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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 24, 1973.

#### JUAN MARI BRAS

Juan Mari Bras was born December 2, 1927, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. He is a U. S. citizen. He resides at Calle Montgomery 301, Urbanizacion San Gerardo, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. He is the Secretary General of the Socialist Party of Puerto Rico (PSP), a Marxist/Leninist organization. The PSP claims the right to the use of violence to obtain independence for Puerto Rico and supports the Castro Cuban revolution and maintains a permanent representative in Havana, Cuba.( $\omega$ )

Sources who have furnished reliable information in the past have advised that the subject conducts the major portion of his day-to-day activities from his office at PSP headquarters. (U)

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Miami, Florida

February 26, 1973

RE:

JUAN MARI BRAS INTERNAL SECURITY -PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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On February 12, 1973, that Cuban radio stations, all of which are controlled by the Cuban Government, have been corrying out a vigorous campaign against the United States and in favor of Puerto Rican independence.

On occasions, the pro-Puerto Rican independence propaganda is accompanied by meetings held in Havana, and other cities in Cuba, at which people speak who are said to be leaders of the Socialist Party of Puerto Rico. The crganizers of the meetings use the pretext that they are appealing for the liberation of Puerto Rican political prisoners held in the United States; and sometimes they denounce the alleged plans of any United States firm to establish an industry/in Puerto Rico.



The propaganda is directed from Puerto Rico by JUAN MARI BRAS, Secretary General of the Socialist Party, Puerto Rico, who uses the Cuban radio stations placed at his disposition by the CASTRO Government, to broadcast to American nations the pro-independence propaganda of Puerto Rico.

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The following are some of the themes of the last propaganda attacks:  $\int 0^{10}$ 

(1) That RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON, recently elected Governor of Puerto Rico, won the election with the help of the Central Intelligence Agency and the U. S. Navy.

(2) That there is no basic difference between
LUIS FERRE, the previous Governor of Puerto Hico, and HERNANDEZ
COLON the recently elected Governor, since the two have the same purpose; i.e., to turn the country over to the United States totally. The propaganda emphasizes that the only difference is that FERRE wanted to turn the country over to the United States immediately, while HERNANDEZ COLON, although planning to eventually do the same thing, wants to do it little by little over a period of years.

(3) That the Socialist Party of Puerto Rico has sent letters signed by the Secretary-General, JUAN MARI BRAS, to the Governments of Brazil, Canada, Great Britian, Holland, and Uruguay, informing them that OPERATION SPRINGBOARD, being carried out in Vieques, Culebras, and Ceiba, Puerto Rico, is for the purpose of establishing U. S. Military bases at those places.

(4) That the United States Government is planning to build a so-called super-port on Mona Island, Puerto Rico, for an American oil firm, all of which no only will not benefit the people of Puerto Rico, but will cost them the fabulous sum of \$180,000,000.

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

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Miami.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

May 10, 1973

#### JUAN MARI BRAS

On November 27, 1972, SJ T-1 advised that Mari Bras was the main speaker at a Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (Puerto Rican Socialist Party) (PSP) sponsored rally on November 26, 1972, in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, demanding the release of political prisoners in Federal prisons in the United States for charges arising out of the attempt on the life of former President Harry S. Truman at Washington, D. C. Mari Bras also stated at this rally that the PSP would attempt to register with the Puerto Rican Elections Board and immediately commence a campaign to solicit 65,000 signatures on necessary petitions to be recognized as a political party.

> The PSP was founded on November 21, 1971, at the Eighth Annual Convention of the Movimiento pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) which by vote of the membership changed its name to the PSP. The PSP is a Marxist-Leninist organization seeking

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SJ T-2 on December 11, 1972, advised that Mari Bras appeared before a group of 130 PSP sympathizers in Chicago on December 8, 1972. Mari Bras stated to everyone present, that they should write to President Nixon and demand release of all political prisoners being held in the United States.

On December 11, 197?, SJ T-3 advised that Mari Bras was among a group of demonstrators who were picketing in front of the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., on that date. The purpose of the demonstration was to proclaim that amnesty be given to the incarcerated political prisoners being held in the United States.

