



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

JAN 14 1970

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.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

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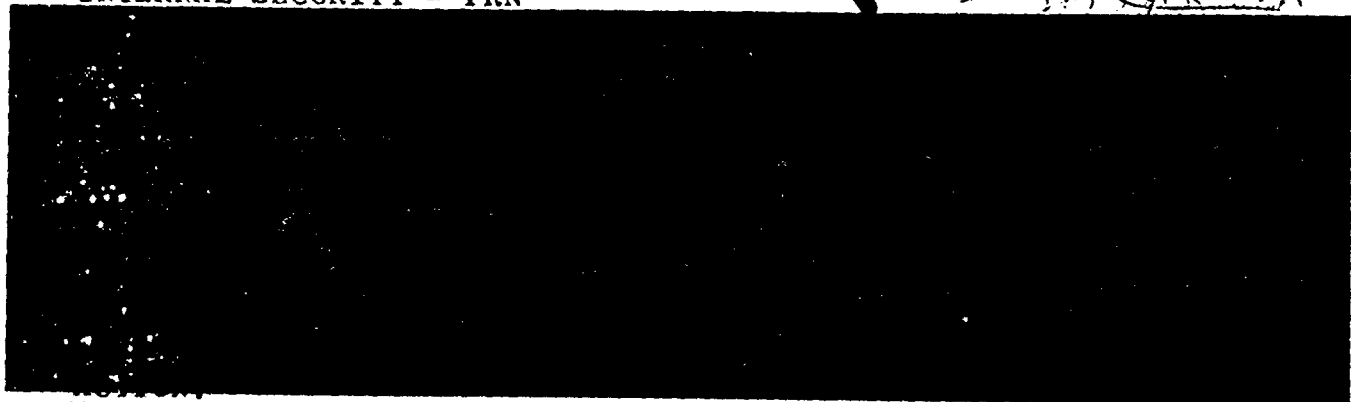
TO : Mr. D.J. Brennan, Jr. *JMB*

DATE: February 13, 1970

FROM : 

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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The above information is being directed to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section.

- 1 - Mr. W.R. Wannall
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- 1 - Mr. 

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

DATE: 2/19/70

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-2243) (RUC)

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above, with two copies each for San Juan and New York and one copy each for Buffalo and Chicago.

REFERENCE:

San Juan letter and LHM, 4/13/69.

SOURCE:

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 - (2 - New York, 105-39139)
 - (2 - San Juan, 105-3401)
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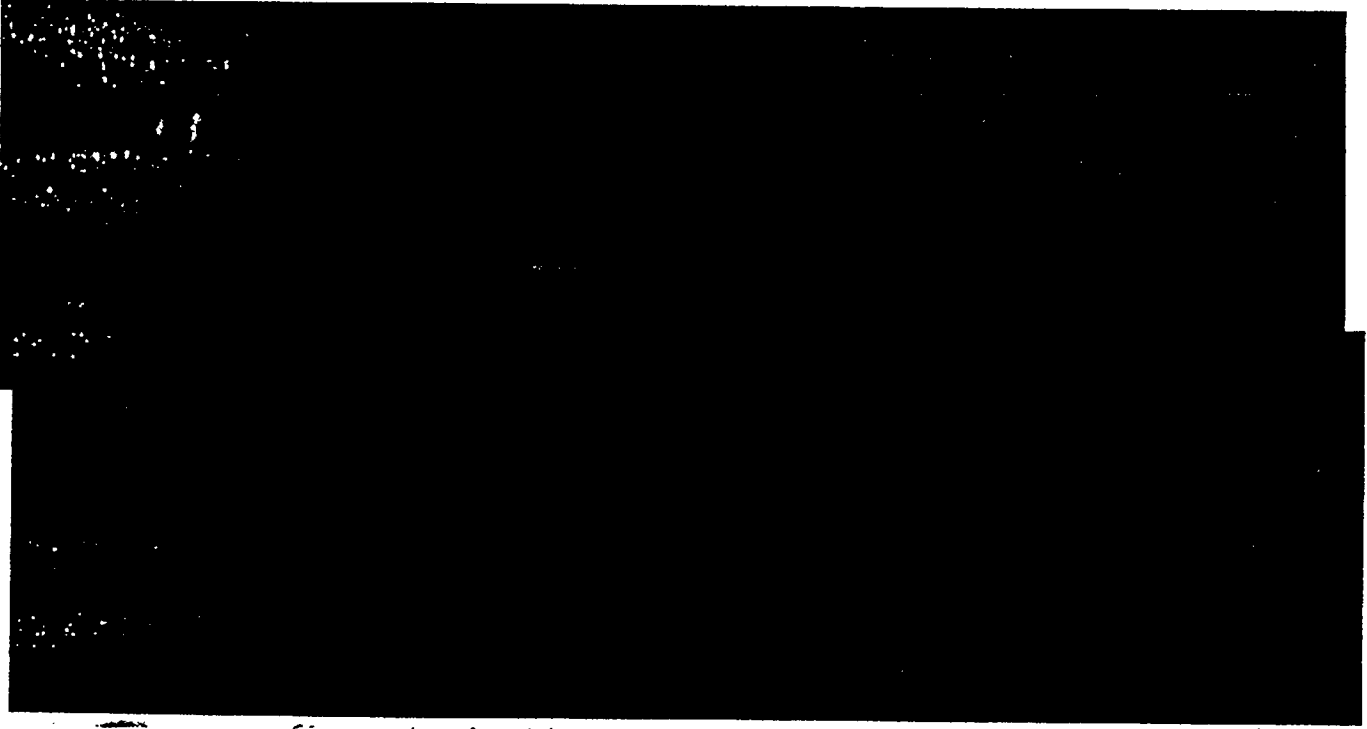
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MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
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APPENDIXBLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for
Self Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventurist,

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APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (CONTINUED)

elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.

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APPENDIX

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

The "New York Times" city edition Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP, which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's overall revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The August, 1968, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "above all, this paper is dedicated to the fight for a new way of life—where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire Government on every level."

The source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 838, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 317, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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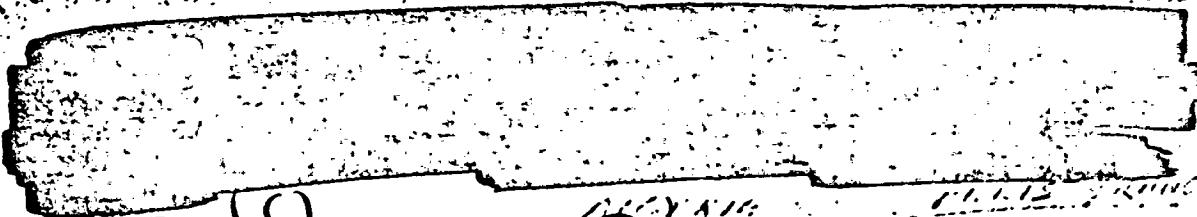
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DATE: 2-26-70

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SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST



We have asked the [redacted] to furnish any additional information coming to their attention.

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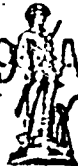
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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: Legat, Paris

From: Director, FBI (105-292) 411

JUAN MARI BRAS

IS - PRN

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Legat, Paris, should attempt through available sources to follow subject's activities while in Paris and pertinent information should be reported in form suitable for dissemination.

For information of Legat, Paris, subject has been residing at 17 Lope de Rueda Street, Apartment 6A, Madrid, Spain, and he continues to hold the post of Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

- 1 - Madrid (105-39)
- 1 - San Juan (100-4785)
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-292)

DATE: 2/27/70

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

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS-PRN
IS-CUBA
RA-CUBA
(OO: SAN JUAN)

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Card 112
3/9/70
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Re: San Juan letter (FD-122), to Bureau, dated 1/6/70.

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.		Residence Address Calle Parana #1604, Urbanizacion Paraiso, San Juan, Puerto Rico.	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

February 27, 1970

Please Refer to

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS

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

REFERENCE: Federal Bureau of Investigation memorandum dated January 6, 1970, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Calle Parana #1604,
Urbanizacion Paraiso,
San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-292)

DATE: 2/27/70

FROM : *Wah* SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

SUBJECT: *J* JUAN MARI BRAS
IS-PRN
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(OO: SAN JUAN)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323)

DATE: MAR 6 1970

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419) (P)

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

(OO: SJ)

Re San Juan letter to the Bureau, 12/3/69.

[REDACTED]

On December 26, 1969, MARI BRAS made a proposal to free five U. S. prisoners of war in North Vietnam, in exchange for the freedom of five Puerto Rican Nationalists currently serving prison sentences for assassination plots against President Truman and the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323)

DATE: MAR

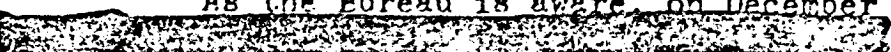
FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419) (P)

SUBJECT: 
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(OO: SJ)



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Re San Juan letter to the Bureau, 12/3/69.

As the Bureau is aware, on December 19, 1969,  Police of Puerto Rico (of, PUPR), San Juan International Airport, advised that JUAN MARI BRAS departed Puerto Rico that date via Iberia Airlines Flight #986. His flight departed San Juan at 9:15 P.M. and was scheduled to arrive in Madrid, Spain, on December 20, 1969, at 11:30 A.M.


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On February 14, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised that JUAN MARI BRAS had returned to San Juan from Madrid, Spain, on Iberia Airlines Flight #989. He gave his address as 1604 Parana, Urbanization El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and bore U. S. Passport #K 644 540.

[REDACTED]

On February 27, 1970, SA [REDACTED] visually determined that MARI BRAS continues to reside at 1604 Parana Street, Urb. El Paraiso, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

[REDACTED]

The San Juan office will continue its intensive coverage of the subject's activities and will attempt to determine if the subject intends to remain in San Juan. Continuous contact with confidential sources of the San Juan office, other Federal Agencies engaged in Intelligence investigations and the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico, is being maintained.

The Bureau will be advised of all pertinent information.

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DATE: 3/9/70

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

SAC, SAN JUAN (105-3401) (P)

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SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIR)
IS - BRM
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Re Legat, Mexico City letter and LHM dated 2/19/70,
and captioned as above.

Enclosed is a [redacted]
[redacted] Bufile 100-432735).

The Bureau is requested to furnish 2 copies of
this communication, along with [redacted]
to Legat, Mexico City.

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The San Juan office has
been able to determine that, the latter part of December,
1969, he traveled to Algiers and it is believed that
afterwards he may have traveled to Cuba. The San Juan

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- 2 - Legat, Mexico City (105-2243)
- 4 - San Juan
- 1 - 105-2361 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-4785 (MARI BRAS)

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office has not been able to obtain any substantiation of this.

It has been noted that during the first part of 1970, there has been an increase in terrorist activity in Puerto Rico, although for at least the time being, this activity has now subsided.

It is considered that the [redacted] referred to above, may be identical with one [redacted] a security index subject of the San Juan office. [redacted] is described as follows:

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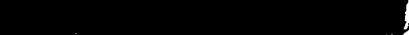
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75715)

DATE: MAR 11 1970

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

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR)
IS - PRN
(OO: SJ) *Juan Mari Bras*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies, and for New York, 1 copy, of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

First source referred to in LHM is [REDACTED] and the second source is [REDACTED]

LHM is classified "confidential" because the unauthorized disclosure of information from sources may lead to their compromise which would be contrary to the national defense interests.

LHM is being disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service, Naval Investigative Service Office, 771st Military Intelligence Detachment, and Office of Special Investigations, Ramey AFB.

This LHM is not being disseminated into individual case files, inasmuch as informant FD-306's will serve this purpose.

To date there is no indication that the MPIPR will be sending members to Cuba. However, the San Juan office will remain alert for such information and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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- 1 - New York (105-39139) (Info) (1 Enc.)
- 2 - San Juan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

MAR 11 1970

GOVERNMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE IN PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (WRIR)
INTERNAL SECURITY - FOREIGN DISSEM INFORMATION

A characterization of the WRIR is attached hereto

On February 19, 1970, a source, who furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the WRIR annual leadership seminar of the WRIR was held at the Hotel Salmuera, Inc., San Juan, Puerto Rico, on February 13, 14, and 15, 1970. Among the primary themes covered by the seminar, were the development of plans to combat the high cost of living, resistance to compulsory military service, defense of Puerto Rican culture, and development of plans for the struggle in the labor movement. Approximately 300 persons were in attendance at the seminar.

During the course of the seminar, [redacted] and [redacted] WRIR Secretary of Labor, and [redacted] President of the Federation of University Students for Independence (FUPI), became embroiled in an argument during one of the discussion periods. [redacted] favored members of the WRIR joining unions to increase the WRIR effectiveness, while [redacted] stated that unions are corrupt and WRIR members join them they would only become corrupt union bureaucrats. The discussion period was ended without a formal decision being made by the WRIR leadership.

A characterization of the WRIR is attached hereto

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According to the source, during the last day of the seminar, JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the MSEP, spoke of his recent travel to Paris and Cuba. MARI BRAS indicated that in Paris, France, he had contacted the North Vietnam delegation concerning the release of United States Servicemen held in North Vietnam, in exchange for Puerto Rican political prisoners held in the United States. MARI BRAS indicated that his proposal had been agreeably received but to date not acted upon.

On February 20, 1970, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that MARI BRAS stated that the current government of Cuba has urged that more Puerto Rican youths be sent to Cuba for revolutionary training. MARI BRAS indicated that the Cuban government had committed itself to paying the expenses involved in this training. MARI BRAS did not elaborate on the exact type of training involved.

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ASOCIACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS POR LA INDEPENDENCIA
(Association of University Students for Independence)
(FUPI)

The FUPI was organized in October, 1950, at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, as a student organization working to obtain independence for Puerto Rico. A source advised the FUPI was elected an integral member of the International Union of Students (IUS), Prague, Czechoslovakia, in October, 1950.

During the 12th Annual FUPI Congress held on October 27, 28, and 29, 1967, in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, the organization's Executive Committee voted to sever relations with the IUS, inasmuch as delegates to the 9th IUS Congress held in Mongolia between March 27 and April 5, 1967, carried a FUPI sponsored motion which cited the student delegation of Chile as an organization which served as a "screen for the Central Intelligence Agency."

The IUS has been cited by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1950 as being among "international communist fronts functioning at the present time" and by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, in 1951, as one of the "long established, Soviet-controlled international organizations."

The 12th FUPI Congress, which was dedicated to FRAJESTO "CHE" GUEVARA, and to the National Liberation Front of Vietnam, in its "General Statement" as ratified on October 29, 1967, expressed solidarity with the "Black Nationalist Movement" in the United States; "reaffirmed its total support of decisions made by the Latin American Continental Organization of Students (OCLAE), a Latin American student organization based in Havana, Cuba; condemned the Selective Service law and proclaimed support to all who repudiate same; declared the "common enemy of all men is Yankee imperialism" and vowed "to struggle by any means for the obtaining of independence in the liberation of Puerto Rico."



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 20, 1970

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File No.

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

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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.
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 - (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.

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 may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- ② - Bureau (105-292) (RM)
1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, San Juan
1 - San Juan (100-4785)

Enclosure(s) 1

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/20/70

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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(OO: SJ)
(Bufile: 105-292)
(SJ file: 100-4785)

cc - Legat, Paris
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Note subject now residing in Puerto Rico.

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(OO: SJ) (P)
(Bufile: 105-97400)
(SJ file: 105-3681)

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Re: San Juan report of SA [Redacted] 1/14/70;
Bulet to CIA, date 1/7/70, and captioned
"JUAN MARI BRAS, IS-PRN and [Redacted]
SM-PRN";

Legat, Madrid letter to Bureau, 12/16/69;
Legat, Madrid letter to Bureau, 1/8/70;
Legat, Madrid letter to Bureau, 1/15/70;
San-Juan letter to Bureau, 1/21/70.

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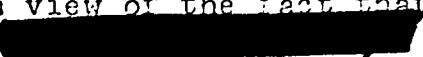
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 16 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above, containing information regarding MARI BRAS' travel to Spain; Paris, France; and his return to Puerto Rico. Also enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy each of an FD-376 for each subject. One copy of the LHM is being furnished for the information of the Bufile concerning the spouse of MARI BRAS.

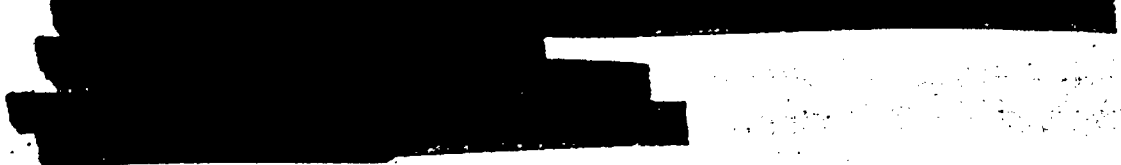
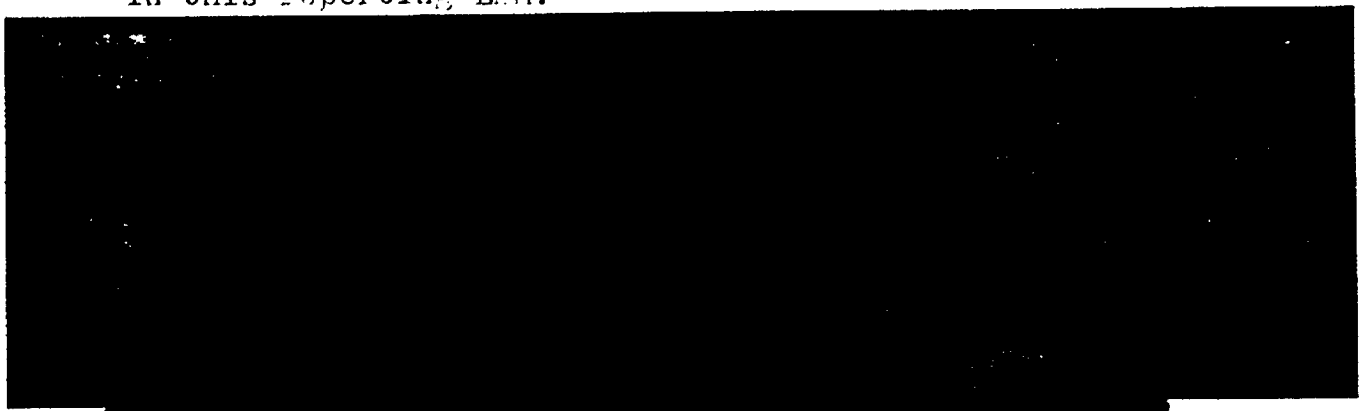
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The Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico, (OI, POPR), Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, is cognizant of the contents of the enclosed LHM.

This LHM is classified "Secret, No Foreign Dissemination; No Dissemination Abroad," in view of the fact that it contains information furnished by 

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The following informants of the SJO were utilized in this reporting LHM:



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SAN JUAN: Will continue to follow subject's activities
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San Juan, Puerto Rico
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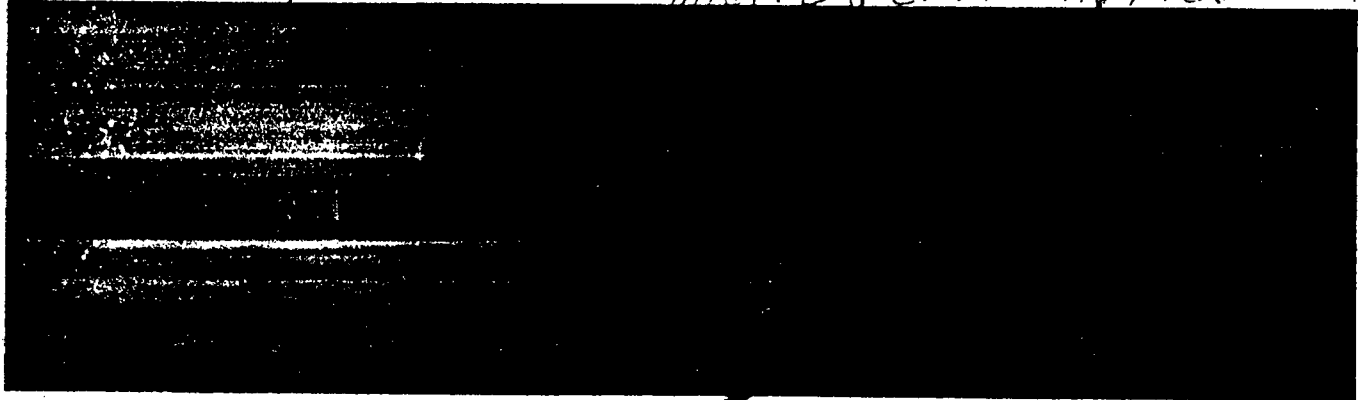
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INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
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As previously reported, Juan Mari Bras departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, on December 19, 1968, for Madrid, Spain, and, on December 26, 1969, made a proposal to trade American Prisoners of War in North Vietnam for imprisoned Puerto Rican Nationalists.

Miguel Cabreria Figueroa



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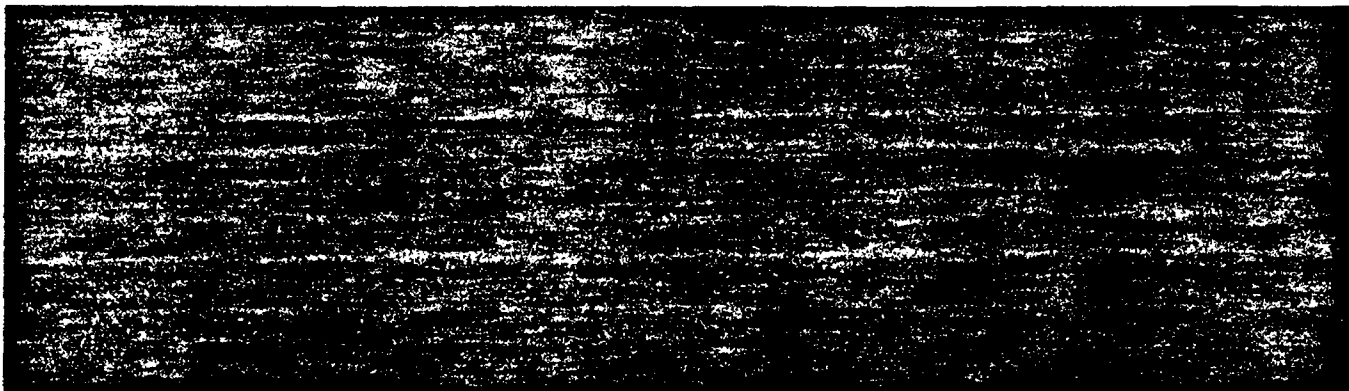
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Juan Mari Bras

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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 to this memorandum.



The Spanish newspaper, "ABC", dated December 26, 1969, carried an article entitled, "Puerto Rican Personality in Madrid." The article stated that Mr. Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, had been in Madrid for the past four days.

The newspaper stated that the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, the successor of the Nationalist Movement once headed by Pedro Albizu Campos and Gilberto Concepcion De Gracia, had regained great impetus recently due to the growing opposition among the Puerto Rican populous to the Vietnam war.

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Mari Bras was quoted as stating that more than sixty percent of U.S. soldiers in combat in Vietnam are Puerto Ricans or Negroes. More than forty thousand people attended a demonstration for peace held in Puerto Rico two weeks previously, he said.

Pedro Albizu Campos was the titular head of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (PNPR). He died of natural causes on April 21, 1965.

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Juan Mari Bras

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Gilberto Concepcion de Gracia was the President of the Partido Independientista Puertorriqueno (Puerto Rican Independence Party) (PIP).

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

A characterization of the PIP is attached to this memorandum.

The Spanish newspaper, "483", dated December 27, 1969, contained an article entitled, "Departure of Puerto Rican Nationalist." In this article, the newspaper reported that Juan Mari Bras departed the previous day by air for Paris. Prior to departure, he declared that he intended to talk to the North Vietnamese Delegation to effect the exchange of five U.S. pilots imprisoned by the North Vietnamese for the release of five Puerto Rican Nationalists in prison in the United States. The article noted that one of the imprisoned nationalists is Oscar Collazo, the only survivor of the attempt against President Truman on November 1, 1950. The other four nationalists were serving 80-year sentences for the March, 1954 shooting in the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. *over to?*

"El Imparcial," a Spanish-language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on December 28, 1969, contained an article written by Daniel R. Hackel entitled, "They Believe No Attention Will Be Given To The Mari Bras Proposal." This article reiterated the offer made by Juan Mari Bras to exchange five American Prisoners of War for the five Puerto Rican Nationalists. The article stated that different sources in Washington consider the proposal to be a publicity stunt which would not be given serious consideration. The author noted that a similar offer had been made by the Black Panther Party and disregarded by Washington some weeks earlier. According to an individual he described as a "very creditable source," the author stated "in the first place, Mari Bras has not received the approval of the North Vietnamese

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Government. It is merely an idea of Mari Bras. The North Vietnamese have not made the offer."

The author then stated that an expert in legal matters informed him that Mari Bras committed the error of "considering both groups as political prisoners, while the United States considers the five Nationalists to be criminals who attempted an assassination and the military men who are in the hands of Hanoi to be Prisoners of War. North Vietnam, for its part, considers the prisoners to be war criminals, although, until now, there is no knowledge that they are treated as such."

The article then went on to state that the United States continues to treat the prisoner problem in the general context of a peace treaty with the North Vietnamese. Despite the fact that the matter will be studied, if officially offered by the North Vietnamese, hopes are little that this would materialize.

On the evening of February 14, 1970

advised that Juan Mari Bras had returned to San Juan, Puerto Rico, from Madrid, Spain, on Iberia Airlines Flight # 989. He gave his address as 1604 Paraiso, Urbanizacion El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and carried U.S. Passport F644540.

The "San Juan Star," an English-language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, dated February 16, 1970, contained an article entitled, "PIP Holds Evaluation Seminar."

In an Associated Press dispatch from Isabela, Puerto Rico, it was stated that an estimated 150 members of the PIP held a three-day seminar ending on Sunday, February 15, 1970, in that city. According to the article, Secretary General Juan Mari Bras stated that the leadership of the Movement met to evaluate the island and international situations and to develop a work plan. He claimed that specific plans were discussed, both on a short-term and long-term basis. He declared 1970 to be "a year of mobilizing the people for the struggle for independence."

Juan Mari Bras

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Concerning university students, Mari Bras was quoted as saying: "The students in Puerto Rico are leading in the fight of the National Vindication of Puerto Rico."

The "San Juan Star," dated February 17, 1970, contained an article entitled, "Mari Bras Is Optimistic On Prisoner Trade Plan." This article stated that Mari Bras expressed optimism on the eventual success of a proposal to exchange five Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoners for five U.S. Prisoners of War. He stated that, at present, the major obstacle to the plan is North Vietnam's determination to negotiate a total, rather than piecemeal, end to the hostilities. "Our proposal is an apparent contradiction with their purpose of solving the problem in its entirety at the present time." Mari Bras added that he doesn't intend to impose "an act of solidarity with them which might interfere with their strategy."

On February 19, 1970, SJ T-3, who attended the National Leadership Seminar of the NPIPR at Isabela, Puerto Rico from February 13 through the 15th, 1970, advised that Juan Mari Bras stated to the membership that he had been to Cuba and had talked to Fidel Castro.

On February 25, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he did not notice any other individuals in company with Mari Bras and that he could not state whether Mrs. Mari Bras or Miguel Cabrera Figueroa also arrived on this flight. [REDACTED]

On March 10, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he would not be able to verify Mari Bras' arrival in San Juan on February 14, 1970 as the incoming flight passenger manifest is not maintained in San Juan.

He did state that a review of the passenger manifest for flight 986 on December 19, 1969 did not indicate that Mari Bras traveled on that flight under his true name.

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Miguel Angel Cabrera Figueroa
was a member of the Finance Committee
and the Organizational Committee of the
MPIPR in 1968 and 1969.

SJ T-5
July 26, 1968

"Carta Semanal" #390
February 26, 1969

"Carta Semanal" is the weekly
newsletter of the MPIPR.

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APPENDIXPARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PIP)

On April 1, 1968, the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI, POPR), Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, advised that the PIP is a former legally constituted party, which according to its officers, advocates independence for Puerto Rico through legal and peaceful means.

In the November, 1964, general elections in Puerto Rico the PIP failed to obtain the five per cent of the popular vote required to maintain its status as a political party. The PIP recently completed a successful campaign to secure the necessary number of valid petitions to be included on the ballot for the November, 1968, elections.

In the November, 1968, elections, PIP again failed to secure five per cent of the total vote cast and lost its standing as a recognized political party in Puerto Rico.

