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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

February 19, 2016

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Subject: FILE NUMBER
65-HQ-68323

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Information Policy's advised you by letter dated September 7, 2011 that your appeal was referred to the DOJ's Department Review Committee (DRC). The DRC reviewed the classified information withheld by the FBI from your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to determine whether the information should remain properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 13526.

As a result of our review of the appealed classified information and/or a determination by the DRC:

- ☒ Portions of previously withheld classified FBI information have been declassified.
- ☐ All the previously withheld classified FBI information may be disclosed.
- ☐ All the previously withheld classified FBI information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to subsection(s) of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a.
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Sincerely,

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David M. Hardy
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(U) Subject is key Puerto Rican independence leader. He has recently come up in the cases on Overthrow [redacted] (Cuban agents in Puerto Rico). He has been mentioned under a code name in messages sent to them from Cuba. For reporting purposes it is believed that we should have a separate 65 file on subject. Data regarding our Overthrow [redacted] investigations is not being submitted in reports or memoranda. (S) [redacted]

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JUAN MARI BRAS
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ReBuairtel to New York and San Juan 8/29/63
captioned "Juan Mari Bras, IS - PRN."

In connection with reference to [redacted] in
reairtel, Bufiles contain numerous references to individuals
with that name in Puerto Rico. [redacted]

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1 - New York

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NOTE:

(S) Subject is Puerto Rican independence leader [redacted]

and our knowledge of other Cuban agent cases.

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1 - 65-68277 [redacted]
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RADIOGRAM TO SAC SAN JUAN

(U) RE: ~~(OVERTHROW)~~ (S)
65-68035

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(S) [REDACTED]

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(S) [REDACTED]

(S) [REDACTED]

(U) YOU SHOULD BE MOST ALERT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S TRAVEL AND RECIPIENTS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY INSTRUCTIONS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED, PARTICULARLY AS SET FORTH IN BUREAU AIRTEL JULY THIRTY, LAST. (S) (S)

NEW YORK, MIAMI AND OTTAWA ADVISED BY MAIL. (U)

NOTE:

(S) Overthrow is code name for Cuban agent in Puerto Rico. [REDACTED]
(S) [REDACTED] Juan Mari Bras, Puerto Rican independence leader who recently returned from trip to Cuba. [REDACTED] appears to be Julio Vines who is under investigation. [REDACTED]
(S) [REDACTED] Subject was previously instructed to return to Cuba via Canada and pursuant to approval of memorandum 7-17-63 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The memorandum also recommended we take no action to approach subject prior to his departure from Puerto Rico. (S) (S)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785)
SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF
DATE 3/20/77

Re Bureau airtel 8/29/63.

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The San Juan Office has some reservations
in identifying the subject as the recipient of the message
sent from Cuba on August 4, 1963 as set forth in referenced
airtel. (S) (X) (U)

A check of subject's home at Rio Piedras,
Puerto Rico on August 31, 1963 failed to disclose any evi-
dence of the dipole antenna that would normally be used for
short wave reception from Cuba. We note that "Overthrow"
and the prime suspect in [] both have such antennas
mounted on their homes. (S) (U)

While our radio staff has explained that such
an antenna is not essential they nevertheless felt that
reception from Cuba would be difficult at best without
such equipment. More important, we feel that subject is
placed at too high a level to engage in listening to clandestine
broadcast and taking the time to copy coded messages. The
subject is, today, without doubt, the maximum leader in the
Puerto Rican independence field and in line with his high
position it would be undignified and unseemly for him to
engage in this common activity. (S) (U)

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(U) (S) (X) The questioned message of August 4 indicates that "Everything has been arranged with the Algerians". We know, of course, that MARI BRAS is planning contact with the Algerians, probably BEN BELLA himself. We note further that [] has reported that Algeria has been invited to participate in the national youth conference of the Movimiento Pro Independencia (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) to be held at San Juan September 7 and 8, 1963, although there is no assurance that these invitees will appear. (S) (X) (U)

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The 14 de Julio location in the aforementioned message would certainly have something to do with a place that is either French or Algerian since July 14 is celebrated as Bastille Day in France and until recently in Algeria, since it was a department of France. There are no known streets or places in Puerto Rico named 14 de Julio, however, it is possible and probable that there are streets or plazas in France and Algeria so designated. (S) (X) (U)

At the present time, we feel that MANOLO must be a person in New York, probably someone in the Cuban UN Delegation, although earlier we had stated that the subject could be MANOLO in view of one of the earliest messages "We know MANOLO pseudonym for MARI." (S) (X) (U)