On March 9, 1973, SJ T-4 advised that Mari Bras would be a guest speaker at Queens College, Queens, New York, to participate from April 13 through April 15, in a conference on "Puerto Rico and the Caribbean."

This conference was being organized by Queens College of the University of New York at New York. The purpose of the conference was to offer the Caribbean and Puerto Rican communities an alternative perspective on their mutual roles within the Caribbean, their relations with the United States, as well as their relations with the rest of the world.

JUAN MARI BRAS

In the April 5, 1973, edition of "Claridad," the twice-weekly published newspaper of the PSP, an article appeared that stated that Mari Bras was in attendance at the PSP Congress held in New York, New York, on April 8, 1973.

In his speech before the Congress, Mari Bras stated "the liberation war of the Puerto Rican people will be taken to the streets of the North American cities," explaining that "when the Yankee imperialists tried to repress the exercise of self-determination of the people of Puerto Rico, taking the imperialist war against the Puerto Ricans on the Island, we will bring the Puerto Rican liberation war here."

During another part of his speech, Mari Bras affirmed that "in the center of the Yankee fortress and in Puerto Rican soil, the socialists will raise the flag of proletariat internationalism, together with the onestar flag in our struggle for independence and socialism." This Congress was dedicated to the Puerto Rican political prisoners.

On May 1, 1973, the PSP sponsored a May Day torchlight parade in the Puerto Nuevo section of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Mari Bras was the main speaker at this parade. In his speech, he stated that the PSP will ask the Arab oil producing countries to boycott creation of an oil super port in Puerto Rico. He also stated that a "high-level" PSP party delegation will tour the Middle East in an all out effort to obtain international support against construction of a super port in Puerto Rico.

Mari Bras continues as Secretary General of the PSP.

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May 10, 1973

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The following is a resume of pertinent information

developed since the date of referenced letter:

Subject continues to maintain a residence at Calle Montgomery #301, Urbanizacion San Gerardo, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, where he resides with his family. Subject continues as Secretary General of the Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (Socialist Party of Puerto Rico) (PSP).

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In his speech, subject stressed the following points:

- 1. The pollution problems with regard to the factories and water pollution.
- 2. The quantities of food available to the Puerto Rican families.
- 3. The high cost of living.
- 4. The superport at Mona Island and the contamination that will result therefrom.
- 5. The inscription of the PSP as a legal party.

On 5/1/73, the PSP sponsored a May Day torchlight parade in the Puerto Nuevo section of Rio Piedras, Puerto This parade commenced at 7:00 P.M. and terminated at Rico. 9:30 P.M. This parade was attended by approximately 5,000 people and subject was the main speaker at this parade. In his speech, subject stated that the PSP will ask the Arab oil-producing countries to boycott creation of an oil superport in Puerto Rico. He further stated that a high-level PSP party delegation will tour the Middle East in an all out effort to obtain international suport against construction of a superport in Puerto Rico. He additionally stated that the PSP has gathered 25,000 signatures in 45 electoral precincts and expects to complete an electoral registration campaign by July, 1973, in order to qualify for participation in the 1976 elections in Puerto Rico.

On 7/4/73, subject was in attendance at the PSP sponsored demonstration in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, demonstrating against the construction of an oil superport off

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During 1972, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable "information in the past, advised that Salim A. Salim is the strongest communist in the Tanzanian Government. Prior to his current assignment as Tanzania's Ambassador to Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad, he was Tanzania's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China (PRC), North Korea and North Vietnam.

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SJ T-1, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THA PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT JUAN MARI BRAS, SECRETARY GENERAL, PSP, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, FOR NEW YORK CITY, 7/25/73, TO PARTICIPATE IN PRO-CUBAN ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY DURING THE FORTHCOMING DAYS.

SJ T-2, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON 7/23/73, THAT A CUBAN FESTIVAL WOULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY ON 7/26-29/73, COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIDEL CASTRO'S (CUBAN PRESIDENT)  $\frac{105 \cdot 292}{NOT RECORDED}$ ASSAULT ON THE MONCADA GARRISON (THE SECOND LARGEST 184 JUL 30 1973 FORTRESS IN CUBA), ON 7/26/53.

