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ReBulet to NY, 7/1/68, captioned as above, and WFO
letter, 6/17/68, captioned as above, enclosing LHM entitled,
"CARLOS ANTONIO PIAD Y DEL PINO".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of
an LHM setting forth results of the interview conducted on
12/5/68 with CARLOS TEPELINO, as requested in ReBulet, 7/1/68.

During the interview of TEPELINO on 12/5/68, his
relationship with CIA was discussed, and TEPELINO advised that
he had no current working arrangement with CIA, nor has CIA
requested him to perform any missions since the plot against
CASTRO was uncovered in 1965. TEPELINO said that he does
have periodically a social call from a CIA representative and
did mention that from time to time he is contacted by CIA.

TEPELINO stated that when the plot against CASTRO was
uncovered in the fall of 1965, CIA dropped their relationship
with him, as the discovery of the plot and the subsequent
arrests in Havana and also the dismissal of the CIA personnel



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stated that since 1965 he

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has had no working relationship with CIA, and he feels that his usefulness to the CIA, because of the incident, is now finished.

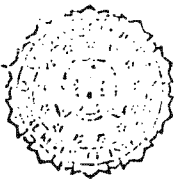
TEPEDIMO was most cordial during the interview and at the conclusion, stated that if at any time the Bureau would have need of his services, he would be most willing to cooperate in any manner. TEPEDIMO was advised that if any situation did arise in the future in which he could be of assistance, he would be contacted. [S]

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Carlos Antonio Piad y Del Pino

Carlos Antonio Piad y Del Pino, a Cuban exile residing in Washington, D. C., had been interviewed by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Washington, D. C., on June 6, 1968, relative to a "report", alleging great discontent in Cuba against Prime Minister Fidel Castro which he had received. Piad stated that the "report" was from a female friend in Cuba whom he declined to identify, and he said that this "report" was received in the mail addressed to his wife. Piad also said that he did not now have this written "report" which was received from the woman in Cuba. Piad said that he was certain that there was an apparatus in operation in Cuba which was fighting Prime Minister Castro, but "reports" were vague and he had no clear idea of this matter. Piad was of the opinion that

~~Carlos Tepedino,~~

could

throw more light on the matter.

Piad, in a letter to the FBI dated June 6, 1968, among other things, furnished the following:

"I am totally ignorant of any plans which

[redacted] or his friends might have. This is only something I have been made aware of. Without being able to furnish anything concretely, I did wish to bring to the attention of the Department of State something they ought to know about. I can say that I have friends in the [redacted] group and that I understand they have never been Communists, but I repeat that I have not had contact with [redacted] or his friends up to now. I have had only a report from a female friend from Havana who has knowledge of this matter.

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"This is more or less the substance of all that I wanted to bring to the attention of the Department of State so that they might know about what appeared to be a plan aimed at the assassination of Castro, and that it appeared that [redacted] and his friends were involved in it in some way. Also, I related that although Castro was a closely guarded man, [redacted] was a dangerous man, and I cited the case of Boumedienne of Algeria whom they tried recently to assassinate. I explained that from what I have read Boumedienne is one of the most closely guarded men in the world other than Castro and that it is unpredictable what he is going to do."

Carlos Topedino, [redacted] was interviewed on December 5, 1968. **Topedino** currently is President of the [redacted] Incorporated, and also of the firm, [redacted] of Milan, Italy. Both these firms are located on the third floor of the building [redacted] New York City, and

Topedino [redacted] in addition to the above-mentioned companies, **Topedino** is also connected with the [redacted] store in Geneva, Switzerland which is operated by [redacted]. In connection with his [redacted] business, [redacted] travels frequently to Europe, particularly to Italy, Spain and France.

Topedino advised that in 1966 there was a conspiracy to assassinate Prime Minister Fidel Castro, and that he had a part in this plot. During the period 1964, 1965 and 1966, **Topedino** stated that he was on good relations with members of the Cuban Government who were assigned to posts in Spain, Italy and France, and also with the members of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations. **Topedino** stated as a result of these contacts, he was trusted by members of the Cuban Government and was in a position to obtain information of value which was of assistance at that time in working out details of the plot to kill Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Topedino stated when the plot was uncovered in 1966, the rest is all history. **Topedino** advised that **his very close friend**, Major Rolando Cubela Secades, a young doctor was picked up in Havana together with others involved in the plot, and Cubela was sentenced to 25 year in prison. [redacted]

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Tapedino stated that after the discovery of this plot, all his contact with representatives of the Cuban Government in embassies and consulates in foreign countries ceased.

Tapedino stated that he was no longer trusted by anyone within the Cuban Government and, hence, lost contact with friends in Havana, Cuba. **Tapedino** advised that currently he has no direct contact or even indirect contact with any officials of the Cuban Government in Havana. **Tapedino** also pointed out that although he knows [redacted] he never was a personal friend of his, nor has he had any indication that [redacted] may currently be involved in any plot against Fidel Castro.

Tapedino also stated that since the discovery of the plot in 1960, although he has made many trips to Spain, he has had no further contact with [redacted] also known as [redacted]. **Tapedino** said the [redacted] sometime ago, left Madrid and currently is residing in Barcelona, Spain, where he is managing a Cuban fighter who is alleged to be a European boxing champion.

Tapedino stated that he knows that there is much unrest and discontent within Cuba today, but he has no knowledge of any details of any plot which could exist against Fidel Castro in Cuba today.

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