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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FROM: BETSY PALMER

DATE: June 26, 1978

SUBJECT: FBI File Review - Evelio Duque Miyar

On June 21, 1978, I reviewed subject file at the FBI. A synopsis of the pertinent material in the one volume file are outlined below.

1. # 105-102448-5
October 2, 1961
Report from Chicaco
Subject: Ejercito Cubano Anti-Comunista (ECA)

On September 10, 1961, Evelio Duque Miyar was in Chicago for a meeting held at Zuma Hall which was attended by over 200 persons. The purpose of the meeting was to unite various anti-Castro groups in the Chicago area. Duque had previously sent two other ECA members who were unsuccessful. The ECA was to supplant the MDC and the Chicago group was to be headed by Jose Cardoso.

2. #105-102448
February 27, 1968
Subject: Substantive Error Write-Up

Investigation based on information furnished to the Detroit office on 6/26/67 by John Burkman, a gun dealer in Northville, Michigan. Burkman advised he had been in touch a few years ago with Jose Cardoza (Cardosa) who wanted to buy guns. A third Person (protected informant) was also present. Informant told Burkman they were planning guerilla-type activity against Castro. Cardosa said he had been visited by the "Duque" group regarding purchase of arms. Cardosa could not locate any arms as all sources indicated they needed U.S. approval.

Cardosa was allegedly expelled from ECA in 1963. In an 11/7/62 interview, he admitted contacting Burkman and that he made arrangements to obtain 1,200 blasting caps on behalf of an anti-Castro organization in 1962.

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In a 1/19/67 interview, Duque stated that in the summer of 1965, Customs siezed arms belonging to ECA which Duque had hoped to infiltrate into Cuba.

On 12/4/67, Miami advised that Ovidio Kaba, Hialeah, Florida, visited Luis Egoscue in Chicago on 10/15/67. Egoscue indicated a Miami Cuban had recently visited Chicago to buy \$85,000 worth of equipment (arms and ammunition). Egoscue allegedly had not completed the deal because arms might be furnished to "Black people." Egoscue is a business partner of Jose Seara. Kaba says Seara is a member of "Duque" organization.

3. CIA deletion, 2 pages, dated 6/13/63
Bufile # 105-102448, Serial 55
4. #105-102448-60
June 28, 1963
Report from Miami
Subject: ECA

One and one-half pages of third agency deletions. Duque contacted on 6/21/63 and advised he was continuing as leader of ECA and uses his apartment at 438½ S.W. 3rd Street, Miami, as headquarters. He denied that he and the ECA were contemplating any military operation against Cuba regime or Soviet shipping in Cuban waters. Says he continues his effort to raise money to supply arms to ECA members in Cuba.

Orlando Bosch is general coordinator of Duque's organization and advised on 6/23/63 that to the best of his knowledge, Duque was not planning any raids against Cuba or any shipping in Cuban waters. Bosch said INS had served Duque with a "Notice of Prevention of Departure" which limited him to travel within Dade County, Florida.

Informant states on 6/19/63 that a representative of Duque met with a representative of Santos Trafficante saying Duque wished to purchase rockets, explosives and detonators. Duque allegedly has received \$25,000 from Carlos Prio Socarras for this purpose. Trafficante

representative said he could get equipment but had to check on authenticity of Duque's plans and allegations that Prio had given the money. If items check out to Traffificant's satisfaction, material will be obtained and furnished to Duque.

5. CIA deletion - 3 pages, dated 7/13/63
Bufile #105-102448, Serial 68
6. #105-102448-74
October 29, 1963
Report from Miami - William Mayo Drew, Jr.
Subject: ECA

On October 18, 1963, Orlando Bosch advised ECA no longer functioning and that Duque no longer has any support among the Cuban exile population. A check on his neighborhood indicates he moved and left no forwarding address. Cuban Refugee Assistance records of 10/18/63 reflect that Duque had voluntarily discontinued his receipt of assistance 10/14/63. Page missing.*

7. #105-102448-79
February 19, 1964
Report from Miami - William Mayo Drew, Jr.
Subject: ECA

Duque located on January 31, 1964 at 3144 N.W. 106th Street, Miami and indicated ECA does not have sufficient finances to maintain an office. No meetings are being held due to lack of any program of activity. Also indicated he and Orlando Bosch had split their relationship.

8. #105-102128-22 p 1
June 14, 1963
Memo to Director from SAC, Miami
Subject: Rafael Santos Inclan y Argudin
Felipe Luis Sarrain Gonzales

Duque states that in November 1962, Inclan and another man -- a young Cuban student -- came to see Duque and in the presence of Marcelino Garcia Jefe de Direccion of ECAFE, Inclan stated he had a plan of action against Castro and needed a machine gun and bazookas. Inclan says he has \$5,000 collected mostly in Washington, D. C. and a Cuban doctor (Juncos) in Los Angeles, California has also contributed. Duque refused to help Inclan, claiming the plan was not a secret.

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9. CIA deletion, 3 pages, dated March 6, 1963
Bufile #105-102128, Serial 23
10. INS deletion, 3 pages, no date
Subject: Cuban Raiders Ordered Not to Depart
Bufile #109-584-3869
11. CIA deletion, 3 pages, dated June 11, 1964
Subject: Possible Plan to be Used by the MIRR
In Bombing a Merchant Vessel Trading
With Cuba.
TDCSDB-3/661/711

* Missing page of document #105-102448-74 (Item 6 of this review) requested on June 26, 1978, and information is as follows:

Orlando Bosch, formerly General Coordinator of ECA, advised on 10/18/63 that ECA no longer was functioning. He said Duque's supporters (about 20 in number) have left him and aligned themselves to other anti-Castro organizations. Bosch said Duque proved himself completely inadequate and incompetent as a leader and Duque was no longer active in anti-Castro endeavors.