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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

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JUAN MARI BRAS  
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(OO: SAN JUAN)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are nine copies and two copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of LHM are being furnished the New York Office, due to their overall interest in Puerto Rican pro-independence activities. LHM is being disseminated locally to Naval Investigative Service Office, 10th Naval District, San Juan; Office of Special Investigations, Ramey Air Force Base; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment, San Juan; and U. S. Secret Service, San Juan.

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AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will follow and report to Bureau all pertinent results of investigation being conducted by agents of the Criminal Investigations Corps..

- 3-Bureau (Encl. 9) (RM) REC-50 105-292349
- (1 - 105-75715) (MPIPR)
- 2-New York (Encl. 2) (RM) EX-102
- (1 - 105-3002) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

JUAN MARI BRAS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On January 7, 1969, at 1:19 a.m. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, advised the San Juan [REDACTED] the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a bomb exploded in a vehicle owned by Juan Mari Bras at approximately 12:45 a.m. that date. The vehicle involved was a 1967 Ford Falcon registered to Paquita Vesquera de Mari, wife of Mari Bras. Explosion took place in front of subject's residence located at 1604 Parana Street, El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. No one was injured and damages totalled \$100.

On January 7, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, [REDACTED] theorized that the explosion was the result of a [REDACTED] which was being carried within the trunk of victim's automobile, which was accidentally detonated. [REDACTED] further advised that there were no witnesses to the explosion.

[REDACTED] Bras

[REDACTED] advised that he believed the bomb had been placed by Cuban pro-Castro elements presently residing in Puerto Rico. However, no suspects have been developed by the CIC.

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 Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Bomba Daña Auto Mari Bras

## CIC Investiga Atentado

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

### Crean Es Campaña Represalia

Por Bienvenido Ortiz Otero

Una bomba causó daños al auto del Secretario General del Movimiento Pro Independencia. El artefacto estalló a las 12:45, pero la explosión causó sólo daños por valor de \$300.

La bomba estalló en el auto del licenciado Juan Mari Bras cuando éste se encontraba durmiendo con su familia en su casa en la calle Paraná número 1606 de la urbanización El Paraíso, de Río Piedras.

Agentes del Cuerpo de Investigación Criminal iniciarán esta mañana la correspondiente investigación, para determinar qué tipo de bomba fue la que estalló, y si el que la puso dejó algún rastro para su identificación.

Se aseguró que sólo el auto del licenciado Mari Bras sufrió daños, aunque el de su padre estaba cerca.

Las autoridades comienzan a sentir alguna preocupación porque el atentado contra el líder del separatismo puertorriqueño puede ser el inicio de una campaña de represalia de algunos grupos de derecha que creen que los últimos atentados contra las propiedades norteamericanas en la Isla pueden estar dirigidos por el MPI.

Esta sería una organización similar a la que está operando en un país latinoamericano, que se dedica a ejecutar a las personas que se involucran en los movimientos de izquierda y comunistas.

~~Esta es la primera vez que~~ ocurre un atentado real contra el líder del MPI, aunque en el pasado recibió amenazas de que iban a causarle daño económico como quemarle su casa y otras amenazas.

Para la Policía sería un grave problema que los movimientos de derecha comenzaran a tomar venganza contra las personas que creen responsables de los atentados terroristas de los últimos años, ya que entonces se tendría una guerra en pequeño entre las manos, sin saberse dónde buscar los culpables.

Aparentemente el artefacto que estalló en la casa del licenciado Juan Mari Bras fue puesto debajo del auto, esto es, en el pavimento de la entrada de los vehículos.

El auto del padre de Mari Bras, don Santiago Mari Ramos, sufrió daños menores, porque con el estallido del artefacto se le abrió el baúl.

El líder del MPI dijo a los agentes del CIC que él ha si-  
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"El Mundo"

San Juan,  
 Puerto Rico

Date: 1/7/69

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Author:

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do amenazado varias veces, aunque en los últimos días no había recibido ninguna amenaza.

En la casa estaban, además de Mari Bras y Mari Ramos, la esposa del primero, señora Paquita Pesquera, y los tres hijos de Mari Bras. Uno de éstos, de 16 años de edad, fue el que estuvo usando durante todo el día del lunes el auto afectado por la explosión.

El licenciado Mari Bras usó otro auto que dejó estacionado frente a la casa. Pero normalmente el que usa el líder separatista es el que sufrió los daños más graves.

El único que estaba despierto al ocurrir la explosión era el hijo de Mari Bras que tiene 16 años de edad, y quien había estado usando ayer el auto afectado.

Al preguntársele al Superintendente interino, coronel Astor Calero Toledo, qué va a hacer la Policía en relación con este atentado, dijo:

"La Policía investigará a fondo este caso, y se tomarán aquellas providencias necesarias para que si es un atentado real, esto es, si fue que alguien colocó una bomba en el lugar, que no vuelva a ocurrir.

"Los residuos de lo que estalló en el lugar serán analizados en el laboratorio de la Policía para determinar si se trata de una bomba.

"No tengo datos suficientes para hacer conjeturas en cuanto a quién puso, si algo se puso, en el lugar de los hechos".



La flecha ilustra la perforación que hizo la supuesta bomba en el piso del asiento trasero del auto del licenciado Juan Mari Bras. — Foto por Rafael Angel Rivera.

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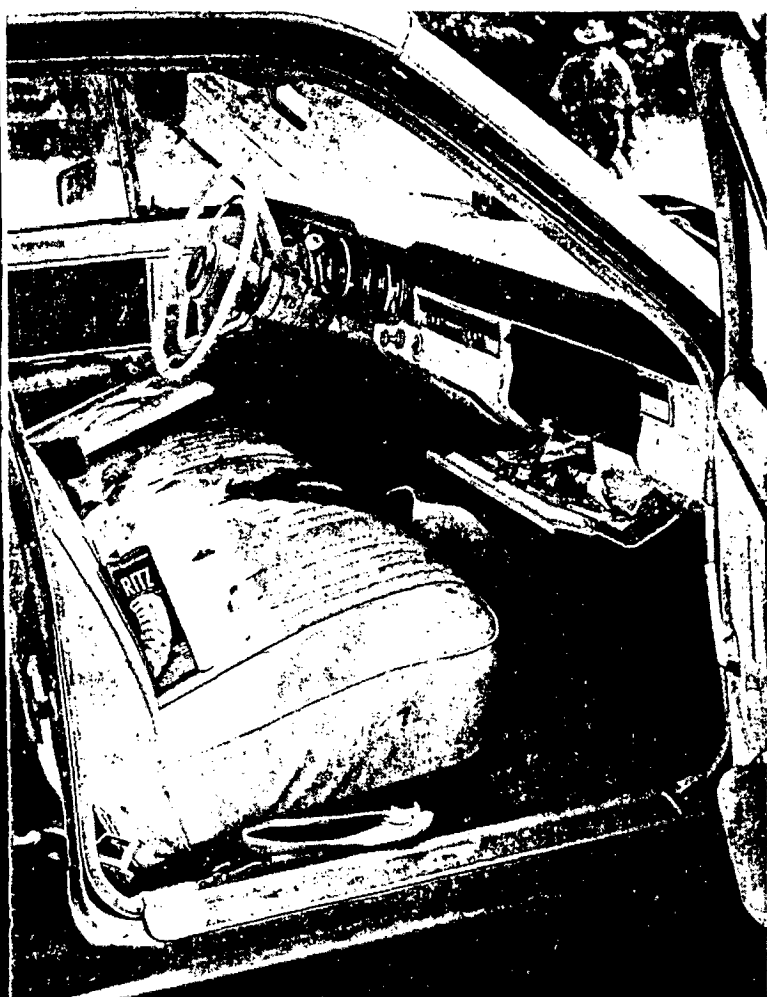
# Mari Bras Car Blast Leaves A Cold Trail

By EVERETT H. TROP  
Of The STAR Staff

Police reported no leads Tuesday night in the early morning

bombing of Pro-Independence Movement leader Juan Mari Bras' car, parked in front of his home in El Paraiso, Rio

Piedras. Mari Bras said his son saw the bomb attack at 12:45 a.m., as a late model—1968 or 1969—yellow Ford Galaxie pulled up alongside the car registered in his wife's name, and the driver got out and threw something underneath it.



The inside of the car owned by the wife of independence leader Juan Mari Bras shows part of the damage caused by a bomb hurled under the parked car early Tuesday morning. (STAR Photo by Rafael H. Trias).

Two minutes later, the bomb exploded, causing at least \$700 damage, according to the police. Mari Bras said his 1967 Ford Falcon is, to all intents and purposes, a total loss.

Mari Bras denounced the bombing as the work of "enemies of Puerto Rican independence. I have no personal enemies."

He added, "If I were to use the criteria others use in judging our movement, I would have to say the guilty party could be anyone from Ferre down."

Mari Bras hastened to add, "Naturally, I do not believe Ferre ordered the bombing."

Gov. Ferre denounced the attack on Mari Bras' car:

"I firmly condemn such acts because they are contrary to the good democratic traditions and principles of the Puerto Rican people."

"Anyone who has acted in this fashion has done so against these principles," Ferre continued. "I am confident the people reject acts of this nature."

The force of the explosion, Mari Bras said, would probably have killed him had he been inside the car.

In one of the oddities frequently accompanying violence, the device did not cause a secondary explosion and fire despite its placement near the gas tank.

The attack is being investigated by the Criminal Investigation Corps with Lt. Jose Melendez in charge.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS

PRH  
*San Juan airtel to the Bureau dated 1/7/69, captioned as above.*

Enclosed for the Bureau, the Miami and New York offices are nine copies, one copy and two copies each in LHM captioned "Cuban Power" and dated as above.

