR-  
ATION. FURTHER STATED HE IS DOING NO WRITING WHATSOEVER AT PRESENT  
TIME BUT HAS THREE GOOD PLOTS IN MIND FOR POST WAR BOOKS. DID NOT  
INDICATE NATURE OF SUBJECT MATTER. NO FURTHER REFERENCE HAS BEEN  
MADE BY HIM REGARDING PROPOSED BOOK REFERRED TO MY LETTER AUGUST  
13. HIS WIFE, MARTHA GELLHORN HEMINGWAY NOW IN NEW YORK ARRANGING  
FOR PUBLICATION OF HER BOOK REFERRED TO MY LETTER JUNE 26. SHE  
IS PLANNING LATER TO ACCOMPANY AMERICAN INVASION TROOPS TO EUROPE  
AS CORRESPONDENT FOR COLLIER'S FOR FIVE OR SIX MONTHS. SUGGEST  
NEWS ITEM REFERRED TO MAY BE BLIND PLANTED BY HEMINGWAY TO COVER  
ACTIVITIES AND ABSENCE FROM CUBA, OR MAY REFER TO PREVIOUS TRIPS  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Background

You will recall that for a time Ernest Hemingway was engaged in intelligence activities at the request of and under the direct supervision of the American Ambassador in Havana, Cuba. As of April 1, 1943, however, the Ambassador dispensed with the intelligence services of Hemingway, and it was indicated that Hemingway's organization of confidential informants in Cuba would no longer render reports on intelligence matters. The Bureau Legal Attache in Havana has ascertained that Hemingway has since April 1, 1943, continued operations in Cuba on behalf of the United States Naval Attache; that is, operations consisting of cruising the waters off the coast of Cuba in a small boat for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of enemy submarine activities.

Details

On August 13, 1943, the Bureau Legal Attache advised that Hemingway recently told an undercover SIS Representative that he is currently writing a book based on his experiences in intelligence activities in Cuba. Hemingway indicated that his book would make mention of all persons whom he had contacted during the past year in Cuba concerning intelligence matters and that he would mention Ambassador Braden among other persons. At that time the undercover Agent was unable to ascertain to what extent FBI Representatives would be mentioned in the forthcoming book by Hemingway. Of course, Hemingway's attitude toward the Bureau has been expressed by Hemingway's action in signing a petition criticizing the Bureau in connection with the Detroit Spanish Enlistment Case, and not long ago Hemingway remarked that the FBI is "the American Gestapo."

During the week of September 12, 1943, the New York Columnist Leonard Lyons stated in his column that Ernest Hemingway had departed Cuba, without further elaboration.

The Bureau Legal Attache in Havana advises that Hemingway departed from Cuba on September 19, 1943, on another submarine patrol trip in the Caribbean area, accompanied by Winston Guest, and expects to be gone for approximately two months, after which Hemingway stated he



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would proceed to New York for a vacation of approximately six weeks. Prior to his departure on this most recent patrol trip, Hemingway advised a SIS Representative that he is doing no writing at the present time whatsoever but is considering three plots for use in writing books during the post-war period. Hemingway has made no further reference to the proposed book that he was previously reported to be writing concerning his intelligence experiences in Cuba. (C) 4

Martha Gellhorn Hemingway, wife of Ernest, is presently in New York arranging for publication of a book which she has reportedly written concerning conditions on the Island of Martinique, based in part upon information which Martha Gellhorn obtained from the State Department through the assistance of a United States official in Havana.

