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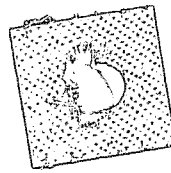
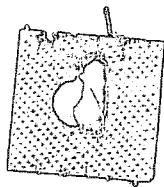
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On 4/8/64, MI 639-S advised that LUIS ROSADA, in charge of training for the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE), together with JURE members MARIO HERNANDEZ and LUIS FERNANDEZ, had recently visited Clewiston, Florida, a town on the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, where they contacted the Commissioner of Hendry County, Mr. CAMPBELL HALL, for the purpose of opening a training camp at the local airport. Commissioner HALL was reluctant to give permission to the Cubans for use of the airport property at Clewiston, because the Federal Aviation Agency might object. In an effort to persuade Commissioner HALL, the Cubans offered to repair the buildings on the airport property and to pay for use of the airport but HALL objected to this. (X)(M)

According to MI 639-S, JURE, despite the obstacles confronting them at Clewiston, were determined to establish some training operations in the near future. The source stated that following the (X)(M)

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contact with Commissioner HALL, the members of JURE proceeded to an established training camp located somewhere between Clewiston and Tampa, Florida, about 80 miles from Clewiston. The source further advised that JURE had 2 teams of 13-20 men per team, ready to undertake training in guerrilla warfare. The instructors were to be Cubans who had been in the U.S. Army; the source also believed that 2 or 3 American instructors might be involved. (X)(u)

Also on 4/8/64, MI 639-5 advised that JURE has a bank account at the Central Bank and Trust Company, Miami, and the account might be in the name of JURE or possibly in the name of LUIS POSADA. The source stated that MARIO HERNANDEZ, one of the JURE members visiting the afore-described training camp, resides at 7146 S.W. 26th Street, Miami. (X)(u)

On 5/25/64, Mr. KENNETH BLONDIN, an officer at the Central Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, advised that there was no account at the bank in the name of Junta Revolucionaria Cubana or Cuban Revolutionary Junta, or JURE. He advised LUIS POSADA of 1111 N.W. 34th Avenue, Miami, had opened a Special Account in March, 1964. The record indicated POSADA had served in the U.S. Army.

On 6/12/64, Mr. BLONDIN was recontacted, at which time he made available the monthly statement of POSADA's account, #4-69-236-2, together with the checks issued by POSADA during the previous month. Only 5 checks had been drawn on the account during the monthly period ending 6/4/64, at which time a balance of \$18.50 remained in the account. The checks were made payable

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to Texaco (cashed at Chicago - possibly a credit card account) in the amount of \$61.06; WILLIAM R. SCHUSS for \$30; Standard Oil Company for \$36.89; Household Finance of Columbus, Georgia for \$30, and Jackson Hall Apartments for \$74.45.

On June 19, 1964 [redacted] CIA, Miami, was contacted and informed of the fact the training operation in captioned case appeared to involve JURE.

Mr. [redacted] stated that whether or not the training involved JURE was not a matter of operational interest to his office, and therefore his office interposed no objection to FBI investigation of the matter.

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On June 19, 1964 MM 639-S was recontacted, at which time he advised he no longer had close association with JURE at Miami, and therefore was uninformed as to the current training operation by JURE, however, he believed that the training camp described in the caption of this case is identical with the one he had reported on 4/8/64. (X)(M)

The Miami Office will interview persons associated with JURE for information concerning the military training of JURE in Florida and in particular on the property of Weir W. Williams in Polk County, Florida.

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