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Memorandum

TO : Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS

DATE: 11 January 1967

ATT : Mr. Leland Bunn

FROM : Director, Domestic Contact Service
(Chief, Services Division)

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SUBJECT: ^{OS} [BARTES, Frank] -- Possible Opportunity ²⁴ to Recruit
Agent in Place in Cuba] -- NO-380-66

1. The enclosed copy of memorandum from our New Orleans Office concerning Subject's cousin [Alicia Cruz Bastillo] who is living in Cuba, and who he believes would be willing to help the United States, if approached in the proper manner, is forwarded as of possible interest.
2. A copy of the enclosure has also been forwarded to WH/C/CA.
3. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorne, Ext. 2738.

Virginia L. Thorne
B. FRANK YOUNG
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Enclosure: As stated above

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Attn.: Director, Domestic Contact Service
Operational Support Staff
Chief, New Orleans Office

Possible Opportunity to Recruit Agent in Place in Cuba

1. On Tuesday, 20 Dec 66, I received a call from Mr. Frank Bartes, former President of the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba. He is an alien but we have FBI approval to contact dated 14 Apr 61. Mr. Bartes is the source of five reports on Cuba and we, as well as the FBI, have been in frequent contact with him.

2. He called on me primarily to tell me that his mother had arrived from Cuba and would be willing to talk to me.

3. In the course of our conversation Mr. Bartes told me that he had a cousin still living in Cuba named Alicia Cruz Bustillo, who is a ballet dancer associated with Alicia Alonzo, the prima ballerina of Cuba and also a well-known Communist. Bartes says that Alicia Bustillo is not a Communist and he and his family have been in contact with her.

4. Miss Bustillo, who is about 29 years of age, was one of the group of Cuban ballet dancers which recently made a tour of Europe. A group of these Cubans defected while the troupe was in Paris, and this received wide publicity in our newspapers. Miss Bustillo, however, did not defect and continued on the tour and returned to Cuba with the group. According to Mr. Bartes, Alicia Bustillo has recently injured her foot and is not now dancing, but is working as secretary to Alicia Alonzo.

5. Mr. Bartes told me that he had planned to meet Alicia Bustillo in Paris and that she had agreed to meet him in Paris, but Mr. Bartes did not have the money to make the trip nor did he think that he would be able to obtain the necessary visa for the trip to Paris because of his status as a Cuban refugee.

6. Mr. Bartes says that Miss Bustillo has traveled all over the world with the Cuban ballet group and has visited most of the Communist countries including China. He feels quite certain that the Cuban group will make another tour and that he will be advised in advance of the date and itinerary. He feels quite certain that he will be able to arrange a meeting with Miss Bustillo provided the group visits a non-Communist country. He claims that he has always been very close to Miss Bustillo whom he considers almost as a sister. He feels quite certain that she would be willing to help the US if she were approached in the proper manner, and he feels that the approach should be made through him because of his relationship and former closeness to her.

7. He says that he believes Miss Bustillo does not attempt to

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leave Cuba because of the fact that her family is there and that she would not leave unless she could also get her family out. He believes that, despite the risk involved, she would be willing to act as an agent in place.

8. My relations with Mr. ^{OS}[Bartes] have been very good, and I am inclined to believe what he says. However, this whole matter, of course, would have to be evaluated by the Clandestine Services.

9. There is one other matter I would like to mention in connection with Mr. [Bartes] and that is that he served for two and a half months with a group of Cuban fliers in the Congo, as he holds a pilot's license. He did not tell me and I did not ask who the sponsors of this group were or what their duties were. He did, however, mention a Colonel [Weber] and a Mr. [Saunders]. I strongly suspect, of course, that this was an agency operation and, if so, the Clandestine Services will already have a good deal of information about Mr. [Bartes].

10. I pass this on for whatever it is worth and, if there is any further information which I can provide, I shall be glad to do so.

Lloyd A. Ray

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