There has been reported no change in the situation existing between Hemingway and the American Embassy in Havana, and Hemingway apparently enjoys the full confidence of Ambassador Spruille Braden and is continuing his activities on behalf of the United States Naval Attache. Despite the ostensible discontinuance of Hemingway's intelligence activities for the Ambassador on April 1, 1943, the Bureau Legal Attache has ascertained that Hemingway had a quantity of gasoline charged to him from the private stock of the Ambassador for the month of April, 1943, indicating an actual continuance of an arrangement which had been previously in effect for the benefit of Hemingway's intelligence organization prior to April 1, 1943. It is also known that Hemingway's assistant in intelligence activities, Gustavo Duran, himself allegedly a member of the Communist Party and presently under investigation on that account, is carrying on a part of the intelligence program which Hemingway began on behalf of Ambassador Braden. *Break to in line 314 of this report on the Navy file dated 2/9/53 59-50/1016 4/6/53*

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It appears from the latest reports submitted by the Bureau Legal Attache in Havana that Hemingway has made no further reference to writing a book based on his intelligence experiences in Cuba, Hemingway having stated on the contrary that he is doing no writing whatsoever at the present time. However, it is proposed with your approval to instruct the Bureau Legal Attache at Havana Cuba to insure that Bureau Agents assigned to the Embassy and operating under cover be on the alert to report any information received that would indicate Hemingway plans to include mention of the Bureau in any publication, which he may be in the process of preparing.

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

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New York, N. Y.

May 22, 1944

MR. HOOVER -

*[Handwritten signature]*

RE: ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Ernest is a great admirer of you and the Bureau. In a conversation with an Agent of this Office, he stated that he had met several of the Bureau representatives while in Havana, Cuba, and he thought that they were of an unusually high type and, further, that their work was most effective there. He stated that he had been very friendly with General Benitz, who was a ranking political power in Cuba, and he thought it was most amusing the General should hold his present position inasmuch as some years ago Benitz had acted in several Hollywood pictures in which he played "Latin lover" roles.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Abraham Lincoln Brigade

In May, 1938, Ernest Hemingway was reported to be a contributor to the publication, "Among Friends," a quarterly magazine put out by the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. The publication was described as being devoted to the Loyalists' cause in Spain and more particularly to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The "Daily Worker" of February 3, 1939, announced that Ernest Hemingway would speak on February 22, 1939, at a memorial meeting to be held in honor of the men who died fighting in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

In June, 1939, Hemingway's name was listed on the letterhead of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade as one of its sponsors.

The Attorney General has cited the Abraham Lincoln Brigade as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born

In January, 1940, Ernest Hemingway addressed letters over his personal signature endorsing the work of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born and soliciting the assistance of various persons. He requested that any contribution in the form of checks be made payable to him.

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A circular soliciting sponsors for the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born was distributed at the Fourth Annual Conference of that organization held in Washington, D. C. on March 2 and 3, 1940. The circular was signed jointly by Ernest Hemingway and Dr. William Allen Heilson as Co-Chairman for the Committee of Sponsors.

This is the result of a request for an FBI file check only and is not to be considered as a clearance.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *WPK*  
 FROM : V. P. KEAY *WPK*  
 SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NAME CHECK ON ERNEST HEMINGWAY

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- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Attached hereto is a blind memorandum prepared in response to a request from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for a check of FBI files, to include a summary of any information which "would affect clearance for access to highly classified material."

In addition to the information set out in the blind memorandum it is noted that Bureau files show that Ernest Hemingway operated an intelligence organization for the American Ambassador in Havana, Cuba from August 1942 to April 1943. During this period Hemingway was in frequent contact with the Office of the Legal Attache at Havana, Cuba.

The Legal Attache reported in June 1943 that in personal relations Hemingway maintained a surface show of friendship and interest with representatives of the FBI. Through statements he made to reliable contacts of the Legal Attache, however, it was known that Hemingway and his assistant, Gustavo Duran, had a low esteem for the work of the FBI which they considered to be methodical, unimaginative, and performed by persons of comparative youth without experience in foreign countries and knowledge of international intrigue and politics. Both Hemingway and Duran, it was also known, had personal hostility to the FBI on an ideological basis, especially Hemingway; that he considered the FBI anti-Liberal, pro-Fascist, and dangerous of developing into an American Gestapo. *(R) u*