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THE 8/31/73, ISSUE OF "THE SAN JUAN STAR," AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED DAILY IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, CONTAINED AN ARTICLE WHICH STATED THAT THE PSP HAD ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL SEND A FIVE-MAN DELEGATION AS OBSERVERS TO A SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN ALGIERS, ALGERIA, 9/1/73. THE 8/31/73, ISSUE OF "EL MUNDO," A SPANISH LANGUAGE DAILY PUBLISHED AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICON CONTAINED AN ARTICLE

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JUAN MARI BRAS AND WOULD INCLUDE PEDRO BAIGES CHAPEL, FLORENCIO MER CED HOSA . ALBERTO PEREZ PEREZ . AND JOSE MILTON SOLTERO RAMIREZ. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT BAIGES AND PEREZ WERE ALREADY IN ALGIERS, ALGERIA, ON 8/31/73.

THE PSP IS A MARXIST-LENINIST ORGANIZATION SEEKING COMPLETE INDEPENCE FOR PUERTO RICO. THE PSP HAS CLAIMED THE RIGHT TO USE REWELUTIONARY VIOLENCE AND IS POLITICALLY ALIGNED WITH THE CASTRO CUBAN REVOLUTION.


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On May 7, 1973, advised that the subject had recently been in charge of the sale of "Claridad" in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and on April 27, 1973, 3,000 copies of "Claridad" were allegedly sold in Mayaguez as a result of the subject's backing in that area. Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is the birthplace of the subject.

> "Claridad" is the official Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (Socialist Party of Puerto Rico) (PSP) newspaper published twice weekly.

The PSP was founded on November 21, 1971, at the Eighth Annual Convention of the Movimiento pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rican Independence Movement) (MPIPR) which by vote of the membership changed its name to the PSP. The PSP is a Marxist-Leninist organization seeking complete independence for Puerto Rico.

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ENCLOSURE 10-415

On May 23, 1973 "The San Juan Star", a daily newspaper printed in the English language at San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article in which the subject labeled as completely false reports that the Decolonization Committee of the United Nations would not in stigate Puerto Rico's political status during 1973. The sticle stated that the PSP and the subject had a commitment to most with the president of said committee in an effort to have the PSF's cause brought before the United Nations later in 1973.

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On June 12, 1973, the "Claridad" contained an article which stated that the subject had abruptly appeared before a Puerto Rican legislative commission during one of its meetings concerning a study of the superport to be built in Puerto Rico and had attempted to have his cause heard before the committee. The president of the committee stated that the subject's appearance was illegal at that time and the subject was not allowed to present his views.

article in which the subject criticized as imprudent an invitation made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Puerto Rico Governor Hernandez Colon to attend a ceremony sponsored by the organization in honor of the great maestro celloist, Pablo Casals. The article stated that the subject noted his disapproval in a telegram to the United Nations in which the subject stated that the the invitation came at a time when the United Nations Committee on Decolonization was considering the case on Puerto Rico.

On June 21, 1973 "El Imparcial", a daily newspaper printed in the Spanish language at San Juan, Puerto Rico, carried an article in which the subject had made a press release indicating the PSP's complete support of Chilean Socialist President Salvador Allende. The Communist Party of Puerto Rico is a communist party in its own right and not a district organization of the Communist Party, USA, although it is based on the same Marxist-Leninist principles as the Communist Party, USA.

On June 25, 1973, "Carta Semanal", the weekly newsletter of the PSP, number 584, advised that the secretariat of the PSP had decided in its meeting on June 18, 1973, to designate the subject as a full time lawyer to assist the community of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in its campaign to register members of the PSP.

on July 4, 1973, advised that on July 4, 1973, approximately 10,000 to 15,000 persons participated in a march in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, in protest of the proposed construction of a superport at Mona Island, -Puerto Rico. The subject was a speaker at the massive rally.