On March 31, 1969, the "San Juan Star," a daily English language newspaper printed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article stating that ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ, the gubernatorial candidate of the PIP in the 1968 elections, resigned from the PIP charging that the PIP had turned to the Left.

On June 2, 1969, the "San Juan Star," supra, contained an article stating that on June 1, 1969, ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ formed another independence party which would be called the Puerto Rican Union Party.

According to an article in the "San Juan Star" on June 5, 1969, the Puerto Rican Elections Board disclosed that the PIP had registered and filed with the Elections Board 42,042 petitions to qualify as a bona fide political party. According to the Electoral Law of Puerto Rico, the PIP must file at least 45,044 petitions from no less than 44 precincts in order to qualify as a bona fide political party. This number is five per cent of the vote cast in 1968.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

March 20, 1970

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
SECURITY MATTER - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

PAQUITA PESQUERA DE MARI BRAS
SECURITY MATTER - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Reference is made to letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

All sources, whose identities are concealed in referenced memorandum, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 3/25/70

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FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (105-1965) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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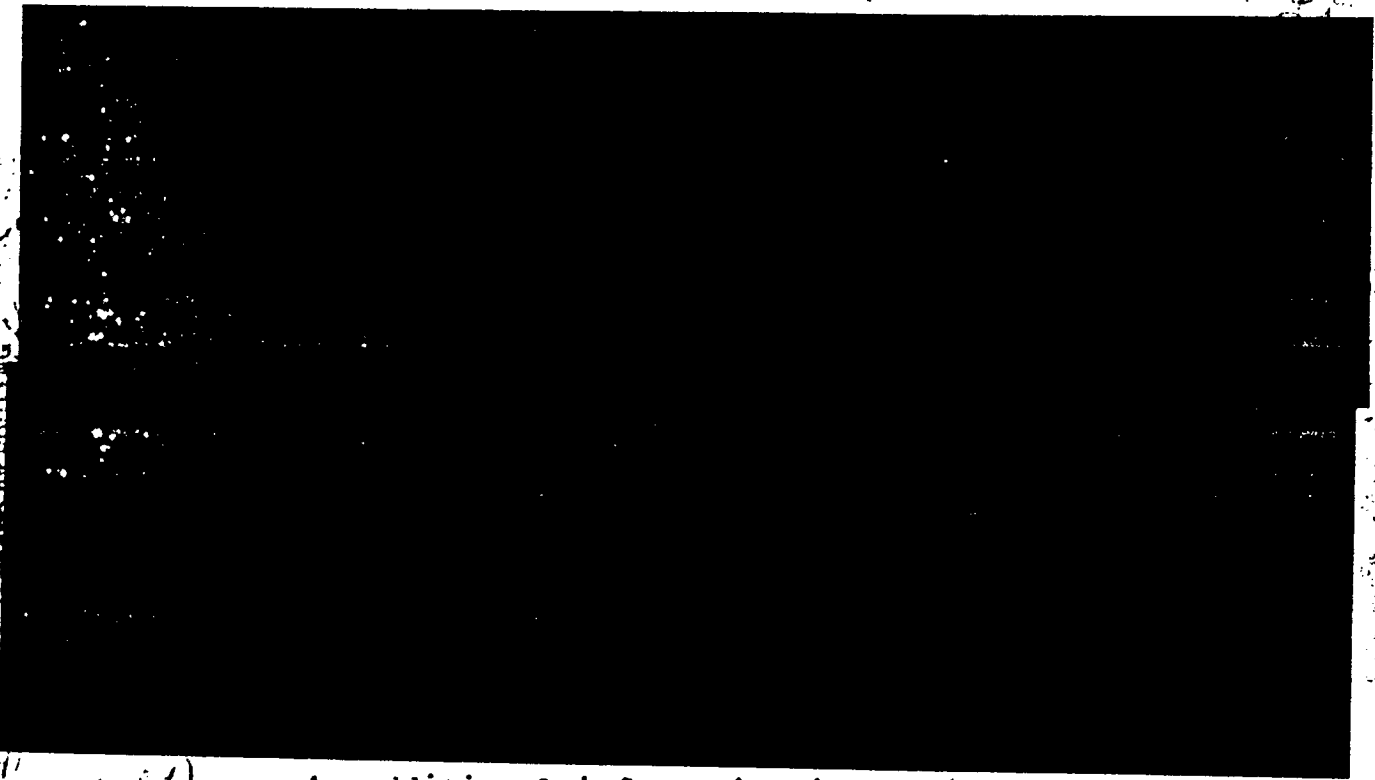
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FROM : LEGAT, MADRID (105-39) (P)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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SAC, San Juan (105-12353)

1 - Mr. [redacted]

4/16/70

Director, FBI (105-203731)

1 - Mr. [redacted]

PARTIDO PROLETARIO REVOLUCIONARIO DE PUERTO RICO
(REVOLUTIONARY PROLETARIAN PARTY OF PUERTO RICO)
(PPR)

IS - PRN

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Re: Airtel 4/8/70.

Reairtel advised that captioned organization was a new dissident group formed from the Puerto Rican Socialist League (LSP).

It is noted that in our continuing counterintelligence actions, a Bureau-approved anonymous mailing was made to selective LSP members with the planned objective of the disruption of the LSP.

Advise if our counterintelligence move was responsible for the apparent disruption of the LSP. Additionally, furnish your assessment of the current strength of the LSP in view of the separation of certain of its members who now comprise captioned group.

Extra copies of this letter being furnished San Juan for your files concerning the LSP and counterintelligence matters.

- 2 - San Juan
 - 1 - 105-6321 (LSP)
 - 1 - 105-3353 sub I (counterintelligence)

- 1 - 105-93124 (counterintelligence)
- 1 - 105-127318 (LSP)

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NOTE: San Juan at Bureau instigation, prepared anonymous letter approved by the Bureau for mailing to selected LSP members in order to disrupt this militant Red-Chinese oriented group.

DUPLICATE YELLOW
50 APR 30 1970

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Letter to San Juan

Re: Partido Proletario Revolucionario de Puerto Rico
(Revolutionary Proletarian Party of Puerto Rico)

NOTE: CONTINUED:

Referenced San Juan airtel advised of the organization of captioned group from membership of dissident LSP individuals.

SAC, San Juan (100-4785)

April 29, 1970

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Director, FBI (105-292) - 415

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REGISTERED MAIL

JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN; IS - CU; RA - CU
(OO: SJ)

Madrid

Attached is the translation which ~~you~~ requested by letter dated 4/7/70, copy herewith.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Forwarded herewith.

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- DeLoach _____
- Walters _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
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- 1 - Madrid (105-39) - Enclosure
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1000AM URGENT RJR

TO NEW YORK (105-3002)

FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785)(P);

W. J. ...
H. J. ...

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS DASH CUBA, IS DASH PRN, SM DASH PRN. OO--SAN JUAN.

ON THE EVENING OF APRIL THIRTY LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MARI BRAS DEPARTED SAN JUAN FOR NEW YORK ABOARD PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS "SEVEN FORTYSEVEN" FLIGHT AT ONE FORTYFIVE PM.

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The March 15, 1970 issue of "Claridad" contained an article entitled "Political Comment, An Act of War" under the byline of Juan Mari Bras.

"Claridad" is the official newspaper of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR).

A characterization of the MPIPR appears in the appendix.

The above described article, as translated from the Spanish language, is as follows:

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"The shooting of an American soldier last week in San Juan was attributed to revenge for the assassination of the young student, Antonia Martínez, according to a clandestine communication published in the press of this country. If it is true that it is an action on the part of clandestine independence groups, it is obvious that this represents an escalation in that type of struggle. It is important that we analyze at this time the possible implication of this act of war to better understand our national destiny.

"In the first place, it is not - as a superficial view of the problem would indicate - the matter of a murder in answer to another one. There can be no comparison between Antonia Martínez and the American sailor, except that they are both human beings who were killed by violent means. Of course, any violent death makes us feel sorry. But it is necessary to make a distinction. It is one thing for a young lady to be assassinated in her own country as a result of the brutal repression of the regime against the university students. But, the death of a young man, who was part of the invading armed forces in an occupied country by those who are at war against the occupiers of their country, is another thing. The job of soldiers and sailors is to kill. They run the risk of dying. Those who join the Yankee Armed Forces are willing to kill Vietnamese, Dominicans or Puerto Ricans in order to serve the imperialist establishment which the army and navy support by force. It is understood, therefore, that he (the serviceman) assumes the same risk of those whom he is willing to kill, i.e., to be killed by them. That is the logic of war.

"We have publicly acknowledged that in Puerto Rico there is an incipient armed struggle on the part of pro-independence individuals, who consider

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it their patriotic duty to conduct warfare against the empire which dominates us. We believe that every Puerto Rican has the right to make war against the invaders of our country. And war is mainly killing and dying.

"In the Political Thesis of the MPI, in an analysis of the growing repression against independence feeling in Puerto Rico, we have pointed out as an objective conclusion that the clandestine and armed struggle will increase in the same proportion as the regime drowns the legal area in which the independence movement functions.

"What happened last week is a clear indication of the correctness of our political thesis with regard to this conclusion.

"Until now, the actions of the clandestine groups had been limited to attacking the property of Yankee interests and the property of the Government of the United States. Going from the destruction of property to the killing of American soldiers is no doubt nearing a war which, if continued, would radically transform the national scene. What factor has caused this further step in the armed struggle? It is logical that the factor is, as the clandestine communication indicates, the assassination of the young university student. It is reasonable to conclude that those, who have made up their mind to conduct warfare against the invading regime, chose as the correct time for this act of war the historical moment when the regime increased its repression to the extent of murder.

"If this acceleration in the armed struggle induces the regime to increase its repression, the time will come when warfare will be the only alternative for the Puerto Rican patriotic forces.

Because one thing is clear: repression cannot be exerted against those engaged in the clandestine struggle, as they are very careful not to come within the grasp of the repressive apparatus of the regime. Repression is exerted against the pro-independence followers who operate in the open. And this persecution necessarily transforms the nature of our struggle, making it more radical, both ideologically and tactically.

"If Puerto Rico is to obtain independence without full scale war, it is to be mainly determined by the regime. No country prefers the violence of war. But no self-respecting country lays down passively to the violence of the enemy. The enemies of Puerto Rico should have this made very clear, as the alternative is again proposed to them."

On the evening of April 21, 1970, Juan Mari Bras was interviewed on WTSJ Television by Dick Norman, Program Moderator; Tomas Stella, reporter for the "San Juan Star"; and Frank Pamas, reporter for the "San Juan Star". The news conference, "Press Conference", was seen on Channel 16 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Samuel Antonio Aponte Caballero appeared as the official translator for Mari Bras' answers.

The "San Juan Star" is an English language newspaper published daily in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Samuel Antonio Aponte Caballero is a professor at the University of Puerto Rico and is Assistant Editor of "Claridad", the official MFIPIR newspaper.

A transcript of the questions and answers of this news interview follows:

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Our guest tonight is Mr. Juan Mari Bras. He is the Secretary General of the Pro Independence Movement. He is 42 years old and was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. He attended the University of Puerto Rico, the Southern University, and the American University in Washington, where he graduated from Law School.

This conference will be conducted under a slightly different set of rules tonight at the request of Mr. Mari Bras. Although he speaks English, he feels that his political convictions will not permit him to use that language in a public appearance such as this in Puerto Rico. Accordingly, he will be questioned in English and he will reply in Spanish which will be translated by Samuel Aponte, seated on the right, of the MII newspaper, "Claridad."

Q-1 What do you feel would be the questions arising in relation with the 18 year old vote and the immediate future of the political parties in Puerto Rico, although your organization does not participate in elections? Do you feel that the 18 year old vote, if granted, will help the independence cause in Puerto Rico in any way?

A I believe the idea is part of a general plan in the United States to stop the great impulse of the youth at this time; it is a concession which recognizes the political importance of that youth in the shaping of a new society and if the 18 year old vote is granted, it will definitely help the Puerto Rican Independence Movement.

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Q-2 Am I right in assuming that you would oppose it because it would be harmful to organizations such as yours in that it would channel the energy of young people in another direction?

A No, I do not visualize the problem in that way: I would insist that youth develop its action in all possible fronts and that they not be restricted to the vote only.

Q-3 Mr. Mari Bras, your opponents have often accused you of being a communist. Do you consider yourself to be a communist?

A No, I do not consider myself a communist.

Q-4 How would you describe your philosophy, socialist?

A I believe in Socialism and I believe in National Liberation as the essential drive for the Puerto Rican people.

Q-5 As the Secretary General of one of the more militant independence groups in the island, what is your position on the various island confrontations in the universities here and on the mainland also?

A I think it is the repression of the establishment that brings this rebellion of youth that wants to be heard and that wants to participate in all the problems, national and internationally, and again it is the repression that brings the rebellion.

Q-6 Mr. Mari Bras, supposing that you became President of Puerto Rico one day, what kind of changes would you like to see occur in the political and economic structure of Puerto Rico?

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Regardless of who is the president, which is a secondary matter in which we are not interested, we would like to see some basic changes come about. That would be gaining again for the people of Puerto Rico the material basis for economic development and having the people organize and select its own destiny in any way they desire without any intervention from any outside power.

Q-7 Mr. Mari Bras, does this mean expropriation of American firms operating in Puerto Rico?

A Yes, definitely.

Q-8 What will be the impact of this in the Puerto Rican economy when 90% of the capital invested in Puerto Rico is American capital; would that adversely affect the economy?

A On the contrary, it would be definitely positive if 90% of our riches - is alienated from our people. Now, if you could get that riches in our hands it would be a lot better for the development of our own people.

Q-9 Would you consider any kind of investment at all, either United States or European or Japanese?

A We do not believe in capital investment as a way of development. We believe in commerce and in credit in foreign markets so as to develop our own economy. It has been proved that the capital investment is an agent for bringing profits out of countries instead of developing countries.

Q-10 Mr. Mari Bras, you have said repeatedly that you believe that political forces in Puerto Rico are becoming polarized, the forces toward statehood and the forces toward independence. In terms of

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the 1972 elections, do you visualize then the disappearance or the virtual disappearance of the Popular Democratic Party as a major force in Puerto Rico?

A We do not visualize the disappearance of the Popular Democratic Party, but we do see the disappearing of those forces which are seeking compromise as in the Commonwealth Status.

Q-11 Would you say then that in terms of electoral politics in Puerto Rico, beginning with 1972, it will be largely a statehood government in the Executive and also the Legislature?

A It all depends on the development of events in the next few months and years. Who knows if the Ferre Government will get to 1972; it could collapse by all the mishandling of government. It would not be the first time that a government does not finish its mandate.

Q-12 Mr. Mari, then if the Ferre Government should possibly collapse and if the so called autonomous forces in Puerto Rico are going to be dramatically reduced, do you see the possibility that in 1972 the Puerto Rican Independence Party may emerge as a very strong party?

A Definitely, the Puerto Rican Independence Party is one of the principal forces in the electoral politics of the country. It is the only party that presents a growth.

Q-13 If Ferre's party does fall from power and the Puerto Rican Independence Party gains some legislative gains in the 1972 elections, will there be cooperation between the PIP and the MPI?

A Regardless of whether they have or don't have legislative representation, our policy of national unity is such that we will cooperate with the PIP in all matters and in common actions towards objectives which are common to both organizations.

Q-14 Sir, again, more specifically to your own activities, the Associated Press reported your activities where you were apparently attempting to visit representatives of North Vietnam to see if a political prisoner exchange could be worked out between the United States for five Puerto Rican Nationalists jailed in the United States and for other prisoners being held in North Vietnam. Did you indeed engage in this?

A Yes, we made such a request to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and later visited the North Vietnam delegation in Paris. Our proposal was discussed and we received assurances that it would be considered by the government of North Vietnam.

Q-15 Are you aware, Sir, that there is a Federal law against such action? Are you aware that you broke such a law?

A I am not interested whether it is legal or illegal in the United States' sense of it. I proceed as my most authentic sense of being Puerto Rican forces me to.

Q-16 Mr. Mari Bras, you mentioned before that the Ferre administration may collapse before 1972. Will you please be more explicit? Do you foresee a possible revolution before 1972?

A I will not discard the possibility of it being before 1972, but I would say it is not probable. However, I do say that there is going to be a revolution in this country, that there will be a revolutionary process in Puerto Rico.

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Q-17 Do you feel the revolution might come during 1970 or the decade of the 70's?

A It is probable.

Q-18 Does your movement now actively support and foster such a revolution?

A Of course, we are organized to develop the Puerto Rican revolution.

Q-19 Would you say that the incendiarism or acts of terrorism are part of this revolution?

A What do you mean by act of terrorism?

Q-20 -- Acts of terrorism and destruction perpetrated against mainly mainland businesses that were later claimed by various terrorist groups. To be more specific, the recent Barker's fire.

A We believe and have said publicly that acts of destruction of American property done by clandestine independentist groups are part of Puerto Rico's struggle for independence.

Q-21 In speaking of revolution, the possibility of revolution in Puerto Rico during the 1970's, would you venture a guess, in terms of probability, how this revolution might occur? Do you think that it would be a rural revolution such as in Cuba or a strong urban revolution such as in Algeria?

A It is possible that it does not seem like either the Cuban or the Algerian revolutions in the mechanics of its development. All depends on the reaction of the government and the imperialism to that revolution.

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One final question, I think we established that the MPI considered itself an organizing force in the forthcoming revolution and that we secondly established that the acts of terrorism that have gone on in the past were part and parcel of this revolution, does it then follow that the MPI is the organizing force behind these terrorist actions?

A No, that conclusion does not follow. MPI is organized to fight with the organization of the masses in a public open front, not a clandestine front. Of course, there are other groups which do carry on this clandestine fight and we recognize that this is part and parcel of the Puerto Rican revolution. We do not monopolize the struggle for independence in Puerto Rico.

Q-23

As you see it, what is the purpose of this terrorist activity? Do you feel it wins new adherents to the independence movement?

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When you talk of terrorism you mean one thing and I another. Terrorism, as I understand it, does not attract the masses. However, in a country intervened like Puerto Rico by a foreign imperialist power, action repudiating that intervention tends to lift the conscience of the people and those are factors in the general bringing together of the people for the struggle for independence.

Q-24

Mr. Mari, you talk about the independence movement being an organization designed to mobilize the masses on an open level. One of the criticisms heard very often against the pro independence movement by other radical independentist groups is precisely the fact that the pro independence movement does not reach the masses; that the pro independence movement, to a large extent, is a middle class movement...."movimiento pro estado" (Statehood movement). What is your feeling about that?

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The recent history in the last decade proves that theory is wrong. In an evergoing way and manner, the masses are following the objectives and those points brought out by MPI. It is also proved by the pulse of the people, You can see in the towns of the mining area how the people of the mining area repudiate the mining contracts and you can see also how the people of Culebra are repudiating the intervention of the United States Navy in their own land. All this reflects an awakening of the conscience of the people as a consequence of their radical struggle in Puerto Rico led by the MPI.

Q-25 Mr. Mari Bras, when we were speaking of economics a little while ago, you said that what you wanted was for the Puerto Rican people to go back to the position where they can control the destiny of their own economics. Was there ever a time when they did and when?

A No, we have never controlled our economy because Puerto Rico has always been a country intervened by a foreign power and in some measure there has always been a fundamental intervention, therefore, in power in Puerto Rico's economy.

Q-26 Approximately, how many members does the MPI have?

A It is very different to calculate the strength of a political movement at any moment. However, we do have constituency of about 15,000 militants which constitute the nucleus of the movement. This nucleus is surrounded by thousands and thousands of Puerto Ricans who support our objectives and who follow our movement.

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Q-27 If you have thousands and thousands of followers, will that ever move you to take part in the elections?

A We do not believe so.

Q-: You think you could win an election if you take part?

A No, because those elections are administered by a people who administer them to win them and they are not going to give them to us like a trophy.

Q-28 Do you think that you would still get more votes than the other parties if the elections are played legally?

A -No, I think that when the independence forces adopt the rules of the game, the poll game, it is conceding a large percentage of its force which will not be reflected in the ballot boxes because it is all arranged in a manner so that the independence force would not be reflected in the ballot boxes.

Q-29 Mr. Mari, yesterday, Ramon Calderon, the Director of the Civil Defense, stated that there were very strong links between the Popular Democratic Party and the international communism and also very strong links between the Popular Democratic Party and the MPI, do you have any comments?

A The only link I can see of the Popular Democratic Party is with the United States imperialism. An imperialism which it serves so well that has facilitated the arrival to power of troglodytes like Calderon.

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Q-30 In regard to the prisoner exchange that you spoke to us about and the assurances which you received from the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris, yet this was several months ago and nothing has come through, Do you have any indication that the idea may have run into difficulties between Hanoi and Washington?

A There is no doubt that our request may be in contradiction with the present, which we consider correct, policy of North Vietnam to bring the United States to a total solution and not a partial solution of the Vietnam situation. That may be the cause for the delay of our request and evidently, if that is the delay, we accept it very well because we will not accept or try to be an obstacle in the liberation of North Vietnam because Vietnam at this moment represents the vanguard of the liberation forces in the whole world.

Q-31 Mr. Mari Bras, there are a couple of points. We were talking about elections and your refusal to participate in elections, the way they are held now. Assuming that the revolution was successful and the Puerto Rican nation became a reality, under what form would political force go to the people then, what sort of elections would be held at that time?

A We believe that there will be electoral process in the way the republic will be constituted once there is no intervention from foreign powers and we have consolidated the republic of Puerto Rico.

Q-32 One further point, a few weeks ago "Claridad" in an editorial statement you tried to separate the death of the young girl student at the UPR and the almost immediately following death of an American

sailor. The death of the girl, you called an act of repression, I believe, and the death of the sailor, you called an effective act of war against the imperialistic powers. Do you consider that a war now exists between the MPI and the United States Government?

A No, MPI is not in war at this moment with the Government of the United States. But what I said in the article is that there are groups which are at war and that they have the moral right to be at war with the United States Government. MPI is not at war because we have chosen to operate in sight within the legal restrictions of the establishment, however, those who chose to be on the margin of this rather slim legality have the perfect moral right to do it to be at war with the United States.

Q-33 Would you say that the opposite exists also for the United States Government if a state of war exists it has the perfect moral right to wage war against these groups?

A No. I don't believe so because the United States are intruders here and we are in our own country.

Q-34 Mr. Mari, do you feel the death of the sailor is much more justifiable than the death of the girl from the UPR?

A I explain my position at that article which has been more or less summarized by you here.

Q-35 Mr. Mari, getting back to your concept of the Puerto Rican republic, will it be structured more or less the way Cuba is structured now politically and economically?

No. we can develop our republic taking from foreign countries those institutions which are valid for the Puerto Rican realities which are applicable. However, the structure of the government of the Republic of Puerto Rico will be peculiar to the identity of Puerto Rico.

Q-36 Mr. Mari Bras, you have said in the past what I believe is the political position of the pro independence movement, that although foreign capital will be expropriated in Puerto Rico on account of independence, the capital belonging to the Puerto Rican bourgeoisie would not, in the case of Cuba Fidel Castro I believe had to take that also. Do you think the time might come when Puerto Rico might find itself in the same position?

A Yes, it is possible that in the development of the republic and giving the flux of the national liberation movement we arrive at a moment when the consolidation of certain aspects of our economy would touch into the belongings of the national bourgeoisie.

Q-37 How do you think that the acceptance of such an act might affect the support which the pro independence movement has among a sizeable amount of wealthy Puerto Ricans or the support of moderately wealthy Puerto Ricans?

A We think and so we have expressed in our political thesis, that the social basis for independence will be the working classes, the students, the intellectuals and possibly part of the petite bourgeoisie, but definitely not the big capitalists of Puerto Rico who are intimately related and dependent upon imperialist corporations. That explains why these capitalists are now the social basis for the statehood forces and not the independence forces.

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Q-3 One thing confuses me, you said that the MPI, unlike some of the subrosa organizations, has chosen to work completely within the framework of the laws as you find them and yet, prior to that, you stated that you really didn't care about the laws when you most definitely violated one when you negotiated with the North Vietnamese. There seems to be a little problem about this.

A We operate within the judicial structure but we are not limited by the institutions of the United States. That is, we just obey those laws by a consideration of our relative force. With the people we accept those laws and we have to abide by that which the Puerto Rican people cannot by force violate; but we are willing to violate those laws that the Puerto Rican people is decided upon and capable of violating. An example of this is the draft. We are very conscious of the fact that we are violating the draft law, that we are very willing to violate the United States draft law because the people of Puerto Rico is capable of violating the draft and the United States with all its power is impotent before the people of Puerto Rico in doing anything about our violation of the draft law.

Q-39 Mr. Mari, is the pro independence group receiving any kind of financial aid from Cuba, Russia or any other socialist country?

A No, unfortunately we don't have any financial help from any part of the world.

Q-40 Do you have any financial help from local sources?

A From the people of Puerto Rico.

Q-41 In your newspaper "Claridad" you frequently quote statements sometimes at great length from foreign powers, particularly revolutionary powers. Are these statements furnished you directly by the foreign powers or do you receive them second hand?

A No, we get our stories from our sources, specifically from the revolutionary movement. We get them mostly from the Liberation News Service which is a press service organized by the United States left and that is where we get most of our revolutionary news.

Q-42 Does your movement have any contact with any other revolutionary movements throughout the world either yourself or anybody else?

A Yes, of course, we have innumerable contacts with revolutionary organizations in South America, in Canada, in the Antilles, including Cuba, in Europe, in Africa and in Asia.

Q-43 Is "Claridad" registered as an organ or an agent of a foreign power with the United States Government?

A No, we don't have to register as such.

Q-44 Other than financial aid, do you receive any other kind of assistance from the revolutionary movements?

A Definitely, we receive continued solidarity from all these organizations. The solidarity is expressed, for example, through diplomatic channels where the revolutionary powers will bring the case of Puerto Rico, like in the United Nations. Also these organizations give us solidarity in making known, by making public, the cause of Puerto Rico. We also do the same thing in our militant means here.

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Q-45 Governor Ferre has claimed that the terrorists in Puerto Rico are trained in Cuba and other socialist countries. You believe this is true?

A Of course not, I do not believe it is true.

Q-46 Mr. Mari, following the attack on the MPI Headquarters in November, it is now five months and no one has been arrested in relation to this. Do you think that the fact that no action has been taken has anything to do with the refusal of the members of the pro-independence movement to testify before the Justice Department?

A No, it has to do with the fact that those who organized the attack did it under the cover of people of the government. They know who they are and they are covering these delinquents.

Q-47 Mr. Mari Bras, do you think that these apparent Puerto Rican acts of terrorism that have occurred in the United States, specifically in New York, are also part of the revolution here in Puerto Rico? And, would you condone such actions?

A I do not know the roots or the origin of those actions so I cannot give an intelligent opinion about them.

Q-48 Mr. Mari, getting back to your views on foreign capital, the commonwealth government has tried a number of items to foment the development of local capital in Puerto Rico. If you cut off foreign capital, where exactly are you going to get your foreign funds to finance island development?

A What is needed for the development is not funds. That is part of the fetishment of green papers. What is needed is labor which is the main element of the system of production and natural resources. Natural resources we have; we have our land and we have our mineral resources. Those resources and that labor which is produced in great amount in Puerto Rico, the labor, are the key factors of development. The green dollars are only an expression of labor and the mineral resources.

Q-49 Mr. Mari, if the country does not have any money for example, how would it establish a petrochemical plant which would cost millions of dollars in investment? Can you do it with labor alone? Or with natural resources?

A What happens is that you are conditioned by the money psychology which is projected by capitalism. What is needed for a petrochemical industry is not green dollars, it is steel, it is labor, it is parts and it is people to work and put them together.

Q-50 Mr. Mari, where would the steel come from, if not from dollars?

A Among other places, it could come from the iron ore which is stored in Puerto Rico's east and western portions.

Q-51 Approximately, what percentage of your time do you devote to your activities as Secretary General of the MPI and what percentage to your practice of law?

A What I do as a lawyer is minimal. It is sometimes more and sometimes less, but in general I would say that less than 25% of my time is dedicated to the practice of law.

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Q-52 Do you receive a salary as Secretary General of the MPI?

A -- No.

Q-53 Mr. Mari, in relation to the questions which have been brought out regarding capital, would you agree under an independent Puerto Rico to loans from foreign countries for capital development?

A Yes. of course.

Q-54 Do you believe that these loans could come from such countries as the United States.

A I would prefer that loans came from authentic international institutions if they exist. We prefer that to getting them from a country which has had a history of intervention all along its time.

Q-55 You said before that the persons who are carrying out activities against American establishments have not been trained, have definitely not been trained, in Cuba. And yet, sir, considering the fact that the members of some of the movements that have been operating in South America have been trained in Cuba, would there be anything unusual about having this people trained in Cuba? For instance, Bolivia?

