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Subject: Edward Browder, Jr. was; Edward Browder Sabatino, Eduardo Sabatino, Edward Sabatino Ollivier

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Comment:

1. The source of this material, who is not a controlled agent, was unwilling to divulge the original source of these documents. He stated, however, that they were obtained from Browder's quarters after his departure from Mexico.

2. It is believed that the "travel permit problem" referred to in the first sentence of document C may have been solved for Browder by the telegram mentioned in paragraph 2 of reference B.

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FIELD INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY: Mexico  
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SUBJECT: Edward Browder, Jr. was;  
Edward Browder Sabatino,  
Eduardo Sabatino, Edward  
Sabatino Ollivier  
DATE OF INFO: November 1953 -  
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PLACE ACQUIRED: Mexico City  
DATE OF REPORT: 28 October 1954

SOURCE, SOURCE EVALUATION, APPRAISAL OF CONTENT: Journalist with contacts in  
local circles (C).

Appraisal of Contents: Doc.

1. Attached are photographic copies of the following documents:

- a) An agreement dated 29 November 1953 in which Eduardo Sabatino agreed to sell certain arms and aircraft valued at \$850,000. U.S. currency to <sup>(page)</sup> Major Jose Eduardo Montenegro Paniagua, an exiled Guatemalan army officer. Note: As of May 1954 Montenegro was in a Mexico City jail for failure to pay his hotel bill.
- b) A letter, or note, dated 30 June 1954 from Eduardo Sabatino B. to Robert Alvarado Fuentes, for Guatemalan Ambassador to Mexico. There is no indication that this letter was mailed.
- c) A letter dated 22 March 1950 from the Chief of Police, Miami Shores Village, Florida, stating that Edward Browder, Jr., a resident of Miami Shores Village, is a law abiding citizen of that town.
- d) A letter dated 3 August 1954 from Edward Browder B. to <sup>(page)</sup> Col. Marcos Pares Jimenez, President of Venezuela. There is no indication this letter was mailed.
- e) A letter dated 3 August 1954 from Edward Browder to <sup>(page)</sup> (General) Fulgencio Batista, of Cuba. There is no indication this letter was mailed.
- f) An undated letter (probably July 1954) from Eduardo Sabatino B. to an unnamed Ambassador, possibly the Nicaraguan Ambassador to Mexico.
- g) A letter dated 1 August 1954 from Edward Browder Sabatino to General A. Bonilla, of Nicaragua.
- h) This document appears to be a part of an agreement whereby subject will operate in Europe in behalf of an un-named government.

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- i) This document appears to contain call letters for radio stations and cryptic symbols for certain countries.
  - j) This document contains rough drawings of bombs and grenades.
  - k) A letter signed Eduardo and dated 30 July (1954) at Guatemala City. It appears from this letter that subject may have gone to Guatemala City after his escape on 16 June 1954 from the custody of Mexican Immigration authorities.
2. Edward Browder, Jr. has a long record for violations of the Neutrality Act and other federal statutes in the United States. His whereabouts since his escape from the custody of Mexican Immigration officials on 16 June 1954, is unknown.

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En la ciudad de Mexico, D.F. a los 29 dias del mes de Noviembre, 1953; ante el notario publico comparecieron los señores Eduardo Sabatino y El Mayor Jose Eduardo Montenegro Paniagua, del Ejercito Guatemalteco, quienes son de mi conocimiento actuor derecho para celebrar el siguiente contrato:

- 1: El Mayor Jose Eduardo Montenegro Paniagua se compromete seriamente a comprar del señor Eduardo Sabatino, un lote de armas incluyendo ocho aviones (cuatro del tipo transporte C-46 y cuatro del tipo combate P-47) ademas varios en cantidades de carbinas, grenados de mano, ametralladoras, bombas y parque para toda. Este lote de armas consiste de cantidad conocida entre los dos señores en una lista aparte, y tiene valor de ochocientos cienquenta mil dollars (\$850,000.00 U.S.) Aparte de este suma hay que pagar para parte del Mayor Montenegro gastos para los pilotos en Americanos quien debe manejar los aviones. El Mayor Montenegro compromete a pagar la mitad de el precio de las armas al dia siguiente de la venida de Honduras de el Licenciado apoderado Sr. Carlos Aurelio Recinos, quien tiene en su poder la cantidad de dinero suficiente a pagar para todo de los cuantos de este movimiento. El otro mitad de este suma a ser pagado en el puerto de Cortes, Republica Honduras al desembarcar toado el armamento.
- 2: El Señor Eduardo Sabatino se compromete seriamente a entregarle al Mayor Montenegro este lote de armas incluyendo los aviones mencionado y a toda del otra que consiste en una lista en posesion del Mayor. Tambien El Señor Sabatino compromete a ayudare el Mayor Montenegro en todo lo necesario para subir al poder y haber derrocado al actual Gobierno Comunista de Guatemala, hasta llevar a feliz termino lo deseado.
- 3: El Señor Sabatino tambien se compromete a entregarle al Mayor Montenegro diez pilotos Americanos, expertos en la zona mencionado y dos Jefes de infanteria, y a ser dirigido de los Americanos en sus trabajos.

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- 4: El Señor Sabatino tambien se compromete a marchar con El Mayor Montenegro a Francia, Africa Norte, por avion, lo mas pronto que posible, para mandar el lote de armas a Honduras en su propia barco y para trabajar junto con El Mayor hasta al fin del movimiento.
- 5: Una vez terminada y ganada la situacion de esta nuestra parte en Guatemala, El Mayor Montenegro se compromete a ayudarlo (Sr. Sabatino) con todo lo necesario para que El deroque al actual Gobierno regido por Jose Figueres en la Republica de Costa Rica, hasta al fin.
- 6: El Mayor Montenegro se compromete a entregar al Señor Sabatino, despues ha ganado la situacion en Guatemala, una suma de dinero en cantidad de diez millon de Quetzales, en efectivo, como compromiso con diel en su parte, moralmente en recompensa a la ayuda que el Señor Sabatino ha dado al Mayor Montenegro.
- 7: Cualquiera de los dos suscritos que falta a esta seriedad y compromiso sera sancionado con una multa y en caso necesario hasta con su vida. Por haber no solo faltado a un secreto entre hombres sino por traidor.

  
Mayor Jose Eduardo Montenegro Fariasua

  
Eduardo Sabatino

Castigo

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30 June

Dr. Roberto A. Fuentes

IF DURING THIS VERY TEMPORARY CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT, YOU DESIRE TO ARRANGE PURCHASE OF SEVERAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF THE TYPE AND SIZE SUITABLE FOR PRESENT OPERATIONS IN YOUR COUNTRY, I WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS TERMS WITH YOU PERSONALLY.

IMMEDIATE FLIGHT DELIVERY CAN BE ARRANGED DIRECTLY TO ANY AIRPORT EXCEPT LA HABANA, AND HIGHLY COMPETENT FLIGHT PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE TO REMAIN WITH THE AIRCRAFT AND TO ENGAGE IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

NEGOTIATING AND ARRANGEMENTS OR DISCUSSIONS WILL HAVE TO BE ON A VERY PERSONAL AND DISCREET BASIS - AS MY ACTIVITIES ARE UNDER HEAVY SCRUTINY BY BOTH THE U.S. DEPT. OF STATE AND MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND I DO NOT WISH ANY ADDITIONAL TROUBLE FROM EITHER GROUP.

THE AIRCRAFT AND SOME OTHER MATERIAL BEING USED BY COLONEL CASTRO ARMAZ AND HIS MEN, WERE SUPPLIED BY ME, AND MY ACTIVITIES IN THE ARMS BUSINESS ARE WELL KNOWN, THEREFORE YOU NEED HAVE NO DOUBTS AS TO MY ABILITY TO DELIVER WHATEVER IS ORDERED.

PERHAPS YOU MAY THINK IT IS TOO LATE NOW THAT THIS IS A TEMPORARY TRUCE, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT COLONEL CASTRO ARMAZ AND HIS MEN ARE EFFICIENT SOLDIERS AS WE WILL ACCEPT NO COMPROMISING ARRANGEMENTS.

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Dr. Roberto Hernandez Fuentes

If you wish to pursue this subject further, you may contact me tomorrow - my attorney, Fernando Aloape Barucka, who has offices in the same building as your Embassy. His office phone is 12-02-72.

