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SUBJECT: Debriefing of PRISBECK
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Subject reported on various personalities she heard discussed while she was visiting Sylvia and Nathaniel WEYL in Florida from 30 December 1963 to 7 or 8 January 1964.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

PRISBECK received the impression that the WEYLs have disassociated themselves from the Birchites and have completely severed their relationship with the Society and its purposes. They do not see Mr. WOLLMAN, a wealthy man, who is the Birchite representative in Palm Beach. WOLLMAN had entertained the WEYLs frequently when they first moved to Florida.

During the entire length of PRISBECK's visit and as far as she could judge, the WEYLs were completely isolated socially. They have not been assimilated into the little town in which they live and their only contact with the townspeople is at the club which they frequent, but seldom.

JOHN MARTINO

Mr. and Mrs. MARTINO visited the WEYLs one evening when PRISBECK was present. John MARTINO and Nathaniel WEYL are co-authors of the book "I was Castro's Prisoner", which was published in November 1963. PRISBECK has read it and says it is an extremely interesting and well written account of MARTINO's imprisonment in Cuba.

PRISBECK, at this point, cautioned the writer to remember that all she was relating regarding the WEYL's remarks were rumors and/or gossip and that Source had no means of checking the truth of their statements.

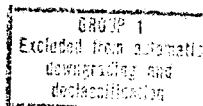
John MARTINO is the individual who carries the stories to Nathaniel and both John and Nathaniel are deeply entrenched with the Cuban anti-Castro forces. MARTINO claims to have a friend in Miami who keeps him well informed on Cuban matters.

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MARTINO and Nathaniel spoke of a trip that MARTINO had made to Cuba with an American newspaper woman, one LAPIN and two CIA agents. Nathaniel did not accompany them. It is PRISBECK's opinion that Nathaniel, who is a coward, just welshed on the trip, but that he did finance it. The purpose of the trip was to contact a Cuban who was serving as liaison for the four Russian Generals in charge of training and organizing the Cuban military. The Cuban, who met the group in the water at the edge of a beach in Cuba, told them that the four Generals wanted to escape and seek asylum in the United States.

MARTINO is going ahead with a follow up plan whereby on a given signal, he and a group will sail to Cuba to pick up the Generals. Nathaniel is going on a long lecture tour and will not be able to accompany the pick up team to Cuba.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The Cuban friends of the unnamed individual in Miami know that OSWALD contacted the Cuban MI-6 by telephone from a private home in Miami. They also know the man who furnished the information on OSWALD to the FBI.

From the reports given by the Cubans to this unknown individual, it seems very definite that RUBY went to Habana to make a shady deal with a creature by the name of PRASKIN, who works with the Cuban Communists and who is also tied up with call girls in Cuba.

A friend of Nathaniel WEYL, who ran for the presidency of Cuba in 1958, shortly will testify before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee. PRISBECK says this information may be confidential. SOURWINE, of the Committee, contacted Nathaniel to get in touch with the individual.

MARINA OSWALD

Nathaniel claims there is more to Marina than meets the eye. He has no doubts about her being politically involved and also he thinks that OSWALD's mother is an old line Communist, but he cannot prove this belief.

Nathaniel knows that after OSWALD was refused a visa to the Soviet Union, he made a quick trip from Mississippi to Cuba. OSWALD returned from this trip with money and then purchased a car. This story of his trip to Cuba comes from a girl in Miami with whom he was living when he was in Miami.

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JACK RUBY

Nathaniel is convinced that he was a dope pusher and that he was used by the Communists.

GENERAL

PRISBECK advised that it is an old gimmick used by the Russians to instruct an American citizen whom they intend to use to go to the American Consul in the city in Russia where he is residing and say that he wishes to return to the United States but does not have the required money for his passage. In this manner, when the American Consul furnishes the individual his fare, they ostensibly are giving him a clean bill of health.

Source also advised that no American may work in Russia unless he is a member of the CPUSA. Naturally, Foreign Service personnel and private businessmen on trips are excluded from this restriction. The Party directs the member as to his specific destination in Russia. Source recalls that an espionage training school was located in Kiev and that this school was still in existence in this city in 1937, the last date of contact of Source with RIS. Source said it is very likely that the CPUSA instructed OSWALD to proceed to Kiev for the purpose of attending the espionage school and that likewise OSWALD was instructed to act penniless and request passage home from the U. S. Consul in Kiev.

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