A I do not know for fact that the Latin American revolutionaries have been trained in Cuba.

The Popular Democratic Party is a legally constituted political party in Puerto Rico which formerly was in power on the island.

A characterization of the PIP appears in the appendix.

APPENDIX

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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 per cent 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.

The press of Puerto Rico has reported that the MPIPR has held numerous demonstrations protesting compulsory military service of Puerto Ricans and United States policy in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

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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Resolutions adopted at the 7th National Assembly held in late April, 1968, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, included expressions of solidarity with the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and promises of material support in the form of medicine and money. Also included were a resolution of solidarity with "Black Power" in the United States, and an expression of solidarity with the "National Liberation" movement in Venezuela, Colombia, and Guatemala.

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PARTY OF INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUENO
(LINEA UNICA PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PIP)

On April 1, 1968, the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI, POPI), Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, advised that the PIP is a former legally constituted party, which according to its leaders, advocates independence for Puerto Rico through legal and peaceful means.

In the November, 1964, general elections in Puerto Rico, the PIP failed to obtain the five per cent of the popular vote required to maintain its status as a political party. The PIP recently completed a successful campaign to secure the necessary number of valid petitions to be included on the ballot for the November, 1968, elections.

In the November, 1968, elections, PIP again failed to secure five per cent of the total vote cast and lost its standing as a recognized political party in Puerto Rico.

On March 31, 1969, the "San Juan Star," a daily English language newspaper printed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article stating that ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ, the gubernatorial candidate of the PIP in the 1968 elections, resigned from the PIP charging that the PIP had turned to the Left.

On June 2, 1969, the "San Juan Star," supra, contained an article stating that on June 1, 1969, ANTONIO J. GONZALEZ formed another independence party which would be called the Puerto Rican Union Party.

According to an article in the "San Juan Star" on June 5, 1969, the Puerto Rican Elections Board disclosed that the PIP had registered and filed with the Elections Board 42,042 petitions to qualify as a bona fide political party. According to the Electoral Law of Puerto Rico, the PIP must file at least 45,941 petitions from no less than 44 precincts in order to qualify as a bona fide political party. This number is five per cent of the vote cast in 1968.



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SECURITY MATTER-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA

Reference FBI, San Juan, communication 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.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: MAY 4 1970

SAC, SAN JUAN (105-4785) (P)

SUBJECT:

JUAN MARI BRAS
IS-PRN
SM-PRN
IS-CUBA
(OO: SJ)

Re San Juan letter and LHM to Bureau, 3/20/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above, reflecting a recent editorial written by MARI BRAS and published in the official Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) newspaper, "Claridad", and a news program on which MARI BRAS was interviewed on San Juan television, 4/21/70. Also enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of FD-376 regarding the subject.

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

For the information of the Bureau, the enclosed editorial has caused a great amount of dissension among the MPIPR hierarchy, as a number of the leaders of the movement, according to confidential sources, do not believe that the "moment of crisis" has occurred and the revolution is at hand. MARI BRAS has been openly criticized and according to

some of the leadership has ceased, at least for the time being, attending meetings. Apparently, it is the belief of these

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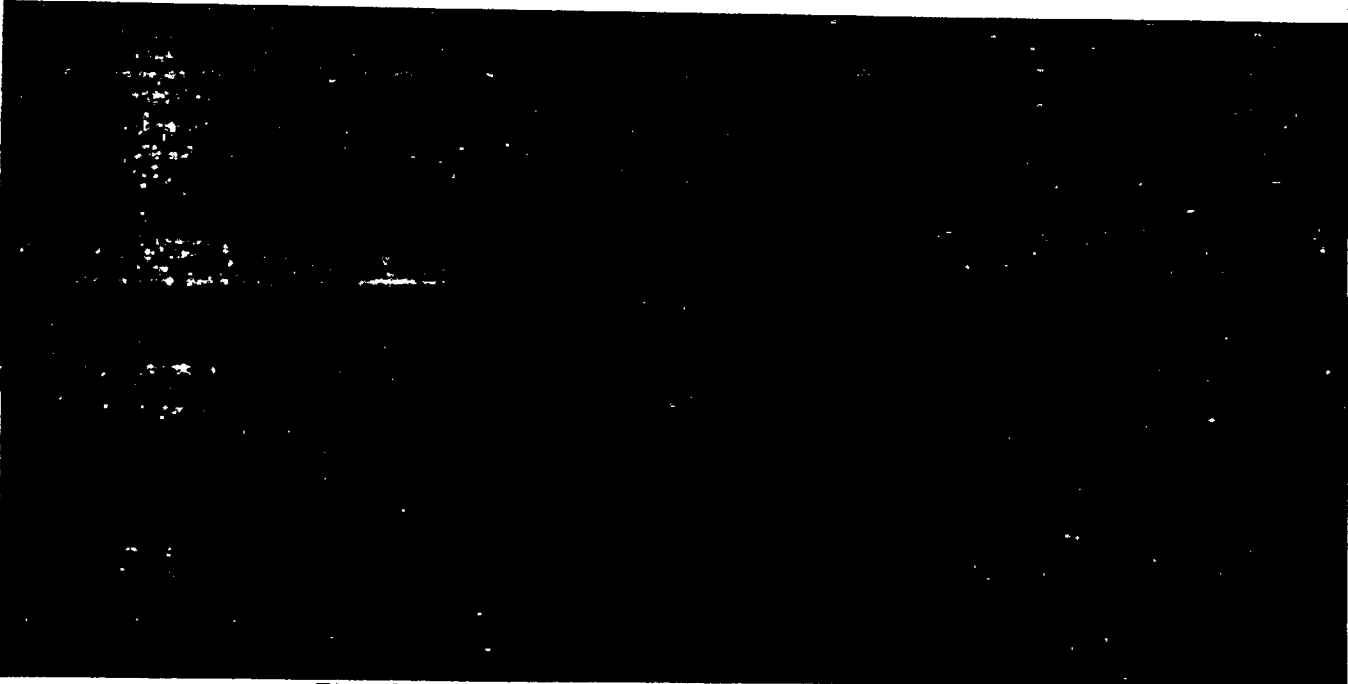
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individuals that MARI BRAS has crossed the line between respectable independentist activities and illegal activities and they want no part of open warfare. The San Juan Office is currently constructing an anonymous letter for approval by the Bureau to be issued to the general membership in expectation that it may cause further dissension and estrangement between MARI BRAS and the other MPIPR leadership.

The San Juan Office did not learn of the proposed interview of MARI BRAS until the evening of 4/21/70.



The Bureau's attention is drawn specifically to the questions referring to the editorial written by MARI BRAS, the question regarding his source of income and the fact that he appears, at long last, to be openly backing the terrorist activities in Puerto Rico. The question regarding his contact with the

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North Vietnamese delegation at the Paris Peace Conference and his affirmative answer that he did contact the North Vietnamese delegation is felt to be of particular consequences.

[REDACTED]

The Bureau may wish to contact U.S. Department of State and Justice Department officials to determine if a violation does exist. The San Juan Office is maintaining a copy of the tape of the broadcast in MARI BRAS' I-A file.

The translation of the "Claridad" article, set forth in attached LHM, was prepared by [REDACTED] of the San Juan Office.

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Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. C. J. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/15/70

FROM : Mr. [redacted]

- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

SUBJECT: GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE) INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS

Memorandum is to advise of positive results achieved against the Puerto Rican Socialist League (LSP). The LSP is a militant Red-Chinese-oriented Puerto Rican proindependence group.

During latter part of 1969, information available to Bureau indicated major disagreement existed among leaders and members of the LSP. Information also showed LSP members were questioning the leadership of [redacted]. Bureau at that time instructed San Juan to prepare counterintelligence move targeted against [redacted] and the LSP. It was felt a successful counterintelligence move against [redacted] and the LSP could remove from prominence this militant dangerous separatist and could weaken and/or neutralize the LSP.

San Juan prepared anonymous letter which pointed out shortcomings of [redacted] leadership and his indiscretions in leaking information to police source which led to arrests of a number of LSP members. Letter was so written that it was felt additional dissension would be created within the LSP. With approval of the Director, San Juan's letter was sent on 12/19/69 to selected LSP members in San Juan.

A current analysis of situation in San Juan shows a number of dissident LSP members (all of whom were recipients of our letter) have broken off from LSP and have formed a splinter group. The LSP at the moment, in view of this, is disorganized and [redacted] is reported attempting to recruit new members in order to restore life into the LSP. It appears reasonable to conclude this counterintelligence effort has succeeded in taking advantage of noted dissension in LSP and has created an irreparable split between [redacted] and a number of his most devoted lieutenants.

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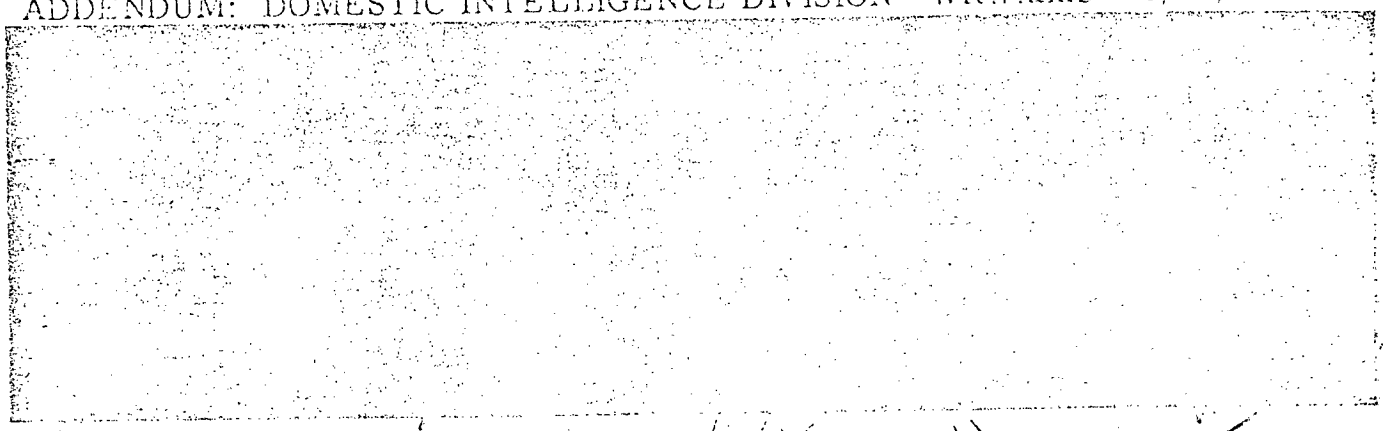
Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Groups Seeking Independence For Puerto Rico
105-93124

ACTION:

None. For your information. Additional pertinent results of our counterintelligence efforts will be brought to your attention.

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ADDENDUM: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION WRWilliams 5/15/70



Appropriate letter attached.

WRWilliams
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

5/16/70

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

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

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

DATE:

Re SJ teletype to NY, dated 5/1/70.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies for the Bureau and two copies for San Juan of an LHM concerning the subject's visit to NYC on the weekend of 5/1/70.

[redacted] are the sources utilized in the attached LHM.

The attached LHM has been classified "Secret" because information furnished by [redacted] an extremely sensitive source, is contained therein. The unauthorized disclosure of this information would be detrimental to the national defense.

[redacted] was contacted telephonically by SA [redacted]

The article appearing in the newspaper "El Diario - La Prensa" was translated by SA [redacted]

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New York, New York

May 16, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to

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NYfile 105-3002

Juan Mari Bras

All sources mentioned below have furnished reliable information in the past.

On the evening of April 30, 1970

[Redacted]
San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that Juan Mari Bras departed San Juan for New York, aboard Pan American Airways (PAA) "74" Flight at 1:45 p.m. on April 30, 1970.

During May, 1970, a first and second source advised that on May 3, 1970, Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), spoke at the concluding session of the MPIPR-New York Mission (NYM) Seminar, which was held at the Casa De Las Americas (CDIA), 575 Broadway, New York, New York.

Juan Mari Bras, during his talk, praised the work of the NYM and its Director. He discussed the political situation and the contribution that the resident Puerto Rican community can make for Puerto Rican independence. He urged all present at the seminar not to rest until Puerto Rico is converted into another Socialist republic of America.

Characterizations of the MPIPR, MPIPR-NYM and CDIA are contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

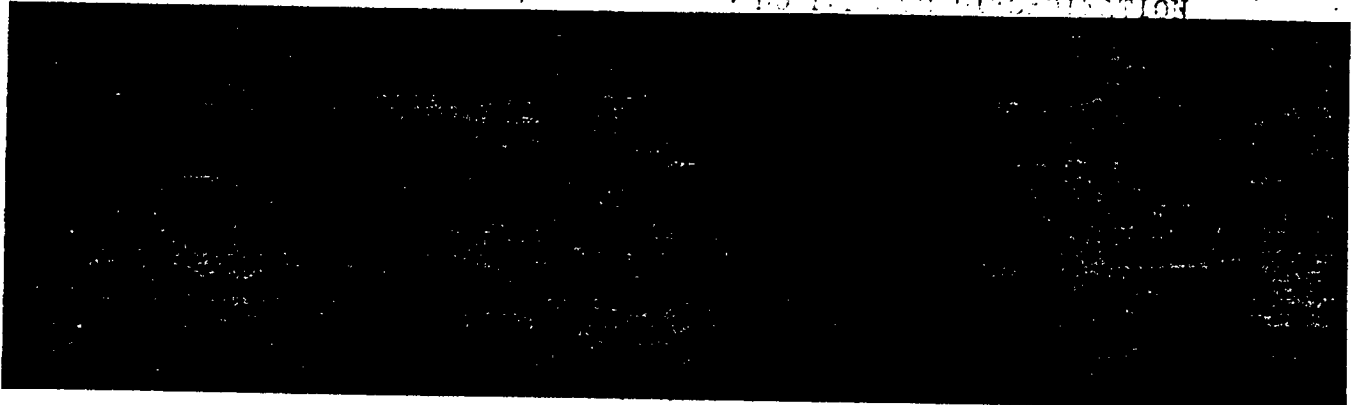
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On May 4, 1970, a third source made available information indicating that Juan Mari Bras was to speak at the CCNY at 1 p.m. on the above date.

The May 7, 1970 edition of "El Diario-La Prensa", a Spanish language newspaper published in New York City, contained a picture of Juan Mari Bras and several MPIP-R-NYM members, who were described as the leaders of the NYM. The caption under the picture reflected that Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MPIP-R and the above mentioned individuals were discussing one of the points made by a committee during the NYM Seminar held on the weekend of May 1, 1970.

On May 8, 1970, [redacted] advised that Juan Mari Bras departed Kennedy International Airport, New York City, for San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 2 p.m., May 5, 1970, on PAA Flight Number 293, which was scheduled to arrive in San Juan at 5:30 p.m.



Juan Mari Bras

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CASA DE LAS AMERICAS

On May 9, 1969, a source advised that the Casa de las Americas, an organization composed of pro-FIDEL CASTRO and pro-Communist individuals, formed in April, 1964, has its headquarters on the fourth floor, 876 Broadway, New York City. Source described this organization as a successor to the old Casa Cuba Club (CCC) with a changed name to avoid overt affiliation with Cuba. The CCC had been composed of persons belonging to the now defunct 26th of July Movement, a revolutionary organization founded and led by FIDEL CASTRO, Prime Minister of Cuba, until its dissolution in 1962.

A second source advised that the CCC, originally founded as a social club by New York area residents of Cuban extraction, was sympathetic to CASTRO during his struggle for power. Subsequent to January 1, 1959, as it became apparent that Communism was the form of government in Cuba, the leaders of the 26th of July Movement assumed control of CCC and its membership declined.

The first source above advised that Casa de las Americas is also ostensibly formed as a social club, but in effect it acts as a focal point for revolutionary peoples sympathetic to the Cuban government. Although it is not directly controlled by the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN), many Cuban personnel attend its functions and at least an indirect link with CMUN is present. Casa de las Americas has fund-raising affairs and contributes money to the CMUN. Casa de las Americas also gives financial support to other revolutionary groups representing countries other than Cuba. Through CMUN, various propaganda materials of a Communist nature are found at Casa de las Americas. This same source also stated that some executive committee members, as well as general members of Casa de las Americas, are members of the Spanish Section of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA). An indirect link does occur at Casa de las Americas in that it is used as a staging ground prior to entry into CP, USA. Further, source indicates that membership in Casa de las Americas serves as an excellent background for persons desiring to return to Cuba.

This same source stated that, although there exists in Cuba a social club called Casa de las Americas supported by the Cuban government, there appears to be no connection between the two and no reason to believe that the Casa de las Americas in New York was named after the one in Cuba.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 5/18/70

FROM : [REDACTED]

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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H. J. [unclear]
WCS

Memorandum recommends the Department be requested to furnish opinion as to prosecution in this matter.

Juan Mari Bras, a United States citizen, is a self-employed attorney who resides in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. He is Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), largest and often violent proindependence party in Puerto Rico.

On October 30, 1969, Mari Bras publicly announced the North Vietnamese Government was demanding release of five imprisoned Puerto Rican nationalists as part of a proposed prisoner exchange with the United States.

In late December, 1969, news media in France and Puerto Rico announced subject had visited Paris, France, December 26, 1969. According to the French News Service, subject proposed to the North Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam Peace Conference in Paris an exchange of five Puerto Rican political prisoners for five United States prisoners of war.

On April 21, 1970, subject was interviewed on WTSJ Television in San Juan. He stated, relative to the prisoner exchange proposal, such a request had been made to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and admitted visiting the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris. According to subject, the proposal was discussed and he stated he received assurances it would be considered by the Government of North Vietnam.

Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 953 prohibits private correspondence with foreign governments "or any officer or agent thereof, with intent to influence the measures or conduct of any foreign government...in relation to any disputes or controversies with the United States or to defeat the measures of the United States"

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: Juan Mari Bras
105-292

Public admission by subject of contact with North Vietnamese representatives makes desirable obtaining early Departmental opinion as to prosecution under provisions of Section 953.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, attached letter will be sent to the Department for their opinion as to prosecution.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

May 20, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
SECURITY MATTER - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
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Reference is made to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 14, 1970, at San Juan and to memoranda dated November 6, 1969; December 29, 1969; March 20, 1970; March 25, 1970; and May 4, 1970, at San Juan concerning captioned individual. Copies of referenced items have been furnished to the Records Administration Office marked for the attention of the Internal Security Division.

Referenced material contains information indicating Mari Bras, a United States citizen, was in contact with representatives of the North Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam Peace Conference in Paris, France, on December 26, 1969, concerning the exchange of five Puerto Rican political prisoners for five United States prisoners of war.

It would appear this activity may be susceptible to prosecution under provisions of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 953. You are requested to furnish your opinion as to prosecution under above-mentioned statute or under any other Federal statutes.

1 - San Juan (105-4785)

NOTE FOR SAC, SAN JUAN:

Reurlet and LHM 5/4/70. Your office will be advised upon receipt of reply from the Department.

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NOTE:

See memorandum [REDACTED] to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/18/70 captioned as above, prepared by JRH:dml.

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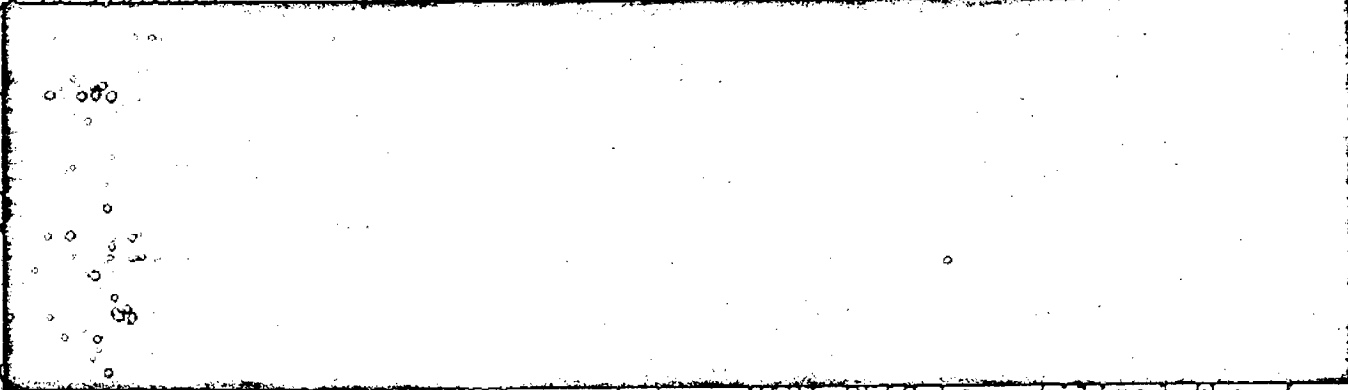
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 5-27-70

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

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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The 6/24/54 edition of "El Popular," now defunct but then the official paper of the Popular Socialist Party in Mexico City, carried a protest of Hondurans in Mexico against the use of Honduras as a base of operations against Guatemala, specifically the use of United Fruit Company property, in the overthrow of the government of JACOBO ARBENZ. The protest was dated 6/19/54 and [REDACTED] was among the signers..

LEADS:

MEXICO CITY

AT MEXICO, D. F.

Will conduct investigation as requested in San Juan airtel 5/21/70 concerning travel by a MPIPR group to Cuba, possibly those persons mentioned in Mexico City cable 5/27/70.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 5-27-70

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

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
of groups seeking Independence for Puerto Rico

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Re San Juan letter to Bureau, 5-11-70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is 1 copy each of a letter written in the English and Spanish languages, prepared by SA [REDACTED]. This letter will, if approved by the Bureau, be disseminated to the rank and file of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) in an attempt to create dissension and distrust amongst the membership.

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The Bureau is requested to approve the attached letter to be disseminated as a part of counter-intelligence program of the San Juan Office.

LEAD:

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO: Will await Bureau approval of the counter-intelligence letter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-292)

DATE: 6/4/70

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

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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(OO: SAN JUAN)

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Re: San Juan report of SA [REDACTED] 1/14/70.
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-292)

DATE: 6/8/70

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

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Re San Juan airtel to Bureau, 6/25/70, with LHM,
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Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are 9 and 2 copies respectively of an LHM dated and captioned as above. The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the sources mentioned in the MPIPR characterization contained herein.

LHM is being disseminated locally to Naval Investigative Service Office; 771st Military Intelligence Detachment; U.S. Secret Service; and Office of Special Investigations, Ramey Air Force Base.

There is no derogatory information contained in the indices of the San Juan Division regarding [REDACTED]

LEAD: --

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will follow the effects of this split in the MPIPR and report pertinent information to the Bureau.



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San Juan, Puerto Rico

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

A characterization of the
MPIPR appears in the appendix.

Reference is made to Special Agent of Investigation
(FBI) memorandum dated June 25, 1970, which advised that
that a split had occurred among leaders of the MPIPR.

The June 22, 1970, edition of the "San Juan Star",
an English language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto
Rico, on a daily basis, contained an article entitled "Vote
Sustains Mari Bras in Wake of Party Crisis".

This article stated that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary
General of the MPIPR, had received a vote of confidence
from the 60-member National Mission of the MPIPR on Sunday,
June 28, 1970. He was re-elected Secretary General of the
Movement and named Director of the Movement's newspaper,
"Claridad".

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The cause of the crisis was Mari Bras' decision to block publication of a column by Cesar Andreu Iglesias in Claridad as he claimed that the column was a personal attack against him and made public the internal matters of the organization. This action led to the resignations of Andreu Iglesias, Editor Norman Pietri, and Assistant Editor Samuel Aponte from the newspaper. In addition, Andreu Iglesias and Samuel Aponte were joined by George Fromm in resigning from the MPIPR National Mission. Norman Pietri elected to stay in the MPIPR, but on Sunday he and Lorenzo Fierro and Jaime Luciano announced they would not accept any position of leadership within the MPIPR.

Pietri said in an interview on Monday that, although there was a general agreement on the goal of provoking a crisis within the colonial system, there were differences of opinion as to the tactics the Movement should employ in trying to achieve this goal.

Fromm, in his letter of resignation, charged the organization was following a path that was radically different from the fundamental principles outlined in the Political Thesis of the MPIPR and that the directing bodies had been "denaturalized" and converted into "empty and sterile formalisms". He further claimed that "the MPIPR's state of political and moral decomposition is dramatized by the Secretary General and the a posteriori ratification of this arbitrary decision by six members of the Political Commission. I believe that an organization in which such incidents occurred is bankrupt and nothing of any value can be accomplished within it."

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The article went on to state that the only other members of the old Political Commission to be re-elected in the Sunday meeting were Pedro Baiges Chapel (named to the new post of Assistant Secretary General), Jenaro Renta, Alberto Perez, and Carlos Padilla. The new members of the commission are Florencio Merced, Angel Agosto, Manuel de J. Gonzalez, Julio Vives, Carlos Paraliticci, Fermin Arraiza, and Alberto Marquez.

Also in the June 30, 1970 edition of the "San Juan Star", was an editorial comment entitled "Revolution Has Been Promised", by Juan H. Garcia Passalacqua.

In this article, the column of Cesar Andreu Iglesias was reviewed and the following points were noted:

To Garcia, it appeared obvious that Mari Bras had requested "the supreme sacrifice" from all members of the MPIPR and that Andreu Iglesias was comparing him to a madman who destroys for the sake of destruction and defending those who called for caution.

Garcia also discussed Mari Bras' speech of June 28, 1970, before the National Mission of the MPIPR wherein he defended his theory. According to Mari Bras, "What we are stating is nothing less than to push for multiphased revolutionary action that will lead to the crisis of the colonial system and will precipitate independence. And we are clear that such revolutionary action will not always be peaceful... Violence of the revolutionary forces will grow and grow as revolutionary action becomes more profound and engulfing."

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Mari Bras further claimed that Andreu B. ... and Georg Fromm have rejected Leninism and they do not believe that the revolutionary vanguard must be in the hands of a single man in a very highly centralized and disciplined organization. Mari Bras further defended the extension of clandestine activities on the part of the revolutionary movement as he attacked legal activity as falling into the enemies' hands by adopting their rules. Mari Bras, finally stated that "Either we achieve independence or we will fall on the road. To win or to die is the alternative."

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

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CHARACTER : INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

REFERENCE : FBI, San Juan communication dated and
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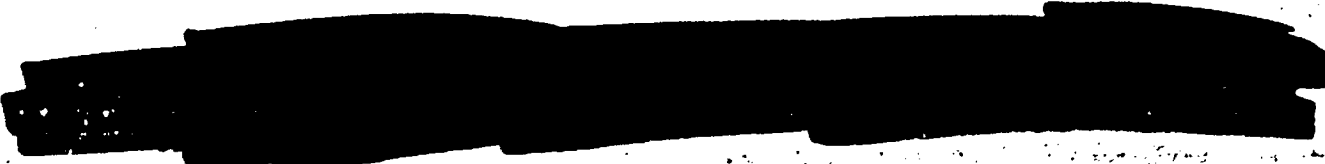
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Airtel to San Juan
Re: Juan Mari Bras
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)

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

Re San Juan airtel and LHM to the Bureau, 5/4/70, captioned as above; San Juan airtels and LHM's to the Bureau, 6/25/70 and 6/30/70, captioned, "MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR) IS-PRN."

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are one copy each of a letter written in the Spanish language and its English language translation. Translation was made by [redacted], San Juan Office Correlator Translator.