On July 19, 1973, "El Imparcial" carried an article in which the subject strongly criticized the ad hoc committee organized by the present governor of Puerto Rico to study the feasibility of the superport construction. In his criticism of the ad hoc committee the subject stated that the ad hoc committee failed to represent the people of Puerto Rico as a whole and he labeled the committee as a "farce". On July 26, 1973, and July 27, 1973, Surnished information concerning activities of the "Cuban Festival" held at the Martin Luther King Center in New York City. Each advised that the main speaker of the evening was the subject and that his theme had been the Cuban revolution and what it had complished. In attendance at that meeting was the Cuban Ambassador the United Nations.

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On August 3, 1973, advised that the PSP would a delegation to New York, New York, to meet with representatives of the United Nations Committee on Decolonization during the latter part of the week August 5-11, 1973. The subject was listed as a member of that delegation and the purpose of the delegation was to petition for immediate consideration of the status of Puerto Rico and intervention in possible superport construction in Puerto Rico. STT-12

On August 8, 1973, Juan adivsed that on July 29, 1973, a meeting took place at San, Juan, JPuerto Rico, For all socialist syndicate leaders of Puerto Rico. The purpose of the meeting was to solidify PSP support of union strikes in the Fire Department and Public Works Department in San Juan, Puerto Rico. advised that the subject was present at that meeting and took an active part.

On August 24, 1973, advised that the subject continued to be actively involved in registering PSP members in the hopes of displacing the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueno (Independence Party of Puerto Rico) (PIP) as the legally constituted independence party of Puerto Rico.

> The PIP was founded in 1948. In the three general elections prior to 1972, it failed to poll sufficient votes to remain on the ballot but regained status by petition or legislative act. In 1970, the PIP

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Bledged itself to a more active participation in protests. marches, pickets, and boycotts. As a result of the general election held in November, 1972, the PIP gained 5.5 per cent of the total vote cast, maintaining legal status as a political party in Puerto Rico.

On August 24, 1973, "The San Juan Star" carried an solicle in which the subject accused the United States of violating international law by holding military, economic and political contakened the basic principles of the United States with naving violated the basic principles of the charter of the United i ions. These remarks were made by the subject before the United i on Special Committee on Colonization. In his remarks the colonial system after taking Puerto Rico from Spain in 1898 and had gradually imposed United States laws and economic exploitation upon Puerto Rican citizens. He accused the United States of forcing more than one third of Puerto Rico's population to leave the island because of poor labor conditions.

On August 28, 1973, the "Claridad" contained an article which stated that the PSP had been invited to send a delegation to a conference of non-aligned nations to be held from September 2 through September 8, 1973, in Algeria. The invitation came from the Government of Algeria. The article stated that the PSP delegation would be presided over by the subject and the subject would be accompanied by several other high ranking PSP figures. Juan Mari Bras

On September 8, 1973, "El Imparcial" contained an article stating that the subject would speak during that week before the Conference of Chiefs of State of Non-Aligned Nations, making it the first time that a leader of a national liberation movement in Latin America had some so. The article stated that the PSP had been invited to participate in said conference as a member observer. The article stated that the subject would attempt to acquaint the leaders of said conference with the colonial case of Puerto Rico and the efforts of the PSP to gain independence for Puerto Rico.

On September 18, 1973, the "Claridad" carried a press release emanating from the subject in which he accused the United States with having been involved in the military take over of Chile some days prior to that.

On September 19, 1973, advised that the subject had recently changed his residence to 1604 Parana Street, Urbanization El Paraiso, Rio Piedras, Puerto Bico.

On September 24, 1973, and advised that the annual Grito de Lares Festival was held on Sunday, September 23, 1973, and the subject was one of the principal speakers at said celebration.

> Grito de Lares is an annual celebration at Lares, Puerto Rico, in commemoration of an abortive attempt by Puerto Rican Militiamen to overthrow the Spanish regime on September 23, 1868. In recent years this celebration has become a symbol for groups seeking independence for Puerto Rico and has been completely dominated by these organizations.

