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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Jesus de IRAGUEN, Owner of the Motor Launch
"DON AQUILINO"

1. The following information was received by a field representative of this Agency from an official source in Trinidad. (S)

a. On 26 June 1962 the motor launch "DON AQUILINO", registered in Venezuela and flying a Panamanian flag, arrived in Trinidad with a crew of nine, including the owner, Jesus de IRAGUEN. De IRAGUEN, reputedly a wealthy Cuban citizen, was born in Habana on 15 December 1916, and is domiciled in Venezuela. The vessel left Trinidad on 26 June 1962 cleared for Martinique, but was expected to call at other islands, including Puerto Rico.

b. From previous information and from the debriefing of a crew member, Angel Alfonso TORRES, who was discharged upon arrival of the launch, source gathered that de IRAGUEN, a strong supporter of CASTRO, is traveling around the area on the pretext of fishing, but is actually spreading Communist doctrine and distributing Communist literature at the various ports of call, including La Guaira, Venezuela.

c. TORRES was born on 2 August 1934 at La Victoria in the State of Aragua, Venezuela. He is single and resides at 29 San Pascaul, La Aquelmada No. 4 Sarrias, Caracas. TORRES stated that he is a seaman by profession and embarked on the "DON AQUILINO" as an unpaid crew member because he was unemployed at the time and had

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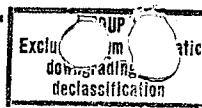
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no money and would at least be able to eat.

2. [An official British source] ^(S) informed this Agency's representative that in 1961, BOTTERWEG, Chief of Police in Curacao, reported that a Cuban by the name of Jesus de IRAGUEN was engaged in pro-Castro activities in collaboration with a seaman named Nicolaas Lourens ~~ENGELHARDT~~, aka Lorenzo, who was born in 1901 in Bonaire, Netherlands West Indies. At the time it was believed that these men were clandestinely shipping Cubans around the Caribbean. There were two boats involved, the ~~"SPORTSMAN"~~ and the ~~"ELVA"~~.

3. This office has no further information on the above individuals and would appreciate receiving any information the addressees may have or may develop on them. Any additional information which may come to the attention of this Agency will be forwarded to the addressees.

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cc: Commissioner of Customs
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