I cannot meet you at Volcans 1 or at your residence, therefore I suggest a place easily arranged, where you could come in your automobile and I in mine, preferably in Polanco or Condesa.

Eduardo Sabatino, D.

P.S. I have just arrived from Honduras and will be here until Friday evening only - unless of course you can take action on this proposal in which case I will make all the arrangements for delivery over the weekend.



Miami Shores Village

G. LAWTON METCAL  
WARD CLERK



March 22, 1950

To Whom It May Concern:

This will certify that Edward Browder, Jr., 152 N. W. 105th St., is a resident of Miami Shores Village, and as far as Village Police Records indicate, Mr. Browder is a respectable, law abiding citizen of this Community.

*J. A. Jenney*  
Chief Village Police

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UNITED STATES LINES

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TO THE ADDRESS:

The present Government of Jose Figueres in Costa Rica is short of the Government in my revolutionary army. An invasion somewhat similar to that made by the Costa Rican Army in Guanacaste. The army in my country is being organized with a view to the invasion of Nicaragua. My arrangements are being made in a state of preparation and planning.

If your Government would be willing to in making a visit to and unofficial representation in the Junta that will govern Costa Rica, it can be arranged to the State of providing financial assistance which is required for the purchase of arms and equipment.

This offer is made from mercenary motives only. I do not because I desire to and your cause for political change. I have a considerable amount of time, money and arms invested in this project, and am in a position to control the leading elements of the revolutionary group and to maintain that control after their seizure of the Government.

If you desire to discuss this with me personally and in full detail, I am available at your convenience, subject to the provisions outlined herein. Due to current military situation with revolutionary groups in this territory and a reputation for arms smuggling, the Department of State in my country (USA) and institutions of several other Governments, have taken serious interest in my activities and my whereabouts. Therefore it is necessary for me to use discretion in my movements and I do not wish to come to your Embassy during my absence, since the local FBI agents are presently looking for me in Mexico.

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PLEASE IF YOU WISH TO SEND A CAR TO BIRMINGHAM  
 AND THE CONSUL IN ALBUQUERQUE, I WILL BE INTERESTED.  
 AS I HAVE MY LOGGING FREQUENTLY, IT WOULD BE  
 BEST FOR YOU TO CONTACT AN AMERICAN CLASSIFIED  
 ADVERTISING AGENCY IN NEW YORK. I WOULD BE INTERESTED  
 IN YOURS, BELOW - REQUESTING RE DATE DAY AND TIME  
 YOU WILL SEND A CAR TO PICK ME UP.

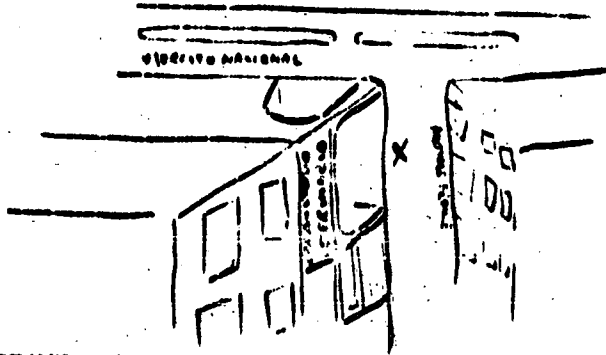
1100 WALKER IN WICHITA, KANSAS  
 WILL PAY HALF CAR FUEL & OILS  
 ANATOLI FRAMA B.O. JUNE 1941  
 1100

EXAMPLE  
 1100 WALKER  
 1100

THERE IS NO # BUS ON INTERSTATE 44, BUT YOU  
 MAY SEND A CAR TO THE CORNER OF ANATOLI FRAMA  
 AND ESTREMO NACIONAL, PARKING IN FRONT OF A  
 VEICULARIO CONSULTORIO ON CORNER. IF THERE IS  
 NO PARKING SPACE AVAILABLE INSIDE, DRIVER TO CHECK  
 IN DOUBLE FILE AND I WILL JOIN THEM IMMEDIATELY.

I AM LEAVING BY PRIVATE PLANE TO MONTANA PLAIN  
 ON JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OR NEXT DAY. I WOULD BE INTERESTED  
 IF THERE IS INTEREST IN YOURS. PLEASE ADVISE TO  
 BE RE CONTACT WITH TO THE DATE.