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- 105-75715 (MPIPR)
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It has been determined that the letter received by the Associated Press and set forth in enclosed memorandum has received some publicity in local news media, including radio broadcasts.

In light of the above, the San Juan Office feels the letter affords a unique opportunity to exploit the kidnapping of a vehicle of JUAN MARI BRAS on 1/7/69, and the publication of the letter in view of current Intensification Program and efforts in the counterintelligence field.

Upon authorization from the Bureau, a letter will be directed in the Spanish language to the Associated Press, the Associated Press and the three leading newspapers in the San Juan area, "The San Juan Star", "El Mundo", and "El Imparcial". The letter will be prepared on a typewriter exhibiting characteristics similar to those in the letter received by the Associated Press and set forth in enclosed LHM. All security precautions will be taken in connection with the writing and handling of this letter.

The letter under consideration is as follows:

"Second Open Letter to the Puerto Rican People:

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"Already the traitor JUAN MARI BRAS has felt the effects of our dedication.

"With this act of retribution, we set into motion, without any hesitation, a campaign of action, justified by the subversion of the principles of democracy which have long been under attack by these strident communists.

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"Long live freedom!! Long live Cuban Power!! "

The Bureau is requested to expeditiously give consideration to this matter in order that the full impact of the letter may be realized.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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GPO Box BT  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936  
January 10, 1969

CUBAN POWER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to FBI memorandum dated January 7, 1969, captioned "JUAN MARI BRAS, INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST".

On January 9, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the San Juan Office (SJO) of the FBI that on January 8, 1969, she received the following letter written in the Spanish language and undated. The letter translates as follows:

"Open letter to the Puerto Rican People:

"We Cubans who have been viciously exiled from our beloved Cuba have united for the purpose of fighting for one single goal: the liberation of Cuba. With this glorious purpose we declare our solidarity with our brothers in diverse cities of the U. S. who have been able to take the necessary measures to punish those who sympathize with and support the odious tyranny which has extended itself over the beautiful island of Cuba.

"It is a fact that our brothers in the U. S. have felt the punishing force of a shortsighted North American policy, but neither they nor we will bow down before this policy. We accept the challenge and we believe that Cuban Power has come to Puerto Rico. We recognize our duty and will be able to fulfill it.

We came to Puerto Rico seeking refuge and the generous Puerto Rican people offered it to us.

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In Puerto Rico we have established homes and businesses and we now declare that we will defend Puerto Rico against any person who would destroy the peace and liberty which exist here.

"We will do everything in our power to stop the incursions and the advance of the so called Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR-Puerto Rican Independence Movement) and its affiliated organizations because the complete and indisputable truth is that these groups are nothing more than puppets in the hands of the great tyrant of Cuba - pigs who wish to corrupt the foundations of this democratic society.

"Our plan: the liberation of Cuba and the destruction of all enemies of democracy wherever they may be found.

"Long live Cuba!! Long live Cuban Power!!

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. DeLoach.....
- Mr. Mohr.....
- Mr. Bishop.....
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# 'Cuban Power' Declares War On PIM's Support Of Castro

A group called Cuban Power, which has taken credit for several acts of violence on the mainland, has declared war on the Pro Independence Movement because of the local group's support of Fidel Castro.

In an unsigned letter mailed in San Juan, the Cuban exile group says that PIM and "af-

filiated organizations are nothing more than puppets in the hands of the great tyrant of Cuba . . ."

The letter says that PIM is trying to "corrupt the foundations of this democratic society" and adds that the group will "destroy the enemies of democracy wherever they are."

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San Juan,  
Puerto Rico

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**A I R T E L**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)**

**FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401)(P)**

**MPIPR  
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(OO: SAN JUAN)**

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Local dissemination has been made to Naval Investigative Service Office, 10th Naval District; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; Office of Special Investigations, Ramey Air Force Base; and U. S. Secret Service, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI, POPR), is cognizant of the information contained in the enclosed LHM.

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- 3 - San Juan  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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San Juan, Puerto Rico

January 13, 1969

**MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO  
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST**

In the January 12, 1969 edition of the San Juan Star, an English language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a two-page article appeared in the Sunday Magazine section entitled, "Working Toward a Republica." The article set forth the history of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) and its current leader, Juan Mari Bras.

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix attached hereto.

The following are some excerpts from this article:

"The MPIPR has an annual budget of about \$60,000 which includes \$30,000 for Claridad, its weekly magazine. Claridad has now published more editions than any other Independentista newspaper in island history according to Mari Bras. It was the first newspaper to break the monopoly of Gov. Sanchez Marital problems and the first to uncover the government report on the copper deposits."

"The vast majority of MPIPR present membership is now reported to be under 30 years of age and the

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MPIPR

"'misiones' in San Juan, Esjardo, Rio Grande and Canovanas and Carolina are directed by men under 30."

"The orientation of the youth is much more radical and socialistic than the older leadership, represented by MPIPR's Political Committee, which is the chief policy making apparatus of the organization."

"It is the youth, many of whom have come out of the Federation of University Students for Independence (FUPI), who are pushing the MPIPR to take a more radical political position and to recruit members among students and low-wage workers."

A characterization of the FUPI appears in the appendix attached hereto.

"Regarding the 10th anniversary of its founding, the MPIPR, equipped with a new radical revolutionary philosophy, will be striving to reform itself administratively to reflect the new political orientation."

"First phase of the reform comes on Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st and 2nd when the MPIPR will have a seminar for that purpose in Isabela. The seminar will make a report to the 'Mission National' which meets in late February."

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"Desirable"

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Airtel



To: SAC, San Juan (100-4785)  
From: Director, FBI (105-292) - 350

JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS - PRN

ReSJairtel and LHM 1-10-69.

A careful review has been made of your proposed counterintelligence play against subject and the MPIPR. While the Bureau feels counterintelligence moves against Bras and the MPIPR are desirable, plan mentioned in reairtel is not believed to be desirable and requested authority for its use is denied.

It is noted the proposed anonymous mailing contains threats of violence and possibly other unlawful acts. This might well give rise to similar threats and acts by militant-type groups. Further, by attributing the anonymous mailing to Cuban Power, you may, in effect, lend encouragement to a group whose acts of violence the Bureau has been continually combating through anonymous mailings over the past year. It is preferable that counterintelligence mailings include material which will subject the targets thereof to popular disdain or ridicule.

In view of above, take no action on counter-intelligence play mentioned in referenced airtel.

You may desire to resubmit a proposed anonymous mailing along the lines suggested above.

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NOTE:

San Juan previously advised that bomb had exploded on 1/7/69 in auto of Bras, Secretary General of the MPIPR. [REDACTED] theorized that explosion was result of a bomb which was being carried within the trunk of subject's car which bomb was accidentally detonated. Subsequent to this, Associated Press office in San Juan on 1/8/69 received an "open letter to the Puerto Rican people" indicating "Cuban Power" was responsible for the bombing.

San Juan by referenced airtel submitted proposed letter for anonymous mailing which would continue allegation that "Cuban Power" was responsible for bombing and that "Cuban Power" would continue these acts. It is felt we should not be connected with alleged violence or with the resurrecting of "Cuban Power."

1/18/69

**AIRTEL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)**

**FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401)(P)**

**MPIPR  
IS -PRN  
(OO: SJ)**

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The LHM has been disseminated locally to Naval Investigative Service Office, 10th Naval District; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; Office of Special Investigations, Ramey Air Force Base; and U. S. Secret Service, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico, is cognizant of the contents of enclosed LHM.

Source utilized in the LHM is SJ 645-S.

The LHM is classified "Confidential," inasmuch as it contains information from a confidential source of the San Juan Office; the unauthorized disclosure of same could possibly lead to the identity of this source of continuing value and thusly have an adverse effect upon his future effectiveness.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

January 16, 1969

MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO  
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On January 13, 1969, a confidential source of the San Juan Office who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on January 11, 1969, the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) sponsored a commemoration of Eugenio Maria de Hostos Day at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

A characterization of the MPIPR is contained in the appendix pages attached hereto.

Eugenio Maria de Hostos was a 19th century Puerto Rican revolutionary leader and philosopher. His birth date is commemorated on January 11th of each year.

Approximately 300 people attended the commemoration, which was held at the Cultural Center, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. In attendance were MPIPR members from several missions throughout the island. Also in attendance were members of the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño (Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP) as well as persons not directly associated with any independence group.

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A characterization of the PIP is contained in the appendix pages attached hereto.

The main speakers were Francisco Manrique Cabrera, a member of the MPIPR Political Commission, and Juan Mari Bras, the MPIPR Secretary General.

Manrique Cabrera delivered a summary of the life and works of Eugenio Maria de Hostos.

Juan Mari Bras spoke on the development of the MPIPR during the past ten years. Mari Bras stated that the MPIPR had gained great success in their campaign against compulsory military service and that in the not too distant future, young men in Puerto Rico will not be subject to the United States Selective Service System. Mari Bras outlined other campaigns such as the electoral strike and the campaign to stop exploitation of Puerto Rican mines by United States business interests.

Mari Bras said that the struggle for independence in Puerto Rico would become more intense during the next ten years. In addition, he stated that the imperialist yankees had contracted gangsters to attack the MPIPR and that "Cuban Power" had declared war on the MPIPR. Mari Bras also stated that the MPIPR will fight for independence by any means necessary.

After the speech by Juan Mari Bras, two short films on Che Guevara, the deceased Cuban revolutionary, shown to all those present.