(S) At this time we are unable to suggest any possibilities identifiable with [] (S) (X) (S)

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(S) We do not rule out the possibility that [] is in Puerto Rico [] (S) (X) (S)

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(S) Our further observations concerning []

[] will be made available to the Bureau when facts bearing on them come to our attention. (S) (X) (S)

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TO SAC SAN JUAN (65-412)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-92333)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

[Redacted] ESPIONAGE - CUBA ~~SECRET~~ u

FOLLOWING DATA PAREN RECEIVED FROM [Redacted]
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SENT TO SUBJECT FROM CUBA SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT LAST. ~~(S)~~

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

REMEMBER THE LETTER FOR CABLES. ~~SECRET~~
END OF NUMBER FIVE. ~~SECRET~~
MIAMI AND NEW YORK ADVISED BY MAIL.

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(U) RADIOGRAM TO SAC SAN JUAN
RE: [REDACTED] X X
105-92333

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NOTE:

(S) Subject is Cuban agent in Puerto Rico. [REDACTED] Juan Mari
Bras, Puerto Rican independence leader. New York is aware
of his presence there and is conducting investigation of
him. (S) X X
Re letter 6-1-92

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Director, FBI (105-292)

JUAN MARI DRAS
IS - PRN

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Reurlet 9-20-63 in captioned matter and Dulet to
San Juan 9-4-63 captioned "Juan M. Dras, Espionage - Cuba,"
a copy of which was furnished to your office.

In view of the subject's frequent trips to
New York City you probably will be developing pertinent data
regarding him on a continuing basis. Much of this information
developed will deal with his Puerto Rican independence
activities and where warranted this information should be
prepared in form suitable for dissemination under an IS - PRN
character. As pointed out in reDulet, any information which
might compromise our current investigations
of Cuban agents overthrow should not be included
in reports or letterhead memoranda prepared under the IS - PRN
character.

Although subject is involved in the above-mentioned
Cuban agent cases which are most sensitive ones, you should
continue to most closely follow the subject's activities from
an independence standpoint in view of his prominent role in
the independence movement. Interested agencies should have
the benefit of data developed.

Bureau has no objection to your following the subject's
activities in your file 65-22500, but wants to make it clear
we do not intend to discontinue disseminating data on the
subject's Puerto Rican independence activities merely because
of his involvement in the Cuban agent network.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (67-1777)

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SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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(U) ReBuairtel dated 9/5/63, wherein the NYO was
instructed to submit recommendations and comments concerning
those agents participating in the development of NY 4102-S*.

(U) The following SAS of the NYO are being recommended
for individual letters of commendation in connection with
the vital parts they played in development of NY 4102-S*.

- SA [redacted]
- SA [redacted]
- SA BOYD B. HENRY, JR.
- SA MAURICE H. LAUZIERE
- SA JOHN G. WILLIS
- SA [redacted]
- SA [redacted]

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 - (1 - Bureau Personnel File, SA [redacted])
 - (1 - [redacted])

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- SA BOYD B. HENRY, JR.)
- SA MAURICE H. LAUZIERE)
- SA JOHN G. WILLIS)

- 8 - New York (Personnel files of each of above agents)
 - (1 - NY 67-1777)

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(U) The recommendations referred to above are being made on the basis of the highly successful results achieved in effectuating the development of NY 4102-S*. In order to have realized the end result, considerable obstacles had to be overcome, and the results achieved were, in no small measure, directly attributable to the teamwork of all the agents assigned. (U)

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

(U) As the Bureau is aware, JUAN MARI ERAS is the Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), a resident of Puerto Rico, vehemently anti-United States and pro-CASTRO, highly intelligent and well educated, the combination of which factors made him an excellent subject for recruitment by the Cuban Intelligence Service (CIS). (S) (U)

(U) Through the development of several highly confidential sources, [the intelligence agencies of this Government were made aware of the fact that the CIS was operating several obviously highly trained espionage agents in Puerto Rico.] Two of the agents known to have operated in Puerto Rico were assigned the arbitrary code names of "OVERTHROW" [redacted] and in both of these cases, an unknown subject assigned the Cuban code name [redacted] appeared in a principal role, with both agent and courier assignments. As a result of investigation in the above cases, one of the possible suspects developed as possibly identical with [redacted] was JUAN MARI BRAS. (S) (U)

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(U) On 7/31/63, JUAN MARI BRAS arrived in NYC from Puerto Rico on a trip, the specific purpose of which was unknown, but, by virtue of the above circumstances, was suspected to be on behalf of the CIS and the MPIPR. MARI BRAS was placed under discreet surveillance and was found to have registered at the Hotel Bristol, located in the mid-town area of New York City, a high proportion of the clientele of this hotel being of Latin origin. (U)