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The subject continues as the publicly recognized Secretary-General of the PSP. FD-323 (Rev. 12-12-72)



UNITE STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUS'L CE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION San Juan, Puerto Rico

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. SJ 100-4785

October 24, 1973

Title JUAN MARI BRAS

## Character INTERNAL SECURITY - PUERTO RICAN NATIONAIS

Reference Memorandum 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.

SJ T-14 and SJ T-15 who have not been contacted sufficiently to determine reliability but are in a position to know.

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TIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum то атеі2/2**8/73** DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68323) FROM SAC, SAN JUAN (65-419) (P) SUBJECT: 2-50 00: SJ Re San Juan letter to Bureau, 9/25/73. The following is a resume of pertinent information developed since the date of referenced letter: Filed In Subject continues to reside at his residence located at Calle Parana 1604 Urbanization El Paraiso, Copy 1 Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, together with his wife and family. Subject also continues to serve as Secretary - General of the Partido Socialista Purtorriqueno ( Socialist Party of Puerto scordea Rico) (PSP). Bureau (RM) - 105-292) - (JUAN MARI BRAS) New York (RM) (2 (1 (1 - 105-30027 (JUAN MARI BRAS) San Juan (2 (1 - 65 - 437)(1 - 100-4785) (JUAN MARI BRAS) REC-50 65-6832. LEF: rtr APPROPRIATE AGENOLES AND FIELD OFFICI ADVISED BY ROUTIN 15 JAN 14 1974 Stipple SLIP(S) Classified by 6080 DATE Exompt from CDS, Category 2, Date of Declassification Indefinite LED/rig 12017 1974 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly the Payroll Savings Plan

On 7/27/73 and the dvised that the subject had been the main speaker at the Cuban Festival which was held at the Martin Luther King Center in New York City on 7/26/73. The Cuban Festival was commemorating the 20th anniversary of FIDEL CASTRO's assault on the Moncada Garrison in Cuba on 7/26/53. The source advised that the theme of the subject's talk was the Cuban Revolution and what it had accomplished. Among those dignitaries present was the Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations.

On 8/3/70, would meet with representatives of the United delegates of the PSP would meet with representatives of the United Nations Committee on De-colonization in New York City during the latter part of the week, August 5-11, 1973. According to the source, the subject and the PSP delegation would petition for immediate consideration of independent status for Puerto Rico and a plea for intervention in the possible superport construction in-Puerto Rico.

On 8/23/73, the subject appeared before the above-" mentioned committee in the United Nations and in his speech before that committee accused the United States of violating international law by holding military, economic and political control over Puerto Rico. He stated that the United States had violated the basic principles of the charter of the United Nations and stated that the United States had set up a classic type of colonial system after taking Puerto Rico from Spain in the War of. 1898 and then had gradually imposed U. S. laws and economic a star exploitation and U. S. citizenship upon the Puerto Rican people. He advised that because of the United States' influence over Puerto Rico, one-third of Puerto Rico's population chose to reside outside the island. The subject urged the committee to visit Puerto Rico and approve a resolution declaring in its operative part that Puerto Rico was entitled to self-determination and independence. 

On 8/28/73, it was determined that a PSP delegation had been invited by the Government of Algeria to participate in a conference of non-aligned nations scheduled to be held from 9/2/73 through 9/8/73 in Algeria. It was ascertained that the PSP delegation would be presided over by the subject.

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On 9/1/73, the subject held a news conference prior to leaving for Algiers, Algeria, and in the news conference he indicated that Puerto Rico would violate international law if it built the proposed petroleum superport in the face of the United Nations' declaration condemning it. He stated that the United Nations' position against the superport was contained in a four point resolution that had been passed on Thursday, August 30, 1973, by the De-colonization Committee, a committee of 24.

On 9/8/73, the subject spoke to 54 Chiefs of State and delegates of close to 100 countries and leaders of 17 liberation movements from the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, in the Fourth Summit Conference of Chiefs of State for Non-Aligned Countries which was held in Algiers, Algeria. In his speech the subject spoke concerning the recent United Nations'resolutions and once again advocated independence for Puerto Rico and opposition to the possible construction of a superport in Puerto Rico. At that conference the non-aligned nations gave support to the subject and the PSP.