There were no disturbances or incidents reported.

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The Special Agents of the San Juan Office who observed the subject on 7/21/68 are [REDACTED] and Assistant Special Agent in charge NICK F. STAMES. (u)

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Information concerning subject's travel to New York City on 8/19/68 was obtained from [REDACTED] on 8/19/68 by SA [REDACTED]

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The Special Agent who observed subject upon his arrival at San Juan from New York City on 8/23/68 was SA [REDACTED]

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The Special Agents who observed subject's departure from San Juan for New York City on 11/27/68 were [REDACTED] and Assistant Special Agent in Charge NICK F. STAMES.

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The Special Agent who observed subject's arrival in San Juan from New York City on 12/1/68 was SA [REDACTED]

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Information concerning subject's health was obtained on 1/16/69 from [REDACTED]

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4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.  
Date photograph was taken July, 1963
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6.  This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because  
(state reason) it contains information from SJ T-1 through SJ T-12, disclosure of whose identities would be inimical to the national defense interest.
7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1960  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
He is current Secretary-General of the MPIPR and is the attorney of record for various Puerto Rican pro-independence youths under indictment in Federal Court for refusal to comply with the Selective Service Act of 1948.
8.  This case no longer meet the  Security Index  Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9.  This case has been reevaluated in the light of the  Security Index  Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject continues his position as Secretary-General of the MPIPR.
10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom. Priority I  
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) he is key figure in the San Juan Office and is involved in espionage activities.
11. Subject's activities continue to warrant pro-Cuban tabbing.
12. In light of the criteria established for one's inclusion on the Agitator Index, it is felt that subject's activities warrant such inclusion.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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JAN 29 1969

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: JUAN MARI BRAS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed  is not available  
 may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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U. S. Secret Service

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Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: January 29, 1969

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Office: San Juan

Field Office File #: 100-4785

Bureau File #: 105-292

Title: JUAN MARI BRAS

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 1604 Calle Parana, Urb. El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, and is a self-employed attorney with offices at his residence. Subject is the Secretary-General of the MPIPR. Subject's activities within the MPIPR are set forth.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of all organizations and events mentioned herein are contained in the Appendix attached hereto unless otherwise noted.

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

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Personal observation of Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) December 24, 1968

II. HEALTH

Subject continues to be under the care of a physician for a minor heart ailment; however, his activities during the past year have not been curtailed due to this illness.

(u) [REDACTED] b7d

III. TRAVEL

On August 19, 1968, subject departed San Juan International Airport, destined for New York, New York. (u)

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August 19, 1968

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(u) SJ T-2  
August 20, 1968

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Criminal Investigations  
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SJ T-2  
August 20, 1968

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On August 23, 1968, subject arrived at San Juan International Airport from New York City.

Personal observation of  
SA of the FBI  
August 23, 1968

On November 27, 1968, subject departed San Juan International Airport destined for New York City.

Personal observation of  
SA of the FBI  
November 27, 1968

On November 28, 1968, subject departed New York City for Montreal, Canada.

SJ T-2  
November 28, 1968

In the November 26, 1968, edition of "El Mundo," a Spanish language daily newspaper printed in San Juan, it was reported that subject will be the principal speaker at the inaugural session of the Hemispheric Conference to End the War in Vietnam, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from November 29, 1968, through December 1, 1968.

In the December 4, 1968, Number 381, edition of the "Carta Semanal" an article written by the subject entitled, "MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR) Head a Hemispheric Conference in Favor of Vietnam" appeared, and translated from Spanish as follows:

"OUR BEST HELP TO THE HEROIC VIETNAM IS TO NOT PERMIT ONE MINUTE OF PEACE FOR THE IMPERIALISM IN PUERTO RICO - MARI BRAS words at the Plenary Meeting

"When addressing the plenary session of the Hemispheric Conference of Solidarity with the Country of Vietnam, which took place last weekend in Montreal, Quebec, the Secretary-General of the Independence Movement, JUAN MARI BRAS, stated that the most effective solidarity which we can offer the Vietnam people is to increase the struggle to defeat imperialism and its unconditional servants in each one of our countries in the Americas. The Independence Movement assures the Vietnamese

that the purpose of our organization is not to permit one minute of peace for Yankee imperialism in Puerto Rico.' MARI explained the extraordinary development of the resistance against the compulsory military service on the part of the Puerto Rican youth, and described the different forms of struggle with which the Puerto Rican people, through their vanguards, is giving blows, more effective each time, to the American intervening regime in our country. The delegates of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam, who attended the conference told the Puerto Rican delegates that they were grateful for the solidarity actions which take place here, which they said they had perfect knowledge of."

The MPIPR "Carta Semanal" is self-described as the official weekly letter from MPIPR Headquarters to the officials of its branch missions.

On December 1, 1968, subject arrived at San Juan International Airport from New York City after making a connecting flight from Montreal, Canada.

SA of FBI  
December 1, 1968

IV. ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (FUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)

On July 24, 1968, subject was in attendance at a public meeting held in front of National Mission Headquarters, Rio Piedras, at which time he urged all Puerto Rican youth to reject compulsory military service and denounced exploitation of Puerto Rican mineral resources by United States mining interests.

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July 24, 1968

SJ T-4  
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July 31, 1968

SJ T-8  
August 2, 1968

On August 3, 1968, subject was the main speaker at a public meeting held in Penuelas, Puerto Rico, where he denounced the arrest of CRUZ SANTIAGO, a member of the Penuelas Mission of the MPIPR by the Police of Puerto Rico on fire bombing charges. He also charged the Police of Puerto Rico with police brutality.

  
August 9, 1968

On August 10, 1968, subject was the main speaker at a public meeting held in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. At this time, the subject spoke regarding the electoral strike advocated by the MPIPR; the war in Vietnam; United States mining interests; police brutality of the Police of Puerto Rico; and compulsory military service, and Yankee imperialism. Approximately one hundred people attended the meeting.

SJ T-9  
August 16, 1968

SJ T-10  
August 14, 1968



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On September 12, 1968, subject was a guest speaker at a public meeting held at the Plaza Del Mercado, Ponce, Puerto Rico. At this assembly, the subject spoke of the life and works of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS.

[REDACTED] September 13, 1968  
PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS was the titular head of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR). He died of natural causes on April 21, 1965.

The NPPR has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]

On November 19, 1968, subject was the main speaker at a public meeting held at the Plaza De Colon, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The purpose of this assembly was to protest obligatory military service. The speech was delivered directly in front of the United States Post Office, which also houses Selective Service Headquarters.

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Subject praised the Puerto Rican youths who have refused to be inducted into the United States military service. Approximately four hundred people were in attendance.

SAs of the FBI  
November 19, 1968

C. Demonstrations

On June 27, 1968, subject participated in a picket in front of the Humacao Jail, Humacao, Puerto Rico. The picket was held to protest the incarceration of CRUZ DEL CARMEN and VICTOR SOTO, members of the MPIPR accused of having set fire to the Pueblo and Grand Union Supermarkets in Caguas, Puerto Rico. The subject gave a speech wherein he criticized the Police of Puerto Rico, and stated nothing or no one would stop the MPIPR in its struggle for independence.

SJ T-1  
July 10, 1968

On August 24, 1968, subject was in attendance at a rally at Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, at which time he delivered a speech attacking compulsory military service and the Federal judicial system. Approximately three hundred to four hundred people were in attendance.

SJ T-6  
August 26, 1968  
SJ T-11  
September 9, 1968

On September 23, 1968, subject was in attendance at a commemoration of "Grito de Lares" held at Lares, Puerto Rico. The subject was one of several guest speakers. During the course of his talk, he verbally supported the Comandos Armados de Liberacion (Armed Commandos of Liberation) (CAL). Approximately five thousand people were in attendance at this commemoration.

SJ T-7, September 25, 1968  
SJ T-9, September 25, 1968

SJ T-12  
September 25, 1968

The CAL is a Puerto Rican independence seeking group that claims to be responsible for the recent wave of incendiarism and bombings occurring in Puerto Rico since 10/67. CAL disclaims any affiliation with any known separatist group and alleges their complete operation is clandestine.

D. Miscellaneous Activity

On August 14, 1968, subject was the main speaker at a Federacion de Universitarios pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) sponsored rally held at the Santa Rita section of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Subject attacked the present administration at the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, and defended all those who were involved in the riot at the University of Puerto Rico in September of 1967.

SJ T-8  
August 19, 1968

V. PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS  
BY SUBJECT

In the September 24, 1968, edition of the "San Juan Star," an English language daily newspaper printed in San Juan, following statement was attributed to the subject during a speech he delivered on September 23, 1968, at Lares, Puerto Rico: "From this platform in Lares, Puerto Rico, the MPIPR salutes our fellow Puerto Ricans who make up the Comandos Armados de Liberacion (CAL). The MPIPR does not pretend to bring independence alone. Each group must bring about the crisis within the empire in its own way."

In the June 6, 1968, edition of the "San Juan Star" it was reported that on June 5, 1968, the subject testified before the Puerto Rico Civil Rights Commission and stated that the MPIPR is being persecuted according to a Federal plan to eliminate groups it considers enemies of the American political system. He also stated the persecution ranges from 24 hours police vigilance, to break-ins, to wire tapping, to kidnaping by the police. He said he is followed constantly and when he goes to the mainland he is always accompanied by an FBI Agent.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On October 24, 1968, subject appeared on a panel at the Mayaguez campus of the University of Puerto Rico and spoke on the MPIPR proposed electoral strike, exploitation of Puerto Rican natural

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resources by United States business interests, and the United States Selective Service System as it applies to Puerto Rican youth.