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Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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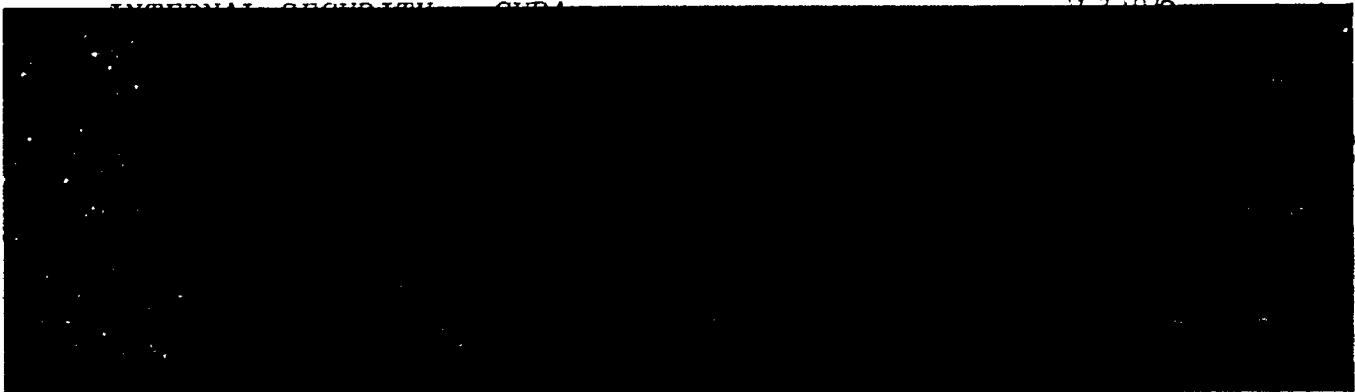
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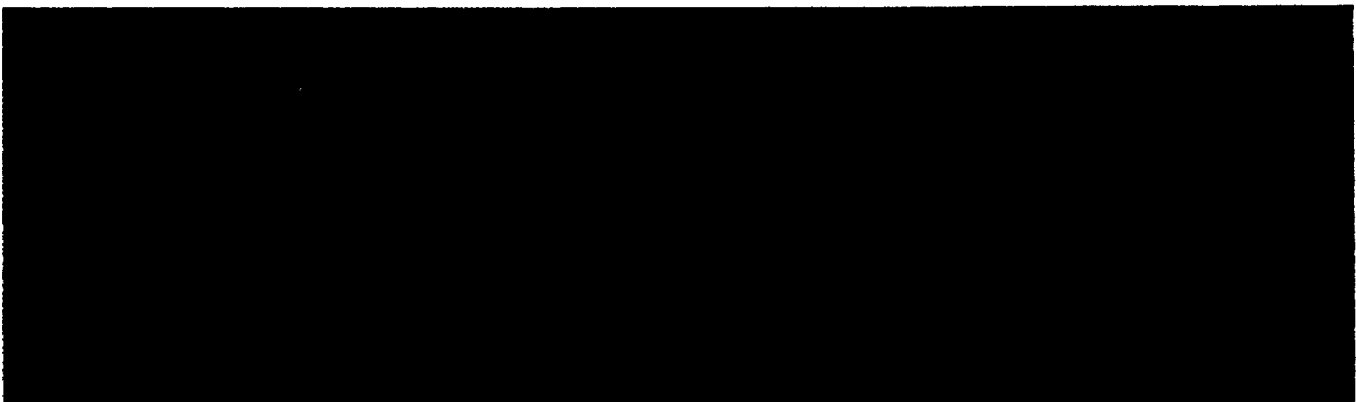
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SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS



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RECOMMENDATION - OVER

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AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

Will await Bureau permission to disseminate
the abovementioned letter.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

7/1/70

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST

Memorandum recommends approval of San Juan Office's proposed counterintelligence ploy directed against Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (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.

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San Juan proposed an anonymous letter designed to exploit dissension among MPIPR members as a result of public support of terrorist activity by Mari Bras be sent to selected MPIPR members in San Juan and New York City. San Juan also proposed to send copies of this letter to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are editorial writers for Spanish-language newspapers published daily in San Juan. Both individuals have previously published articles critical of Mari Bras and the MPIPR. Sending of the proposed letter could create additional dissension and distrust within the MPIPR.

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RECOMMENDATION - OVER

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Memorandum Wannall to Sullivan

Re: Juan Mari Bras

105-292

RECOMMENDATION:

That we concur in San Juan's proposed counter-intelligence move and send attached letter to that office and the New York Office authorizing its use, with mailing to be limited to selected members of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico and New York City and to two anti-MPIPR journalists in Puerto Rico.

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Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are one
copy each of a letter written in the Spanish language and
its English language translation. Translation was made
by [REDACTED] San Juan Office Correlator Translator.

This letter will, if approved by the Bureau, be
disseminated anonymously to the rank and file of the MPIPR
in Puerto Rico, [REDACTED] in New York,
and the New York Mission of the MPIPR.

As the Bureau is aware, the factional crisis
confronting the MPIPR at this time has been given widespread
publicity in the local news media. It is further noted that
this activity most probably resulted from an editorial written
by MARI BRAS in the 3/15/70 issue of "Claridad," wherein he
condoned the assassination of US military personnel by

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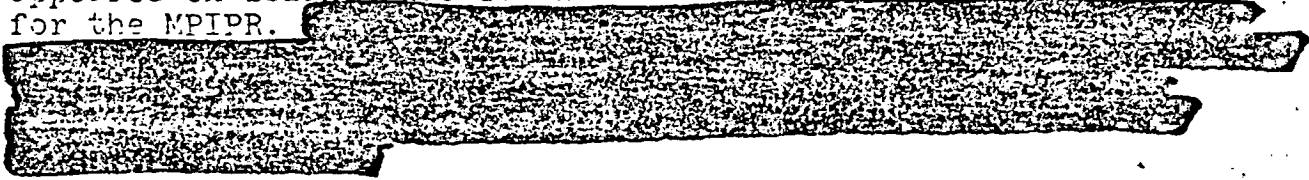
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clandestine terrorist groups and declared that the moment was near for all "patriotic" Puerto Ricans to engage in insurrection against the legitimate authorities. On 4/21/70, MARI BRAS appeared on island-wide TV where he hoped to gain more adherents for the MPIPR.



It is believed by the San Juan Office that this letter will assist in maintaining the rancor of this dispute and in further alienating MARI BRAS from the dissidents. It is the expectation of the San Juan Office that this crisis will permanently factionalize the MPIPR into small ineffective groups.

The Bureau is requested to expeditiously review this letter as rapid dissemination appears necessary at this time.

LEAD:

SAN JUAN DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will await the Bureau decision to disseminate the proposed counter-intelligence letter.

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apócrifa.

Camaradas:

Existe una crisis en nuestro Movimiento y por lo tanto ha llegado la hora de la decisión.

¿Continuamos la senda que nos hemos trazado en nuestra valiente lucha en contra del Imperialismo Yankee, o vamos a permitir que un egocéntrico con delirios de grandeza nos convenza que un puñado de muchachos "pega fuego" puede ganar la revolución?

Mari Bras se ha virado en contra de sus compañeros de la manera mas vil y cobarde. Hasta el intelecto mas brillante de nuestro Movimiento, el Camarada Cesar Andreu, ha sido censurado y condenado al ostracismo fuera del Movimiento por este despreciable déspota.

Camaradas, ha llegado la hora de alzar nuestras voces para oponernos al poder de un solo hombre. No estamos luchando para destronar el Imperialismo Yankee a costa de soportar una tiranía en nuestro propio suelo.

Dios nos libre del poder de un solo hombre!

Comrades:

Our movement is going through a crisis, therefore, the time to make a decision has arrived.

Do we continue to follow the road which has brought us so far in our valiant effort against Yankee Imperialism? Or do we allow the raving thoughts of an egomaniac who believes that the revolution can be won with a handful of youthful burners?

Mari Bras has turned against his fellow comrades in the most underhanded and cowardly manner. Even the most remarkable mind of our movement, Comrade Cesar Andreu, has been censured and ostracized from the Party by this petty despot.

Comrades, raise your voices in opposition to one-man-rule. We are not striving to overthrow Yankee Imperialism in order to gain the mantle of home-grown tyranny.

God save us from a one-man-rule.

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
7/9/70

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To: SAC, San Juan (100-4785)

From: Director, FBI (105-292)

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ReSJairtel 7/1/70.

Reairtel enclosed proposed letter for mailing as additional counterintelligence measure against captioned subject and the Puerto Rican Independence Movement (MPIPR).

It is noted a similar letter was approved for mailing by the Bureau 7/2/70. This letter was to be sent in order to take advantage of consternation within the MPIPR ranks caused by article of Mari in which Mari condoned the assassination of U.S. military personnel stationed in Puerto Rico and in which article he declared the time was approaching for Puerto Rican "patriotic" forces to engage in warfare against the Government of Puerto Rico and the U.S. military.

The Bureau has not been advised whether this approved mailing has been accomplished and the results thereof.

The sending of an additional letter as proposed in reairtel does not appear to be feasible at this time as it could convey to discerning MPIPR militants that a police organization was mounting an attack against them.

In view of above, Bureau authority for this counterintelligence measure denied.

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By Bulet 7/2/70 we approved counterintelligence move (anonymous mailing) to take advantage of this crisis. Additional letter as proposed in reairtel does not appear desirable at this time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-292)

DATE: 7/14/70

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SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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Re: San Juan letter and LHM, dated 7/10/70.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico
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CHARACTER: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
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REFERENCE: Federal Bureau of Investigation memorandum dated June 4, 1970, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Secretary-General of MPIPR,
Editor of "Claridad", Rio
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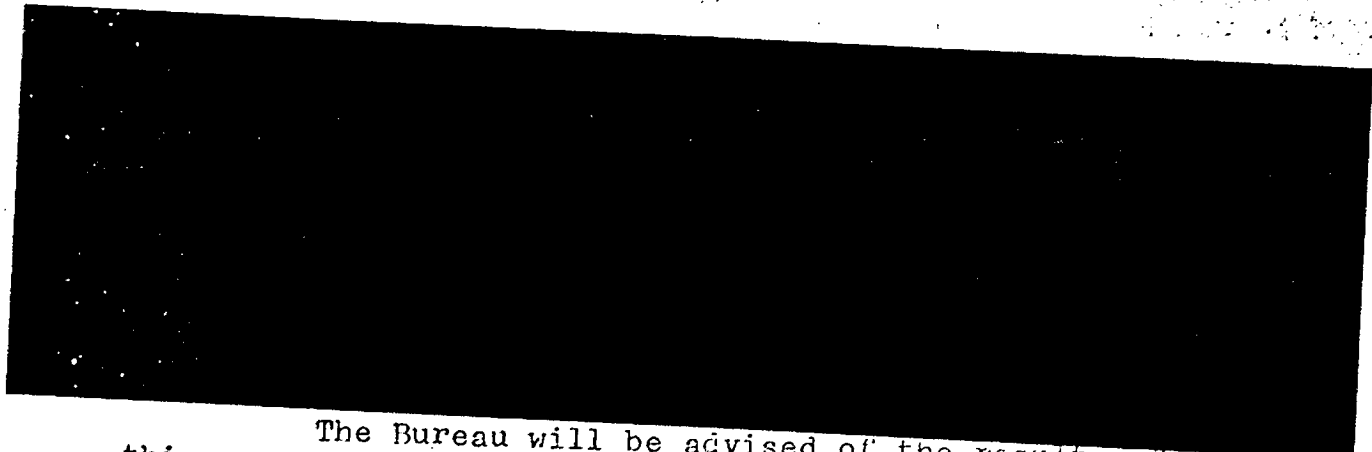
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 7/17/70

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

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
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(Communist Party of Puerto Rico) (PCP)
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Re San Juan report of SA [redacted]
dated 5/18/70.

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SJ T-1 is [redacted], who was contacted by SA
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

July 23, 1970

PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUENA
(COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO)
(PCP)

INTERNAL SECURITY - PCP

A characterization of the PCP
is contained in the Appendix
attached hereto.

SJ T-1 advised the following information:

According to [redacted], the PCP Secretary of Finance and Feminine Affairs, on or about July 15, 1970, [redacted] Secretary General, recommended to the PCP Central Committee that the PCP dissolve itself and integrate its members with the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR). [redacted] stated that the Central Committee was unanimous in its opposition to [redacted] proposal.

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On July 20, 1970, SJ T-1 advised that on July 19, 1970, at a PCP meeting it was unanimously voted that [redacted] be expelled from the PCP and that [redacted] become the new Secretary General of the PCP. At this meeting, [redacted] stated that the primary reason for his recommendation, as stated above, was that the goals of the PCP and the MPIPR were similar. [redacted] also stated that he was disassociating himself from the PCP and expected to become an active member of the MPIPR.

On July 22, 1970 SJ T-1 provided the following information:

As a result of the ouster of [redacted] as Secretary General of the PCP, the following new appointments were made within the leadership structure of the party:

- Secretary General - [redacted]
- Secretary of Press and Propaganda - [redacted]
- Secretary of Foreign Relations and Secretary of Labor - [redacted]

PCP members [redacted] and [redacted] although not to be members of the PCP Central Committee, will act as assistants to [redacted] will be assisting on foreign relations and [redacted] will assist on labor matters.

A new committee "The Political Executive Committee" has been formed and is comprised of : [redacted]

The purpose of this committee will be to continue the directing of the PCP in the event the Secretary General becomes physically incapacitated or dies.

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The PCP Central Committee will issue a press release which will state only that [REDACTED] is no longer a member of the PCP. No other details of [REDACTED]'s expulsion will be publicized.

SJ T-1 advised that on July 20, 1970 [REDACTED]

Juan Mari Bras is the Secretary General of the MIPR.

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APPENDIX

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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 numbers if it 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 per cent 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.

The press of Puerto Rico has reported that the MPIPR has held numerous demonstrations protesting compulsory military service of Puerto Ricans and United States policy in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

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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Resolutions adopted at the 7th National Assembly held in late April, 1968, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, included expressions of solidarity with the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and promises of material support in the form of medicine and money. Also included were a resolution of solidarity with "Black Power" in the United States, and an expression of solidarity with the "National Liberation" movement in Venezuela, Colombia and Guatemala.

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

July 23, 1970

Title PARTIDO COMUNISTA PUERTORRIQUEÑA
 (COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO) (PCP)

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - PCP

Reference Federal Bureau of Investigation communi-
 cation 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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-73715)

DATE: JUL 23 1970

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

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)
IS - PRN
(OO: SJ)

Re San Juan airtels to the Bureau with LHM dated 6/25/70 and 6/30/70, and captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above, and 5 copies to New York for information.

- 7 - Bureau (Enc. 14) (RM)
 - (1 - 105-292) (MARI BRAS)
 - (1 - 105-133057) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105-156809) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105-165351) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105-134365) [REDACTED]
- 5 - New York (Info) (Enc. 5) (RM)
 - (1 - 105-39139) (MPIPR)
 - (1 - 105) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105) [REDACTED]
- 7 - San Juan
 - (1 - 100-4785) (MARI BRAS)
 - (1 - 105-7179) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105-8827) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105-9426) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 105-6937) [REDACTED]

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Copies of this LHM are being furnished to Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Ramey AFB; Naval Investigative Service Office (NISO); 771st Military Intelligence Detachment (771st MI-Det) and U. S. Secret Service, San Juan.

The LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" to protect the identities of the sources utilized in the characterization of the MPIPR.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

JUL 23 1970

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

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

Reference is made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), San Juan, memoranda dated June 25, 1970, and June 30, 1970, wherein it was reported that a split had occurred among leaders of the MPIPR and that Juan Mari Bras had been re-elected Secretary General of the Movement and named Director of the Movement's newspaper "Claridad".

"Claridad" is the official news organ of the MPIPR

The July 3, 1970, issue of "El Mundo", a Spanish language newspaper published daily in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contained an article wherein it was announced that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MPIPR, will leave his private law practice to dedicate full-time to the direction of the MPIPR. Carlos de Jesus Perez, President of the MPIPR mission in Ponce, Puerto Rico, announced that Mari Bras would now receive a salary from the MPIPR. There was no mention, however, of the amount of his salary.

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It was also learned that Mari Bras would continue in his role as Director of the weekly newspaper "Claridad" which he had assumed upon the removal of the previous editor and other writers for various criticisms regarding the direction and leadership of the movement.

According to the July 13, 1970, issue of the "San Juan Star", Juan Mari Bras, along with nineteen other members of the MPIPR, were arrested on July 12, 1970, by the Police of Puerto Rico, for placing posters on a government building. The posters were being placed on Sixto Escobar Stadium in the Puerta de Tierra section of San Juan during the course of a MPIPR sponsored demonstration, the purpose of which was to demand free access to all beaches in Puerto Rico.

The "San Juan Star" is an English language daily newspaper, published in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The twenty were arrested at 12:30 P.M., July 12, 1970. Mari Bras was released at 7:00 P.M. that date, on a habeas corpus order. Bail for twelve of the above was set at \$500 when they refused to promise to stop the activity. Bail of \$100 was set on the four following individuals who were residents of New York.

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PEDRO RODRIGUEZ

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Three additional individuals were released to the custody of their lawyers, after agreeing not to post any more posters.

Among the MPIP Political Commission members arrested were Fermin Arraiza, Manuel de Jesus Gonzalez, Florencio Merced and Alberto Perez Perez.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUL 23 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title	MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
Reference	San Juan communication dated and captioned as above

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
7/31/70

airtel

EX-110

To: SACs, San Juan (100-4735 - Enclosure)
Legat, Paris (105-1965 - Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (105-292) 729

JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN
SM - PRN
IS - CUBA

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ReSJlet and LHM to Director, 5/4/70.

Enclosed for recipient offices is copy of self-explanatory letter from Assistant Attorney General Yeagley, Internal Security Division, dated 7/24/70, classified "Secret."

Recipient offices immediately review files and contact logical sources relative to information requested by Department. Results should be furnished Bureau in LHM, suitable for dissemination. First paragraph of LHM should specifically refer to Mr. Yeagley's letter identifying it by both title and date.

Handle expeditiously in view of Department's interest in this matter.

Copy of this airtel and copy of Mr. Yeagley's letter being furnished Legat, Madrid, for information and assistance in investigation which may be requested at future date.

1 - Legat, Madrid (105-39 - Enclosure)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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Airtel to San Juan
Re: Juan Mari Bras
105-292

NOTE:

Based on results of continuing investigation of subject's activities by San Juan Office, we have requested Departmental opinion as to prosecution of subject for violation of Title 18, Section 953, U.S. Code, which prohibits private correspondence with foreign governments on part of U.S. citizen (popularly known as the Logan Act). Possible violation occurred in 1969 when subject reportedly contacted the North Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam Peace Conference in Paris. In April, 1970, subject publicly admitted during a television interview having made such contact. Department has now advised possible violation exists and desires to know whether there are witnesses available and willing to testify to subject's meeting with the North Vietnamese and whether a recording exists of the television interview of subject and whether there are witnesses to that interview who are available and willing to testify. San Juan and Legat, Paris, are being instructed to handle Department's request in expeditious manner.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)
 FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (100-4785) (P)
 SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
 IS-CUBA
 IS-PR

DATE: 7/31/70
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
 AND FIELD OFFICES
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 DATE 2-21-77

Re San Juan letter to the Bureau, 7/17/70.

The 7/24/70 edition of "El Imparcial" a Spanish language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contained a six column article written by MIGUEL A. SANTI entitled, "New Trends and the 'Urban Guerrillas'".

He noted the comment about the Partido Independen-
 tista Puertorriqueno (Independence Party of Puerto Rico)
 (PIP) being weak lackeys by stating that he could not
 understand the MPIPR thinking. He noted that the MPIPR
 had been stating that the PIP was becoming more radical
 and moving towards the MPIPR position and now they are
 accusing them of being weak lackeys. He stated that it
 would be interesting to learn the current point of view
 of RUBEN BERRIOS, the PIP President, as he (BERRIOS)
 claimed not long ago that once victory was achieved over
 "imperialism", a "socialist republic" would be established
 in Puerto Rico.

- 3 - Bureau (105-492) (RM)
- 1 - (1-105-174254) (Info)
- 5 - San Juan
- 1 - (1-65-419)
- 1 - (1-105-3104)
- 1 - (1-105-3353 Sub 1)
- 1 - (2-100-4785)

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The author also noted the letter's comments about the lack of true militant activity at the present time and the lack of training and arms with the comment that the Movement's slogan is "country is courage and sacrifice". The author felt that the dissenters really are not ready to sacrifice themselves and, in fact, are becoming more cautious than what a "revolutionary" movement calls for.

He then repeated the paragraph about the possibility of police agents in the Movement's hierarchy and noted that JUAN SANTOS RIVERA, the ex-President of the Puerto Rican Communist Party, had resigned to join the MPIPR as he has become convinced that the MPIPR is on the true road to follow to attain the "socialist" republic.

As this newspaper has a large island-wide readership and SANTIN is a very well-respected columnist, the San Juan Office believes that the notoriety given the anonymous letter will be quite extensive. It is surmised that the following results will be forthcoming:

- 1) The already existing split between MARI BRAS' followers and the purged or resigned leadership will grow increasingly larger.
- 2) Those members and sympathizers of the Movement who are pro-independence but not violence-prone will hesitate to follow the MARI BRAS' line and possibly will cease their activities on behalf of the MPIPR.
- 3) The members and sympathizers of the PIP who have wibbled their party, though still a legitimate alternative to Statehood or the Commonwealth status, drifting leftward under the leadership of BERRIOS towards ostensible alliance with the MPIPR, may have second thoughts on being used by the organization which refers to them as weak lackeys.
- 4) The general attitude of the people of Puerto Rico that the MPIPR is nothing but a harmless collection of "kooks" and "crackpots" to be completely disregarded will be alerted to the violent nature of the Movement under MARI BRAS' leadership.

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5) MARI BRAS and the "Young Turks" he has gathered around him in the leadership positions may, possibly, be completely isolated from the moderates of the Party; thereby breaking up the Movement into a number of small, relatively harmless groups more intent on internecine warfare than the common cause.

LEAD:

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

2) Will report any further developments in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

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

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/31/70

Re San Juan letter to the Bureau, 7/17/70.

The 7/24/70 edition of "El Imparcial" a Spanish language daily newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contained a six column article written by [REDACTED] entitled, "New Trends and the Urban Guerrillas".

This article, which quoted most extensively from the counterintelligence letter prepared by the San Juan Office, reviewed the reorganization and the interclass struggle within the Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) due to the decision of the MPIPR leadership to radicalize the Movement. The article noted the letter's charge that MARI BRAS is guilty of "the cult of the personality" and that the decision to radicalize the Movement was leading them to their destruction. The author also noted that the "Urban Guerrillas" are easily identified and sometimes even caught.

He noted the comment about the Partido Independiente Puertorriqueno (Independent Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP) being weak lackeys [REDACTED] that he could not understand the MPIPR thinking. He noted that the MPIPR was now stating that the PIP was becoming more radical and moving towards the MPIPR position and now they are accusing them of being weak lackeys. He stated that it would be interesting to learn the current point of view of MARI BERRIOS, the PIP President, as he (BERRIOS) claimed not long ago that once victory was achieved over "imperialism", a "socialist republic" would be established in Puerto Rico.

- 6- Bureau (105-492) (RM)
- (1-105-174254) (Info)
- 5- San Juan
- (1-105-419)
- (1-105-3104)
- (1-105-3053 Sub 1)
- (2-100-4785)

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The author also noted the letter's comments about the lack of true militant activity at the present time and the lack of training and arms with the comment that the Movement's slogan is "country is courage and sacrifice". The author felt that the dissenters really are not ready to sacrifice themselves and, in fact, are becoming more cautious than what a "revolutionary" movement calls for.

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- 3) The members and sympathizers of the PIP who have ditched their party, though still a legitimate alternative to Statehood or the Commonwealth status, and who are leftward under the leadership of SEMIOS towards a possible alliance with the MPIP, may have second thoughts as to being used by the organization which refers to them as "left" thugs.
- 4) The general attitude of the people of Puerto Rico that the MPIP is nothing but a harmless collection of "hoons" and "crackpots" to be completely disregarded will be alerted to the violent nature of the Movement under MARI BRAS' leadership.

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5) MARI BRAS and the "Young Turks" he has placed around him in the leadership positions may, possibly, be completely isolated from the moderate part of the Party; thereby breaking up the Movement into a number of small, relatively harmless groups more intent on internecine warfare than the common cause.

It is the feeling of the San Juan Division that this split between the radicals and the "intelligentsia" of the MPIP is very serious and possibly irreversible. Therefore, it is felt that the mailing of the second anonymous handbill as requested in San Juan airtel to the Bureau, 7/1/70, would serve to exacerbate this split. A mailing at this time would be far enough removed from the previous letter to lessen the belief that this was a coordinated campaign conducted by a police agency. Mailing it from the San Juan area would lend credence to the belief that members in the metropolitan area had taken to heart the sentiments of our first letter.

To date, no reaction has been forthcoming from appropriate confidential informants of the San Juan area. However, this is entirely reasonable as the original letter was not mailed until 7/16/70, and [redacted] article is quite recent.

LEAD:

S. J. A.

RE SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

- 1) Will await the Bureau decision regarding the mailing of the second letter as set forth above.
- 2) Will report any further developments in this matter.

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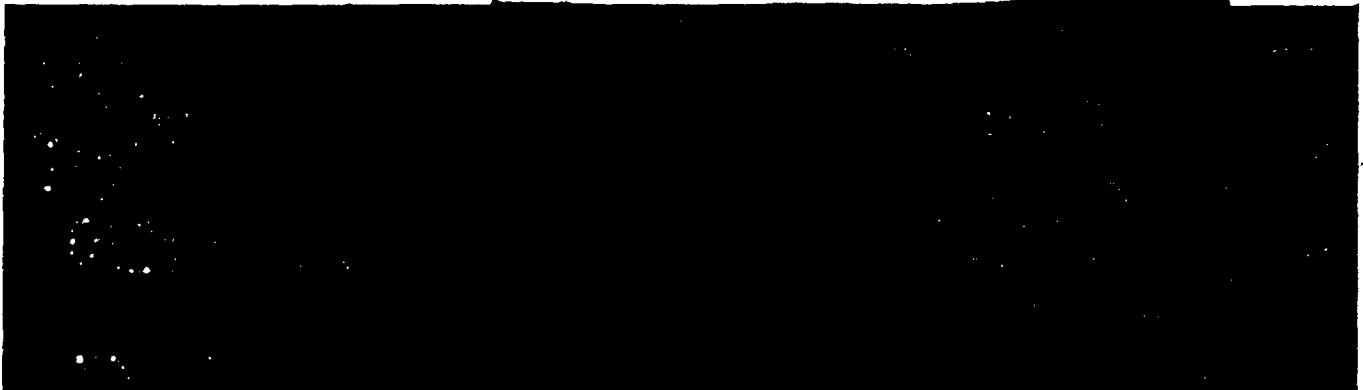
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 8/31/70

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

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN
IS - CUBA
SM - PRN
(OO:SAN JUAN)

Re San Juan letter and LHM to Bureau dated 5/4/70,
and Bureau airtel, with enclosure, dated 7/31/70.



the MARI BRAS interview.



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- San Juan

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The Bureau is requested to contact the Department to determine whether these newsmen should be contacted to determine their availability and willingness to testify regarding the admissions made by MARI BRAS on 4/21/70.

Logical informants of the San Juan Office, having knowledge of pro-independence activities and/or MARI BRAS himself, have not been able, to date, to furnish any information admissible in Federal Court which would indicate that MARI BRAS actually did visit the North Vietnamese Delegation in Paris, as he claimed. [redacted] who has furnished reliable

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information in the past stated that [REDACTED]

LEAD:

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. Will await Department's
decision re interviewing [REDACTED]

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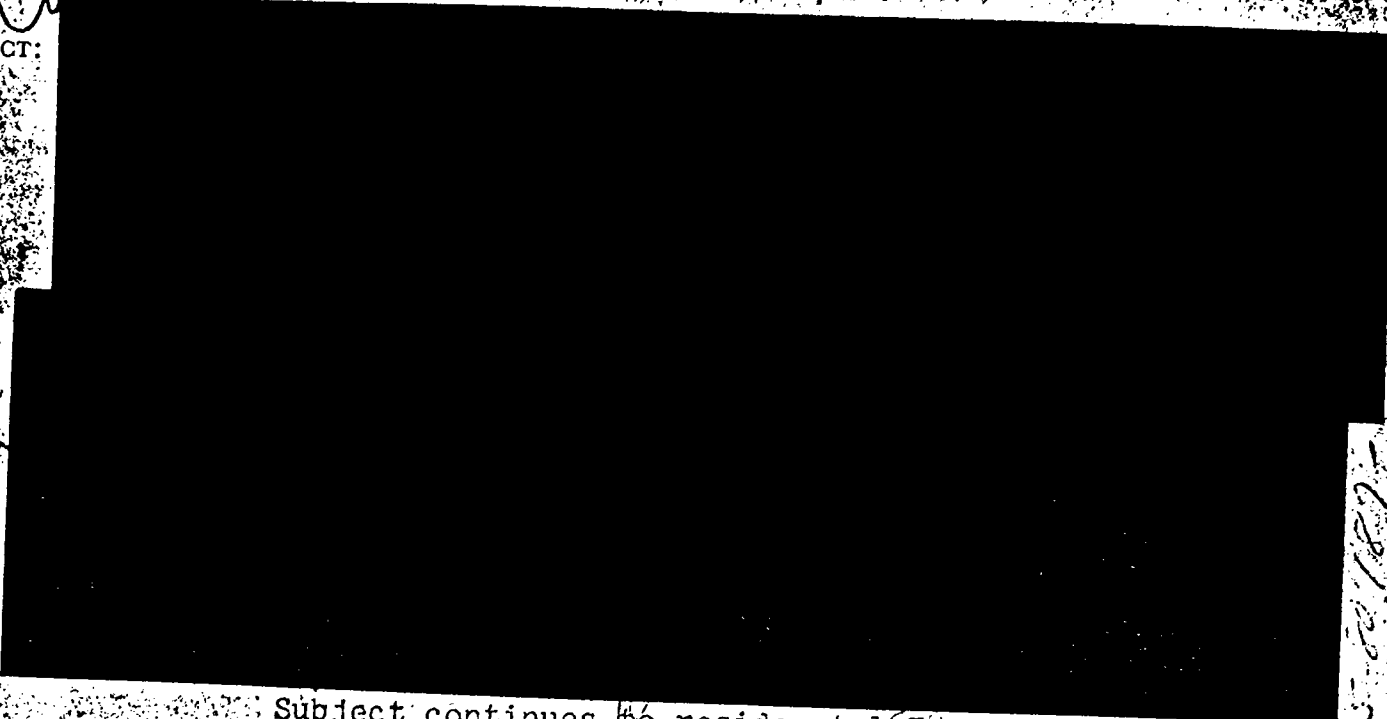
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323)

DATE: 9/8/70

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419) (P)

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SUBJECT:



Subject continues to reside at 1678 Calle Segre, Rio Piedras Heights, Puerto Rico, with his family and appears to be primarily working on the "Claridad" newspaper at its headquarters, 1006 Calle Humacao, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

- ④ - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 105-292) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
- 1 - Miami (RM)
- 3 - New York (RM)
(1 - [redacted])
- (1 - 105-3002) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
- 4 - San Juan
(1 - 100-4785)
(1 - 105-3733)
(1 - 65-437)

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In a television news conference program, broadcast in San Juan on 4/21/70, the subject stated that his organization is not receiving any financial assistance from Russia, Cuba, or any other socialist country, but did state that the organization had innumerable contacts with revolutionary organizations throughout the world, including Cuba.