It is noted that Ernest Hemingway was a principal signer of the denunciation of the FBI in the Detroit Communist-Spanish Enlistment Case in 1940. In addition the Legal Attache advised that on meeting Hemingway some weeks previously the latter had referred to the FBI as "The American Gestapo". At the request of the Legal Attache Hemingway was sounded out by a representative of the Embassy at Havana concerning these remarks. The Embassy representative later returned with the advise that Hemingway stated he had paid no particular attention to the petition he had signed in 1940 denouncing the FBI and could now hardly remember what it said; Hemingway told the Embassy representative that people were always shoving petitions under his nose and like many famous people he was inclined to sign them on the request of a friend without full information as to their contents. Hemingway also reportedly dismissed the reference to the FBI as "The American Gestapo" as a mere jest.

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In addition to the organizations mentioned in the attached blind memorandum, it is noted that Bureau files reflect Hemingway's past affiliation with such organizations as the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, American Relief Ship Mission for Spain, and the American Writers' Congress. None of these organizations are on the Attorney General's list, and the Bureau has not established Hemingway's membership in these organizations by investigation.

ACTION:

It is recommended that the information developed concerning Hemingway during his service to the American Ambassador in Havana, Cuba, not be made available to the Office of the Secretary of Defense since this information is largely of an administrative nature and does not appear to be such as would affect clearance for access to highly classified material. It is also recommended that the information associating Hemingway with the organizations mentioned above not be made available to the requesting agency since these organizations are not on the Attorney General's list.

If the attached blind memorandum meets with your approval, it is recommended that it be returned to Room 7633 for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

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Ernest Hemingway was listed as a sponsor of the American Committee for the protection of Foreign Born as of August, 1940. He was also listed as a sponsor for the Fifth National Conference of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born which was scheduled to be held in Atlantic City on March 29 and 30, 1941.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born was declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

American Rescue Ship Mission

The January 16, 1941, issue of the "Daily Worker" published an article bearing the headline, "Hemingway Reaffirms Backing of Rescue Ship Mission." The article quoted a cable received from Hemingway in Havana in which he expressed the sincere hope that a ship would be obtained "as soon as it's humanly possible to do so."

The American Rescue Ship Mission has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

League of American Writers

On February 21, 1941, Ernest Hemingway was reported as being a Vice-President and a member of the Board of Directors of the League of American Writers, Incorporated.

The League of American Writers has been cited by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Miscellaneous

A reliable informant has reported that during the period 1942 - 1943, Ernest Hemingway repeatedly asserted that he was anti-Communist and that he was as much opposed to the Communist influence in the Spanish war as he was to the Fascist.

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A reliable informant has reported that in September, 1943, Ernest Hemingway was discussing certain newspaper articles which attacked the United States Army for refusing to admit to the Officers' Training School individuals who had fought in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War. According to the informant, Hemingway took exception and stated that the United States Army was perfectly justified in the action which was taken inasmuch as each individual who had been refused admission to the Officers' Training School was an out-and-out Communist.

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**Hemingway Helped  
Spy, Saboteur Hunt**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP).—Novelist Ernest Hemingway ran an underground "crime shop" in Cuba during World War II to help American agents track down saboteurs and spies aiding the enemy sink Allied shipping in the Caribbean Sea, it was disclosed today.

Spruille Braden, former Assistant Secretary of State, said that when he was Ambassador to Cuba in 1942, he arranged with Hemingway for the establishment of this counterspy apparatus.

The apparatus was headed, Braden said, by Gustavo Duran, an international mystery man and Hemingway's "inspiration" for the hero of "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: September 1, 1954

FROM : *M. H. [unclear]* Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (64-356)

SUBJECT: ERNEST HEMINGWAY;  
EDWARD "TED" SCOTT  
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- Mr. Holloman

Re Havana letter 8-26-54 which furnished the details of a agreement between novelist ERNEST HEMINGWAY and columnist EDWARD "TED" SCOTT, as a result of which SCOTT challenged HEMINGWAY to a duel.