SJ T-9  
November 1, 1968

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

On January 7, 1969 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Puerto Rico, advised that a bomb had exploded in a vehicle owned by JUAN MARI BRAS. The vehicle involved was a 1967 Ford Falcon registered to subject's wife, PAQUITA DESQUERA DE MARI. The explosion took place at approximately 1:15 a.m. in front of subject's residence. Damages totaled \$200 and no injuries were reported.

On January 27, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that investigation to date has been negative in establishing a suspect or suspects in the bombing of subject's automobile. LUGO further stated in view of the lack of suspects in this matter and the fact that all logical investigation has been conducted with negative results, the case has been placed in a closed status.

1604 Calle PARANA  
URBANIZACION EL PARAISO  
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

January 29, 1969

Title: JUAN MARI BRAS

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Reference: Report of [redacted] dated and  
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Insufficient information has been obtained from SJ T-1 to determine his reliability; however, all other sources whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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(1-105-27026)

5 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)

For the information of the Bureau, the San Juan Office has received copies of the major speeches made at the seminar and dissemination of the important parts of these speeches will be made as deemed advisable when they are translated from the Spanish text.

LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect above sources.

Sources referred to in LHM are [redacted] and [redacted]

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Re San Juan airtel and LHM, 1/31/69.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS - PRN  
(OO: SJ)

DATE: 2/18/69

In the February 5, 1969, #387 edition of "Carta Semanal" it was reported that JUAN MARI BRAS will give a conference for the Mission Vito Marcantonio of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) in New York on 2/28/69.

This conference will be held at Union Local 65, not further identified.

LEADS:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will alert sources to subject's impending travel.

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will follow and report subject's departure.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
(1- 105-75715) (MPIPR)
- 3 - New York (105-3002) (RM)  
(1- 105-39139) (MPIPR - NYM)
- 3 - San Juan  
(1- 105-3401) (MPIPR)

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

NR 2 1:43 PM AST DEFERRED 2-28-69 JEB  
TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK (CODE)  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785) 2P

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS-PRN; (OO-SAN JUAN); BUFILE ONE ZERO FIVE DASH TWO NINE TWO; NEW YORK FILE ONE ZERO FIVE DASH THREE ZERO ZERO TWO; SAN JUAN FILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH FOUR SEVEN EIGHT FIVE.

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RE SAN JUAN CALL TO NEW YORK, FEBRUARY TWO EIGHT, INSTANT.  
ON INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED JUAN  
12 MAR 4 1969  
MARI BRAS, MARTA SANCHEZ, PAQUITA DE MARI BRAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DAUGHTER ESTRELLA  
DEPARTED SAN JUAN NINE THIRTY AM, INSTANT DATE VIA PAN

END PAGE ONE

MAR 6 1969  
MAR 11 1969  
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PAGE TWO

AMERICAN FLIGHT TWO EIGHT ZERO, TO ARRIVE NEW YORK CITY, ELEVEN FIFTY AM. PURPOSE OF TRAVEL OR LENGTH OF STAY UNKNOWN. ONLY JUAN MARI BRAS HAD ROUND TRIP TICKET.

NEW YORK WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECTS WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY.

END

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FBI WASH DC

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-127367)

DATE: 3/25/69

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-4709) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTA CRISTINA SANCHEZ OLIEDA, aka. &

[REDACTED] b7C

Re San Juan letter to the Bureau dated 1/29/69; and San Juan teletype to the Bureau dated 2/28/69, and captioned "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN."

[REDACTED] b7C

Referenced teletype dated 2/28/69, contained information that the subject together with JUAN MARI BRAS and PAQUITA PESQUERA DE MARI departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 2/28/69, for New York City.

On 3/5/69, [REDACTED] b7C b7D [REDACTED] advised that JUAN MARI BRAS and his wife, PAQUITA, returned to San Juan on 3/5/69. [REDACTED] stated that MARTA SANCHEZ did not accompany JUAN MARI BRAS and his wife on the return trip to San Juan.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
  - (1 - 105-292) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
- 3 - New York (105-66220) (Encl. 5) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-3002) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
- 4 - San Juan
  - (1 - 100-4785) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
  - (1 - [REDACTED]) b7C

RRM:kp  
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SJ 105-4709

The February 28, 1969 edition of the "San Juan Star," an English language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contained an article entitled "Youths in the University of Puerto Rico Riots Given Jail Sentences," which listed the subject's name as one of nine individuals who were found not guilty of charges stemming from the September, 1967, University of Puerto Rico riot.

LEADS:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

[REDACTED]

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SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

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**VIA TELETYPE**  
MAR 5 1969 *AD*  
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351PM URGENT 3-5-69 JAM  
TO DIRECTOR 105-292 AND SAN JUAN 100-4785 CODE  
ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
SAN JUAN VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM NEW YORK 105-3002 1P

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS-PRN

RE SAN JUAN TEL TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK FEBRUARY TWO EIGHT LAST.

ON MARCH FIVE INSTANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY,  
ADVISED THAT MR. AND MRS. JUAN MARI BRAS DEPARTED  
NEW YORK CITY AT ONE THIRTY PM, MARCH FIVE INSTANT VIA  
PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT TWO NINE THREE, TO ARRIVE  
SAN JUAN FIVE FIFTY FIVE PM.

SAN JUAN VERIFY SUBJECT'S RETURN TO PUERTO RICO.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

END

REC 99/05-292-355

~~NY SHOULDN'T THIS BE NUMBER ELEVEN WE RECEIVED AT TEN AT 3-10-69~~

~~YES IT SHLD TO~~

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*W. J. ...*  
*Sullivan*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1) *pat*  
TO :  
*John*  
FROM :  
*John*  
SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 4/9/69

SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002) (RUC)

JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS-PRN  
(OO: SJ)

ReSJlet to the Bureau, 2/18/69, SJteletype to the Bureau, 2/28/69, and NYteletype to the Bureau, 3/5/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine (9) copies, and for San Juan two (2) copies, of an LHM relating to the subject's activities while in NYC on the weekend of 2/28/69.

The sources referred to in the LHM are identified as follows:

[Redacted] *b7d*

[Redacted] *b7d*

The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" because information contained therein was furnished by the above-mentioned sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the national defense.

The following sources were contacted regarding the subject with negative results in March, 1969:

[Redacted] *b7d*

[Redacted] *b7d*

ENCLOSURE *Q*

- 3-Bureau (Encls. 9) (RM)
  - (1- 105-75715) (MPI)
- 2-San Juan (100-4785) (INFO) (Encls. 2) (RM)
  - (1- 105-3401) (MPI) (INFO)
- 1-New York (105-39139)
- 1-New York

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APR 14 1969

LEB:bdm

Copy to: CIA/State/RAO  
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by routing slip for info.  
Date 4-18-69 by LEB/bhg



APR 23 1969

[Redacted] *b7c*

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NY 105-3002

SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] *b7c*  
[redacted] Hotel Dixie, and [redacted] Pan American  
Airways, both NYC, on 3/5/69.

The following information is submitted for the in-  
formation of the San Juan Division:

[redacted] *b7c*  
[redacted] *b7d*

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

NY 105-3002

[REDACTED] b7C

Regarding RABINOWITZ and BOUDINE, Attorneys, they had been engaged in 1960 by the government of Cuba to handle legal matters for the government in the US. Both men have been associated with the Communist movement in the US to some degree.

With regard to JOSE GONZALEZ GONZALEZ, he is the MPIPR Delegate to the UN.

Indices of the NYO were negative regarding [REDACTED] b7C

There is no Bureau-approved characterization for "The Third World".





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bufile 105-292  
NY file 105-3002

April 9, 1969

Juan Mari Bras  
Internal Security-Puerto Rican Nationalist

All sources mentioned in this memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED] advised in March, 1969, that on February 28, 1969, Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) spoke at a conference sponsored by the MPIPR-New York Mission (NYM) at the United Nations Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York.

According to the sources, Mari Bras' speech dealt with the history of the MPIPR and the impact of the struggle for independence in Puerto Rico in the last ten years.

See appendix attached hereto for the characterizations of the MPIPR and the MPIPR-NYM.

[REDACTED] also advised in March, 1969, that Juan Mari Bras spoke on the same theme mentioned above at the Hotel Alamac, 71st Street and Broadway, New York, New York, on March 1, 1969, at an affair held under the auspices of a group called "The Third World".

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Juan Mari Bras

On February 28, 1969, [REDACTED] advised that as of that date Juan Mari Bras and his wife were staying in Room 1015 at the Hotel Dixie, 250 West 43rd Street, New York, New York.

On March 5, 1969, [REDACTED] Hotel Dixie, New York, New York, advised that Juan Mari Bras and his wife were registered in Room 1015 from February 28 to March 5, 1969, when they checked out.

On March 5, 1969, [REDACTED] Pan American Airways, New York, New York, advised that Mr. and Mrs. Juan Mari Bras departed New York City at 1:30 PM, March 5, 1969, via Pan American Flight Number 293, which was scheduled to arrive in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 5:50 PM.

Other New York sources who are acquainted with various phases of the Puerto Rican independence movement in the New York City area advised in March, 1969, that they were unable to provide any information about this subject during his brief stay in New York City in late February and early March, 1969.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FBI

Date: 4/17/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)  
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS - PRN  
(OO: SAN JUAN)

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DATE OF DECLASSIFICATION INDEFINITE

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*Wells*  
*wrap for*  
*b7c*

Enclosed for the Bureau, Boston and New York, - are nine copies each, three copies each and two copies each of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. One copy each of the LHM is being furnished locally to U. S. Secret Service; Naval Investigative Service Office; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; and Office of Special Investigations, Ramey Air Force Base.