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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323)

9/8/70

SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419) (P)

ESP - CUBA
OO: (SJ)

Re San Juan letter to the Bureau, dated 6/8/70.

on 8/19/70, it was determined that the resident at [redacted] has [redacted] and appears to be a supporter of the New Progressive Party (NPP) (The pro-statehood party in Puerto Rico). A review of the San Juan Cross Directory for 1969 reveals that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted], reside at [redacted]. He is listed as the [redacted].

Subject continues to reside at 1678 Calle Segre, Rio Piedras Heights, Puerto Rico, with his family and appears to be primarily working on the "Claridad" newspaper at its headquarters, 1006 Calle Humacao, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 105-292) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
- 1 - Miami (Info) (RM)
- 3 - New York (RM)
(1 - 65-22500)
(1 - 105-3912)
(1 - 105-3002) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
- 4 - San Juan
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By Bureau airtel dated 7/31/70, entitled "JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN, SM - PRN, IS - CU," Bufile: 105-292, SJfile: 100-4785, J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., advised that the Department believes that the admissions made by MARI BRAS on 12/27/69 and during a television interview on 4/21/70, indicate a possible violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 953. Further investigation in this matter is being conducted by the SJO at the present time.

The San Juan Division continues its intensive coverage of the activities of the subject and maintains constant liaison with other intelligence gathering Federal agencies and the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico. Logical sources and confidential informants of the San Juan Division have been advised of the importance of this matter and furnish continuing information regarding the subject.

The Bureau will be immediately advised of any further developments in this matter.

FBI

Date: September 10, 1970

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AIRTEL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (105-292)
FROM: Legat, Paris (105-1965) (RUC)
SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN
SM - PRN
IS - CUBA

Re: Bureau airtel, July 31, 1970.



- 2 - Bureau
(1 - San Juan)(100-4785)
(1 - Foreign Liaison Desk)
 - 1 - Paris
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by JRH/rle
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Approved: 5 SEP 22 1970
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per P 1019

1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

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Airtel

ST-105 To: SAC, San Juan (100-4785)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

REC-122 From: Director, FBI (105-292) - 4/31

JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN
SM - PRN
IS - CU
BUDED: 9/25/70

Reurlet 8/31/70.

Relet requested Bureau to contact Department to determine whether three Puerto Rican newsmen, two of whom possess known proindependence sympathies, should be contacted to determine their availability and willingness to testify to admissions made by subject during 4/21/70 television interview.

Prior to such contact, Bureau desires you submit LHM suitable for dissemination to Department, identifying the three newsmen as participants in interview of subject. Thereafter, set forth information available in your files concerning background, description and subversive activities of each. Such information will afford Department necessary basis for arriving at requested decision.

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- Mohr _____
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- Brennan _____
- Callahan _____
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Airtel to San Juan
Re: Juan Mari Bras
105-292

Relet also noted television station WTSJ no longer has a tape recording of subject's interview. The recording made by your office now appears to be the best evidence available of admissions by subject during this interview. In view of this, also include in LHM a statement identifying the type of recording made by your office, together with equipment utilized, and include identity of personnel who made recording and who can testify to same.

Expedite, submitting LHM by airtel to reach Bureau no later than 9/25/70.

NOTE:

Subject, a U.S. citizen, is self-employed attorney who resides in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. He is Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), largest and often violent proindependence party in Puerto Rico. In late 1969, subject reportedly contacted representatives of the North Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam Peace Conference in Paris, France. On 4/21/70 subject was interviewed on television in San Juan and during interview admitted contact with the North Vietnamese. Following receipt of this information, the Department advised subject's activities, including admissions made during the 4/70 television interview, indicate possible violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 953, which generally prohibits private correspondence with foreign governments. Department inquired whether a recording of the 4/21/70 interview existed and whether there were available witnesses to the interview who would be willing to testify concerning admissions made by subject. Expeditious submission of LHM is requested of San Juan in view of Department's interest in matter.

FBI

Date: 9/23/70

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

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

JUAN MARI BRAS
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(OO: SJ)

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Re Bureau airtel to San Juan, 9/15/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above furnishing details as requested in referenced airtel.

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The following sources were utilized in this memorandum:

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2-Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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The following informants were contacted and could furnish no information which would verify that MARI BRAS actually did contact the North Vietnamese:

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
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[REDACTED]

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LEAD:

SAN JUAN DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will await decision of Department of Justice regarding feasibility of interviewing [REDACTED]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

September 23, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
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JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
SECURITY MATTER-PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA

Reference is made to the memorandum to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from Mr. F. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, US Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., dated July 24, 1970, captioned as above.

On the evening of April 21, 1970, Juan Mari Bras was interviewed in the studios of WTSJ-TV, Channel 18, San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the program "Press Conference."

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 appears in the appendix.

As Mari Bras refused to speak in the English language, Samuel Antonio Aponte Caballero acted as official translator from Spanish to the English language.

Samuel Antonio Aponte Caballero, also known as "Sammy," is a white male, born on December 21, 1942, in Sagua, Puerto Rico, and is an American citizen. Aponte currently resides at [REDACTED] Puerto Rico.

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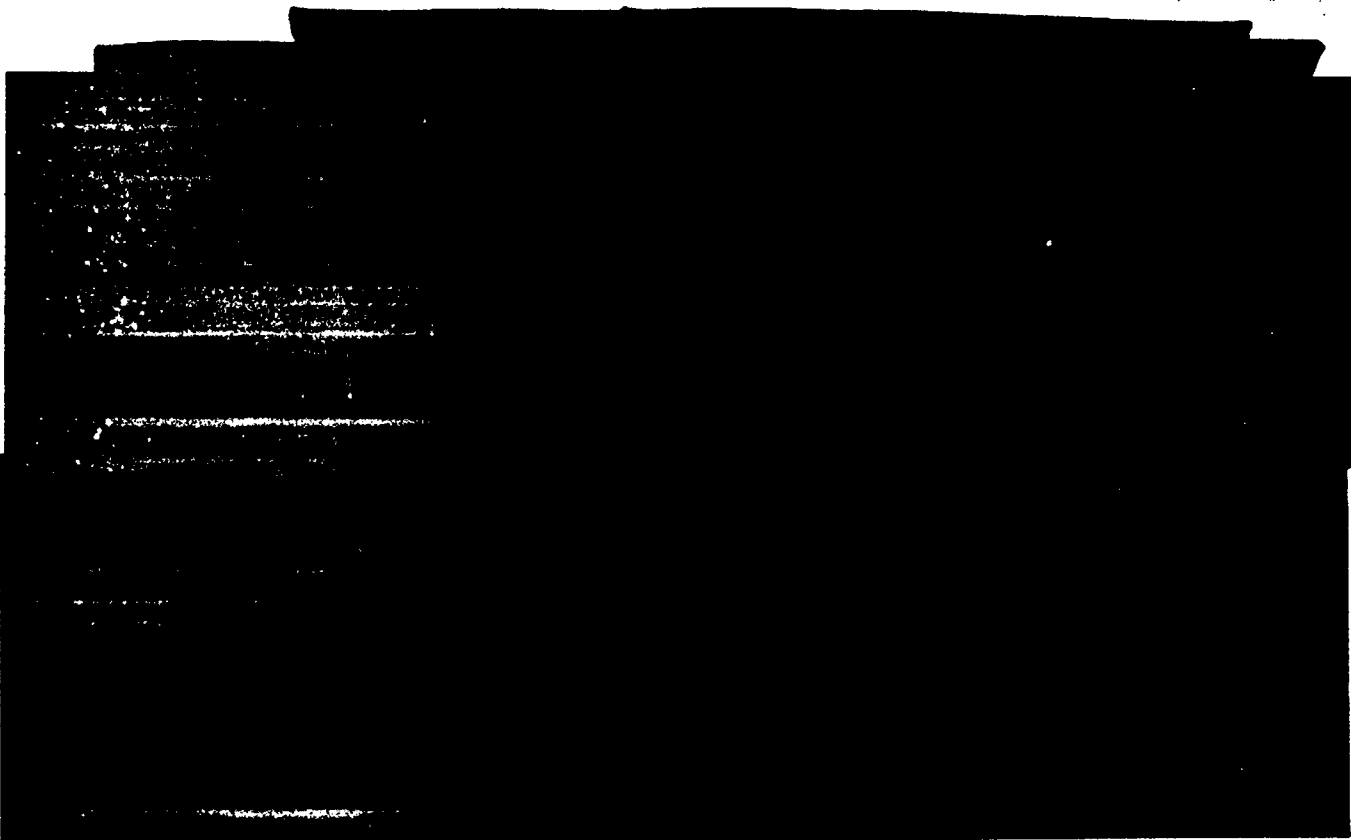
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One of the interviewers of Mari Bras during the above mentioned program was Tomas Stella, a reporter for "The San Juan Star." He is currently Chief City Editor of that newspaper.

Tomas Stella, true name Angel Tomas Stella Lactas, was born on June 20, 1939, in Ponce, Puerto Rico. He is a white male and an American citizen.

The [REDACTED] reported on February 24, 1965, that Stella was residing at [REDACTED] Puerto Rico.



Pedro Albizu Campos was the former head of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) who 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]

[REDACTED] stated that he was born on [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] He resides at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] There is no derogatory information regarding Norman known to the San Juan office of the FBI.

The third interviewer on the evening of April 21, 1970, was Frank Ramos, described as a reporter with "The San Juan Star."

A cassette-type tape recording of the interview of Mari Bras on April 21, 1970, was made by [REDACTED] of the San Juan office of the FBI, directly from his personal television set the evening of the telecast. The recording is located on a model Apex 120 recording cassette which was taped on a Sony Solid-State cassette recorder. [REDACTED] is completely available to testify to the equipment utilized and information surrounding the obtaining of the recording.

[REDACTED]

Logical informants of the San Juan office having knowledge of certain aspects of the pro-independence movement and/or Juan Mari Bras himself, were contacted during the months of August and September, 1970, to determine if they had any personal knowledge that he actually did travel to Paris to visit the North Vietnamese delegation, with negative results.

On September 9, 1970, SJ T-10, a confidential source abroad, advised that no witnesses are available who could testify that Juan Mari Bras did, in fact, meet with North Vietnamese officials in Paris, France.

DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, NEW YORK (105-103888) (P)

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(OO: NY)

ReBulet, dated 7/22/70 captioned "GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO, IS - PRN".

On 7/22/70, records of the New York Telephone Company were caused to be checked for the telephone number set forth in referenced letter. It was ascertained that the number is subscribed to by [redacted] NYC.

On 8/20/70, the number was called [redacted]

On 8/21/70, the number was again called at which time, [redacted]

On 9/25/70, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that an individual by the name [redacted] of that building with his [redacted] is described [redacted] as being a [redacted] and said he thought he was [redacted] as being [redacted]. He said he did not

know the employment of [redacted]

He stated that [redacted] had had continual problems with [redacted]

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- 1 - New York (105-93124)

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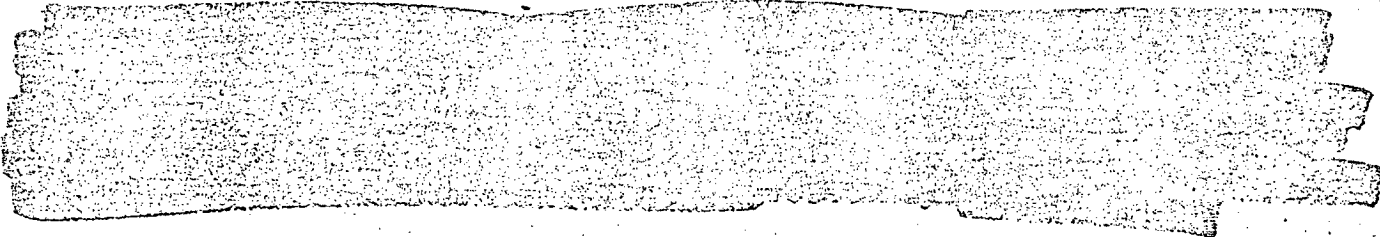
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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will check records of the NYCPD and New York City Credit Bureau for further information on the subject.

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To: SAC, San Juan (100-4785)

From: Director, FBI (105-292) - 433

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JUAN MARI ERAS
IS - PRN
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In view of substantial derogatory information contained in Bufiles concerning [REDACTED] and noting [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both currently employed as [REDACTED], Bureau is of opinion neither should be interviewed concerning their availability as witnesses in this matter and question is not being discussed with Department as requested in reairtel.

Review of communications submitted to date by your office indicates investigation of subject with respect to possible violation of Logan Act appears to be complete. You are requested to furnish Bureau with any additional information in your possession which would be of assistance to Department in rendering prosecutive opinion.

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NOTE:

Subject, who is Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), largest and often violent proindependence party in Puerto Rico, has been under investigation concerning possible violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 953 (popularly known as the Logan Act, which prohibits private correspondence with foreign governments). San Juan has determined identity of two possible witnesses against subject; however, both are [REDACTED]. Reairtel requested Bureau to consult Department concerning feasibility of interviewing these two individuals. Since Bufiles contain considerable derogatory information concerning one and since both are currently employed as [REDACTED] we are of opinion neither should be interviewed and matter, therefore, not being discussed with Department.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-292)
NEW YORK (105-3002)

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Brennan	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Soyars	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

VIA WASHINGTON
FROM SAN JUAN (100-4785)

JUAN MARI BRAS, IS - PRN, SM - PRN, IS - CUBA, OO--SAN JUAN.

ON LATE EVENING OCTOBER ONE LAST, [REDACTED]

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TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT SUBJECT DEPARTED PUERTO RICO
FOR NEW YORK VIA TRANS CARIBBEAN FLIGHT NUMBER ONE ONE SIX
AT TEN THIRTY PM THAT DATE.

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FOR INFORMATION BUREAU, [REDACTED]
ADVISED ON SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT WAS COMING TO NEW YORK AT END
OF MONTH TO SPEAK AT VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

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NEW YORK, WILL ALERT APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO SUBJECT'S
ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK AND FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION. RE ACTIVITIES
IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: 10/8/70

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

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
IS - PRN
SM - PRN
IS - CU

Re Bureau airtel to San Juan,
dated 10/1/70.

A review of the file regarding the subject in the San Juan Division did not indicate that any further information is available to this office which would be of assistance to the Department in rendering a prosecutive opinion regarding a possible violation of Logan Act.

LEAD:

SAN JUAN

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. Will await Departmental opinion regarding prosecution of JUAN MARI BRAS.

*L.H. P.H.O.
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EX-112
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1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division
Director, FBI - 105-292-435

October 19, 1970

JUAN MARI BRAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
SECURITY MATTER - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 24, 1970, and to memorandum dated September 23, 1970, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, copy of which has been furnished to the Records Administration Office marked for the attention of the Internal Security Division.

Latter memorandum contained results of certain investigation conducted in response to inquiries contained in your memorandum dated July 24, 1970.

Investigation requested by you has now been completed. For your information, no additional pertinent information has been developed since submission of memorandum dated September 23, 1970. You are, therefore, requested to furnish your opinion as to possible prosecution of Mari under Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 953.

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1 - San Juan (100-4785)

NOTE FOR SAC, SAN JUAN:

Reurlet 10/8/70. Your office will be advised upon receipt of Departmental opinion with respect to prosecution of subject under the Logan Act.

Ans

JRH:dlw
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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

NOTE:

Subject, a U.S. citizen, is self-employed attorney who resides in Rio Piedras. He is Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) (Puerto Rican Independence Movement), largest and often violent proindependence party in Puerto Rico. In late 1969, subject reportedly was in contact in Paris, France, with representatives of the North Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam Peace Conference. On 4/21/70 subject during television interview in Puerto Rico orally admitted such contact. Re Departmental memorandum indicated these activities constituted possible violation Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 953 (popularly known as the Logan Act, which prohibits among other things private correspondence with foreign governments). Department requested investigation to identify evidence and witnesses in connection with subject's alleged activities and results of such investigation have been furnished to Department which is being advised investigation has been completed and Departmental opinion being sought.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-205390)

NEW YORK (105-109242)

VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAN JUAN (105-12884) 3P

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
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Miss Gandy	

YOUNG LORDS PARTY (YLP), IS - YLP.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO NEW YORK OCTOBER TWENTY LAST.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETURN

OF AGUADILLA, PUERTO RICO,

OF THE BODY OF JULIO ROLDAN ALVAREZ AND RELATED ACTIVITIES BY
YLP AND MOVIMINETO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO
RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR), THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
OBTAINED -

INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON OCTOBER TWENTY THREE INSTANT, SOME UNIDENTI-
FIED MEMBERS OF THE YLP ON OCTOBER TWENTY ONE LAST AT AGUA-
DILLA, PUERTO RICO, WERE PASSING OUT BLACK BERETS, BUTTONS WITH
PICTURE OF GUN IN HAND, AND PHOTOGRAPH OF ROLDAN STATING HE
WAS KILLED BY THE "PIGS" IN NEW YORK CITY.

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[REDACTED], MPIPR, AGUADILLA, PUERTO RICO, OVERHEARD MAKING STATEMENT ON OCTOBER TWENTY TWO LAST THAT "WE" NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED "SHOULD START KILLING YANKEES IN PUERTO RICO."

IN TAPED INTERVIEW AT AGUADILLA, PUERTO RICO, ON OCTOBER TWENTY TWO LAST BY A SOURCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], MEMBERS OF THE YLP, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

THERE WILL BE A MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION AT AGUADILLA, PUERTO RICO, ON NIGHT OF OCTOBER TWENTY THREE INSTANT WITH SUPPORT OF JUAN MARI BRAS, RAMON NENADICH DEGLANS, CARLOS DELGADO LA SALLE AND MEMBERS OF THE MPIPR. YLP FROM NEW YORK WITH MPIPR MEMBERS WILL TAKE ROLDAN'S CASKET TO CATHOLIC CHURCH, AGUADILLA, PUERTO RICO, AFTER THE TWO P.M. FUNERAL ON OCTOBER TWENTY FOUR NEXT. [REDACTED] STATED THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YOUNG LORDS IN AGUADILLA AND ABOUT TWENTY FIVE ARE EXPECTED AT THE FUNERAL. IDENTIFICATIONS ARE UNKNOWN. HE ALSO STATED "THE YOUNG LORDS ARE ARMED AND WILL BE SO UNTIL DEATH." [REDACTED] COMPLETELY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ACTIVITIES AND SAN JUAN.

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CONTINUING INVESTIGATION TO FULLY IDENTIFY ALL YOUNG LORDS. ||
SEVEN SEVENTY FIRST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT,
NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVEST-
IGATIONS, AND SECRET SERVICE, SAN JUAN NOTIFIED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 27 1970

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Mr. Sullivan	_____
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25PM NITEL 10-27-70 RJR

TO DIRECTOR (105-205390)

NEW YORK (105-109042)

VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAN JUAN (105-12884) (P) 2P

YOUNG LORDS PARTY (YLP), IS - YLP. 00--NEW YORK.

ON OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM
EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE [REDACTED]

AS FOLLOWS--

ON OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE AND TWENTYFOUR, LAST, DURING ACTIVITIES
AT AGUADILLA, PUERTO RICO IN CONNECTION WITH FUNERAL OF YLP MEMBER
JULIO ROLDAN, JUAN MARI BRAS, SECRETARY GENERAL MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPEN-
DENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR),
AND EDWIN FELICIANO GRAFALS, AGUADILLA-MPIPR LEADER MENTIONED IN
STATEMENTS MADE AT AGUADILLA THAT THE DEATH OF JULIO ROLDAN WOULD BE
AVENGED JUST AS THE DEATH OF UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO (UPR) STUDENT,
ANTONIA MARTINEZ WAS AVENGED WITH THE DEATH OF UNITED STATES SOLDIER
IN THE STREETS OF SAN JUAN IN MARCH, NINETEEN SEVENTY.

AIDA CUASCUT, YLP LEADER WHO TRAVELLED FROM NEW YORK TO AGUADILLA

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ACCOMPANYING ROLDAN'S BODY, ALSO SPOKE DURING FUNERAL CEREMONIES AND SAID THAT DEATHS OF PUERTO RICANS IN UNITED STATES DO NOT OCCUR ONLY IN JAILS BUT ALSO IN HOSPITALS, FACTORIES AND VIETNAM.

RAMON NENADICH, AGUADILLA-MPIPR LEADER, ALSO MADE STATEMENTS THAT INDEPENDENCE WOULD WOULD BE WON THROUGH WAR AND BLOOD AND THAT WHILE THEY WERE BURYING ROLDAN THEY WERE ALSO SHARPENING MACHETES.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT AGUADILLA DURING WEEKEND OF ROLDAN'S FUNERAL AND APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS, MAINLY YOUTHS, ASSISTED AT MARCH EVENING OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE, LAST AND FUNERAL OCTOBER TWENTYFOUR LAST.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE SAN JUAN TELETYPE OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE LAST.

OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE-POLICE OF PUERTO RICO, NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE, US SECRET SERVICE AND SEVEN SEVENTYFIRST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT NOTIFIED.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN INSTANT TEL OBTAINED BY SA [REDACTED]

FROM [REDACTED]

WHO ADVISED SAME WAS OBTAINED BY EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, [REDACTED]

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JTJ R RELAY FBI WASH DC

To White House, AG, Secret Service, CIA, State, JCS, JST, DIA, Vice President by tel. CC's of White House tel to DAG; AAG's: IS, CRD, CRIM, IDIU; NLS 10-28-70

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: *[Handwritten initials]*
FROM: *[Handwritten initials]*
SUBJECT: *[Handwritten initials]*

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

DATE: OCT 27 1970

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

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JUAN MARI BRAS
IS-PRN
(OO: SJ)

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ReSJteletype to Director, dated 10/2/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies and two copies for San Juan of an LHM concerning the subject's visit to NYC during the early days of October, 1970.

[Redacted box] were the sources utilized in the attached LHM.

The attached LHM has been classified "Confidential" because information contained therein was provided by the above mentioned sources. The unauthorized disclosure of this information could possibly compromise the identities of these valuable source, thus adversely effecting the national defense.

The articles appearing in the newspaper, "El Diario - La Prensa", were translated by SA *[Redacted]*

The identity of the SA who received the information from *[Redacted]* regarding subject's departure on 10/1/70, from Puerto Rico is not known.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 29, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bureau file 105-292
New York file 105-3002

Juan Mari Bras

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 30, 1970, that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) was coming to New York City from Puerto Rico on that date, to lecture at various colleges in the New York City area and to hold a general conference with the MPI-New York Mission (NYM) at the Casa Puerto Rico (CPR), 106 East 14th Street, New York, New York.

Characterizations of the MPI and the MPI-NYM are attached hereto in the Appendix.

On October 1, 1970, the first source advised that Juan Mari Bras would arrive in New York City from Puerto Rico at 2:00 am on October 2, 1970.

On October 1, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Juan Mari Bras departed Puerto Rico for New York via TCA flight number 116 at 10:30 pm on the above date.

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ENCLOSURE

Juan Mari Bras

In the October 7, 1970, edition of "El Diario - La Prensa", a Spanish language newspaper published in New York City, appeared an article entitled, "Things Of Interest". This article states that the MPI will give a press conference today on October 7, 1970, at 12 noon, in Williams Hall at the Overseas Press Club on 40th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, Manhattan, New York, and that the Attorney Juan Mari Bras of the MPI will speak about the Puerto Rican situation, about Culebra and other topics of interest.

In the October 8, 1970, edition of "El Diario - La Prensa", on page 2, appeared an article and photograph of Juan Mari Bras in the company of several other individuals at a table in the Overseas Press Club. The caption under the photograph states as follows:

"A Standing Fight

"We do not believe in violence, but if we cannot obtain Puerto Rican independence by peaceful means, we will turn to armed revolution", said Attorney Juan Mari Bras, at a press conference, among many other things, yesterday noon, at the Overseas Press Club. At the head table are Sonia Marrero, Isolina Vargas, Attorney Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MPI and Jose Irizarry."

The article entitled, "United States Admits Having "A" Weapons In Puerto Rico: Mari Bras", by Luisa A. Quintero reads as follows:

"Last week, a spokesman for the United States Department of State, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington, admitted officially that this nation is utilizing the territory of Puerto Rico for the storage of nuclear armaments. He confessed that such activity is being carried out without having consulted the people. At the same time he exposed the opposition of the United States government to include Puerto Rico in the area covered by the Denuclearization Treaty of Latin America.

Juan Mari Bras

"It deals with a crime of perverted humanity. Puerto Rico is a country of little territory and dense population. The presence of nuclear armaments is a risk of life to the entire Puerto Rican nation. This activity is being realized in open violation of international legislation in force, that has prohibited the use of colonial territories for warlike ends, of administrative powers of such territories.

"So was initiated the press conference of Attorney Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MPI at the Overseas Press Club in this city at 12 noon.

"Attorney Mari Bras also spoke about the terrible situation in Culebra, owing to the bombings of United States naval maneuvers. He said that the use of Culebra in such a way, 'constitutes an act of genocide'. He stated that all Puerto Ricans, regardless of differences in political ideology, repudiates this act of the Navy and asks that they remove their naval forces from the island. The fight by Puerto Ricans will remain strong and firm, and they are not ready to concede defeat.

"He spoke of the political representation in the Island and of the battle the MPI and other independence groups of Puerto Ricans are waging, 'articulated on a national scale throughout the Island and in the Puerto Rican population centers in the United States for the independence of Puerto Rico.' He warns, 'the government of the United States that we are waging an unceasing battle until we are rid of the last nuclear armament in our territory. In this fight we will summon the militant solidarity of all peoples, governments, organizations and parties that sympathize with our liberating force'.

"There was a question and answer period during the luncheon-conference, which Mari Bras answered, and said that the MPI 'is in solidarity with the Latin-American Left, positively supporting the election of Salvador Allende in Chile'.

Juan Mari Bras

"He criticized military recruitment and said that Puerto Ricans would not join the military nor would they go to fight. He said that 'agriculture has been ruined in the last six or seven years and gave as an example the sugar crop, that has decreased from 1,200,000 to 40,000 tons in the last harvesting; that unemployment is near 30 per cent despite official figures of 16 per cent; that Puerto Rico had exported coffee, and now has to import it; and that they will resist Northamerican exploitation of copper mines'.

"He praised the militant attitude of the Young Lords Party, (YLP), with which he is in complete solidarity. He insisted that the MPI 'does not want war of violence, but is ready to fight for independence in any form that may be necessary'."

In October, 1970, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past identified Jose Irizarry as Director, Sonia Marrero as Secretary of Press and Correspondence, Isolina Vargas as Secretary of Acts of the MPI-NYM.

A characterization of the YLP is attached hereto in the Appendix.

In the October 13, 1970, edition of "El Diario - La Prensa", on page 6 appeared a photograph of a number of people listening, according to the caption, to an informal talk by Juan Mari Bras, at Columbia University (CU) on Saturday, October 10, 1970.