On 8-30-54 SCOTT exhibited a letter dated 8-28-54 and written by Dr. PEDRO SANCHEZ FESSINO, SCOTT's representative in the matter of the duel. In his letter Dr. SANCHEZ FESSINO quoted verbatim a letter, date not shown, written to him by HEMINGWAY.

In the letter HEMINGWAY advised Dr. SANCHEZ FESSINO that he had no intention of fighting a duel with Mr. SCOTT, giving as his reasons the fact that he is in ill health and "has a lot of writing to do." HEMINGWAY further stated that he felt sure that a court of honor would not consider this cowardice on his part.

SCOTT advised that although he was not satisfied with HEMINGWAY's answer he did not know what else he could do about the matter.

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Director, FBI

August 26, 1954  
Havana, Cuba

Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba

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As the Bureau is aware, novelist ERNEST HEMINGWAY returned to his home in Cuba about a month ago after having spent sometime in Europe following his narrow escape from death in two airplane crashes in Africa.

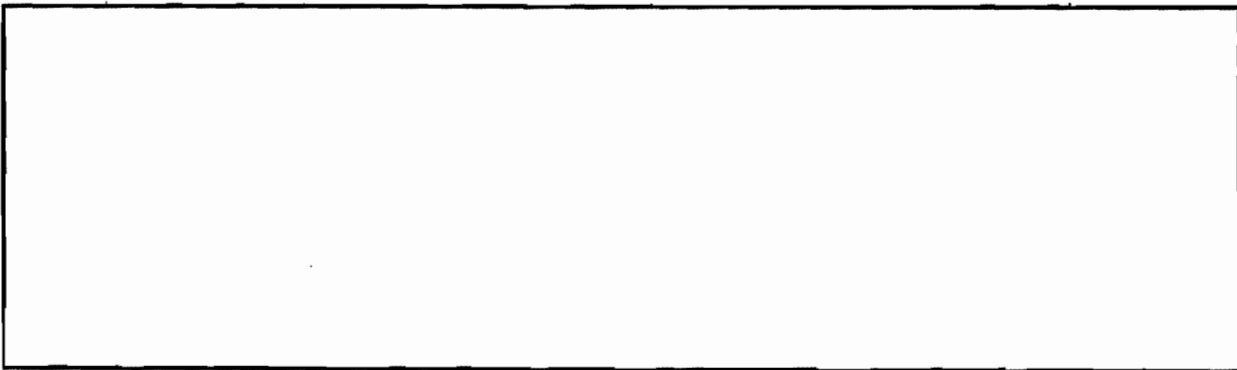
As Bureau files will reflect, EDWARD "TED" SCOTT, a native of New Zealand and a British subject, is a columnist for the Havana English language daily "Havana Post."

SCOTT has always outwardly been very friendly with HEMINGWAY and frequently has made laudatory references to him in his daily column called "Interesting If True." Several weeks ago SCOTT in his column reported a conversation that he had had with HEMINGWAY's wife, MARY, in which the latter stated that lion steaks were very delectable. SCOTT said he took issue with Mrs. HEMINGWAY on this question and she retorted that he was a "stupid British colonial." SCOTT went on to say in his column that from a woman he could take this but he would never stand still for it if it had come from her husband.

This past week the movie actress AVA GARDNER has been in Havana. She became somewhat abusive with the Cuban press upon her arrival at the airport in Havana and later at the Hotel Nacional. SCOTT made reference to this in one of his daily columns, and went on to say that it is frequently observed that a woman tries to adopt the attitude and actions of her husband and pointed out that GARDNER's estranged husband, FRANK SINATRA, has carried on a running feud with the press for years.