The source utilized in LHM is [redacted] The local office of the U. S. Secret Service, and the Airport Detail of the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI, POPR), were verbally apprised of the contents of enclosed LHM.

[redacted]

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
- 3 - Boston (Enc. 3) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - San Juan

REC 17

105-292-360

(1- [redacted] Secret Service/RAG (150)

Air/Nav/Inf for [redacted] Coast Guard

TBD:mj (9)

By R/S For Info

Date: 4-24-69

By LEB-bh

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Approved: *Clab*  
Special Agent in Charge

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will attempt, through established sources, to ascertain subject's itinerary while at Columbia University and New York University (u)
2. Will follow and report subject's activities, including all contacts, while in your division. (u)

BOSTON

AT WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

1. Will attempt, through established sources, to ascertain subject's itinerary while at Brandeis University. (u)
2. Will follow and report subject's activities, including all contacts, while in your division. (u)

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

1. Will attempt, through established sources to ascertain subject's activities while at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (u)
2. Will follow and report subject's activities, including all contacts, while in your division. (u)

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

1. Will attempt to ascertain subject's complete itinerary prior to his departure. (u)
2. Will follow and report subject's departure. (u)

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All offices receiving a copy of this communication  
are requested to furnish results of investigation in a form  
suitable for dissemination (u)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

April 17, 1969

JUAN MARI BRAS

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On April 18, 1969, a source of the San Juan Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 24, 1969, Mari Bras will depart San Juan, Puerto Rico, for New York City on a speaking tour at some of the leading universities in the United States. He will speak concerning the Puerto Rican pro-independence movement. He has been invited by student organizations to speak at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brandeis University, Columbia University, and New York University. *u*

The invitation to speak at these universities was made by various student groups including Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). *u*

Juan Mari Bras is the self-described Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

Characterizations of the MPIPR and the SDS are contained in the appendix attached hereto.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Source utilized in LHM is [redacted] b7d

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LEAD: Army/Navy/Air Force/DIA/Customs/Coast Guard  
Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, State

SAN JUAN

By R/S For Info

Date 4-24-69

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

By [redacted] b7d

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. [redacted]) (1 - [redacted]) (1 - 25-518582) (Selective Service Matters) 15 APR 21 1969
- 5 - San Juan (1 - 25-13814) (Selective Service Matters)
- (1 - [redacted]) b7c
- (1 - [redacted]) b7c

Approved: [Signature] Sent [redacted]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

April 18, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

JUAN MARI BRAS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On April 16, 1969, SJ T-1, a source of the San Juan Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 16, 1969, at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Mari Bras delivered the main address at the commemoration of Jose de Diego Day. Mari Bras stated that militants in favor of independence have been doing an effective job for liberation in the last few years. In particular, he stated that they are fighting the draft. He further stated "this is an excellent example of the resistance that youth shows against unwanted presence of the military on the Island."

During the commemoration Piri Fernandez de Lewis, a leader of the Sixto Alvelo Committee, also spoke concerning ways that Puerto Rican youth could avoid the draft.

No incidents were reported and approximately 200 people attended the commemoration.

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JUAN MARI BRAS

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The Sixto Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth was originally formed in 1966 for the purpose of defending Sixto Alvelo Rodriguez, a draft objector and member of the MPIPR. As of February, 1969, the organization has been publicly identified as the "Sixto Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth." It offers support for those who are opposed to obligatory military service for Puerto Rican youths.

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JUAN MARI BRAS

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APPENDIX

1

MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO  
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)

The MPIPR was organized in November, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, to work for the independence of Puerto Rico. It has an estimated membership of between 1,000 and 1,300 people with missions throughout the Island of Puerto Rico and in New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and Buffalo, New York.

At the time the MPIPR was organized, it indicated that it did not advocate violence but would accept members who did. JUAN MARI BRAS, the founder and dominant leader of this organization, in a speech during March, 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria, 1964, if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States. A source reported in 1966 that a leader of the MPIPR has indicated that "the Revolution" would soon begin and another source advised that another official of this organization has attempted to obtain a number of automatic pistols.

Articles praising FIDEL CASTRO and the Cuban Government regularly appear in the MPIPR publications. In 1961, the MPIPR adopted a resolution expressing a 100 percent approval of and solidarity with the Cuban revolution. It sent a delegation to the Tri-Continental Conference of African, Asian, and Latin American People, held in Havana, Cuba, during January, 1966, and it maintains a permanent delegate to the Secretariat located in Havana.

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In December, 1966, the Governor of Puerto Rico signed into law a bill calling for a plebiscite on July 23, 1967, to determine the future political status of Puerto Rico. The plebiscite, denounced vociferously by the MPIPR as "an act of Yankee imperialism to maintain the colonial status of Puerto Rico," resulted in an overwhelming endorsement of the present Free Associated State status.

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JUAN MARI BRAS

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MPIPR

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

April 22, 1969

JUAN MARI BRAS

INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

It has been previously reported that Mari Bras, during the latter part of April, 1969, was planning to speak at some of the leading universities in the United States concerning the Puerto Rican pro-independence movement.

On April 22, 1969, during a suitable telephonic pretext interview, subject advised that his exact itinerary would be as follows:

<u>University</u>	<u>Date</u>
Boston University	Friday, April 25, 1969
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Saturday, April 26, 1969
Harvard University	Sunday, April 27, 1969
Columbia University	Tuesday, April 29, 1969
New York University	Wednesday, April 30, 1969

Juan Mari Bras is the self-described Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

A characterization of the MPIPR is attached hereto.

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FBI

Date: 4/22/69

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)  
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS - PRN  
(OO: SAN JUAN)

Re San Juan airtel to Bureau, dated 4/17/69; and San Juan tel to Bureau, Boston and New York, 4/22/69.

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Local dissemination of enclosed LHM is being made to Secret Service, San Juan; Naval Investigative Service Office; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; and Office of Special Investigations, Ramey Air Force Base.



It is to be noted by the Boston Office that Brandeis University has been deleted ~~from~~ Boston University added to subject's itinerary.

Copies of this airtel are being furnished the New York Office in view of investigation requested of that division in referenced airtel.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
  - 2 - Boston (Enc. 2) (RM)
  - 2 - New York (105-3002) (Enc. 2) (RM)
  - 2 - San Juan State/CIA/Secret Service/RAO (ISD)
- TBD:mjb  
 Army/Navy/Air Force/DIA/Customs/Coast Guard  
 Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, State

REC-6 105-292-359

5 APR 24 1969

By R/S For Info  
Date 4-25-69 By AHS/HLD/bhg

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Attached LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~"  
inasmuch as it contains information regarding the Secretary  
General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico  
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

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TO DIRECTOR (105-292), BOSTON AND NEW YORK (105-3002) (CODE)  
BOSTON AND NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785) 1P

JUAN MARI BRAS, INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST.  
OO - SAN JUAN.

RE SBK JUAN AIRTEL TO BUREAU, BOSTON AND NEW YORK, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTY TWO, ONE NINE SIX NINE, DURING SUITABLE TELEPHONIC PRETEXT, SUBJECT FURNISHED HIS EXACT ITINERARY (SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS) AS FOLLOWS -

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, NEXT;  
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SATURDAY, APRIL TWENTY SIX, NEXT; HARVARD UNIVERSITY, SUNDAY, APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, NEXT; COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TUESDAY, APRIL TWENTY NINE, NEXT; AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL THIRTY, NEXT.

BOSTON NOTE THAT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY DELETED FROM SUBJECT'S ITINERARY AND BOSTON UNIVERSITY ADDED. REC 37

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RDR R RELAY

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 TO DIRECTOR (105-292) (ATTN-DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE)  
 AND NEW YORK (105-3001) (ENCODE)  
 NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON  
 FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785) 1P

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JUAN MARI BRAS; INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST;  
 OO-SAN JUAN.

RE SAN JUAN CALL TO NEW YORK, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, INSTANT.  
 CAPTIONED SUBJECT DEPARTED SAN JUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
 APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, INSTANT, ONE THIRTY PM VIA EAL, FLIGHT NUMBER  
 NINE TWO TWO, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL  
 AIRPORT, NEW YORK, FOUR SEVENTEEN PM (EST). RETURN RESERVATIONS  
 LEFT OPEN.

OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE, POLICE OF PUERTO RICO; LOCAL SECRET  
 SERVICE; AND LOCAL MILITARY AGENCIES ADVISED.

NEW YORK AFFORD APPROPRIATE COVERAGE.

END  
 HVL R RELAY  
 FBI WASH DC

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335 PM URGENT 4-25-69 JLW

TO DIRECTOR 105-292 BOSTON (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 105-3002 2P

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN

RE SAN JUAN TELS TO BUREAU, BOSTON AND NEW YORK  
APRIL TWO TWO AND TWO THREE LAST AND SAN JUAN TEL TO  
BUREAU AND NEW YORK APRIL TWO FOUR.

SUBJECT OBSERVED BY SA, FBI, TO ARRIVE KENNEDY  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NEW YORK CITY, FOUR SEVENTEEN PM,  
APRIL TWO FOUR LAST ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT NINE TWO  
TWO. HE SUBSEQUENTLY PROCEEDED TO RESIDENCE OF JOSE  
GONZALEZ GONZALEZ, THE MPIPR DELEGATE TO UNITED NATIONS,  
NEW YORK CITY.