Edvento SYBATINGO P.



General A. Somoza, 10,000  
República Nicaraguense  
Managua, N. C. R.  
My dear General.

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I regret my inability to contribute my plans and ideas in Managua, especially after your prompt action was your Ambassador in Mexico to solve my travel permit problem. However, to you have no doubt been informed, I have been detained by means of investigation in Managua on some presumptions regarding investigation of my activities. But might be used incommunicado for some time with a view to your private plans. Escorted from their visible attention by arranged to leave the country through La Oroya. I have, needless to say, worn out my welcome in M. Rico, as they are furious. One address to get away from them - I had to risk my inability to arrive in Managua - I was so escorted on the way to airport to make the flight to Managua.

The matters which I desire to discuss separately with you involve several items among the most important of which may well be the movement against you financed by figures - and headed by Julio Soto - who was on the verge of arranging purchase of four British Mustangs for sale to you in a possible attack on your residence. These plans were delayed with a quantity of arms and ammunition which seized in Mexico (under orders of Dr. Aguero) and its contact. (See below, all of which you know) and Julio left town abruptly. I have lost some of my informants due to my rapid departure from Mexico - but have none yet in Mexico, that Julio is in Montreal. You know of course that Julio claims to be acting as Deputy of Dr. Soto - but I have definite proof of his money coming from Julio Soto. This situation will probably be dormant for some weeks until I have a contact who will inform me if the situation is actually cancelled for.

One other matter involves Roberto de la Cruz - who has been in, like what he thought were several and uncountable sources two aircraft (A-20 Douglas Attack Bombers) and 100 munitions were to go American pilots in a surprise raid on your residence that is the intention. Volunteered to me by one of the pilots (known from the past) by agent of de la Cruz. I think this plan was foiled out also - mainly due to inability to find pilots willing to accept. For what of course - one of the callers on de la Cruz at the height of the war was Soto - flying - who is supposedly your friend of yours. Col. Mendelto this was last January - February - I do not recall names but some of my files were left in Mexico so I am not sure on the date. Anyway, Mendelto was aspirations to be President of Nicaragua - your job looks good in that respect.

Nevertheless, with the abrupt change in my plans - and the delay in getting my travel permit - the files notes of General Soto - I was not able to keep up with Soto. The Guatemala incident seemed to throw everything plans and time tables out of gear. I had a date in Tegucigalpa with some of the people left behind in Guatemala and managed to make it (I had to get out of the country) with that situation settled, and my finances improved - I intended to do everything possible to assist in the existing of liquidity. I am aware of the General Soto's activities involved, including Dr. Calderon & San Palo - and I realize that there are several other things which are involved well - in a financial matter - and I am aware that the big plans are involved, complicated and costly. I don't know how much the General is on basis of what most of the other activities seem to count on - which is the primary mission of the General. However, I do know and count as a friend, one of the Spanish (Calderonista) - Colonel Julio Lopez & Wilson - and I am disposed to help him immediately - to launch a force of well-trained personnel in Costa Rica to launch an

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would be necessary to utilize the urgent relief and assistance in case of  
to (in future) use of force.

The situation is not front row. Get a movement immediately. Perhaps you will  
be willing to provide the material to lift Colonel Lopez and his men to a beachhead on the  
east coast of Costa Rica. I will be ready to coordinate with you and the  
other military elements in the area. I will also be willing to furnish the material and  
the other things necessary to utilize in the area of the proposed movement. I will be ready  
that the Colonel and his men be moved - I can strictly say that the material will be provided  
within a maximum of six weeks from commencement of useful obligation.

I have the team necessary, but they are located in a too distant port. And I would  
need to see where they are to land. I will be ready to land in Costa Rica, and for such a small amount, it is  
not worth the expense of the trip. Much less the risk. Therefore, if you can arrange  
clearance for one of my pilots to land at Puerto Cabezas (ABC 24), and also arrange to have  
at Puerto Cabezas the following items - I will send a PBYA to pick them up in successive  
trips and lift them to Colonel Lopez in Costa Rica.