Appearing beneath the photograph was an article entitled, "The Movement For Puerto Rican Independence Should Be a Sister To Socialism: Mari Bras". This article reads as follows:

"The MPI Should Be a Sister To Socialism: Mari Bras"

Juan Mari Bras

"The Secretary General of the MPI Juan Mari Bras, said yesterday in this city that the fight for independence of the 'Island', should become a sister to Socialism just as much in New York City as it is in Puerto Rico.

"Mari Bras added that 'We are struggling for a radical transformation of all oppressions...the placing of contemporary man in the essential conflict-the fight of the oppressed against the oppressors, the battle of the exploited against the exploiters'.

"The MPI leader made these manifestations at an informal talk held at Columbia University concerning 'the political situation of Puerto Rico'.

"Mari Bras indicated that 'Puerto Ricans are one race, one nation...one nationality that by virtue of strange happenings has dispersed more than half of them throughout the world...nevertheless, the geographic dispersion has not destroyed the social values represented by this nationality... The objective of securing the survival of this nationality is to obtain independence...'. .

"Without independence the existence of a nationality is in peril and denies the great mass of the governed to have a motherland'.

"The MPI leader who spoke before some 300 students indicated: 'to have a motherland is to be situated in life facing the Universe. Man cannot live without the ties of the motherland...Motherland is the first autonomically social institution...without motherland man would lose himself in the universe. Love of country is what distinguishes man from beast'.

"He added that 'the struggle for liberation of Puerto Rico will liberate as much in New York as in Puerto Rico'.

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Juan Mari Bras

"Mari Bras declared solemnly: 'The Puerto Rican living in New York has the right to maintain his language, his customs, his culture, that is within itself the right to maintain love of country'."

On October 14, 1970, the first source made available a mimeographed throwaway which disclosed that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MPI would lecture on the political problems of the Puerto Rican nation and its struggle for independence at 7:00 pm on October 10, 1970, at the Horace Mann Auditorium, Teachers College, CU under the auspices of the MPI-NYM.

On October 15, 1970, the first source advised that on October 10, 1970, the MPI-NYM sponsored a lecture by Juan Mari Bras at the Horace Mann Auditorium, Teachers College, CU, 120th Street and Broadway, New York, New York, concerning the contribution of the Puerto Ricans in the United States to the struggle for national liberation and social change in the United States.

The first source furnished the following information regarding Juan Mari Bras' activity while in New York City in October, 1970:

On October 2, 1970, Juan Mari Bras was the featured speaker at a conference sponsored by the MPI-NYM at the CPR. Mari Bras spoke for approximately two hours on such topics as the "Grito De Lares" celebration in Puerto Rico, the recent presidential election in Chile and guerilla fighting in several South American countries.

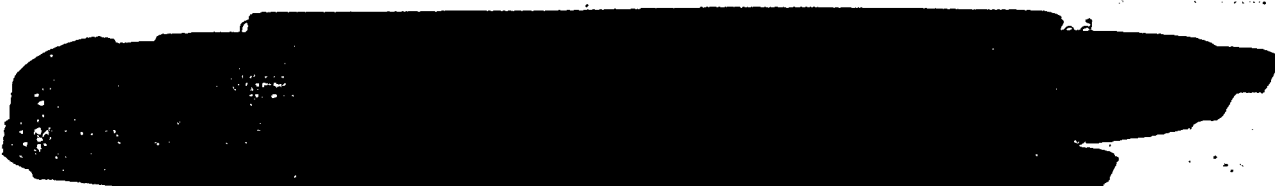
On October 9, 1970, Mari Bras attended a concert featuring Roy Brown Ramirez, a young Puerto Rican singer of protest songs and a film presentation of the recent "Grito De Lares" activities in New York City, sponsored by the MPI-NYM at the CPR.

On October 10, 1970, Mari Bras was present at a small celebration given in his honor by members of the MPI-NYM at 1878 Harrison Avenue, Bronx, New York.

On October 11, 1970, Mari Bras was present at a general membership meeting of the MPI-NYM at the CPR.

Juan Mari Bras

On October 5, 1970, the first source advised that Mari Bras was scheduled to speak at Princeton University on October 5, 1970, and at City College of New York, on October 8, 1970, however, source was unable to state whether or not these engagements were fulfilled.



On October 12, 1970, the first source advised that Mari Bras departed New York City at 6:00 pm on October 11, 1970, enroute to Puerto Rico, by air.

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APPENDIX

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YOUNG LORDS PARTY

In an article appearing in "The New York Times," December 30, 1969, page 30, PABLO GUZMAN, also known as Yoruba, then Deputy Minister of Information for the Young Lords Organization (YLO) in New York, stated the YLO was composed of revolutionaries, was one with the Cuban revolution, desired a socialist society, and independence for Puerto Rico.

According to a source, YORUBA spoke at C. W. Post College, Greenvale, New York, on March 5, 1970. In the speech, YORUBA delivered a scathing attack on all whites and declared that "from now on" the black and Puerto Rican brothers will unite against "the pigs." He pledged an organized campaign of violence and singled out Jews and white liberals as the main enemy "of our people."

A second source advised that the YLO is composed mostly of Puerto Rican youths and originated as an organization at Chicago, Illinois. The YLO is based on the philosophy of MAO Tse-tung and HO Chi-minh, with Marxist-Leninist ideology.

The Young Lords Party (YLP), according to a statement read over its radio program, "Palante," on station WBAI-FM on May 25, 1970, declared itself autonomous from the YLO National in Chicago, with a National Headquarters then located at 1678 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. According to this statement, the YLO in New York was first formed in July, 1969, as the New York State Chapter of the YLO and subsequently received a degree of autonomy as the YLO-East Coast Region. The split was attributed to a lack of political leadership on the part of the YLO National in Chicago.

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-75715)

DATE: 11/17/70

FROM : SAC, San Juan (105-3401) P

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The LHM is classified "Confidential" because the unauthorized disclosure of information from source who is [redacted] may possibly lead to his compromise which would be contrary to the national defense interests.

The LHM is being disseminated locally to Naval Investigative Service Office, Office of Special Investigations, 771st Military Intelligence Detachment, and U.S. Secret Service.

The information in the LHM has been discussed with the Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico.

The case is being opened in the San Juan Division to more fully establish the purposes and activities of the MPIPR camp at Lares, Puerto Rico, and pertinent developments will be reported in form suitable for dissemination.

New 105 SM - PRN cases are being opened to fully identify and establish activities of [redacted] and [redacted]

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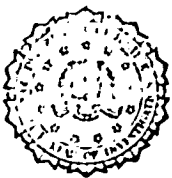
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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)

On November 4, 1970, a source advised that an MPIPR camp has been established approximately one kilometer outside the town of Lares, Puerto Rico. It is located approximately one-half kilometer off the main road, on the right, leading to Arecibo.

Purposes of the camp are (1) to house MPIPR members, (2) political training, (3) center of operations in developing new Federacion Estudiantil pro Independencia (Federation of Students for Independence) (FEPI) and MPIPR missions, and (4) serves as a base of operations for MPIPR members working in the mining zone.

Characterizations of
the MPIPR and the FEPI
are contained in the
attached Appendix.

The camp has use of a "Land Rover," Puerto Rico license number 26A715.

The following individuals are associated with the camp:

[redacted] a white female,
approximately 22 years old, slender, 112 pounds, 5 feet 4 inches,
black hair, brown eyes, has completed her third year at the
University of Puerto Rico.

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[redacted] white male, 27 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, stout build, brown hair, brown eyes.

[redacted] white male, 26 years old, 5 feet 4 inches, 130 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes.

[redacted] white male, approximately 26 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes.

All of the above individuals are members of the Lares MPIPR Mission and can be found at the camp during the day.

[redacted], an ex-director of Federacion de Universitarios pro Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI), visits the camp a few days a month.

A geologist professor, [redacted] at the University of Puerto Rico gave various training courses during the summer.

The land on which the camp is located belongs to [redacted]. One of his houses is used by Juan Mari Bras when he visits Lares.

The camp director is [redacted]

A characterization of FUPI is contained in the attached Appendix.

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APPENDIX

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FEDERACION ESTUDIANTIL PRO-INDEPENDENCIA
(FEDERATION OF STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE) (FEPI)

On May 14, 1968, a confidential source advised that the FEPI was organized in May, 1963, under the guidance and direction of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), a militant CASTRO Cuba-oriented independence-seeking group in Puerto Rico and the Federacion de Universitarios Pro-Independencia (Federation of University Students for Independence) (FUPI), the MPIPR affiliated group on the university level.

According to the source, the FEPI's primary purpose and objective since being organized is to indoctrinate the high school youth of Puerto Rico with the political thinking of the leadership of the MPIPR and FUPI and to recruit future membership for these organizations. The FEPI attempts to indoctrinate the pre-university level students in such a way that their only desire is in obtaining independence for Puerto Rico. The FEPI seeks: to exterminate all vestiges of United States "intervention" in Puerto Rico, to join with other Puerto Rican independence-seeking groups in their cause, to protest against compulsory military service for Puerto Rican youths and condemnation of the United States for any intervention in the affairs of other countries in the world.

According to the source, the FEPI, with a current estimated membership of 160 members, is a menace to the high school system in Puerto Rico, as it seeks to ridicule, criticize and reject the educational norms established by the Puerto Rico Department of Public Education. The FEPI in the past has attempted to interrupt by any method, including violence, the methods of teaching in the school in Puerto Rico. The FEPI distributes propaganda in the schools and takes part in pickets and demonstrations organized by the MPIPR and FUPI.

Since its conception in 1963, the leaders of the MPIPR and FUPI have continuously counselled, directed and organized the FEPI and its activities.

Characterizations of the MPIPR
and FUPI are attached hereto.

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FEDERACION DE UNIVERSITARIOS PRO INDEPENDENCIA
(FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE) (FUPI)

.. The FUPI was organized in October, 1956, at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; as a student organization working to obtain independence for Puerto Rico.

In the "General Statement" adopted at the 14th Annual FUPI Congress which was held at Rio Piedras on November 18 - 20, 1969, and dedicated to HO CHI MINH, the deceased political and ideological leader of North Vietnam, FUPI declared that the common enemy of all countries is Yankee imperialism; proclaimed that the final victory - on a universal scale - against imperialism can only be achieved with the united struggle of all the oppressed in the world and that the spinal chord of that struggle is the armed people; greeted and expressed their solidarity with the "heroic Vietnamese people, vanguard of the anti-imperialist struggle"; greeted and expressed their solidarity with the comrades who await trial for refusing to join the American army and with the university students who will be tried after the radical struggle against the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC); and resolved to continue supporting and strengthening the Organizacion Continental Latinoamericana de Estudiantes (Continental Organization of Latin American Students) (OCLAE) because it is the only student organization on a continental level which is giving moral and material support to the Latin American revolutionary.

OCLAE is an organization of Latin American students with headquarters located in Havana, Cuba.

APPENDIX

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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 per cent 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.

The press of Puerto Rico has reported that the MPIPR has held numerous demonstrations protesting compulsory military service of Puerto Ricans and United States policy in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

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.

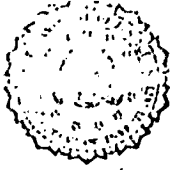
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Resolutions adopted at the 7th National Assembly held in late April, 1968, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, included expressions of solidarity with the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and promises of material support in the form of medicine and money. Also included were a resolution of solidarity with "Black Power" in the United States, and an expression of solidarity with the "National Liberation" movement in Venezuela, Colombia, and Guatemala.

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Police of Puerto Rico (OI-POPR), San Juan, was contacted by SA [redacted]

Puerto Rico, was contacted by SA [redacted]

OI-POPR, Humacao.

SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] who is SJ T-1 in enclosed LHM.

SA [redacted], contacted [redacted] who is SJ T-2 in enclosed LHM.

The LHM is being classified "Confidential," due to information furnished by SJ T-1 and SJ T-2, the unauthorized disclosure of which would be detrimental to the national security of the United States.

SAs who observed the demonstration on 11/14/70 were SAs [redacted]

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

A characterization of the MPIPR
is attached to this memorandum.

On November 3, 1970, [redacted]
Office of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (OI-POPR),
San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that his office
had developed information that a picket would be
held at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Ceiba,
Puerto Rico, on November 14, 1970, beginning at
1 p.m., by members of the MPIPR, to protest atomic
bombs in Puerto Rico. He stated he had no
additional information.

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On November 6, 1970, November 10 and 13, 1970, contacts were maintained with [REDACTED] OI-POPR, Humacao, Puerto Rico. [REDACTED] stated that handbills had been distributed in the Ceiba - Humacao area advising that a picket was to take place on Saturday, November 14, 1970, at the main gate of Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, to protest the presence of atomic bombs in Puerto Rico. The picket was to form in the Ceiba Plaza at 1 p.m., November 14, 1970. He also advised that this information was presented in the MPIPR newspaper, "Claridad."

On November 9, 1970, SJ T-1 advised that the MPIPR was sponsoring a picket to take place at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Ceiba, Puerto Rico, beginning at 1 p.m., November 14, 1970, in protest of the presence of atomic bombs in Puerto Rico. SJ T-1 stated the number of persons to take part in the picket was not known since handbills had been handed out and publicity was given inviting all to participate.

On November 13, 1970, SJ T-2 advised the picket at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Ceiba, Puerto Rico, which was being sponsored by the MPIPR, to protest the presence of atomic bombs in Puerto Rico, was still planned for November 14, 1970, at 1 p.m., as originally scheduled. SJ T-2 stated that the number of persons planning to participate was not known.

At approximately 2 p.m., November 14, 1970, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed a group of 18 persons of varied ages conducting a demonstration at the Central Plaza, Ceiba, Puerto Rico, with placards condemning the presence of atomic bombs on military bases in Puerto Rico.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., the group marched from the Central Plaza, Ceiba, Puerto Rico, to the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station entrance road, a distance of almost two miles, where they conducted a similar demonstration. The latter activity was held approximately one mile from the main gate of the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station. The demonstration consisted of the participants bearing placards, walking in a circle, and chanting, "Puerto Ricans-Yes,—Yankees No," and "Yankees Go Home."

The demonstration concluded at 3:35 p.m. following a short talk by Juan Mari Bras, the Secretary General of the MPIPR, condemning the presence of atomic bombs in Puerto Rico, and the singing of the Puerto Rican National Anthem.

The demonstration was followed and controlled by the Police of Puerto Rico, and no incidents or violence occurred. No arrests were made.



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Title	MOVIMIENTO PRO-INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT) (MPIPR)
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST
Reference	San Juan communication dated and captioned as above.

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The sources utilized in this LHM were SJ T-2, [redacted] no

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The San Juan Office is instituting investigation to further identify and determine the activities of [redacted]

[redacted] No investigation is being conducted on [redacted] as the name appears to be a variation of the name of [redacted] wife.

This LHM is classified "Confidential" as it contains information furnished by confidential informants, unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the national security of the United States.

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Will conduct logical investigation regarding the subjects.



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GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
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On November 2, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically advised that Juan Mari Bras and Ruben Berrios departed that date on Iberia Airlines flight 983 at 7:20 a.m.

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 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

Ruben Berrios is the President of the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP).

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On November 2, 1970

[REDACTED]
advised that the following individuals departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, for Santiago de Chile, Chile, via flight 983 that date:

Jorge Perez
Irma Skabar
Manuel Maldonado
Nilita Vientos
Juan Mari Bras
Ruben Berrios
Jose Soltero

Emilio Soler
Raul Yumet
Leopoldo Rivera
Victor Sambolin
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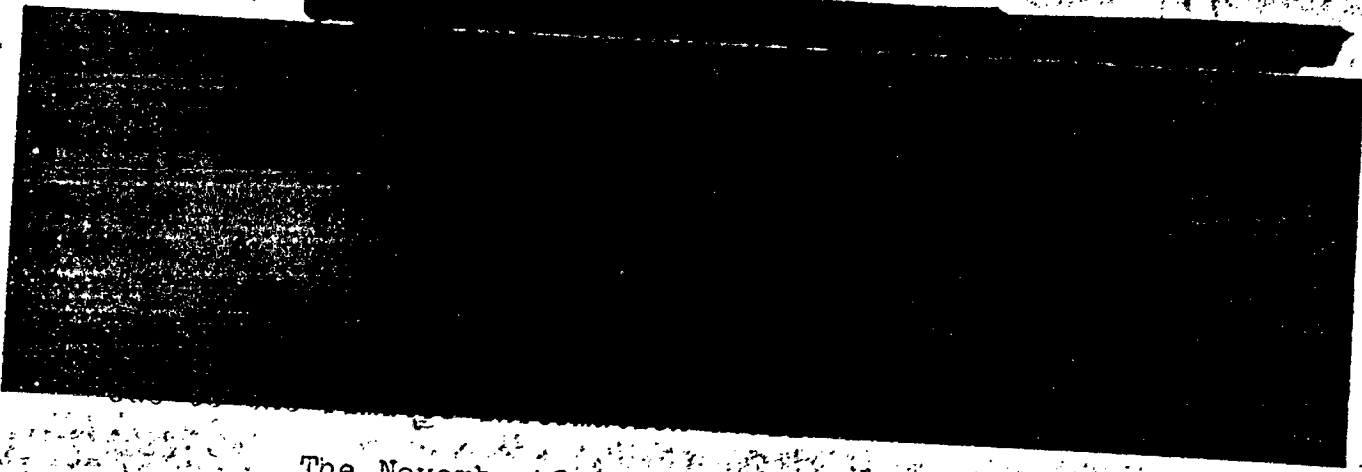
A characterization of the CADJP appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

A characterization of the "Grito de Lares" appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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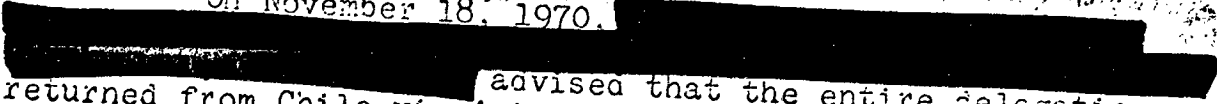
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The November 3, 1970, edition of "El Imparcial," a Spanish language newspaper published in San Juan, Puerto Rico, indicated that Jose Milton Soltero departed for Chile with a group of individuals, including Juan Mari Bras and Ruben Berrios, to attend the inauguration of Marxist president Salvador Allende.

On November 9, 1970, SJ T-3 advised that Prensa Latina, Santiago, Chile, issued a broadcast indicating that on November 7, 1970, Chilean president Salvador Allende received members of the Puerto Rico delegation, which attended his inauguration. This delegation consisted of Ruben Berrios Martinéz, Juan Mari Bras, Carlos Padilla Perez, Jose Milton Soltero, and Manuel Maldonado Denis. During the meeting, the Puerto Ricans expressed their desire for increased rapport between Chile and Puerto Rico by cultural interchange among other things. They had previously expressed the same desire to Chilean Foreign Minister Clodomiro Almeyda.

On November 18, 1970,

 advised that the entire delegation returned from Chile via Avianca Airlines on November 11, 1970.

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APPENDIX

COMITE ALVELO PRO DEFENSA DE LA JUVENTUD PUERTORRIQUENA
(ALVELO COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF PUERTO RICAN YOUTH)
(CAFEP)

SIXTO ALVELO RODRIGUEZ was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 4, 1965, for violation of the Selective Service laws based on his failure to submit to induction on January 13, 1965. "Carta Semanal," weekly publication of the Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR), in its issue of March 30, 1966, announced the formation of a committee to raise funds for the defense of SIXTO ALVELO, "the first MPIPR member to pit his patriotic dignity against Yankee imperialist brutality..." The May 31, 1966 issue of "El Imparcial," a Spanish language daily newspaper in San Juan, reported the existence of the Committee for the Defense of Sixto Alvelo, and that it had declared its opposition to obligatory military service for Puerto Rican youth.

The September 3, 1967, issue of "The San Juan Star," English language daily newspaper, reports that the Committee for the Defense of Sixto Alvelo was taking over the defense of nine local youths charged with Selective Service violations. The September 4, 1967, issue of "El Imparcial" reports the same news but identifies the organization as the Comite Sixto Alvelo Pro Defensa de la Juventud.

The January 20, 1970, issue of "El Imparcial" contained a report on the 4th Annual Assembly of the Alvelo Committee for the Defense of Puerto Rican Youth and included among the resolutions passed at the assembly one which read, "to struggle for the Defense of Puerto Rico and to join in efforts with all Pro-Independence organizations and movements in Puerto Rico, opposing compulsory military service." Elected at this assembly as President of the organization was Dr. HECTOR DAVILA ALONSO.

In the January 25, 1970, issue of "Claridad," weekly newspaper published by the MPIPR, a report appeared on the 4th Annual Assembly of the Alvelo Committee with the observation that the results demonstrate the Alvelo Committee has clearly allied itself with the cause for independence of Puerto Rico. The closing speaker at the assembly was quoted in the article as declaring that the members of the Alvelo Committee are now committed "with our lives" to achieve independence for Puerto Rico.

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APPENDIX

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A confidential source reported on February 16, 1970, that Dr. HECTOR DAVILA ALONSO was present at a National Leadership Seminar of the MPIP held on February 13, 14, and 15, 1970, at Isabela, Puerto Rico.

A characterization of the MPIP is attached hereto.

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

The MPIPR was organized in November, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico. It has a current membership of about 700 - 800 persons with several thousand sympathizers. The MPIPR is organized in missions which are located in various towns throughout Puerto Rico. There are also members and sympathizers in the continental United States. The MPIPR National Headquarters is located at 1122 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

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 the organization, in a speech in 1964, threatened violence comparable to that in Algeria, 1964, if Puerto Rico became a state within the United States.

MARI BRAS, in an editorial appearing in the March 15, 1970, issue of "Claridad," the MPIPR newspaper, stated that "in Puerto Rico there is an incipient armed struggle on the part of pro-independence individuals who consider it their patriotic duty to conduct warfare against the empire which dominates us. We believe that every Puerto Rican has the right to make war against the invaders of our country. And war is mainly killing and dying."

The press of Puerto Rico has reported that MPIPR has held numerous public meetings and demonstrations at which they protested compulsory military service for Puerto Ricans and United States police in Vietnam. The MPIPR has further urged the boycott of elections in Puerto Rico.

On April 21, 1970, during the course of a program on WTSJ Television in San Juan, Puerto Rico, MARI BRAS stated that the MPIPR has innumerable contacts with revolutionary organizations in South America, Canada, Cuba, Europe, Africa, and in Asia. Through 1969, the MPIPR had a permanent representative stationed in Havana, Cuba.

GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO

APPENDIX

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~~INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUEÑO~~
~~INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF PUERTO RICO~~ (PIP)

The PIP was founded in 1948, but has declined in votes dramatically since 1952. The party first lost legal standing when it failed to poll the required five percent of the total vote cast in the elections of 1960. The PIP was placed on the ballot by legislative edict for the 1964 elections, but again failed to poll the required number of votes. After being placed on the 1968 ballot by fulfilling all legal requirements for recognition as a political party by petition, the PIP received less than three percent of the total vote cast, again losing its status as a registered party.

On March 10, 1970, Mrs. ROSITA M. CORDOVA, Secretary to the Superintendent, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Elections Board, advised that at the January 23, 1970, meeting of the Elections Board, the PIP was certified as a legally constituted political party in Puerto Rico by reason of petition.

The January 26, 1970, edition of "The San Juan Star," an English language daily newspaper published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, reported that during his speech, accepting the presidency of the PIP, RUBEN BERRIOS MARTINEZ pledged himself to a more radical political posture, with "Christian socialism" and "pacific militance" as principal tactics. In an interview, BERRIOS placed special significance on the inclusion of other means of gaining independence in addition to going to the polls, such as more active participation in protests, marches, pickets and boycotts.

The February 24, 1970, edition of "The San Juan Star," reports that BERRIOS stated that "The only way to solve . . . the problem of military occupation in Puerto Rico is to achieve our independence as a nation."

The April 17, 1970, edition of "El Mundo," a Spanish language daily newspaper published at San Juan, Puerto Rico, contains parts of a speech given by BERRIOS wherein he says that the members of his organization are to intensify the struggle against the regime, but that violence was ruled out for his party. He added that it was more profitable for their cause "to let the invaders break the heads of those opposing their oppression than to fight them face to face." "Some day," he stated, "the lackeys of Yankee imperialism will go too far and there will be innocent victims and blood will run."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Juan, Puerto Rico

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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Title	GROUPS SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
Character	SM - PRN
Reference	FBI communication dated and captioned as above at San Juan, Puerto Rico

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

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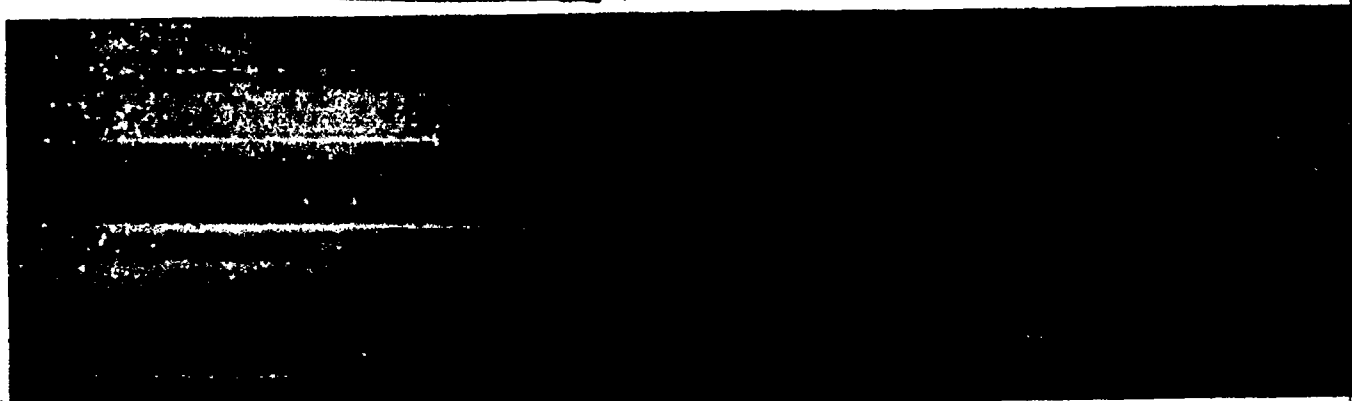
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FROM: SAC SAN JUAN (105-12315) (P)

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO INDEPENDENTISTA REVOLUCIONARIO
EN ARMAS (ARMED REVOLUTIONARY INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENT) (MIRA)
IS - PRN

Circle p 2

Re San Juan airtel to Bureau dated 12/2/70,
entitled [REDACTED] OO: SAN JUAN."



It is to be noted that [REDACTED] is in the development stage and his initial reliability appears to be excellent based on the fact that his information conforms with existing knowledge of MIRA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The following is a compilation of information the source has provided:

He estimated that as of February, 1970, the MIRA organization had a total membership of 35 to 40 persons

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- (1 - 65-67842) [REDACTED]
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- (1 - 105-292) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
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- (1 - 105-743) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 98-123) (EL YUNQUE BOMBING)
- (1 - 105-10644) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-4785) (JUAN MARI BRAS)
- (1 - 105-3401) (MPIPR)
- (1 - 105-12534) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 105-4709) [REDACTED]

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Approximately half of this membership had gained entrance as members by participating in some type of bombing mission. He estimated 20 or more out of the total membership were considered members, however, never participated in any bombing missions. He described these persons as being sympathizers and supporters of the NIRA organization.

