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BY LIAISON

Date: June 27, 1962
To: Director
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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: ROLANDO L. CUBELA Y SECADES
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Reference is made to your letter dated April 12,
1961, concerning the subject, your reference GSCI-3/764,709.

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated June 18,
1962, at Miami, Florida, which contains information concerning
the possible defection of Cubela from the Cuban Government.

For your information, T-2 in the memorandum is
[Carlos Tepedino] who is identified in the referenced letter
as a long-time contact of a representative of your Agency.
[Tepedino] advised our Miami Office that Cubela plans to go to
Paris, France, following the termination of the Congress in
Helsinki, Finland, and wants [Tepedino] to meet him there.
[Tepedino] said he already had plans to go to Europe on June 22,
1962, and stated that, if he could be of any service to the
United States Government or assist Cubela, he would arrange to
be in Paris whenever necessary. He said he could be contacted
in Europe through B. Rosenblatt, 20 Chetrevise, Paris, Telephone
Number TA 19 17428.

[Tepedino] noted that he had been in close contact
with a [redacted] who formerly was assigned to the
United States Embassy in Havana, Cuba, and, after [redacted]

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was transferred to [Mexico City] was in contact with [redacted] (S)
at the Embassy in Havana. [Tepedino] also mentioned that he was (u)
in Mexico when Cubela talked to [redacted] there. In speaking of (u)
his desire to cooperate, [Tepedino] emphasized that he does not (S)
want [redacted] think he is doing something behind [redacted] (u)
back. Our Miami Office advised [Tepedino] that the data furnished (u)
by him would be made available to the proper United States (S)
agency and that his comments concerning [redacted] would be relayed (u)
to that agency.

[Tepedino] (u)
noted that he was returning to New York
City from Miami and said that, in the event he received any
additional information concerning Cubela, he would forward it
to the FBI. He furnished our Miami Office a business card of
["Tishman and Lipp, Inc., New York City and Corletto, Inc.,
Milano (Italy)," which showed a business address of 31 West
47th Street, New York 36, New York, Telephone Number Judson
6-4622. On the business card, he listed his home address as
"98-19-64 Ave., Rego Park, Queens, L. I., N. Y." and his home
Telephone Number as TW 7-9843.] (u)

[Tepedino] (u)
asked whom he should contact if he received
emergency information while in Paris, and our Miami Office,
which had had no previous contact with [Tepedino], informed him (u)
that he should go to the United States Embassy there and speak
to someone in the Legal Attache's Office.

Since it appears that [Tepedino] (u)
is of operational
interest to your Agency, we are taking no steps to direct his
activities. If he does volunteer information concerning Cubela (u)
in the future, you will be promptly advised. We are instructing
our representative in Paris that, in the event [Tepedino] contacts (u)
his office, he should [refer Tepedino to your representative] (u)

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(u) [there.] If you have not already done so, you may desire to establish contact with [Tepedino] and furnish him specific instructions as to how this matter should be handled. (u)

Enclosure

ATTENTION: LEGAL ATTACHES, PARIS AND LONDON, AND SAC, MIAMI

Single copies of Miami airtel and memorandum 6/18/62 are enclosed for Legal Attaches, London and Paris.

Legal Attache, Paris, should refer [Tepedino] to the appropriate [Central Intelligence Agency] official at the Embassy if [Tepedino] does contact your office. (u)

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" [since the identities of CIA representatives abroad are set out herein, and, for that reason, letter is being sent by liaison. In view of the positive indication that Tepedino has been operated by CIA in the past and since

(S) [redacted] are known to MIAMI Agents formerly assigned to Havana as CIA employees, no guidance will be given Tepedino by Bureau] (u)

Cubela has been President of the Cuban University Student Federation (FEU) for many years and was also a leader of the Revolutionary Directorate, a group which fought with Castro to overthrow Batista. For several months we have been receiving reports that Cubela is fed up with Castro and wants to defect.

*Since the data developed by Miami indicates [CIA is arranging] the defection, we are withholding dissemination to other agencies at this time. (u)

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