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EXHIBIT INDEX AND EXPLANATION OF THE INDEX

1. One of our sources advised him recently that Mr. Sam Harlan, Director of Research & Education Division of the New York City Bar Association, had been retained by the New York City Bar Association to represent it in its negotiations with Congress's Select Committee on Small Business in the preparation of public statements to be submitted to Congress in the fall of 1968. This retention is apparently the continuation of one made in March 1967. Harlan was reportedly retained on March 27, 1967, when the power bill was introduced, according to our records, by Senator George V. McGovern and Senator George A. Smathers. The source advised us a retaining letter, principally perhaps, was issued purporting to a retaining letter, that he had been retained by Harlan's office without fee, for a period of two months.

2. The source informed us he was engaged in the public relations business, and was asked for an estimate concerning the Harlan telephone and publicity campaign, and raised particularly how it can best be used without the Harlan fee or loss of lost fee.

3. The source advised that early in 1968 an unidentified individual set up a special account in The Equitable Trust Company, New York City. The purpose of this was to finance the Harlan telephone and publicity campaign. The source informed us this was represented by a man named G. L. Rice. Rice is an attorney and natural gas attorney and partner and has an office at 1000 Madison Avenue, Suite 1000, New York, New York. The following address: 1000 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10021. Recently the telephone has been to (212) 585-1300. During the campaign Rice has been to (212) 585-1300. According to the special account holder's advice, the account, located in New York, New York, is to be used in New York, New York, and will be used in New York, New York, in behalf of Harlan, Inc., and the New York City Bar Association.

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4. During the Spring of 1961, the Cuban Left had organized set up an organization called "Pueblo Libre" to combat the U.S. The purpose of this organization is to work along the lines of a revolution against Castro. Two Cubans identified and identified as being involved with "Pueblo Libre":

a. Douglas P. Hall.—Hall is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Levy, Galvez, Goldring, and Hall. This firm has its principal office at 14 South Franklin Street, Great Neck (Long Island), New York (Tel: 34-7434), and a branch office in Manhattan (351) Seventh Avenue (Tel: CH 4-5570).

b. Mrs. Kate Taffie.—Our source did not further identify Mrs. Taffie. She is, according to another source, a lady who has been involved in running arms to Cuba and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

5. At about the time that "Pueblo Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Jim Max, who represents himself as a "retired New England case manufacturer now living in Florida". Max interested himself vociferously in "Pueblo Libre" and at the same time alienated Hall, Taffie and our source. In consequence, the "Pueblo Libre" people have never done anything with that corporation, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Max and do not wish to get involved with him. In answer to the inquiry as to the reason for their mistrust of Max, the source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They don't trust him. Consequently, "Pueblo Libre" has remained a paper organization; no money has been raised through it.

6. Our source stated that Hall and Max, ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> been working together ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> attempting to ~~get~~ <sup>get</sup> information about "Pueblo Libre". They want the new corporation to be dedicated to the building of the spread of Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere and they want it to have various subcommittees. The

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revolutionaries would be organized in several cities. Surprisingly, there would be no commando units. Our source said the two cell leaders and their associates directed solely on Cuba to the extent that there is little overall will among the revolutionaries. Furthermore, the main appeal, of course, the final purpose of the two organizations is to overthrow Castro. However, it has been stated by the Western Hemisphere to be the cause of strikingly favorable treatment in their eyes. This would be the real reason for the inclination to fight about "Panama Libre", rather than only towards Cuba.

7. Our source and his friends have everything ready to go, but need money. The source wished to make a start by getting Sanchez, Varela, and Merguez to sign a political alliance and to publicize the said alliance by means of a press conference and subsequent publicity devices. The money, of course, would be used to finance the revolution against Castro.

8. Our source also stated that an individual whom he identifies as Charles D. Brown is putting up the money to make a political movie starring Leon Chiba, Dick Lane, and others. The source told that Brown is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Company.

9. Finally, our source told him that from the outset of the entire affair he has discussed it in detail with Mr. Frank (?) O'Brien, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City. Mr. O'Brien may be reached at 14-5-7708, Extension 202.

10. We would appreciate MI Division comments regarding any interest in the above proposal. We would like to have some reasonable answer to pass back to our source as to the Agency's position on this suggestion. Please contact Mr. Robert S. Travis, CB/OS, Support Branch, Extension 2140, for further information on this matter.

11. Thanks very much.

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cc: Index  
SOURCE: [redacted]

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(per request to H. H. by Index)

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Office Mission and Ops - UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TO : Chief, Contact Committee  
FROM : Support Branch  
FROM : Chief, New York Office  
FROM : New Haven Resident Agency--John E. Mitchell  
SUBJ: Possible Military Operation in Cuba

1. John E. Mitchell, Jr., of the New Haven Resident Agency, has run across a lead concerning a possible military operation in Cuba. He has a copy of a newspaper clipping from the last month from the city of Monterrey, Mexico, which he says is recent, but with a different date. On Jan. 2-3, 1967, Mr. Luis M. Marquez, a Mexican citizen of over 60 years of age, living in Monterrey, was interviewed by a reporter for possible corroborations of an Cuban operation in Cuba. Mitchell claims that Marquez performed above name, 60 years old, and had no children, concerning a certain, completely separate and disrupted a story.

2. Mitchell feels that what follows could be one of two things. First, it could be part of a political operation which the Cubans have already launched. Mitchell believes it sounds a bit like this. If it is indeed an operation of this kind, it will be ill and good. The only comment which Mitchell will make is that this is what some people talk too much. Second, it may be a genuine proposition. Mitchell feels that this, too, could be the case, because he thinks that a lot of people would not have broached the subject, unless he (the source), at least, were unwilling. In any case, the story follows.