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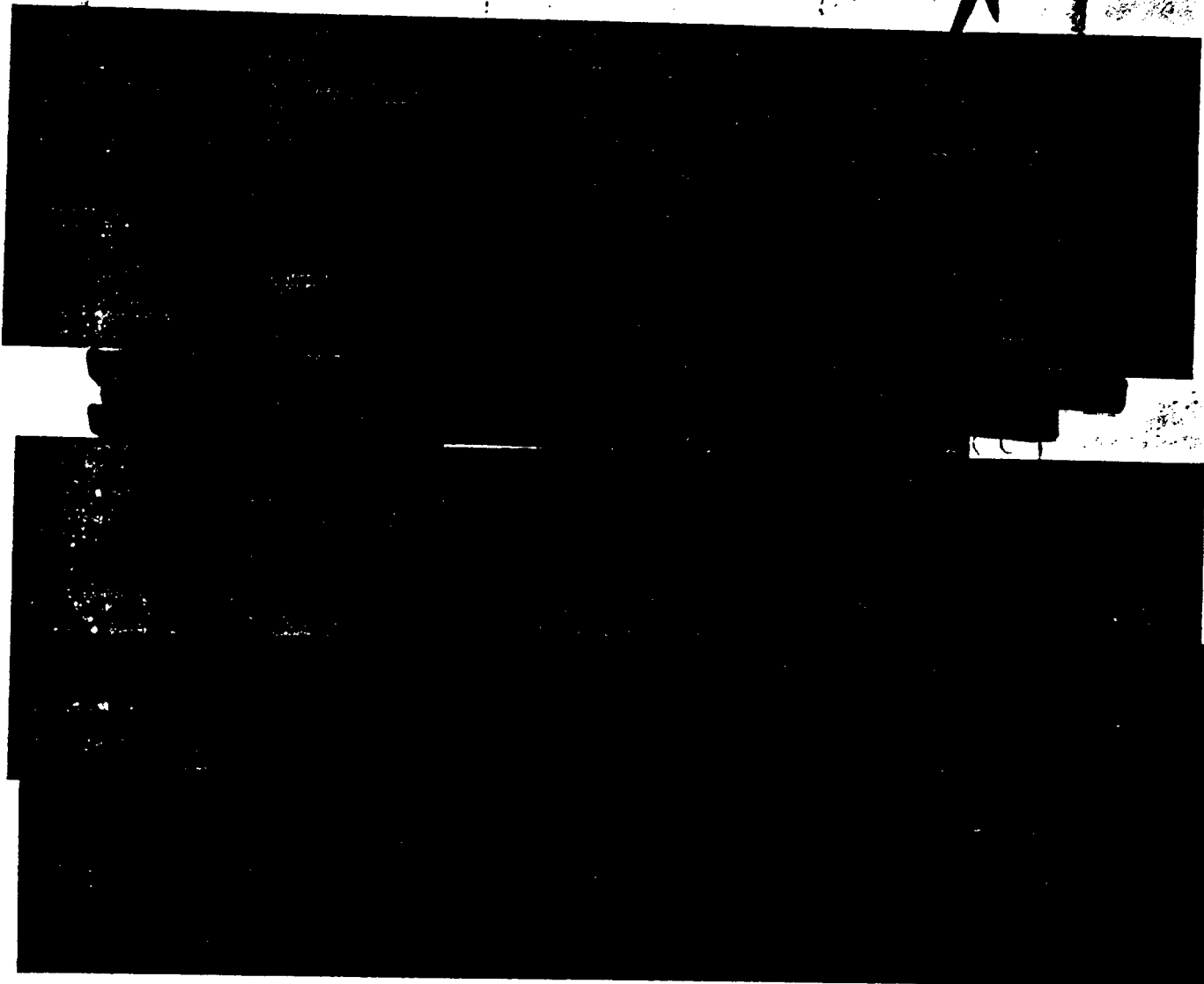
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As of 2/23/70, the National Directorate of the NIRA organization was comprised of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and an unknown individual [REDACTED]. Source advised that he did not know [REDACTED] true name; however, could identify him through a photograph.

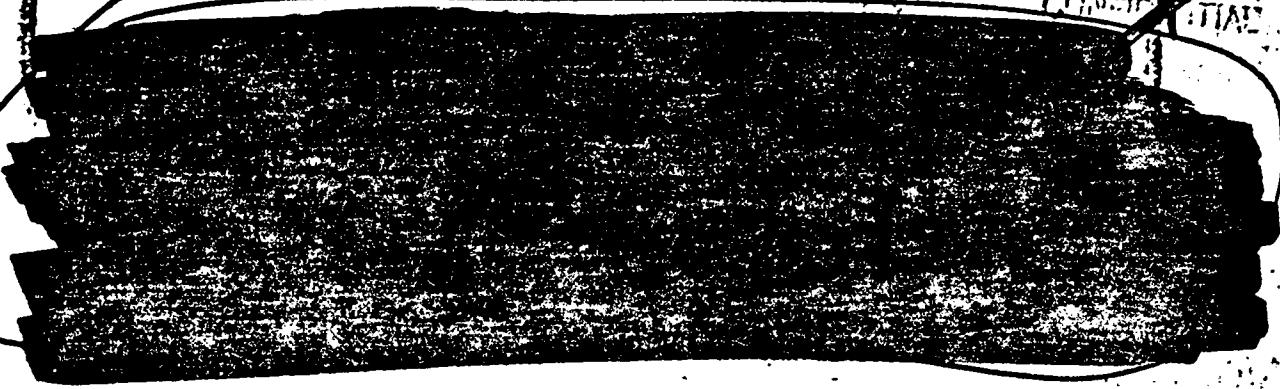
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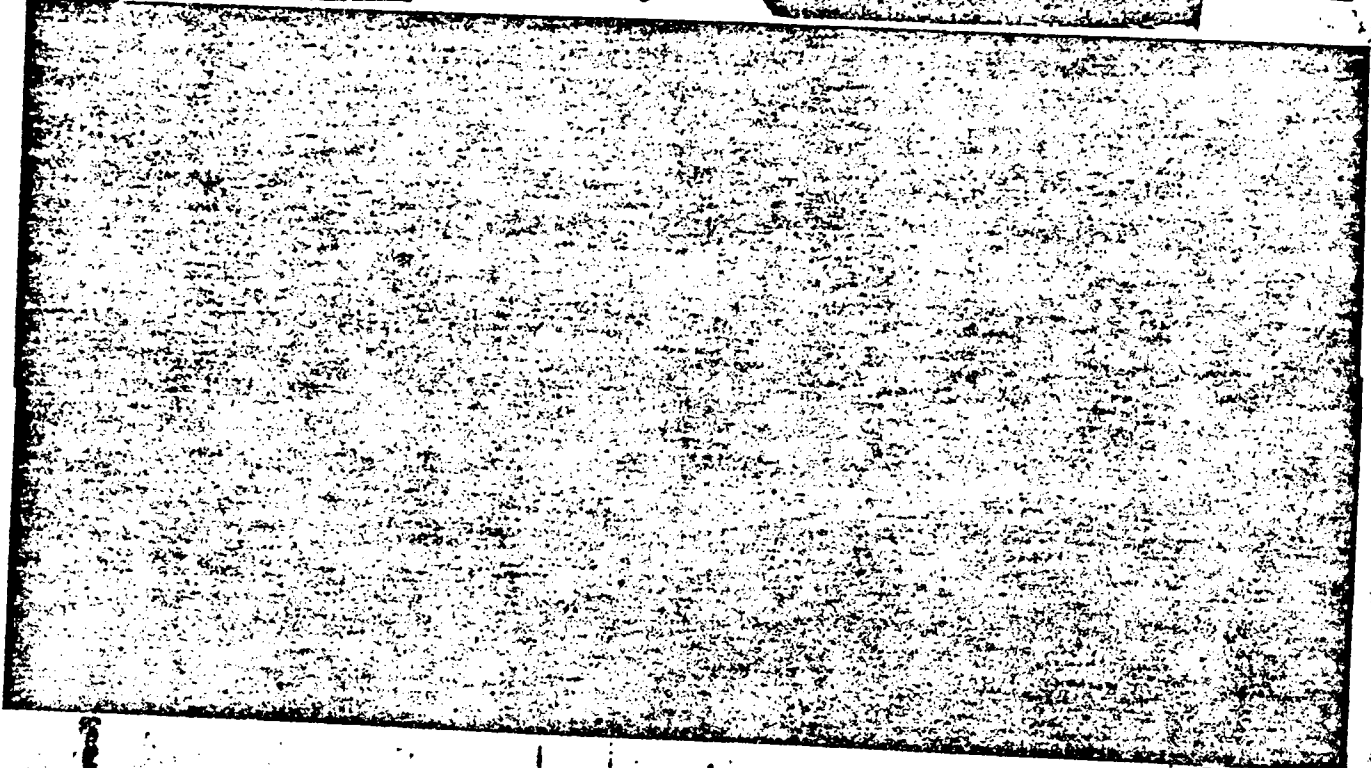
Source advised that there were two apartments rented for the utilization as MIRA's headquarters. In 1969, an apartment was rented in the [redacted] Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and in 1970, another was rented at [redacted] Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Both [redacted] utilized these apartments as hiding places and MIRA headquarters and actually engaged in bomb making within the confines of these apartments.

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[redacted] in their capacities as MIRA leaders, were the persons who constructed the actual bombing devices and they themselves would personally deliver these devices to the MIRA cell group members. (With the exception of the New York cell group).

Source advised he did not know the present location of Bureau fugitive [redacted] Bureau fugitive [redacted] or RORR fugitive [redacted]



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Source mentioned that it was common talk on the street that [redacted] perpetrated the bombings of the El Yunque repeater site in Puerto Rico. He advised he had no further specific information concerning that bombing activity.

Source was queried about the numerous three by [redacted] [redacted] with names and addresses which were seized by [redacted] on 2/23/70, and the apartment at [redacted] [redacted] Puerto Rico, [redacted]

Source mentioned that he expects representatives of [redacted] MIRA to re-establish contact with him. UACB, San Juan Office will continue contact with source for the purpose of obtaining additional information regarding MIRA.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-292)

DATE: 12/22/70

FROM : *Call* SAN JUAN (100-4785)

SUBJECT: JUAN MARI BRAS
SM-PRN
(OO: SAN JUAN)

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY
(See Correlation Summaries dated 7/12/66 and 6/11/68 filed
as 105-292-180 and 331 respectively)

Main File No: 105-292
See Also: 65-68323
9-50180
25-564820

Date: 12/23/70

Subject: Juan Mari Bras

Date Searched: 6/30/70

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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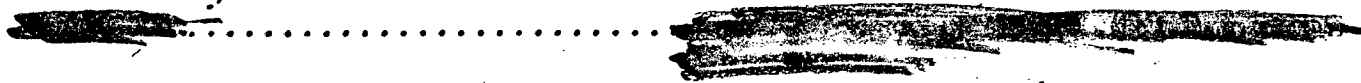
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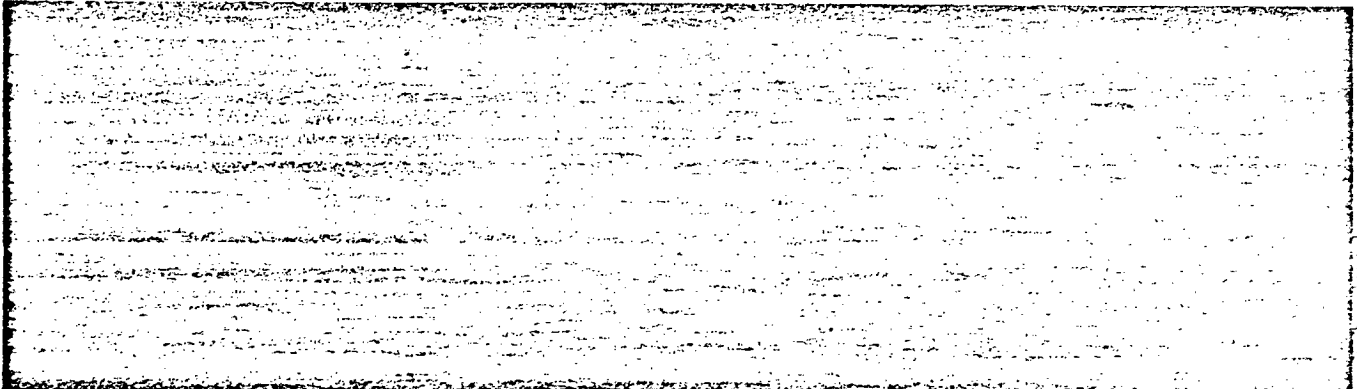
ABBREVIATIONS

- Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Juan Mari Bras can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.
- FUPI.....Federacion De Universitarios Pro Independencia (Federation of University Students For Independence)
- EASO.....Latin American Solidarity Organization
- MPI or MPIPR.....Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement)

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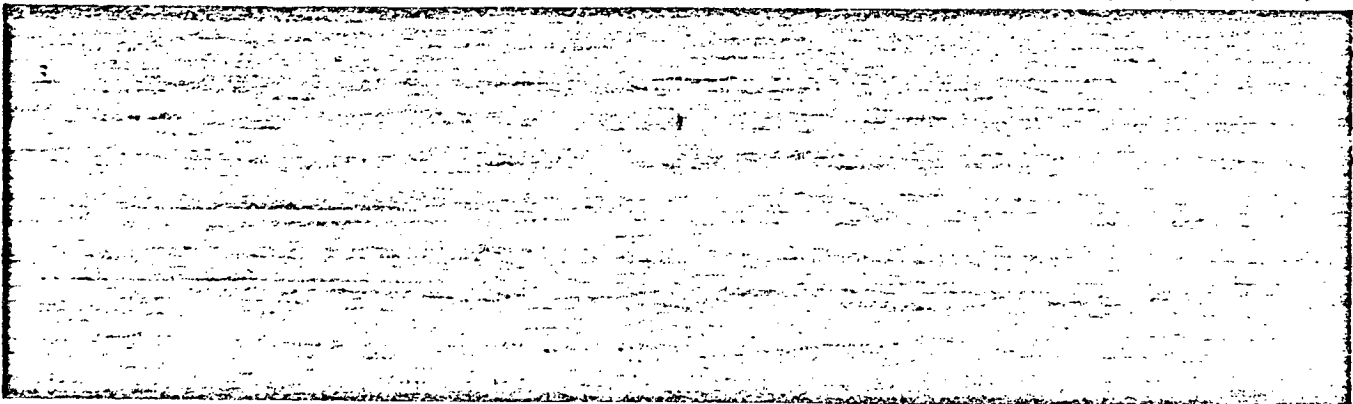


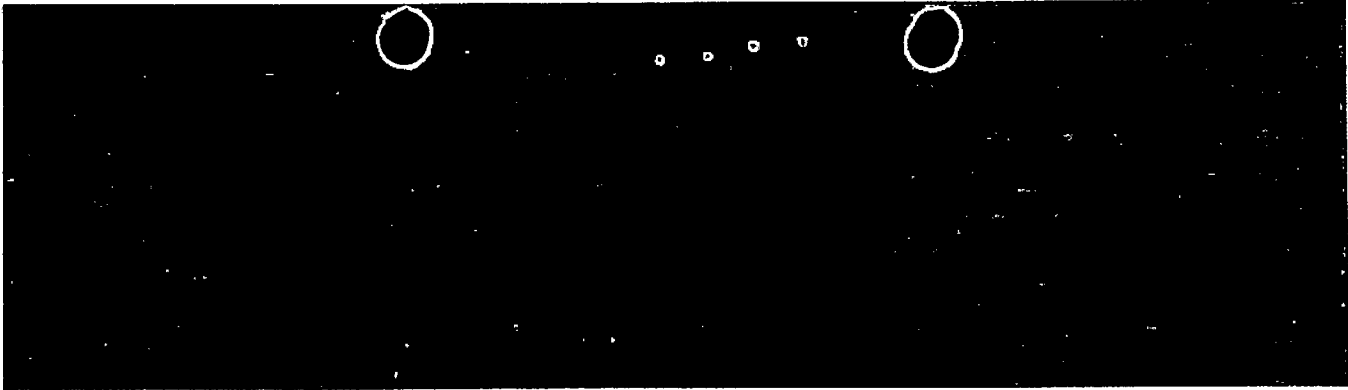
PCP.....Puerto Rican Communist Party
 PR.....Puerto Rico or Puerto Rican
 UN.....United Nations
 WDC.....Washington, D.C.



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This serial indicated that Pedro Albizu Campos was the titular head of the NPPR who expired on 4/21/65.

[redacted] on 7/22/66 advised that concerning a "character assassination of [redacted] proposed that a blow either editorially or physically be levied upon Mari Bras and she volunteered to do this. (no locality)

105-13849-48 p. 2,4
(7,39)



105-157030-14 p. 6
(15)

This reference contains a copy of a proposed press release to be issued 10/26/69, by the SISS releasing the testimony of [redacted]


Also enclosed is a copy of the testimonies of the above individuals regarding Communist Threat to the US through the Caribbean. Information was set out regarding the MIPR activities of Juan Mari Bras from [redacted]

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9/7/58 through 2/16/67 in NYC, Peru, Chile, and Cuba.


113-7-210-4895 ep. 1312,1315,1316,
(17,47) 1322,1334,1357,1366-
1368,1370,1371,1373



100-381991-121 p. 2,3,5,13,16-19
(6,38)

On 5/4/67 the Bureau forwarded to the New York Office a letter dated 4/24/67 from J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, captioned, "Letter from [redacted]". This communication enclosed a translation of a letter from [redacted] (62-111713) to the President dated 3/27/67. In this letter, [redacted] indicated he favored statehood for PR and warned the President that communists had entered PR, and that Juan Mari Bras was a Communist and an independ-entista.

62-111713-2 p. 2
(2,35)



(continued)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
105-202663-4 p. 2
(17,47)

[REDACTED] advised that on 4/20/67, [REDACTED]
(100-435526) was one of a group of individuals who met with
Juan Mari Bras, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all members of pro-independence
groups in PR, on their arrival from New York.

100-435526-15 p. 5,9
(6,38)

*presumably in PR

On 5/1/67, SA's observed the annual May Day proceedings at
Union Square, NYC. [REDACTED] Secretary of the MPIPR who
was explained as the substitute speaker for Juan Mari Bras, General
Secretary of the MPIPR, claimed that the US exercised colonial domin-
ation, exploitation and military occupation.

Add. info.

105-138315-8692 p. 54,153,247
(13,414)
Sj 65-69859-13 p. 1
(4,36)

[REDACTED] advised that on 5/28/67, 175 individuals repre-
senting twenty independent PR labor unions, gathered in Fajardo, PR,
for the purpose of drafting a constitution and formally announcing
the formation of Movimiento De Uniones Sindicatos Insulares (100-447845)
Elected to the Resolutions Committee was Jaime Luciano, law partner
of Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MPIPR.

100-447845-12 p. 5
(6,38)

105-165310-4 p. 4
(15,45)

On 6/28/67, [REDACTED] that her son, name not given, had received a letter from [REDACTED] and Juan Mari Bras. [REDACTED] who refuses to furnish her address or any other identifying data, stated her son was serving in Vietnam with the US Army. She said that, in part, the letter to her son said, "surrender, not to kill Viet Cong--lay down your arms."

It was noted the three individuals mentioned above were publicly known as members and/or leaders of the MPIPR.

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(2,35)

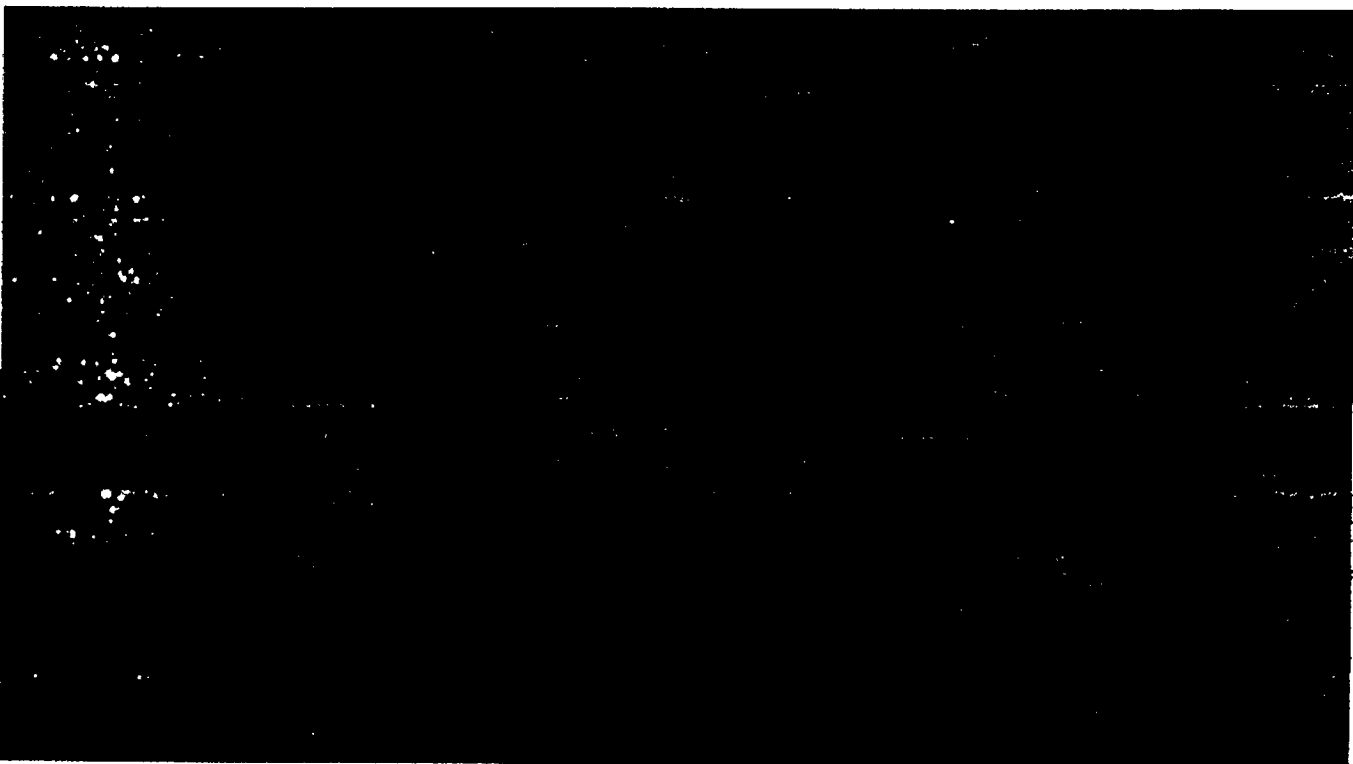
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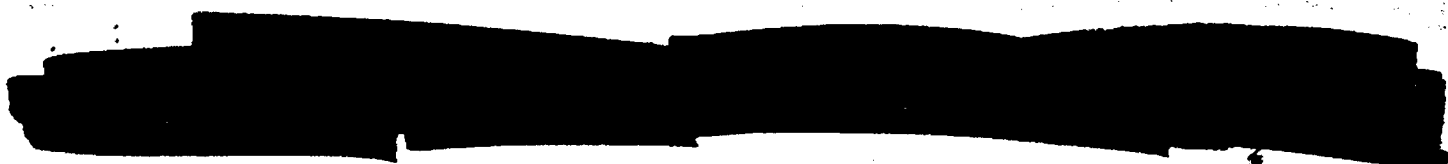
The serial indicated that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] at the New York Office of Prensa Latina, a Cuban news and propaganda agency.

97-4243-69 p. 5
(5,37)



According to a letter from the San Juan Office dated 10/6/67, the identity of unknown subject remained undetermined.

62-111812-2 p. 1,2
(2,35)



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The following references on Juan Mari Bras appear in the file captioned "Latin American Solidarity Organization Conference", Havana, Cuba, July 31-August 8, 1967. The references set out the activities of Juan Mari Bras, PR delegate to this conference, from 7/24/67 to 8/2/67 in Havana. He spoke during the 8/2/67 session of the conference.

REFERENCE --

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In preparation for the trial of two pro-independence PR Selective Service subjects to be held 8/23/67, an SA attended a pre-trial conference in the US Attorney's (USA) office in San Juan. During the course of this conference the Assistant US Attorney (AUSA) went to see Hiram R. Cancio (77-96885). Cancio advised the AUSA that the defendants' lawyers were willing to agree to a stipulation of facts. The AUSA, accompanied by the USA, called on visiting US District Judge Sylvester Ryan, before whom the two cases were scheduled to be tried, and apprised him of the situation. Judge Ryan advised them that the Senior District Judge had the prerogative to take over the trial of these cases.

Thereafter the AUSA and the USA proceeded to the chambers of Judge Cancio where they were joined by the defendants' lawyers,

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Juan Mari Bras and Lorenzo Pineiro. The group discussed steps to be taken in the forthcoming Selective Services cases. (Details set out) The above information was furnished in a very confidential manner by the USA.

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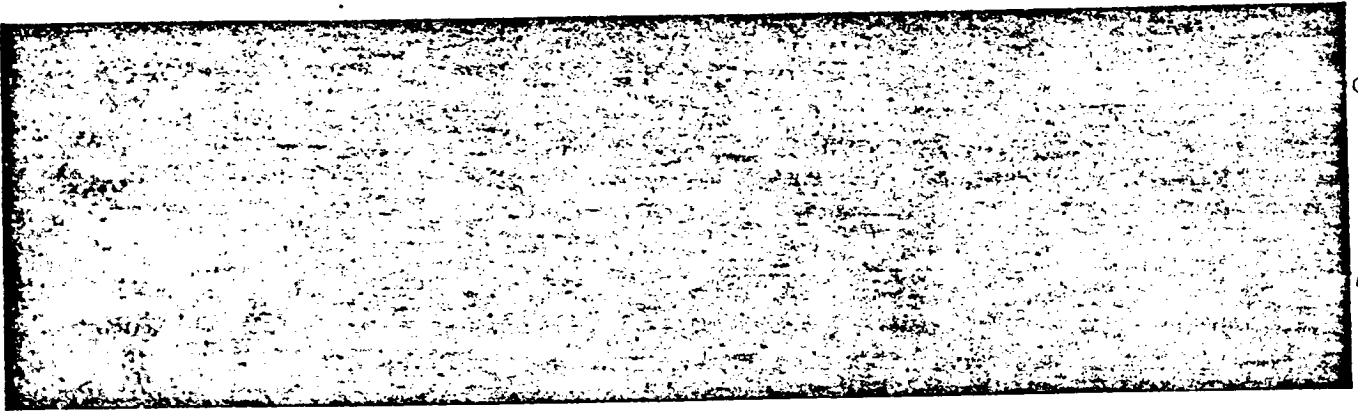
A translation of the September, 1967 issue of "Politica" (64-47255) published in Mexico City, Mexico, carried an article captioned "Toward the Great Alliance". This article stated that "The Yankee Government does not hide its concern over negotiations now being carried on between progressive Puerto Rican and Mexican-American organizations for the purpose of establishing an alliance with Black Power organizations. The Negro-Puerto Rican rapprochement began two years ago in the city of New York. To prevent this, the henchmen of the FBI and the CIA undertook acts designed to pit Negroes against Puerto Ricans..." When these two groups realized that they had become victims of government intrigue, they began to unite against the common enemy.

The article further stated that the movement had been expanding and had won the support of the MPIPR headed by Juan Mari Bras. This meant that the Independentists of PR would cooperate with the Black Power of the US.

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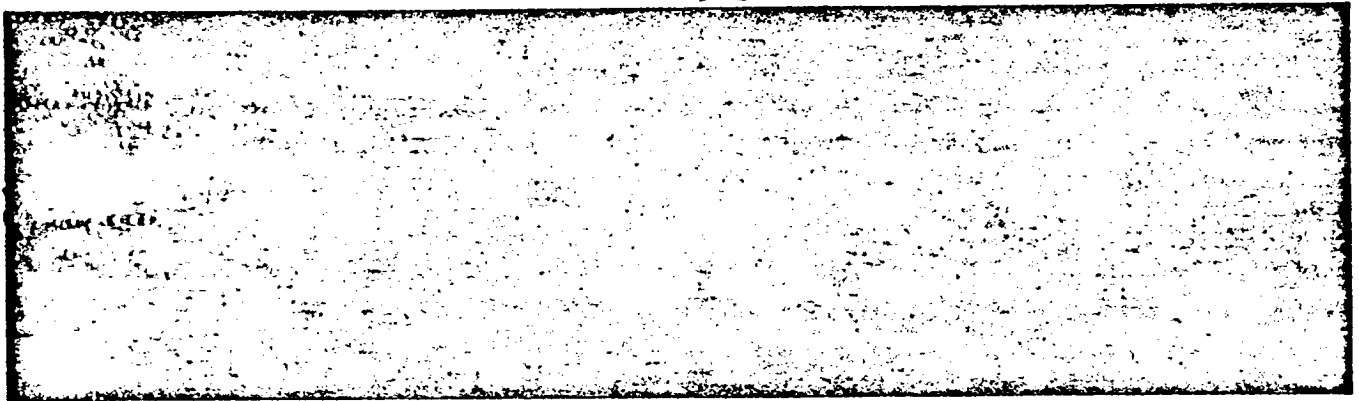


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It was noted by the San Juan Office that Mari Bras remained the attorney of record for the youths involved in this matter. However, on 9/12/67, scheduled trial date for two of these cases, Mari Bras' motions for indefinite postponements were granted by the USDC, San Juan, on the ground that NYC attorney "Boudin" could not be present on 9/12/67.

100-3-8272 p. 1
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105-87026-89 p. 1
(11,42)

 advised that Juan Mari Bras spoke at a public meeting of the CSA which was held in the plaza of Toa Baja, PR, on 7/13/67. He denounced the forthcoming plebiscite, the USA, and compulsory military service.

