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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

*Note: The Coyne tells me that secret source at WH have been advised by FBI
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Dear General Cutler:

Reference is made to the recent information furnished by an informant of unknown reliability to another Government intelligence agency concerning the imminence of a new uprising in Puerto Rico which is alleged will include another attempt against the life of the President and other high Government officials.

While no information has been received to date from informants or as a result of investigation tending to confirm the existence of such a plan I thought the president and you might be interested in the following information:



An informant of unknown reliability has advised that Angel Luis Medina, Nationalist Party member of Chicago, Illinois, is alleged to be in possession of two German P-38 automatics which were purchased by him in Chicago on October 14, 1953, and a "bomb" of unknown type. In addition, Medina is reported to have said that the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico in Chicago is in possession of six machine guns and two carbines which were purchased from an unknown German in Chicago for \$800.

This same source has stated that Gonzalo Lebron Sotomayor, Chicago Nationalist party leader, at a secret meeting in Chicago on November 15, 1953,

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suggested the use of firearms against FBI Agents should the opportunity arise. On November 16, 1953, according to the source, Chicago Nationalists were ordered not to be armed and Lebron Sotomayor with another Nationalist and two individuals not connected with the party allegedly went to see a lawyer for an unknown purpose. All Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico members, according to this source, claim to be armed.

Partial corroboration of the above information was received as follows:

On November 16, 1953, a Chicago informant of known reliability advised that most of the members of the Nationalist Party in Chicago carried side arms. Further, the informant stated that he had heard Angel Luis Medina claim that the Party had possession of a machine gun but that there was no indication as to the location of the weapon.

A New York informant of known reliability has advised that Julio Pinto Gandia of New York, Nationalist Party leader in the United States, on November 15, 1953, instructed Lebron Sotomayor that the Government of the United States was attempting to create a situation of violence in order to provoke a grave incident so that they (the Government of the United States) could keep up the propaganda to the effect that the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico is a movement of violence, assassins and terrorists. He further instructed Lebron Sotomayor that he should tell all members to remain calm and not to allow themselves to be provoked to violence; that he was to consider consulting an attorney and making a complaint to the Mayor, Chief of Police and possibly the FBI in Chicago.

Any further developments will be promptly brought to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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