3. One of Mitchell's cleared sources recently sent him a brochure written by Dr. Gerardo Marquez Guerling, which cannot be further identified here. The source enclosed with the brochure a series of reprints from US newspapers dealing with Marquez's activities and public pronouncements since his arrival in the US. The brochure in question demonstrated the ways in which Fidel Castro has apparently violated the Cuban Constitution of 1960, which has never been recalled or lifted, according to Mitchell's understanding, and of which Marquez was the prime author. The source pointed in a covering letter that he had been instrumental in Marquez's activities without fee for a period of ten months, from August 1966 to May 1967. Marquez, recruited by Castro, he says, did the work for the Cuban government, and that the Cuban government paid him \$1000 per month against the

4. Mitchell's source also stated that Marquez had been asked to do the following: to write a book on the Cuban Revolution, to speak at various functions, to conduct seminars, to conduct a political campaign, and to do other things. It is not known if Marquez has done any of the above. For he is given a lot of time.

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SUBJECT: Possible Political Committee in Venezuela

*3f.* The source told Mitchell's source early in 1960 an individual he knew had set up a special account in the name of Frank Rice. His role was to manage this fund. The purpose of this fund was to finance the heavy promotional propaganda campaign. ~~Mitchell's~~ source was told that Frank Rice was a close friend of James D. Rice. Rice is an oil and natural gas millionaire and manager of the oil interests at the following address: 20 Broad Street, New York, New York (Tel.: CH-4-6646). Rice's role throughout has been to administer the special account mentioned above. The account, incidentally, amounted to US\$7,000. ~~Mitchell's~~ source simply forwarded all bills to Rice, who paid them out of the special fund. When the money ran out, the source's activities on behalf of Venezuela came to a halt.

*4f.* During the Spring of 1960, the source and some friends set up an organization called "Pueblo Libre de Cuba, Inc.". The purpose of this organization is to raise money to finance a revolution against Castro. The following individuals are identified as being involved with "Pueblo Libre":

- a. Douglas P. Null. Null is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Levy, Gurman, Goldberg, and Null. This firm has its principal office at 45 North Station Plaza, Great Neck (Long Island), New York (Tel.: HU-7-6010) and a branch office in Manhattan. (363 Seventh Avenue (Tel.: CH-4-6670)).
- b. Mrs. Kate Taffe. Mitchell's source did not further identify Mrs. Taffe. She is, according to another source of Mitchell's, a lady who has been involved in running arms to Cuba and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

*5f.* At about the time that "Pueblo Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Dan Wax, who represents himself as a "retired New England shoe manufacturer now living in Florida". Wax interested himself vociferously in "Pueblo Libre" and at the same time alienated Null, Taffe, and ~~Mitchell's~~ source. In consequence, the "Pueblo Libre" people have never done anything with that corporation, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Wax and do not wish to get involved with him. ~~Mitchell's~~ source stated the reason for their mistrust of Wax, ~~Mitchell's~~ source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They don't trust him. Consequently, "Pueblo Libre" has remained a paper organization; no money has been raised through it.

*6f.* ~~Mitchell's~~ source stated that Null and Mrs. Taffe both know Auxeliano Sanchez Arango and Antonio Varona. They and ~~Mitchell's~~ source want to set up a new corporation, forgetting about "Pueblo Libre" and Wax, with a wider ostensible aim than that of "Pueblo Libre". They want the new corporation to be dedicated to the halting of the spread of Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere and they want it to have various subcommittees. The subcommittees would be geographical in nature. Thus, not surprisingly, there would be a subcommittee for Cuba.

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SUBJECT: Possible Role of U.S. in Cuba

11. Mitchell's source told him that he has been in contact with Cuban leaders in an attempt to dissuade them from attacking the United States. He stated that he has been in contact with the Cuban Foreign Minister, Dr. Diaz, and the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Lopez, and has been attempting to dissuade them from attacking the United States. He stated that he has been in contact with the Cuban Foreign Minister, Dr. Diaz, and the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Lopez, and has been attempting to dissuade them from attacking the United States.

12. Mitchell's source and his friends have been meeting recently. The source wished to make a statement regarding the situation in Cuba. He stated that he and his friends wish to form a political alliance and to publicize the same alliance by means of a mass umbrella and subsequent publicity drives. The money, of course, would be used to finance the revolution against Castro.

13. Mitchell's source also stated that an individual whom he identified as Charles D. Keeler is putting up the money to make a political movie starring Paul Muni, Diana Lynn, and others. The source told Mitchell that Keeler is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Company.

14. Finally, Mitchell's source told him that from the outset of the entire affair he has discussed it in detail with Mr. Frank (9) O'Brien, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City. Mr. O'Brien may be reached at 1E-5-7700, Extension 202.

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15. Mitchell told his source that he would submit the information and the proposition for funds and let him know the reaction. Please inquire of W.E. Bishop, FBI, (a) whether or not they are interested in financing the proposed corporation or (b) whether or not the mysterious US \$5,000 came from them in the first place. In either case, subsequently, the whole thing is their property. If alternative (a) is chosen, will the source be clearly unwitting. Please advise Mitchell whether he can tell his source that CB is not interested in his proposition or that he can do so in the first place without letting him in on the secret, he/that. John H. Mitchell is most involved in this whole thing and wishes to discuss it.

16. Please advise him of my reaction. Please so advise John H. Mitchell, of the New Haven Resident Agent in Charge, and so plan to make the arrangements, subject to payment for his usual services. Thank you very much.

J.H.C.  
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