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SPECIAL AGENT, FBI, OBSERVED SUBJECT DEPART NEW YORK CITY ON BOARD PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD "YANKEE CLIPPER" CAR EIGHT FIVE TWO ZERO AT TWELVE THIRTY PM APRIL TWO FIVE INSTANT.

BOSTON AFFORD APPROPRIATE COVERAGE SUBJECTS ARRIVAL IN BOSTON AND ADVISE NEW YORK OF HIS EVENTUAL RETURN TO NEW YORK.

SAN JUAN ADVISED BY MAIL.

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REM FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

APR 28 1969

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FBI BOSTON

401 PM URGENT 4-28-69 MCG

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM BOSTON 105-13458

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

SUBJECT NOT OBSERVED ARRIVING BOSTON APRIL TWENTYFIVE  
LAST. PRETEXT INQUIRY THIS DATE TO OFFICE OF CONFERENCE  
ON LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, REFLECTED  
SUBJECT RETURNING TO NEW YORK VIA PENN CENTRAL RR "PATRIOT"  
DEPARTING BOSTON TWELVE FIFTYFIVE PM, EDT, ARRIVING NEW  
YORK FIVE TWENTYFIVE PM EDT.

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Date: 4/30/69

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Via TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR (105-292) and SACS NEW YORK (105-3002) and SAN JUAN (100-4785)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-22989)

JUAN MARI BRAS, INTERNAL SECURITY - PRN

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST.

PASSPORT OFFICE, STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), ADVISED INSTANT THAT SUBJECT MADE APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT IN NEW YORK ON APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST. REQUESTED URGENT HANDLING STATING HE IS LEAVING IN MAY NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE BY AIR FOR ONE MONTH "TOURISM" IN EUROPE.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE WILL LOCATE PASSPORT FILE AND HANDLE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE SOURCES AND INFORMANTS ALERTED TO SUBJECT'S PRESENCE IN WDC.

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- 2 - Bureau
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- 2 - WFO

18 MAY 5 1969

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Approved: DRB  
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 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : O/SY - Mr. G. Marvin Gentile  
Attn: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. Edgar Dye

DATE: May 1, 1969

FROM : PPT - Frances G. Knight

CC 1969

SUBJECT: Name: MARI-BRAS JUAN  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

DATE and PLACE of BIRTH: December 2, 1927 - Puerto Rico

In connection with a passport case pending before this Office it is requested that the SY Folder be forwarded as soon as possible to the Passport Office, Attention: PT/LS Barbara Englehart

DEPARTMENT OF STATE		
MAY 2 - 1969		
OFFICE OF SECURITY		



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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR 105-292 AND SAN JUAN 100-4785 (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SJ VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK 105-3002

*Sullivan*

JUAN MARI BRAS

IS-PRN.

*J*

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[REDACTED] ADVISED MAY ONE INSTANT THAT MARI BRAS IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KIA), NYC, AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, <sup>S</sup>EDT, MAY TWO NEXT VIA EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHT NUMBER NINE THREE THREE ARRIVING SJ THREE FIFTY FOUR PM.

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NY WILL VERIFY SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE FOR PUERTO RICO.

SJ WILL AFFORD APPROPRIATE COVERAGE OF SUBJECT'S

15 MAY 5 1969

ARRIVAL IN SJ.

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WA...JDR R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

*5 pm*

TELETYPED TO:  
MAY 14 1969

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
FOR SECURITY

TO : PPT - Mrs. Englehart  
FROM : SY/EX - John T. Noonan *JM*  
SUBJECT : MARI-BRAS, Juan  
D.O.B. 12/2/27

DATE: May 6, 1969

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Attached is the SY FILE which appears to be identical to the above subject. This file should be returned, with a copy of this form, to the SY FILE ROOM, as soon as it has served your purpose.

The SY Index reveals cross-reference material which may be identical to the above subject. This information will be made available to you upon request.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Passport Memo dtd 5/1/69 re: subj  
SY File #39-60148 Vol 5 re: subj

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cc: SY File

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :  
FROM :  
SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 5/7/69

SAC, NEW YORK (105-3002) (P)

JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS -PRN  
(OO: SJ)

ReNYtel to the Bureau dated 5/1/69

[REDACTED] that captioned subject departed New York City late Friday evening 5/2/69 or early Saturday morning 5/3/69, for Puerto Rico.

LHM to follow.

2-Bureau (RM) -ced  
2-San Juan (100-4785) (RM)  
1-New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington, D.C. 20535

May 7, 1969

JUAN MARI BRAS

The following information pertaining to the subject was obtained from the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., on May 5, 1969:

P.R.  
On April 29, 1969, Juan Mari Bras, who listed his permanent residence as Parana 1604, Pariso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00925, made application for a passport at New York, New York. In this application he stated he was born December 2, 1927, at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and listed his parents as Santiago Mari, born December 22, 1902, Puerto Rico, and Mercedes Bras, born February 6, 1908, Puerto Rico. Both parents are United States citizens.

P.R.  
~~SECRET~~ (u)  
Under travel plans, he stated he planned to depart during May (exact date not shown), 1969, via air, for a one month "tourism" trip to Europe, countries not listed. He stated he had taken one trip abroad within the past twelve months, and indicated he expected to take another trip abroad within one year. (4)

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JUAN MARI BRAS

He stated he was last married on August 12, 1951 to Paquita Resquera de Mari, an American citizen born July 28, 1927 at Bayamon, Puerto Rico. He listed his wife, residing at Parana 1604, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, as the person to notify in the event of death or accident. (u)

Subject was described as a white male, five feet ten inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes, wearing a mustache, occupation: lawyer. (u)

Passport Number K-644540 was issued to Juan Mari Bras by the New York Passport Agency on April 29, 1969. This passport is valid for five years from date of issue and the bearer is restricted from travel to Cuba, mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. (u)

Subject had previously been issued Passport Number 21034 PR 6278 at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 31, 1945, and Passport Number Z-208501 at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on October 9, 1962. This passport was renewed February 7, 1966, at San Juan, Puerto Rico. (u)

In his application for the latter passport on October 2, 1962, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, subject listed his address as 1502 Tamesis Street, Urb. El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and stated he planned to depart via Pan American Airways on October 23, 1962, from New York, New York, for a one month pleasure trip during which he planned to visit Spain, France, Italy and Portugal. (u)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 5/7/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-22989) (RUC)

S.T.  
SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS-PRN  
(OO: SJ)

ReWFOtel, 4/30/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies, for San Juan two (2) copies, and for New York one (1) copy of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The Passport Office file on the subject was reviewed by [REDACTED]

Letter to State (enc)  
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- 1 - New York (105-3002) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - San Juan (100-4785) (Encs. 2) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 5/8/69

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (105-13458)(RUC)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS  
IS-PRN  
(OO:San Juan)

Re San Juan tels 4/23/69, and 4/25/69, and Boston tel 4/28/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

In the absence of any description or photograph of the subject, he was not observed leaving the train on 4/25/69, as noted in referenced New York tel of 4/25/69. It is possible that subject may have departed the train at two other stations in the immediate vicinity of the main terminal at South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. The following confidential sources mentioned in the LHM are identified as follows:

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Copy to: CIA/State/RAO  
NIC/OSI/ASCI  
by routing slip for info.  
Date 5-21-69 by JMS/dhc

- 2- Director (Encs. 9)
- 2- San Juan (100-4735)
- 1- New York (105-3002)(Info)
- 1- Boston

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

May 8, 1969

JUAN MARI BRAS

It has been previously reported that Mari Bras, during the latter part of April 1969, was planning to speak at some of the leading universities in the United States concerning the Puerto Rican Pro-Independence Movement. It was also previously reported that he was scheduled to speak at Boston University (BU) on April 25, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), on April 26, and Harvard University on April 27, 1969.

Juan Mari Bras is self-described Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

A characterization of the MPIPR is attached hereto.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 25, 1969, that Juan Mari Bras was scheduled to speak at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 25, 1969, at Harvard University on the topic "Agency and Mechanism of US Imperialism". This same source also advised that the subject was scheduled to give a public lecture at Harvard University on Sunday night, April 27, 1969, on the "Puerto Rican Independence Movement".

The above mentioned source advised on April 27, 1969, and May 5, 1969, that he had made several inquiries and could not ascertain if the subject had appeared at Harvard University as scheduled.

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JUAN MARI BRAS

[REDACTED] This inquiry reflected that the subject had visited Harvard University for a meeting and had returned to New York via Penn Central Railroad leaving Boston at 12:55 pm, on April 28, 1969, and scheduled to arrive in New York City at 5:25 pm.

A second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is in a position to furnish information concerning visiting speakers at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on May 5, 1969, that he could furnish no information indicating that the subject had appeared at BU.

A third confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 28, 1969, and May 5, 1969, that he was unable to obtain any information indicating that the subject had appeared at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts. A fourth and fifth confidential source at MIT who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised they could furnish no information on May 5, 1969, that the subject has in fact held any meetings or appeared on campus at MIT during his visit to this area.

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May 19, 1969

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Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

RE: JUAN MARI BRAS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns a subject (or subjects) who may be presently traveling abroad or planning to do so.

