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By letter dated December 28, 1961, to the State Department, a copy of which was designated for Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), we inquired whether those agencies were in a position to make inquiries through friendly diplomatic circles for the acquirement of information concerning individuals residing in Cuba. We particularly referred to individuals whose residence addresses and telephone numbers were known. (U)

On February 5, 1962, this matter was discussed by the Liaison Agent with William O'Ryan, CIA. He explained that in connection with its own responsibilities CIA has endeavored to utilize the services of [redacted] and to some extent contacts of other friendly countries. In general, the capabilities of the friendly diplomatic establishments to develop intelligence information have been most mediocre. With the exception of the [redacted] the other countries never have established any known intelligence networks or operations in Cuba. During the past several years [redacted] activity in Cuba has been negligible inasmuch as the [redacted] had assumed that this area was more or less the responsibility of the U. S. A.

O'Ryan stated that his Agency is endeavoring to improve and expand the capabilities of the "friendly" intelligence services in Cuba. This is proceeding very slowly. He suggested that if the Bureau had any leads which we desired to pursue through the "friendly" channels CIA would be glad to handle the requests but definitely cannot assure the Bureau there will be positive results.

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