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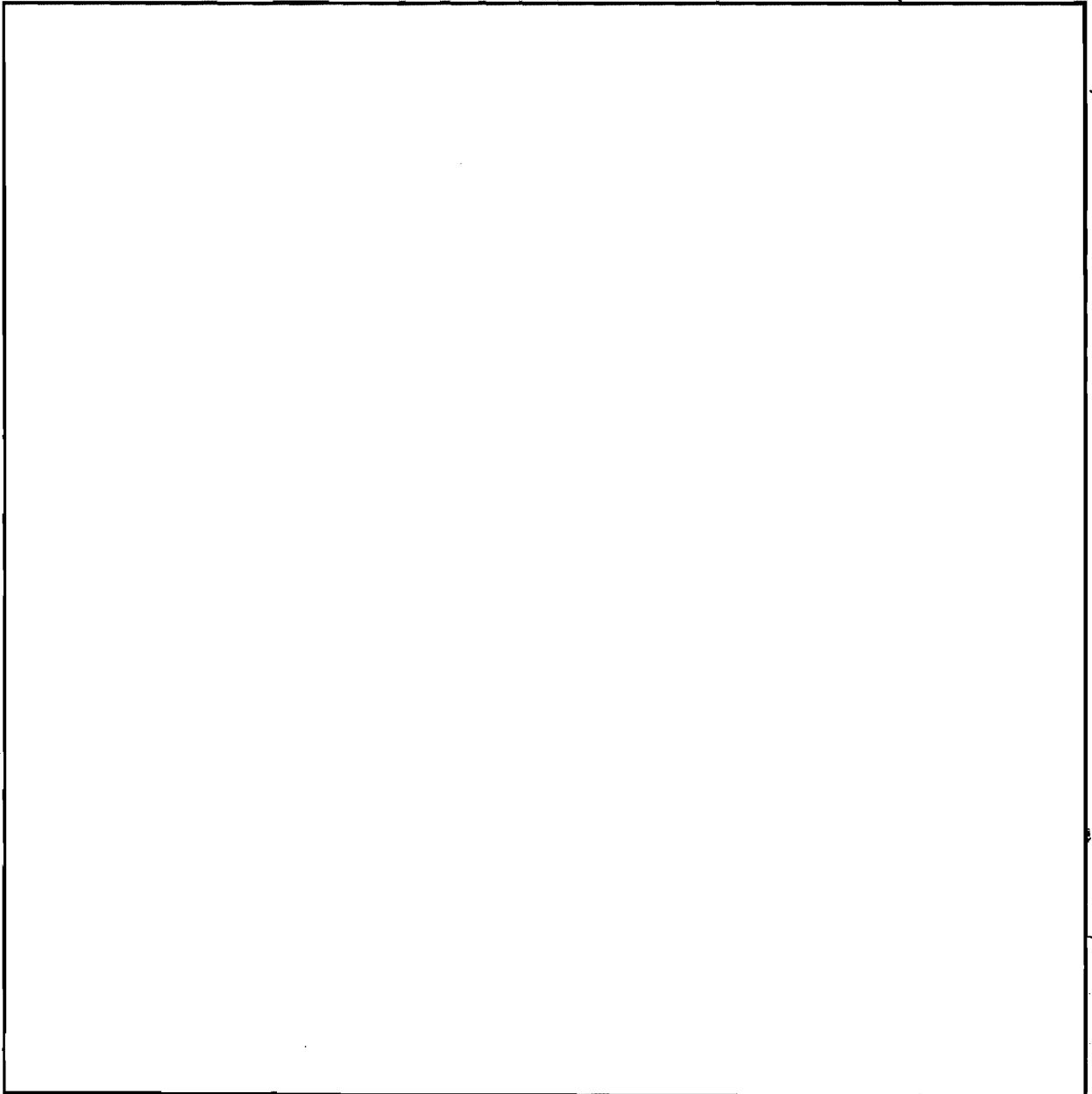
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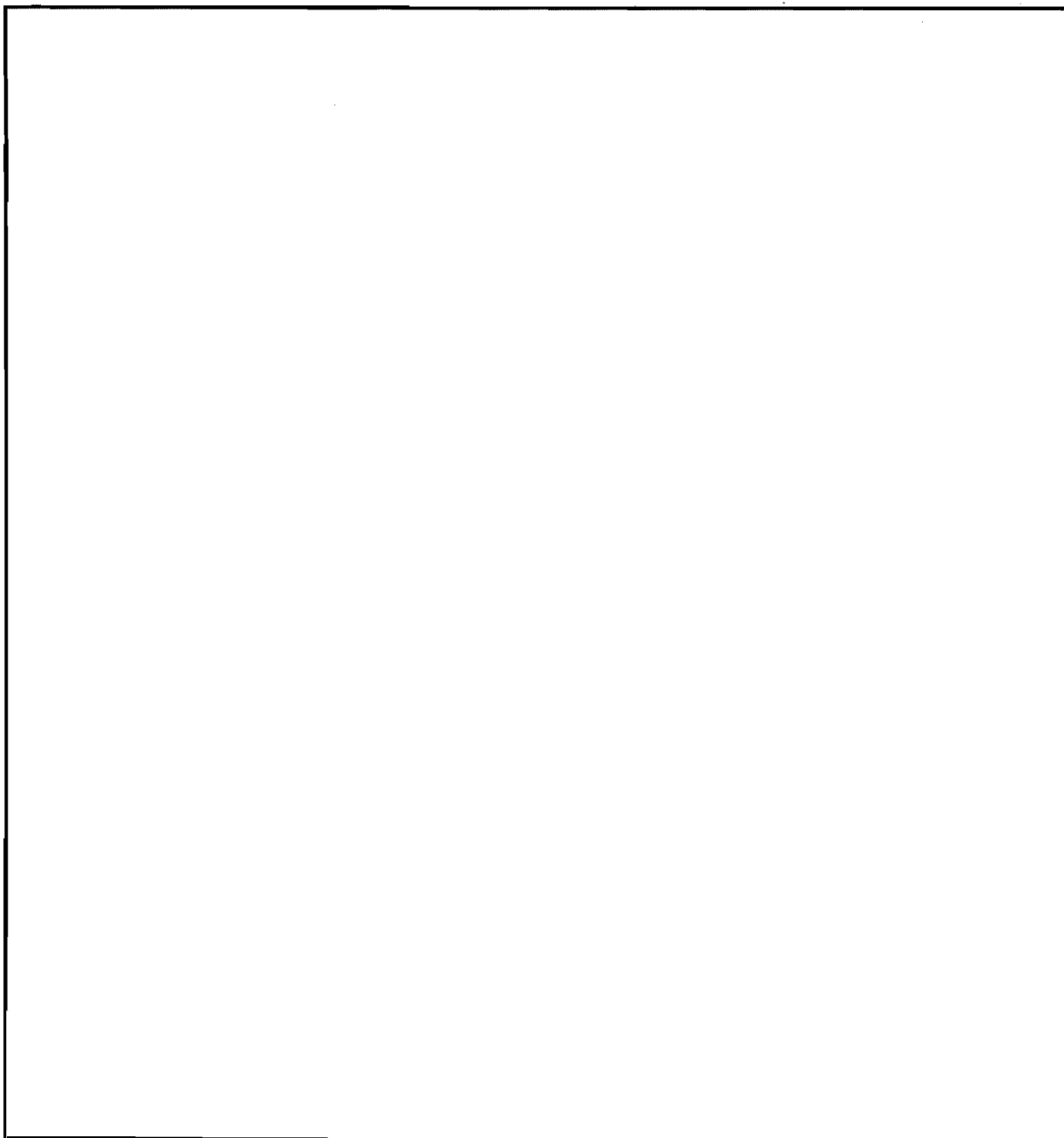
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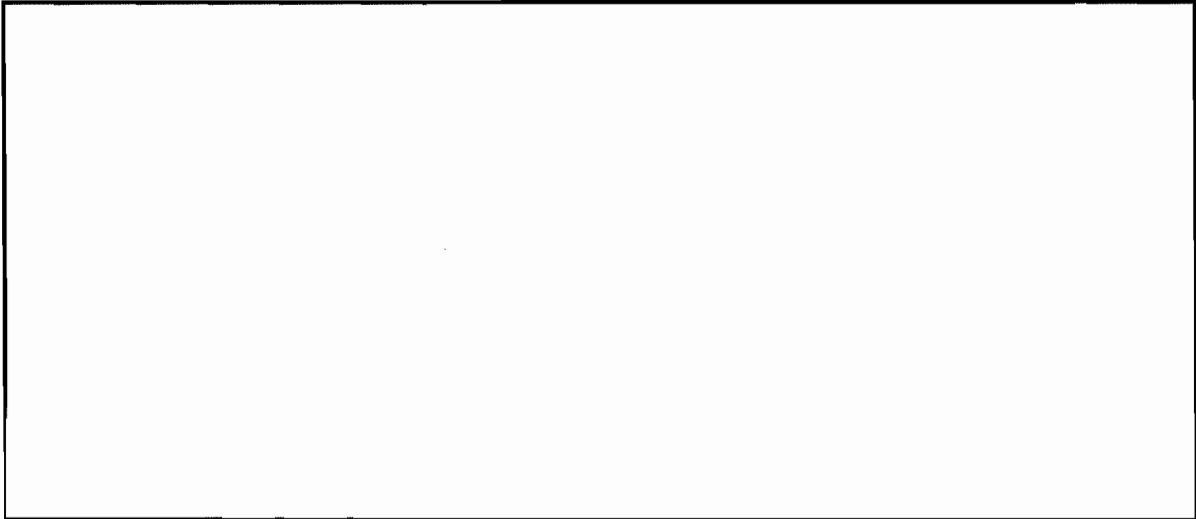
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The above is submitted because it is considered of possible interest to the Bureau. No local dissemination has been made of this information because of the possibility that some Embassy official might be indiscreet enough to mention the matter outside of the Embassy