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(S) A plan was carefully formulated to gain access to the personal papers in the possession of JUAN MARI BRAS, in an effort to develop any information which might tend to substantiate the suspicion that this individual was identical with the unknown Cuban intelligence agent [] and any other activities that JUAN MARI BRAS could be engaged in on behalf of the Cuban Government and the MPIPR. SA DONALD E. HALTER was assigned the task, assisted by SA J. WILLIAM LOVE, of developing a highly confidential source who could furnish the desired information. In order to effectuate the successful realization of this task, the following problems and obstacles had to be overcome: (S) X

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(U) In order that the operation, or development of this source, could be afforded maximum security, MARI BRAS, upon leaving his temporary residence at the hotel, had to be discreetly placed under surveillance from the time he left the general area until the time the operation would be concluded. (S) X

(U) A secure location in the close proximity of MARI BRAS' room had to be secured, where the personal papers could be closely examined and photographed. (S) X

(U) Access to MARI BRAS' room itself had to be secured under the most secure conditions possible, but still, with a high degree of personal risk of discovery. (S) X

(U) On the morning of 8/1/63, MARI BRAS was placed under discreet surveillance and when he left the general area of his hotel, SAS [] and [] checked into the Bristol Hotel, and under a pretext, were able to secure a room on the same floor as his. MARI BRAS' room, fortunately, was located in a corner removed from the principal corridor, but immediately next to the elevator shafts servicing the floor. These elevators had to be placed in operation under control of other agents assigned, in order to insure security during the time access to MARI BRAS' room was attempted. (S) X

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(S) A plan was carefully formulated to develop any information which might tend to substantiate the suspicion that this individual was identical with the unknown Cuban intelligence agent, [redacted] and any other activities that JUAN MARI BRAS could be engaged in on behalf of the Cuban Government and the MPIPR. SA DONALD E. HALTER was assigned the task, assisted by SA J. WILLIAM LOVE, of developing a highly confidential source who could furnish the desired information. In order to effectuate the successful realization of this task, a number of delicate problems and obstacles had to be overcome. (S) X

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(S) On 8/1, 2 and 8/63, successful operations were accomplished. In all, 280 separate photographs were furnished by the anonymous source and the material was carefully sifted, coordinated and evaluated. In the end, it well documented that MARI BRAS was, in fact, the Cuban intelligence agent [redacted] who was then clandestinely en route to Cuba via Czechoslovakia, and surreptitiously planned a visit to Algeria, where the Cuban Government had arranged an audience with Premier AHMED BEN BELLA for him on behalf of the Cuban Government and the MPIPR. (S) X

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(U) The development of this highly sensitive source furnished extremely important information which was available from no other sources, and the successful culmination of all aspects of the above-described operation serves as a tribute to the resourcefulness, tenacity and the willingness to assume considerable personal risk on the part of the agents assigned. The overall sensitivity of the operation demanded a superior performance in all phases. (S) X

SA [redacted]

(U) SA [redacted] was assigned this matter and was responsible for the careful preparation of the overall plan of operation for development of this highly confidential source. SA [redacted] was the impetus behind the operation and handled all phases of his responsibilities in a highly commendable manner. SA [redacted] personally participated in three contacts with the anonymous source. (S) X

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RE: [REDACTED] ~~(S)~~
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(U) ADVISE IF ANY OF INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE KNOWN TO
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IN CUBA, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN INDEPENDENCE
ACTIVITIES. ~~(S)~~ (S) ~~(S)~~

(U) MIAMI AND NEW YORK ADVISED BY MAIL ~~(S)~~

NOTE:

(S) Subject is Cuban agent in Puerto Rico.
Bras, Puerto Rican independence leader. ~~(S)~~ ~~(S)~~

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TO DIRECTOR -3- AND SAC SAN JUAN
FROM SAC NEW YORK 270430

JUAN MARI BRAS; ESP - CUBA.

RESJTEL, SEPTEMBER 25 LAST. 65-292-120

SUBJECT LOCATED IN AMERICA HOTEL, 145 WEST 47TH STREET, NYC.

ROOM 410. [REDACTED] OCCUPIES ROOM 418. SUBJECT ME

JOSE ANTONIO GONZALEZ GONZALEZ AT AMERICA HOTEL IN THE AM OF THIS
DATE. [REDACTED]

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FURTHER WILL BE MADE TO REINSTITUTE NEW YORK 4102-S*. BUREAU AND
SAN JUAN WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
THIS MATTER. (S) *B*

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