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105-137105-11 p. 7-10, 15
(13,43)

*Concentracion Soberanista Antiplebiscitaria (Soverign Anti-plebiscite Concentration)

[redacted] advised that at a 10/18/67 PCP general membership meeting, [redacted] PCP Central Committee Member, advised a small group of PCP members that the two attorneys presently defending the MPIPR youths who had refused to serve in the US Armed Forces, were sent by the CP, USA (100-3), NYC. [redacted] reportedly added that [redacted] CP, USA, NYC, dispatched the attorneys to Juan Mari Bras.

It was noted that the two NYC attorneys aiding in the defense of the MPIPR youths at the US District Court, San Juan, PR, were Leonard B. Boudin and Michael Standard of NYC and WDC firm of Rabinowitz and Boudin.

Add. Info.

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The following references appearing in the file captioned "National Mobilization Committee to End the War In Vietnam" indicated that Juan Mari Bras was scheduled to speak during a mass demonstration to be held in WDC, 10/20/67 - 10/22/67.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-111181-1388 p. 2
-1553 ep. 4,11
-1583 p. 2

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[REDACTED] advised that on 10/29/67, a special meeting of the Arecibo Mission of the MPIPR convened to form a FUPI chapter in the Arecibo area. Juan Mari Bras arrived in Arecibo, PR to attend the meeting, accompanied by George Heinrich Fromm. [REDACTED]

Add. info.

105-146292-16 p. 5
(13,41)

This reference sets out the MPIPR activities of Juan Mari Bras in connection with the Movimiento Pro Independencia De Puerto Rico, New York Mission (MPINYM) (105-120776) during the period 9/8/67 to 11/12/67 in NYC, Cuba, and PR. Mari Bras participated in meetings and conferences of the MPI-NYM and suggested that the MPI's take a more militant position in regards to PR independence.

105-120776-40 p. 6,13,14,16-18,26
(12,43)

[redacted] advised that during a meeting of the Frente Unido De Liberacion Dominicana (FULD) (105-152536) on 11/26/67 in NYC, it was resolved that preparation be made for a FULD sponsored celebration on Dominican Independence Day, 2/27/68. It was resolved that FULD should write a letter to Juan Mari Bras asking him to be one of the featured speakers at the contemplated celebration in NYC.

105-152536-32 p. 2,3
(15,45)

[redacted] advised that [redacted] (105-10351) as of January, 1968, continued to attack Juan Mari Bras in the public press in NYC. He felt that Mari Bras sold out the PR revolutionary movement and that certain PR independentist elements had fallen under the direction of Mari Bras "the capitalist lackey".

105-10351-146 ep. 6
(7,39)

On 3/2/68 SA's observed a picketing in the front of the main entrance to Ramey Air Force Base, Aguadilla, PR.

President Lyndon B. Johnson and members of his family arrived at Ramey Air Force Base on 3/2/68. (no source)

[redacted] on 3/2/68 advised that this picketing was instigated by Santiago Mari Ramos, MPIPR leader from Mayaguez, PR, and father of Juan Mari Bras.

62-109119-2319 ep. 1
(2,35)

On 3/11/68, [redacted] advised that two unidentified women reporters from the CP, USA newspaper "Daily Worker" visited in San Juan, PR during the past week and were in touch with Juan Mari Bras and members of the PCP (64-200-48). These reporters spoke to Mari Bras in an attempt to obtain background information concerning the MPIPR movement and the progress of independence in PR. They returned to NY on 3/9/68.

[redacted] also advised on 3/11/68, that the MPIPR was scheduled to hold a national assembly meeting on 4/27-28/68, and Mari Bras had extended an invitation to the "DW" to send two representatives to this assembly (locality not given).

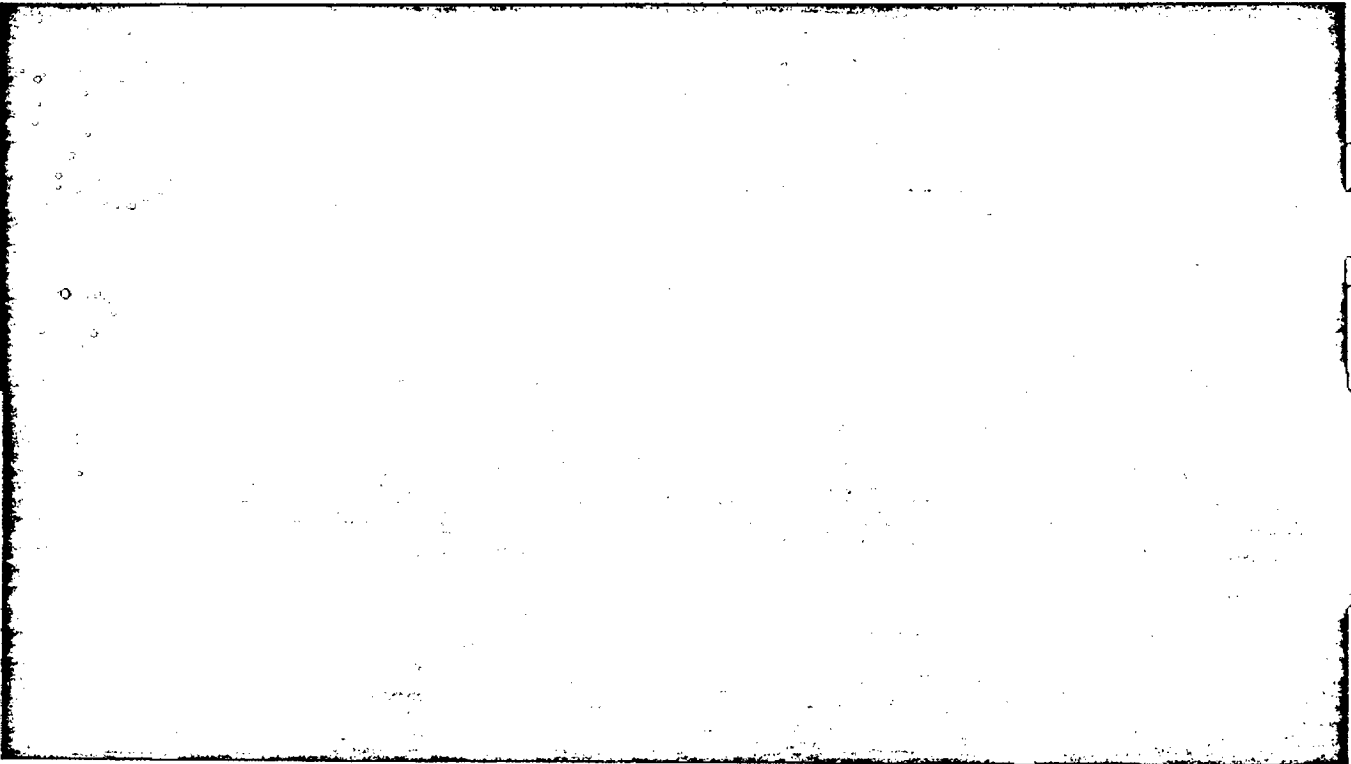
64-200-48-1311
(3,36)
SI 64-200-48-1312
(3,36)

The 11/6/67 edition of "El Mundo", Spanish language newspaper published in San Juan, PR, carried an article entitled "MPIP, FUPI Defy Mayor of Utuado". This article stated that members of the MPIP and the FUPI, under the leadership of Juan Mari Bras, Alberto Perez, President of FUPI, and Norman Pietri Castellon, (105-75686) had invaded the town of Utuado (PR) in defiance of an order of the mayor not to paste posters in public sites. (Details set out)

[redacted] advised that Norman Pietri Castellon's trial on his arrest for the violation of the "Puerto Rico Loudspeaker Law" on 9/21/67 had been delayed and was set for 12/14/67. His counsel, Juan Mari Bras, asked for and received the postponement. The case was held against Castellon who was represented by Attorney Juan Mari Bras and was dismissed.

Add. Info.

105-75686-76 p. 2,7,16,17
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Former PSI [redacted] (protect identity) on 6/18/68 advised that [redacted]

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This reference sets out the translation of an article from "Amerikas Latvietis" (not dated) captioned "The FBI Criminals". "Action is Brought Against an FBI Agent". This article revealed that at the end of June, 1968, a San Juan, PR SA illegally took possession of certain letters and documents that belonged to [redacted] (105-133921) from his apartment at Puerto Real, PR, in the presence of three witnesses. During the robbery (or: plunder), [redacted] was not at home.

The article continued as follows "After consultation, on July 11, with the well-known San Juan lawyer, Juan Maris Bras, who is also the Secretary-General of 'Movimiento Pro-Independencia', our correspondent brought an action against the USA 'guardian of the law' who had overdone it, while working outside the limits of USA jurisdiction..." (New York Office)

105-133921-88
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Correlators note: [redacted]

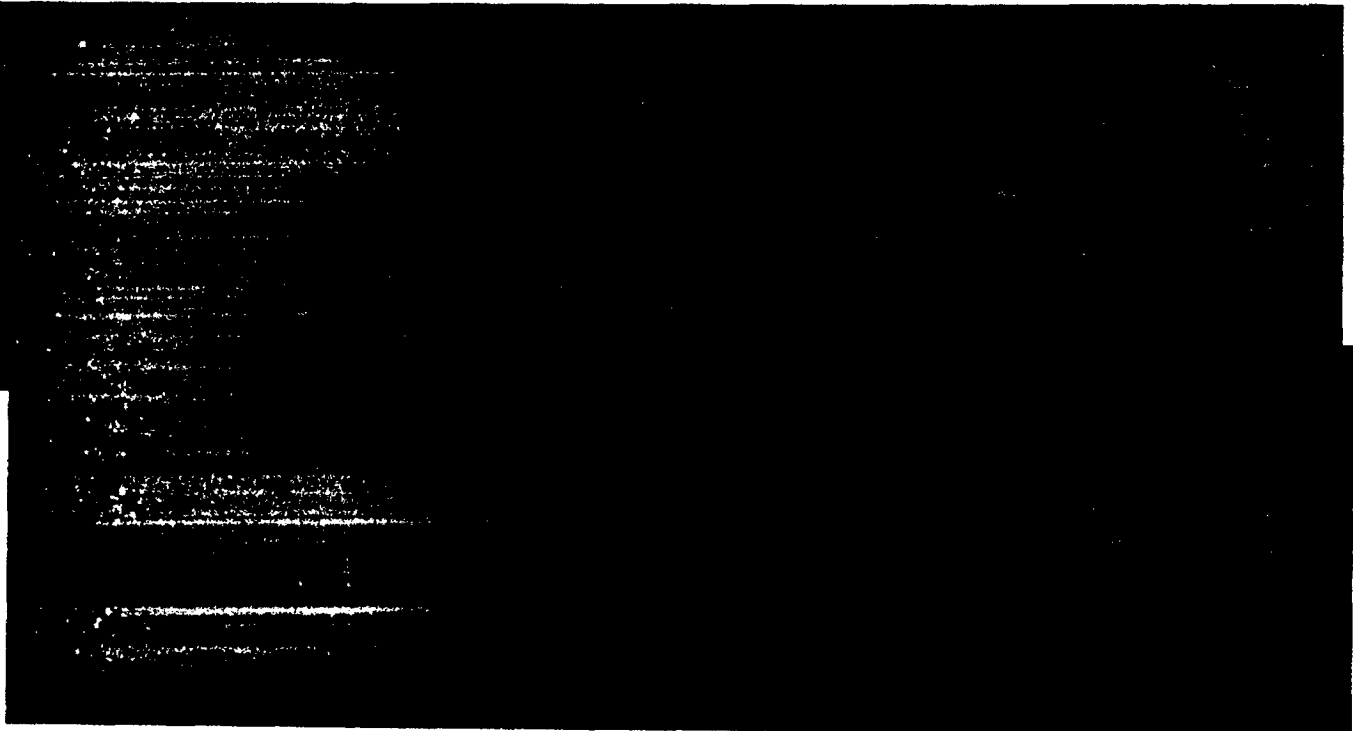
[redacted] advised that on 7/22/68, he had been told by [redacted] (105-158602) that a Cuban pilot, American citizen, (not further identified) who had recently been in command of a plane hijacked to Cuba and subsequently imprisoned in Cuba as a traitor against the regime, had been released and allowed to return to the US through intercession of his wife's father, (not identified) who was a good friend of Juan Mari Bras.

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According to the informant [REDACTED] stated that this pilot was married to a PR woman and that Bras had made a direct connection with Cuba to secure the release of this pilot. (no date)

105,158602-15 ep. 1,2
(15,45)



This reference in the file captioned "Communist Party Interest In Puerto Rican Independence" set forth information that Gil Green, NY State CP chairman, selected a delegation to represent the CP, USA at the 9/23/68 observance of the 100th anniversary of "El Grito de Lares", PR. Gus Hall, General Secretary CP, USA, disowned this delegation and in turn selected another delegation consisting of Gil Green, Pat Toohy and others. Green associated with Juan Mari Bras and Cesar Andreu Iglesias, of the PIPR [REDACTED]

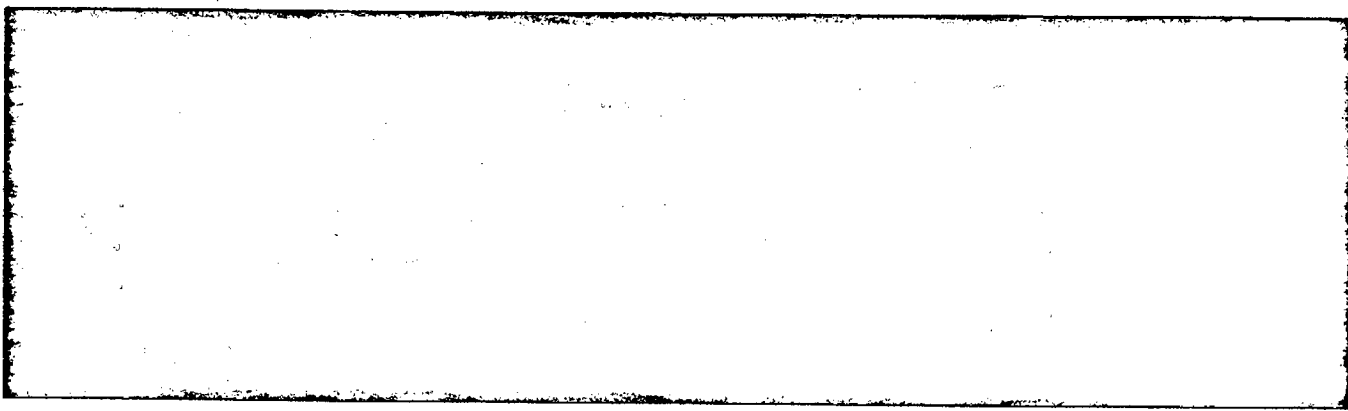
64,200-48-1336 p. 3,4 ep. 2,3
(3,36)

[redacted] on 9/10/68 advised that a group known as "Trinitaria" (105-188304) was being formed in PR by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was the Cultural Secretary and a member of the Political Commission of the MPIPR. (no date)

[redacted] on 10/8/68 advised that Juan Mari Bras was aware that this organization was being formed by [redacted]

105-188304-1 p. 1,2
(17,46)



This reference contains a translation of a booklet in the Spanish language, entitled "Tricontinental Suplemento". "No Somos el brazo armado de una organizacion determinada" (We are not the armed branch of a particular organization). This booklet was furnished by [redacted]

(protect identity)

The Tricontinental Bulletin was a publication of the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America (105-155453).

This bulletin contained the results of an interview by the Argentine Journalist Gaspar Elizondo with Alfonso Beal, leader of Puerto Rico's Liberacion Armed Commandos. (CAL) During the interview he discussed the aims and purpose of CAL. In answer to a question "what about the arrests that have been made?" the reply was that because the pressure brought to bear by US investors and the reactionary press forced them to produce scapegoats; they look for these scapegoats among the more active independence organizations. They explained the arrest of members and even leaders of the Pro-Independence Movement. (MPI)

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They wanted to hit the MPI because it was the organization that got the most people out in the streets in the struggle for the independence of PR and especially because the MPI had refused to condemn the actions of CAL. The interview further related that Juan Mari Bras stated "To the same extent to which they continue to limit the framework of precarious legality wherein the new struggle for independence operates, the underground armed struggle will grow in importance".

105-155453-33 ep. 6
(15,45)

This reference is a Department of the Army Staff Communications Division communication concerning Incendiarism in Puerto Rico (105-103488).

This communication related that "Texaco explosion still under investigation by local police. MPIPR member Vlard released under \$45,000 bond. Juan Mari Bras and Norman Pietri (MPIPR Brass) Attorneys for Defense." (Information received 11/7/68)

105-103488-401
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Correlators Note: The above information related to an explosion on 11/4/68 at the Texaco Terminal, Guaynabo, PR one of the individuals arrested was Augusto Carlos Plard Fagundo, an MPIPR member.

The following references in the file captioned "Groups Seeking Independence for Puerto Rico - Counterintelligence Program" contain information concerning the counterintelligence activities to discredit Juan Mari Bras and to expand the dissension within the ranks of the MPIPR and to create friction between the MPIPR and other militant subversive groups seeking independence for PR. This information covered the period 3/8/68 to December 1968 in PR.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-93124-248 p. 2-5
-256 p. 1
-259 p. 1, ep. 1

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[redacted] on 12/30/68 advised that [redacted] (105-76456) had to abandon his position as Secretary General of the youth of the MPIPR due to serious differences which he had with Norman Pietri Castellon, who was Acting Secretary General of the MPIPR due to the absence of Juan Mari Bras. (no locality)

105-76456-89 p. 3
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[redacted] commented that not too long ago he read in a newspaper that Bras was to attend the Hemispheric Conference in Montreal, Canada, (date not given) however he was unable to state whether or not Bras did in fact attend this conference.

100-46854-116 p. 2

(6,38)

SI 100-46854-101 p. 3

(5,38)

138-0-2719

(18,47)

[redacted] (105-118799) was arrested [redacted] Mayaguez, PR following a knife fight. During his arrest he made Pro-Castro statements. [redacted]

On 2/1/69, [redacted] was interviewed by an SA and advised he did not recall whether he made any pro-Castro or pro-Cuban statements. He denied being a member of any political organization in PR or outside PR; however, he believed that PR should be a free republic. He also

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stated that he was acquainted with Juan Mari Bras, but was not a member of the MPIPR.

105-118799-110 p. 2
(12,43)

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25-590363-3
(2,35)

[REDACTED] advised that US Representative Adam Clayton Powell was invited to come to the South campus, City College of New York on 5/1/69 to speak to the "rebel students".

[REDACTED] advised that Juan Mari Bras appeared with Powell on 5/1/69.

62-112228-34-264 p. 5
(3,35)
SI 62-112228-34-218 p. 2
(3,35)

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The 6/21/69 edition of "El Dia", a Spanish language newspaper published daily in Ponce, PR, contained an article captioned "Fidel Tries to Recruit MPI and FUPI for the Black Panther Plan". The article related that there was a rumor to the effect that the Fidel Castro government in Havana had secretly requested PR organizations, which were identified with the Tricontinental Conference which coordinated subversion in America, to solidify with the goals of the Black Panther militant group, continued to spread in San Juan Friday afternoon. It was pointed out such organizations included the MPIPR headed by attorney Juan Mari Bras. Details set out.

64-47532-103 ep. 1
(4,36)

On 6/27/69, "The San Juan Star" an English language daily newspaper published at San Juan, PR carried an article entitled "20 Students Take Off for Cuba Study Trip". This article quoted Juan Mari Bras as announcing that a group of twenty members of the FUPI departed PR for New York, the first leg of a trip which would take them to Cuba to study the Cuban Revolution. According to Mari Bras, the FUPI members were invited to Cuba by the Institute for Friendship with the Nations of the World and the Havana University Students Federation. (not identified) Mari Bras suggested that two possible routes would be through Spain or Mexico.

105-194827-3 p. 3
(17,46)

On 7/7/69, the "San Juan Star", San Juan, PR, contained an article reporting that Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the MPIPR, said he hoped to meet with Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (PIP) (100-205249) leaders within a week to determine what issues the two groups could tackle jointly. Mari Bras pointed out several areas where MPIPR and PIP leaders might reach an agreement, including opposition to the draft, the annual celebration of Grito de Lares, and the reaffirmation of PR identity against the incursions of the English language, and statehood.

100-205249-208 p. 5
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The San Juan office on 9/18/69 advised that the Exchange Clubs of PR announced intentions of participating in the Grito De Lares (105-183526) celebration on 9/20/69. They intended to demonstrate allegiance to the US. Juan Mari Bras publicly stated that lives would be endangered and persons killed if this club took part in the celebration.

105-183526-20 p. 1
(16,46)

The following references set out meetings and/or affairs of the MBIPR and other sympathetic groups seeking independence for PR in the localities as indicated below. Juan Mari Bras attended or was scheduled to attend these meetings and/or affairs. He spoke at many of them.

DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-110597-28 p. 2	(12,43)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-156163-4 p.3	(15,45)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-147298-10 p. 3	(13,44)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-128818-10 p.3-5	(13,43)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-169622-1 p.12-14	(15,45)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-122567-14 p. 23	(12,43)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-98667-21 p.4	(12,43)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-169201-4 p.7	(15)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-171550-2 p. 2	(15,45)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	65-71627-4 p. 3	(5,37)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-102352-18 p.14	(12,43)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-117353-24 p. 5,6	(12)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	105-121202-22 p.3	(12,43)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-447368-37 ep. 1	(6,38)

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DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
11/19/67	Cabo Rojo, PR	105-174029-3 p. 3-5,8*	(16)
3/4/68	Mayaguez, PR		
7/24/68	Rio Piedras, PR	64-47532-102 ep. 1	(3,36)
8/2/68	Cayey, PR	100-389063-12 p.3,5	(6)
8/24/68	Cabo Rojo, PR	105-192083-1 p.4 105-187192-1 p.5,6	(17) (17)
10-7-68	Corozal, PR	105-95121-15 p.2	(12,43)
2/28/69	NYC	105-122567-34 p.5 105-148590-14 p.5	(13) (14)
9/8/67 11/12/67 2/28/69	NYC	105-191961-4 p.10,11	(17,46)
3/23/69	Humacao, PR	105-134365-52 p.9	(13,43)
4/30/69	NYC	100-453703-3 ep. 1,2 -A, "New York Times" 5/1/69	(6,38) (6,38)
5/1/69	NYC	105-94772-68 p.32 100-16912-A, "The Daily World" 5/3/69 (no locality)	(11,42) (5,38)
5/12/69	Humacao, PR	105-0-20963 ep. 2	(7)
5/22/69	Rio Piedras, PR	105-147435-5 p.5	(13)
10/15/69	Rio Piedras, PR	100-454565-362 p.3	(7,38)

*Add. Info.

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that the FUPI had sponsored a panel discussion on nationalist uprising of 1950, on 10/28/69, on the campus of the University of PR, College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts (CAMA).

Juan Mari Bras and other independence leaders who were invited to the above affair did not come. (no source)

62-112228-48-45 p. 1
(3,36)

The following references in the file captioned "Groups Seeking Independence for Puerto Rico" set out the activities of Juan Mari Bras during the period 7/10/67 through 11/23/69 in Puerto Rico. Mari Bras attended and spoke at meetings and affairs of various independence groups. He also acted as legal counselor for several students who were arrested during a demonstration in Santurce, PR on 9/21/67.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-56754-304 ep. 1,2
-311 p. 2
-318 ep. 1
-332 p. 2
-362 ep. 1
-375 ep. 1
-386 ep. 1

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65-71070-253 p. 1	(4, 36)
-256 p. 2, 3	(4, 36)
-257 p. 4, 5, 10, 11	(4, 22, 37, 49)
-266 p. 7, 9-15, 18-23, 29, 30	(4, 37)
-271 p. 4-11, 13, 16-18, 21-30, 34, 45, 46, 49-51	(4, 37)
-285 ep. 1-4	(4, 37)
-289 ep. 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-12	(4, 37)
-296 p. 2, 3, 8-13	(4, 37)
-303 p. 4, 14, 15	(5, 22, 37, 49)
-305 p. 3, ep. 1, 3	(5, 37)
105-83473-407 p. 9, 12	(11, 42)
-409 p. 2	(11, 42)
-410 p. 6-10	(11, 42)
-423 p. 5-8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 21	(11, 22, 25, 42, 49, 51)
-429 p. 9-11, 13, 16-21	(11, 22, 42, 49, 52)

On 1/5/70, [REDACTED] advised that the name of Alfonso Beal frequently used as the author of Comandos Armados De Liberacion (105-180132) (CAL) letters was fictitious. Juan Mari Bras had been identified as the actual author of CAL letters by Movimiento Independencia Rebelde Armado (Armed Rebel Independence Movement).

105-180132-44 ep. 2
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The 4/4/70 edition of "The San Juan Star", an English language daily newspaper published in San Juan, PR, contained an article which announced that Juan Mari Bras stated that the MPIPR daily 15-minute program on Radio WIAC had been cancelled. Mari Bras stated that the program ran on a month-to-month basis with cost of \$34 per program payable in advance. Mari Bras noted that the New Progressive Party currently in power in PR, had a 30-minute daily program on the same station. It was Mari Bras' claim that the station could not cancel the MPIPR program as "the station's license prohibits such political discrimination as is occurring".

105-201701-2 p. 1
(17, 46)

The following references appearing in the file captioned "Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico" set forth the activities of Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of this organization, during the period 3/28/67 through 4/16/70. These activities took place in PR, Canada and NYC, where Mari Bras attended and spoke at numerous MPIPR sponsored meetings, conferences, rallies and demonstrations. These affairs were held in connection with Puerto Rico's fight for independence.

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105-75715-623 p. 1	(9, 40)
-639 ep. 1	(9, 40)
-646 p. 1	(9, 40)
-650 ep. 1	(9, 40)
-682 p. 1	(9, 41)
-684 p. 1	(9, 41)
-684X p. 2	(9, 41)
-689 ep. 1	(9, 41)
-730 ep. 2	(9)
-732 p. 3, 4, 21, 22, 30, 31, 33, 34	(10, 41)
-740 ep. 1	(10, 41)
-748 ep. 12	(10, 41)
-758 p. 1	(10, 41)
-759 ep. 1, 2	(10)
-760 ep. 1, 2	(10, 41)
-762 p. 3, 19, 21-25	(10)
-765 ep. 2	(10, 41)
-769 p. 1	(10, 41)
-770 ep. 1	(10, 41)
-782 p. 1	(10, 41)
-783 ep. 1	(10, 42)
-786 ep. 3	(42)

The following references in the file captioned "Federacion De Universitarios Pro Independencia" (Federation of University Students For Independence) set out the activities of Juan Mari Bras during the period 11/12/67 through 5/18/70 in PR. Mari Bras attended and spoke at meetings and demonstrations sponsored by the FUPI. He met with FUPI Committee members and discussed ways and means to gain greater student support in PR's fight for independence.

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105-3868-350 ep. 1,2,4
-365 ep. 3
-368 ep. 1,2,7
-381 ep. 2,4
-386 ep. 2,4
-390 ep. 3,5
-403 p. 2
-418 p. 2,3 ep. 3A
-491 ep. 1,4

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference on Juan Mari Bras and Juan Mari was not available during the time this summary was being prepared:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-183526-20X4

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The following references on Juan Mari Bras, [REDACTED], and Juan Mari located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, were not reviewed, and it is not known whether they are identical with the subject of this summary:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

64-330-210-4841
-4968
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65-68323-457
-463 ep. 5

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65-71731-110
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105-66754-385

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105-67845-23779
-26807
-31915

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The following reference contains information of an administrative nature. There was no activity of Juan Mari Bras involved:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-81527-57

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Although the information is the same it may have been received from different sources.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-292)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (105-14732) (RUC)

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

DATE: 12/30/70

Re: New York letter to Bureau, 10/29/70.

On 12/6/70, [redacted]

[redacted] an established source (PROTECT) advised that he could locate no record showing subject appeared on campus on 10/5/70. He said generally speaking, there is usually an official record kept of proposed events taking place on the campus. The exceptions occur when an individual is invited to speak before or meet with some small group, as for example, when a professor invites somebody to address a class. In such instances no official record is made of the visit. [redacted] said this occurs frequently in the course of the school year.

[redacted], on 12/11/70, advised he has never met BRAS but recalled he was a university freshman in Puerto Rico when BRAS was a senior. He said BRAS has Communist leanings and therefore does not enjoy a wide following in Puerto Rico. True nationalists would not follow BRAS, according to [redacted]

[redacted] said he has heard nothing concerning a visit to Princeton University by BRAS.

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- 1-New York (105-3002) (RM)
- 2-San Juan (100-4785) (RM)
- 1-Newark
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