Reports concerning the subject (or subjects)  have been  are being furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

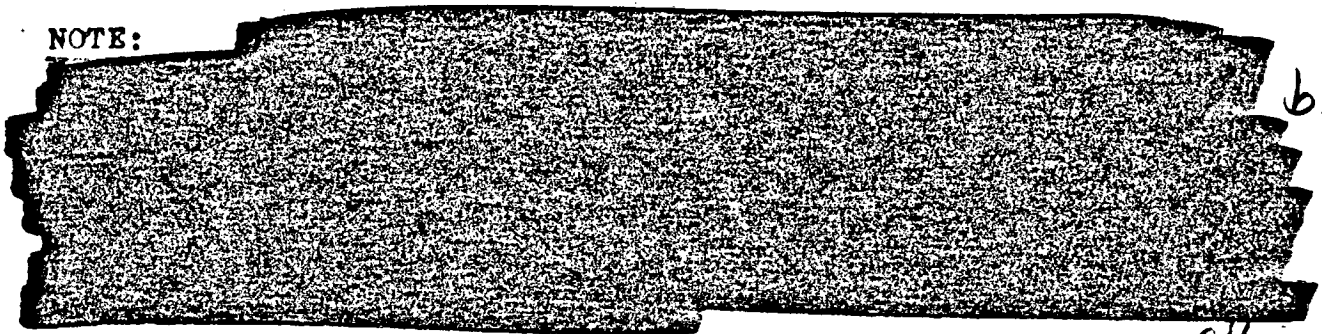
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1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)  
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78 MAY 20  
COMM-FBI

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: JUAN MARI BRAS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a)  Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed  is not available  
 may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93124)

DATE: 5/28/69

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353 Sub I) (P)

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
IS-PRN

Sources of the San Juan Office have for a period of time advised of romantic interests existing between JUAN MARI BRAS, head of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), and ~~Eschylus Plas Dats~~ a one time Federacion Universitaria Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI) member and estranged wife of ~~Duquiste Plas~~ a member of the MPIPR recently arrested for complicity in an attempt to bomb a Texaco Oil facility in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

San Juan proposes that a letter, prepared in the Spanish language on plain unwatermarked paper, be sent to ~~Mari Plas~~ and ~~George Plas~~ his brother and head of the MPIPR Mission in San Juan, Puerto Rico, pointing out the above and indicating that the situation should be remedied before the press is advised and it becomes known how the MPIPR, through the actions of its leader, rewards faithful advocates of independence. The letter may be worded as follows:

"MARI continues to be seen with ~~Eschylus~~ If you are too much of a fool to resent being a cuckold, I as a friend will not allow it to go on. If you will not stop this I will expose this fat clown to all, including our friend ~~Antonio~~ of the press."

~~Antonio~~ referred to above is ~~editorialist of EJ~~ ~~Mundo~~ a daily San Juan Spanish language newspaper and a long time enemy of MARI BRAS and the MPIPR.

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By use of this technique it is believed that dissention may be caused between the ~~Hard~~ and MARI BRAS, and thus within the MPIPR. An additional possible result could be a ~~USA-FLC~~ on the part of ~~A Hard~~ to reveal details regarding any link between his terrorist activities AND the MPIPR, as a reaction to the activities of MARI BRAS.

Bureau comments are solicited.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- 1 - DeLoach 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Bishop 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Sullivan 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]

DATE: June 9, 1969

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. R. Wannall *WRW*

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
IS - PRN

*Wannall*  
*B/S*

Memorandum recommends approval, with one modification, of San Juan's proposed counterintelligence ploy directed against Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR). The MPIPR is the largest and most dangerous of the militant Puerto Rican proindependence groups. Letter is attached for transmittal to San Juan.

In order to create dissension between Juan Mari Bras and [redacted] the San Juan Office proposes to prepare an anonymous letter to the [redacted] pointing out that Mari continues to be seen with [redacted]. The letter states further that if [redacted] is too much of a fool to resent the romance between his wife and Mari, the writer as a friend will not allow the romance to go further. The letter states that if [redacted] does not stop the romance the writer will expose it publicly, including giving it to [redacted].

Considerable information has been developed attesting to the notorious illicit romances indulged in by Mari and [redacted] has attacked Mari and the MPIPR [redacted] many times much to the discomfort of Mari. [redacted] was recently arrested for complicity in a bombing attempt on an oil facility in Puerto Rico and [redacted] is the head of the MPIPR Mission in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Both [redacted] are listed on the Security Index, Priority II.

While San Juan recommended only that the letter be directed to the [redacted] it is believed that a copy of the letter should also be [redacted].

The letters should be mailed simultaneously to the [redacted]. The letters will be prepared on unwatermarked paper and prepared in such a manner so there will be no possible link to the FBI.

ACTION: If you approve, attached letter will be sent to San Juan authorizing it to proceed with this counterintelligence measure.

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*Wannall*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 8, 1969

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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: JUAN MARI BRAS

Dear Sir:

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- 6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

September 4, 1969

JUAN MARI BRAS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On September 3, 1969, [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] San Juan International Airport, Isla Verde,  
Puerto Rico, advised that Juan Mari Bras arrived in San  
Juan, Puerto Rico from Madrid, Spain via Avianca Flight  
Number 71 at 4:30 A.M. on September 3, 1969. During a  
routine U.S. Customs search of Mari Bras' luggage,  
nothing unusual was noted.

Juan Mari Bras is the self-  
described Secretary General  
of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto  
Rican Pro Independence Movement)  
(MPIPR).

A characterization of the MPIPR  
appears in the Appendix attached  
hereto.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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September 4, 1969

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Department of the Treasury  
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

September 23, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

On September 22, 1969, a source who is in a position to know, advised that United Press International (UPI), San Juan, Puerto Rico, had received by mail a type-written Spanish language note, the English translation of which is set forth below. The note was postmarked September 21, 1969, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"The Suicides"

"Notice Number One.

"We are going to end the activities of the following

Juan Mari Bras  
Florencio Merced  
Teno Gonzalez  
Ruben Berrios

"Those will be the first on the list that we have prepared to be liquidated.

"Be careful Juan Mari you will be first nothing will save you.

"The Suicides"

Juan Mari Bras is the Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

A characterization of the MPIPR is attached hereto.

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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO

Florencio Merced is the President of the Federacion de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI).

A characterization of the FUPI is attached hereto.

Tono Gonzalez is the President of the Partido Union Puertorriqueno (Puerto Rican Union Party) (PUP).

The PUP is a political party formed in April, 1969, to obtain independence for Puerto Rico by peaceful means and would not use anti-American tactics.

Ruben Berrios is a member of the Presidential Commission of the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP).

A characterization of the PIP is attached hereto.

F. B. I.

Date: 9/23/69

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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*W.F. [Signature]*  
*w. [Signature]*

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~105-66794~~)  
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3353) (P)  
SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR  
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100 each  
N9- Unsubs aka The Suicides, Juan Mari Bras,  
105-202- Silencio Nicols, Tano Gonzalez, Ruben Berric  
105-165851 JUAN MARI BRAS  
Silencio Nicols*

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

LHM is not classified since United Press International indicated that they were going to release the information.

Source referred to in LHM is (protect by request) \_\_\_\_\_ San Juan,

Puerto Rico.

Information has been disseminated locally to Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI, POPR); Naval Investigative Service Office (NISC); 771st Military Intelligence Detachment (MI-Det.); U. S. Secret Service; and Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Ramey Air Force Base, orally.

The original letter is being retained in the 1-A Section of this file.

The Bureau ~~will~~ be advised of any additional information received.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
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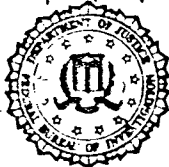
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

SEP 25 1969

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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U. S. Secret Service SAN JUAN, P.R.

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TO SAC SAN JUAN (105-3353)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-60754)

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FORTH IN RE LHM MAY POSSIBLY CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF EXTORTION

STATUTE. BY RETURN AIRTEL ADVISE BUREAU USING PROPER EXTORTION

CHARACTER ACTION YOU ARE TAKING RELATIVE TO INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH

SECTION THIRTY-EIGHT, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS.

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1 - 105-292 (Juan Mari Bras)

NOTE:

San Juan has advised that United Press International, San Juan, Puerto Rico, received in the mail a typewritten note which was post-marked at San Juan, Puerto Rico. The note was signed by "The Suicides" and threatened to end the activities of Juan Mari Bras, Florencio Merced, Tono Gonzalez and Ruben Berrios. The note went on to state that the above four would be first on the list they were prepared to liquidate and cautioned Juan Mari Bras he would be first and nothing could save him. Juan Mari Bras is Secretary General of Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR), the largest and often violent proindependence party in Puerto Rico. Florencio Merced is the President of Federacion de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (FUPI), which is the college-level arm of the MPIPR. Tono Gonzalez is President of the Partido Union Puertorriqueno (PUP), which was formed in Puerto Rico in April, 1969, to obtain independence for Puerto Rico by peaceful means. Ruben Berrios is a member of the Presidential Commission of the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (PIP), a former political party in Puerto Rico which advocates independence for Puerto Rico through legal and peaceful means.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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Department of the Treasury  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FBI

Date: 10/8/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

AIRMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (9-New) (RUC)

SUBJECT : UNSUBS; aka  
 JOSE J. MERCED,  
 RAFAEL MONTALVO,  
 MIGUEL MERCADO,  
 VELL (R) ORTIZ,  
 TONY BERMUDEZ MORALES;  
 JUAN MARI BRAS,  
 ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ - VICTIMS  
 EXTORTION  
 (OO: NY)

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On 10/8/69, [redacted] "El Mundo" newspaper, San Juan, Puerto Rico, made available a letter in the Spanish language received at "El Mundo" on 10/7/69, containing a threat to kill JUAN MARI BRAS and ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ.

Attached for the Bureau and New York are two copies each of the original text, two copies each of the English translation-prepared by [redacted] of the San Juan office-and one xerox copy each of the envelope containing the letter. It is noted the letter is postmarked at Bronx, New York; October 6, 1969, and carries a return address of "Los Democraticos, 230 16th Ave., Bronx, N. Y."