furnished information to this office in the past and will probably do so again in the future, it was not deemed desirable to jeopardize the position of this office with him by reporting the information locally.

The Bureau will be advised of any new developments in this matter.

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TO: MR. A. M. BELMONT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: September 9, 1954

FROM: W. H. ROACH

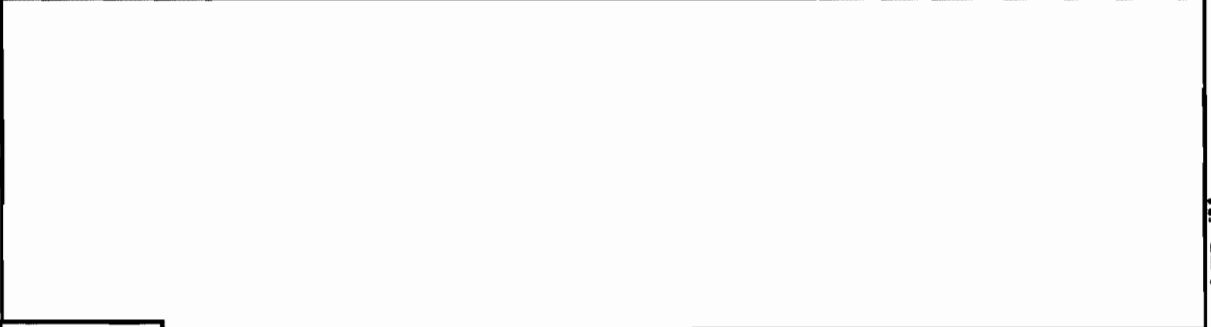
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Attached hereto is a memorandum to the Director from the  
Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, dated August 26, 1954, entitled,  
"Ernest Hemingway; Edward 'Ted' Scott, Foreign Miscellaneous." This  
memorandum reflects information concerning Ernest Hemingway, Aug  
Gardner, and others while in Cuba.