On 9/20/73, indicated that the subject would be the principal speaker at the annual "Grito de Lares" festival scheduled for 9/23/73, at Lares, Puerto Rico. The Grito de Lares festival is principally sponsored by the PSP and is held annually in commemoration of an abortive attempt by Puerto Rico militiamen to overthrow the Spanish regime on 9/23/1868. In the stated that the subject's two principal themes at the festival would be the PSP's recent victory before the Committee on De-colonization at the United Nations and a reaffirmation of the PSP against the construction of a proposed superport in Puerto Rico.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

# **OCT 1**2 1979

Mr. Juan Mari Bras UUI I2 Abogado Y Notario Calle Padre Colon 256 Capetillo Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00925

Dear Mr. Bras:

Reference is made to our letter dated January 9, 1978, concerning your Freedom of Information-Privacy Act request, reference number 6,060.

At that time you were advised certain documents were forwarded to other governmental agencies for their determination as to the releasability of information contained therein.

Enclosed are copies of three FBI documents which the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has reviewed and have made the following determinations:

> Enclosure 1. Memorandum dated March 6, 1970: The bracketed material is denied under FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3), and under Privacy exemptions (J)(1) and (K)(1).

Enclosures 2 and 3. Memorandum dated December 15, 1972 and summary dated July 12, 1966: The bracketed material is being released with no deletions or excisions of any kind.

Sincerely yours,

vid G. Flanders, Chief

Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch Records Management Division

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CORRELATION SUDDARY 2007. The Date: 7-12-55. 105-292 Main File No: 65-68323 See Also: Date Searched: 7/1/65 Subject: Juan Mari Bras 5.12.2.27 - NA INGUEL, P.R. One Mari\* All logical variations of subject's name and allases were searched and identical references were found as: Juan Mar DErass Juan Maria Brass Uuan Juan Marri Dress Juan Maria Braz. Juan Vari Fire Juan Hari Juan Mark Slar J. Mar Garas-Juan Mari Dras, van Sare-Auan Eras J. Mari-Johnnie Juan M. oras Juan Mare Bras Johnny Mari Juan Jiaria Aras , Di noliari Juan Marie Liras. Juan Maris Bras One Diaribras Juan Haribres Juan Mariz Bras Juan Hariz Juan Mira Eras Juan Marri MariDras TT LOSSAN ALE 2ND IS NOT SUITABLE FUR DISSEMINATION. W. F. T. K. 17 JUL 12 1966 6080 (Lessing by Execution Clas. Extension 23





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MAR 25 1980

Juan Mari Bras, Esq. Abogado-Notario Ave. Ponce de Leon Num. 1866 Pda. 26, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00915

Dear Mr. Bras:

We are in receipt of your check in the amount of \$73.30, in response to our letter to you dated February 5, 1980. A supplemental release is herewith enclosed.

The Freedom of Information Act exemptions which apply to this supplemental release were set forth and explained to you by letter dated November 1, 1979, from the Office of Privacy and Information Appeals, United States Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

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David G. Flanders, Chief Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch Records Management Division

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

PA Case No. 8001343

DEC 1 5 1980

Mr. Juan Mari Bras Calle Padre Colon 256, Capetillo Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Bras:

I refer to your letter of August 22, 1976 to the Central Intelligence Agency requesting the mandatory classification review and release to you of certain documents. Your letter was passed to us for supplementary action and direct reply, because one of the documents retrieved on your behalf was originated by the Department of State.

The document retrieved may be released to you with the excision of material deemed to remain properly withholdable under the Privacy Act (5 USC 552a) Section (k)(1). This material, dealing with the foreign relations of the U.S. is currently and properly classified under E.O. 12065 Section 1-301(d) and 1-303.

You should be aware that you have the right to appeal our determination within sixty days. The appeal should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. Your letter of appeal should refer in the upper right hand corner to the PA case number shown above.

Sincerely,

For the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Classification/Declassification

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Thomas W. Ainsworth Director, Mandatory Review Bureau of Administration