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Revolutionary Council's (GR) Project for Sabotage of Cuban Coastal Facilities

1. On 19 September 1962 we were contacted by Mr. Gladstone McCarthy, New England Secretary for the Revolutionary Council of Cuba (Consejo Revolucionario De Cuba). This exile Cuban organization was formerly known as the Democratic Revolutionary Front of Cuba. He had contacted McCarthy, an alien, in early 1962 in order to explore his FFI potential on Cuban affairs. At that time the appropriate security procedures were followed and security records subsequently indicated that the FBI had no objection to our interrogation of the subject.

2. Background Information on Subject

NAME: Gladstone Emmanuel McCarthy
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 6 January 1911, Baracoa, Oriente, Cuba
CITIZENSHIP: Cuban. Arrived in US last time 23 Aug 60, FAA, at Miami International Airport
RESIDENCES: 1961 - present, 15 Vernon St., Apt 3, Brookline 46, Mass.
1960 - 1961, 630 N.E. 28 Terrace, Miami, Fla. His mother is living at: Grand Cocconates, Riverside Drive, Grand Beach, Fla.
EMPLOYMENT: 1960 - present, Eszell & Company (Manager) Exporters and Importers, 186 Lincoln St., Boston 11, Mass.
1958 - 1960, Eszell & Co. Representative in Cuba.
1953 - 1958, Creditos y Descuentos Marrañilles
1948 - 1953, Banco Agricola y Mercantil
1947 - 1948, Banco Agricola o Industrial
1939 - 1949, Canadian Bank of Commerce
1937 - 1939, United Fruit Company (Central Preston)
1935 - 1937, The Bank of Nova Scotia (Canadian)
EDUCATION: 1931 - 1933, Havana University, Business Administration
1930 - 1931, College, didn't finish due to father's sickness
1929, High School Graduate, Emory University Academy, Oxford, Georgia
Father: John McCarthy, born in London, England, (miscitancy, deceased)
Mother: Louise Emmanuel, born in Buenos Aires, Argentina
Brothers: Milton, 42-23 164th St., Flushing, L.I., N.Y.
Elsdon Erasmus, lives in Cuba. P.O. Box 10, Guante, Oriente Province
Sisters: Alice (Mrs. Thomas Britt) married to Sinclair Oil Co. Executive, living in Caracas, Venezuela
Liria (Mrs. Walter Mannan) widow, 689 Belsos Drive, Kicksville, L.I., N.Y.
Victoria Helen (Mrs. Frank Wright) 37 Glenbrook Er., Kicksville, L.I., N.Y.
Angusta (Mrs. Joseph Walls) married to retired engineer of Interior Dept., 810 Hillwood Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia

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3. During our meeting (19 September 1962) Mr. McCarthy asked us if our Agency could assist his organization in the purchase of a submarine. Thereupon Mr. McCarthy explained that he and the delegate of the GRS in New York City have devised the following plan for coastal sabotage in Cuba:

4. GRS's Proposal for Sabotage in Cuba. In order to carry out sabotage of the ports and dock facilities in various sections of the Cuban coastline, the GRS would like to acquire a small submarine at a nominal purchase cost. Certainly the sub would be engaged in some kind of scientific endorsed exploration. The sub would not be equipped with weapons or arms. According to McCarthy, appropriate cover has been developed, including an oceanographer and the use of other scientists who could be used as part of the plan. The actual mission of the submarine will be to carry Cuban skin divers or frogmen who, along with members of the GRS on the mainland, will conduct sabotage to some or all of the following port facilities in Cuba:

- Port of Santa Lucia (copper refinery, docks and port facilities)
- Minas de Estebanero (From Santa Lucia, contact could be made with internal revolutionaries who could sabotage copper mines in this inland area)
- Coast of Bahia Honda (petroleum tanks, Malacca tanks, sugar mills and dockside targets)
- Port of Cabañas (Port facilities and sugar mill)
- Port Mariel (Cement factory, petroleum tanks, sugar mill and dock facilities)
- Bayamo - Marro Cañale (Loading ships slow down to meet pilot boats at Marro Cañale - objective: sabotage to those ships if they carry military equipment, etc.)

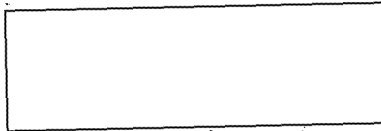
5. Although not completely crystallized at this time, the thinking of the GRS is to hit the above facilities sporadically but as soon as possible. It is hoped that preliminary information about Cuban coastal areas can be obtained from Cuban country boys and fishermen in Miami as well as other sources available to the GRS. Part of the package also includes carrying material to GRS guerrilla units and other points of contact on the Cuban mainland. McCarthy mentioned that one of his brothers now lives in Fomento (Becandry Mountain area). Apparently this brother is receiving current information on guerrilla activity in this vicinity. Also, since the brother's sister-in-law is a telephone operator in Fomento he can be alerted to the Castro regime's activities in the area. He add this for what it may be worth since McCarthy injected this bit of information into the conversation in context with his sabotage plan. Later, when we probed for more data, he stated that his brother would not be part of the plan because he (McCarthy) does not maintain direct contact with him. He added, however, that he is currently preparing a code through which he can communicate with this brother.

6. Regarding personnel to carry out this operation, McCarthy says that the GRS has the talent available, including good swimmers who know the Cuban coastline. He mentioned that his group might also enlist the aid of the Alpha 66, but did not divulge information about any association with that organization.

7. We queried McCarthy as to the long-range objectives of his plan. In other words what does the CRU hope to accomplish. His answer was, "The Cuban people need to have their confidence restored. They need something to hope for. They have lost faith in the US and feel that the US will do nothing for their plight. Each act involving Cuba is passed mouth to mouth. Such an operation as I have outlined would give the people something to live for. It could decrease opposition on the island. My council has concluded--regardless of the harm the sabotage might inflict upon Cuban nationalism--we must act now. Now is the time. All exile groups feel the same way. My plan is known to only one other member of the CRU. It must not be divulged. It must be set up under a cover. I must divorce myself from it even though I am willing to take part. Through a third party in Miami, who does not know about the plan, we can recruit the necessary manpower. We need someone to operate the sub. We need a minimum crew. No armaments. We need a small sub similar to the kind the Japanese used during World War II. The sub would be working on underwater sea investigation. No ties with the US Government are desired or necessary, but we need help to get the project started, especially to obtain the submarine."

8. Presumably this information will be transmitted to the covert shops for their possible interest. If follow-up data is requested we shall be happy to forward it. In the meantime, we should appreciate any guidance that headquarters can provide in the event that McCarthy contacts us again in the immediate future.

9. For COA(S) credit please see Boston 21155.



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