Concerning Dr. Canter the Director queried, "Where is Canter  
now assigned? H." (S) (C) 4

Through Wilson it was established that Dr. Jacob Canter  
is not employed by the Department of State; however, he is a repre-  
sentative of the United States Information Agency (USIA). He left  
Havana recently and is now assigned to the USIA Headquarters in  
Washington as a Policy Consultant.

In 1948 the Bureau conducted a Voice of America investigation  
of Dr. Canter and submitted the results to the Department of State in  
July, 1948. According to the Bureau's files, on February 17, 1954,  
the Bureau advised the Department of State that The Honorable Spruille  
Braden, former Ambassador to Colombia, Cuba, and Argentina, appeared  
before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee at public session and  
testified that Dr. Jacob Canter who signed [redacted] involu-  
[redacted] in the Josephine Baker matter and in view of the fact that Miss Baker  
was known to have Communist connections, the finger of suspicion was  
pointed at Dr. Canter. This information was passed on by the  
Bureau to USIA in April, 1954, in view of the fact that Dr. Canter  
had been assigned to the Department of State.

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MEMO TO BELMONT

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In June, 1954, USIA asked the Bureau to interview [redacted] at the U. S. Embassy in Cuba. This was [redacted] the results of the interview with [redacted] which reflected adversely on Dr. Canter, were furnished to USIA on July 20, 1954, and to the Department of State and Civil Service Commission on July 21, 1954. The case is now closed. (S)(X)(E) 4

ACTION:

None. For your information.

[redacted] alleged that Dr. Canter destroyed one of the most effective propaganda media (radio) of the U. S. Information Agency in Cuba by unwarranted and consistent interference in its operations, slanted reports on its operation and general depreciation of its true value; that Dr. Canter criticized the daily political commentary written by the Radio Officer as being "too strongly" anti-Communist in content. (S)(X)(E) 4

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An informant in Havana, Cuba, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has recently advised that about two years ago the expatriated American citizen Josephine Baker whose name has been frequently linked with Communist causes was booked to sing and to dance in the Montmartre Night Club in Havana, Cuba. When Baker's espousal of Communist causes became known to the management of the Montmartre Night Club her contract with that club was cancelled. At the same time Baker is reported to have been unable to obtain a room at the Hotel Nacional in Havana. (S) (u)

The informant states that Dr. Jacob Canter, then Cultural Attaché at the American Embassy in Havana, became most upset over the cancellation of Baker's contract at the Montmartre Night Club and over the fact that she could not obtain a room at the Hotel Nacional and he, the informant, considered it most unusual that Dr. Canter, an employee of the United States Government, should openly support the cause of Baker whom he described as a well-known espouser of Communist causes, if not a member of the Communist Party. It has been established that Dr. Jacob Canter is not employed by the Department of State but is a member of the United States Information Agency. Canter left Havana, Cuba, recently and is now assigned to the United States Information Agency headquarters in Washington, D. C., as a policy consultant. (S) (u)

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In June, 1954, the United States Information Agency asked this Bureau to interview [redacted] in the United States Embassy in Cuba. During this interview [redacted] alleged that Dr. Carter destroyed one of the most effective propaganda media (radio) of the United States Information Agency in Cuba by unwarranted and consistent interference in its operations, slanted reports on its operations and general depreciation of its true value. [redacted] also stated that Dr. Carter criticized the daily political commentary written by the radio officer as being "too strongly" anti-Communist in content. The results of the interview with [redacted] were furnished to the United States Information Agency on July 20, 1954, and to the Department of State and Civil Service Commission on July 21, 1954. (P)(S) 4

No further action is contemplated by this Bureau concerning this matter and the above is being furnished for your information. The above information has been furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams at the White House.

1 - Mr. William F. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

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