For the information of the Bureau and New York, JUAN MARI BRAS is the Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) and ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ is the President

- 2-Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)
- 2-New York (Encs. 5) (RM)
- 3-San Juan (1-100-1785) (MARI BRAS)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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of the Partido Union Puertorriqueno (Puerto Rican Union Party) (PUP). Both "victims" are very strong independentists and [REDACTED]

In the opinion of the San Juan office, any attempt to interview JUAN MARI BRAS and ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ would be counter-productive in that they would seize upon this as an opportunity to embarrass the Bureau, the US Government, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In light of the above, the San Juan office contemplates no additional investigation in this matter, UACB. New York office is designated Office of Origin.

28 de Septiembre del 1969.

Distinguidos Senores: (Periodico el Mundo)

### Muerte a los Traidores

Ha llegado el momento presiso del enfrentarnos a una decision final. Nuestro pueblo no puede soportar tanta violencia, y tantos actos de terrorismo. Queremos vivir tranquilos y seguir disfrutando de la democracia que hoy vivimos en nuestra Isla del Encanto; Por lo tanto no podemos permitir que ciertas personas que se llaman ser patriotas vendan a nuestro pueblo, por que no es de patriota entregar el pueblo a un Comunismo. Quien diga que un comunismo se vive bien... esta loco. Ellos dicen que en un comunismo se vive bien porque ellos seran los Lideres y solo haran dar mandos y ordenes, mientras el pueblo tendra que deramar su sangre y sufrir hambre. Esos que se llaman ser patriotas no viviran para contarlo porque pronto acabaremos con ellos.. Nosotros los Amante de la democracia y los que somos de verdad patriota,,no queremos traidores en nuestra Patria.

Acavaremos con todos y no vasilaremos en tomar accion en el momento mas oportuno. No importa que estos traidores tengan la proteccion de la Justicia, pero recuerden ustedes queridos Agente, que hay momentos en que no podran estar protejiendo a esos traidores.

No queremos andar con rodeo y no vasilaremos en decir los primeros que seran Fusilados. El Senor Juan Maribras sera el primero de nuestras victimas, seguido el vende patria Antonio J. Gonzalez. Luego seguiran aquellos que en una forma o otra esten ayudando a estos traidores a lograr sus propositos.

No podemos permitir que estos Senores que se llaman Lideres continuen terrorizando a nuestro pueblo. Ante de ver a nuestro pueblo entregado a un comunismo, preferimos ver a estos Senores muertos creo que nuestros decesos seran logrados y no los de ellos.

Ha llegado el momento de salir a relucir nuestra valentia y nuestro orgullo de patriotas libre y de verdaderos Puertorriqueno. "Venceremos Senores" Cuando acabemos con estos traidores, desde ese dia reinara la tranquilidad en nuestra vella Isla del Encanto. En ese entoce viviremos una vida sin preocupaciones y nuestro pueblo gozara de jubilo en saber que aun quedan Puertorriquenos valiente como nosotres, que estan dispuestos a matar si es necesario para salvar a nuestro pueblo de un comunismo.

"Alerta Pueblo de Puerto Rico, que pronto reinara la tranquilidad en nuestra Isla y viviremos sin preocupaciones!"

Cordialmente:

Los Democraticos.

*José J. Mendieta*  
*José J. Mendieta*  
*José J. Mendieta*  
*José J. Mendieta*

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

September 28, 1969

Gentlemen: (El Mundo newspaper)

Death to the Traitors

The right moment has come for us to reach a final decision. Our people cannot bear so much violence and so many acts of terrorism. We want to live in peace and enjoy the democracy in which we live in our Island of Enchantment; therefore, we cannot allow those who called themselves patriots to sell our country, because it is not of patriots to surrender their country to communism. He who says that a good life is enjoyed in communism....is crazy. They say that good life is attain in communism because they will be the leaders and they will be there only to command and give orders, while people will suffer hunger and bloodshed. Those who call themselves patriots will not live to see that, because we will destroy them. We who enjoy democracy and who are truly patriots, do not want traitors in our country.

We will destroy them all and will not hesitate to take action at the right moment. It does not matter if these traitors are protected by Justice, because, as you know dear Agents, there are moments in which you will not be able to protect these traitors.

We do not wish to go around the bushes and we won't hesitate in saying who will be the first to be shot. Mr. Juan Mari Bras will be the first of our victims, followed the the traitor Antonio J. Gonzalez. Those who in one way or another are helping these traitors to attain their goal will follow.

We cannot allow these gentlemen who call themselves Leaders to continue terrifying our country. Rather than seeing our country surrender to communism, we prefer to see these gentlemen dead so that our goals and not theirs will be achieved.

The moment has come to prove our courage and our pride of being free patriots and truly Puerto Ricans. "Gentlemen, we will succeed." Only after we had finished with these traitors will peace reign in our beautiful Island of Enchantment. Only then will we live without worries and our people will be happy knowing that there are still brave Puerto Ricans like us, who are ready to kill if necessary to save our country from communism.

"Be on the alert People of Puerto Rico, peace will reign very soon in our Island and we shall live without worries."

Cordially,

The Democrats.

Signed: Jose J. Merced

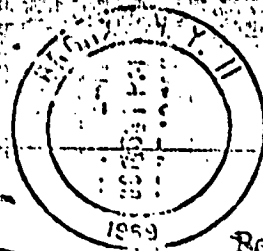
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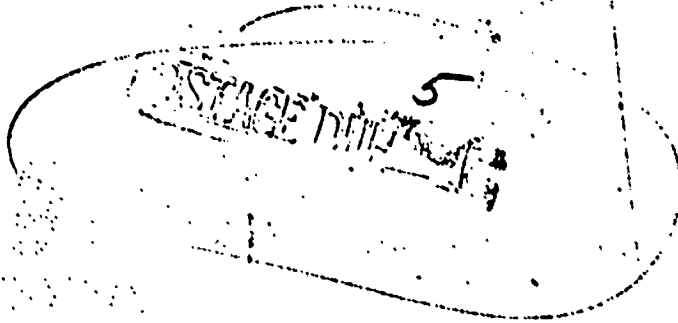
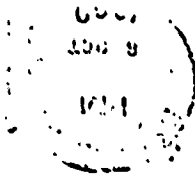
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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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UNSUBS; AKA  
JOSE J. MERCED, RAFAEL MONTALVO,  
MIGUEL MERCADO, VELL (?) ORTIZ,  
TONY BERMUDEZ MORALES;  
JUAN MARI BRAS,  
ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ-VICTIMS  
EXTORTION  
(OO: SAN JUAN)

ReSJairtel 10/8/69.

New York present this matter to the U. S. Attorney and obtain a prosecutable opinion. Advise Bureau and San Juan results immediately.

San Juan insure that the victims are aware of the threats to their lives should a prosecutable Federal extortion violation exist conduct investigation leading toward prosecution. Advise local authorities.

CRM:sds

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] the "El Mundo" newspaper in San Juan furnished a letter to our San Juan Office which had been sent to that newspaper and contained a threat to kill victims. Letter mailed from New York City. Victim Bras is the Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico and victim Gonzalez is the President of the Partido Union Puertorriqueno (Puerto Rican Union Party)

[REDACTED] It was the opinion of the San Juan Office that any attempted interview of victims would be counter-productive and that victims would seize upon this as an opportunity to embarrass the Bureau or U. S. Government. In view of this, San Juan contemplates no investigation. San Juan office did not indicate whether the victims are aware of the threats to their lives and it is believed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they must be notified of the threats against their lives. If a prosecutable extortion violation exists, it is felt that investigation of this should be instituted leading toward possible prosecution.

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; aka  
 JOSE J. MERCED, RAFAEL MONTALVO,  
 MIGUEL MERCADO, VELL (?) PORTIZ,  
 TONY BERMUDEZ MORALES;  
 JUAN MARI BRAS, ANTONIO J.  
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ReBulet to NY, 10/14/69.

Investigation within the NYO reflects that there is no such address as 230 16th Ave. in any of the Boroughs of NYC. Contact with logical and established sources within the NYO has failed to reflect any knowledge of a political group by the name of "Los Democraticos" or its alleged members as set forth in the title of this communication. A review of indices within the NYO is negative concerning "Los Democraticos". Contact with the NYCPD is similarly negative concerning this group. A review of NYO indices concerning the alleged members of "Los Democraticos" fails to reflect any persons logically identifiable with such group.

On 10/27/69, these facts were furnished to AUSA ALBERT J. GAYNOR, SDNY, along with the extortion letters sent to the victims. AUSA GAYNOR advised that inasmuch as

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all logical investigation failed to produce any references to "Los Democraticos" and its alleged members and "it was deemed inadvisable to interview the victims in the instant case", he felt this matter did not come within the purview of Federal Extortion Statute.

Local authorities are aware of the facts of this case and will be alert for any references to this group.

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Date: 10/31/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (9-738) (C)

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Re Bureau letter to New York, 10/14/69;  
New York airtel to Bureau, 10/27/69.

Office of Intelligence (OI) and Criminal Investigations  
Corps (CIC) of the Police of Puerto Rico (POPR) were advised of  
and furnished xerox copy of letter threatening MARI BRAS and  
GONZALEZ on the same date this information was furnished to  
FBI at San Juan.

POPR has no information regarding group known as  
"Los Democraticos" and advise MARI BRAS and GONZALEZ are aware  
of threats against their lives.

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Special Agent in Charge

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In view of opinion of AUSA, SDNY, set forth in referenced airtel, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter, UACB.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

December 24, 1969

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: JUAN MARI BRAS

Dear Sir:

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2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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