- { 100 - Rifles, cal 3006 Springfield or US M1 CARBINES cal 30
- { 100 M rounds; Ammo for above
- { 10 M-A MACHINE GUNS (US M3 45 cal Greasegun) or whatever you have
- { 10 M rounds for MG
- { 2 SO CAL MACHINE GUNS WITH TRIPOD
- { 10 M rounds Ammo half AP, half TRACER or INCIN
- 1000 Grenades
- 25 cases 60% dynamite + 1000 lbs minute fuse - 500 # of caps. I have 50 more (MAGNETO TYPE)

It may be necessary to utilize either Puerto Cabezas or Bluefields as a base to carry  
the two medium bombers. I am sure there are no suitable fields in eastern Costa Rica - The PBY  
is amphibious and will use the ocean front to land supplies etc. Use Colonel Lopez (ABC 24)  
would be the pilot if the aircraft (Lockheed PV-1) have low landing. I remain Puerto Cabezas  
from the Department of Movement. I put my P-10's and C-46 in there. If you still have on  
hand, the various items, I am that abortive attempt. I can utilize the explosive - dynamite  
the fuses and plumbing items to make detonating charges. As I recall there was a large  
quantity left intact when I assembled the first group of bombs.

The inventory list above, minus the grenades, will be replaced out of  
my stock, so you will not actually pay out any of the items, except the coronado, which  
I do not have. At the last punch will send to Tegucigalpa. If you could arrange the  
situation as outlined I will appreciate a cable or a mail letter advising in general  
terms the exact date which I could send, or fly myself, the PBY to Puerto Cabezas  
to pick up material. You need say no more than arrangements satisfactory from  
August 15th forward. Also if you could arrange to send your  
son Vicente to Puerto Cabezas to meet me, we could discuss your idea as to possibility  
of taking the two medium bombers there or elsewhere. They will have to come directly  
from Puerto Cabezas location to the operation base. I will have the PBY being the  
'cargo' for the two PV-1s after their arrival. The PBY is available immediately upon  
receipt of your okay. And the other aircraft can be sent after I have put the Colonel  
and his men and supplies on the ground.

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This is not the most discreet method of bringing this to your attention but as I am unable to come to Menoqua, I AM THE ONLY MEANS AT HAND

IF you will desire to ARRANGE THINGS AS OUTLINED - I will appreciate a reply in duplicate to the addresses below - as I AM AT present, AND WILL BE, in my BOAT CRUISING in THE GULF - HOWEVER I AM IN CONTACT BY RADIO WITH ONE OR OTHER OF THE TWO ADDRESSES - AND CAN ARRANGE FOR THE PLSY TO PICK ME UP AT SEA - PROCEED TO PICK UP THE LEBNOL AND THEN in Puerto CASBROS AND THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE DESIRED ENO FOR FIGUERAS.

With kindest regards,  
Edward Brander Sabatino

① Edward Brander-SABATINO  
923 Du Pont Building  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

② Odette Olivier-SABATINO  
AVENIDA MADERO 27  
LOMAS TRACOPAC  
VILLA OBISPOON, D.F.  
MEXICO

I AM FORWARDING THIS BY SMALL PLANE TO MIAMI FOR MAILING DIRECTLY TO YOU FOR NOTE  
WHEN HAVE IT DELIVERED TO CONSUL FOR FORWARDING ETC.  
*WBC*

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IN ADDITION TO SWR SPECIFIED, THE FOLLOWING WAS REQUIRED TO:

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3. RADIO OPERATORS LICENSE - 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS INTERNATIONAL - " " " " " "
4. COMMISSION AS COLONEL - FLEW FORCES - SERVED AS AIR ATTACHE - OR INTELLIGENCE ATTACHE WITH PERTINENT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS - FOR CREDENTIALS - WITH ASSIGNMENT TO EUROPE (FRANCE - FRANCE) ON A TEST AND EVALUATION MISSION, AS PERSONAL DELEGATE OF AIR FORCE, TO WHICH PERTINENT STUDIES OF SUITABLE COMBAT PLACENT, WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BE FURNISHED BY A 1942 DATE FOR A REPORT OF THE MISSION.
5. EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF \$500<sup>00</sup> US. PER MONTH, TO COVER OPERATIONS IN EUROPE.
6. LETTER OF CREDIT FOR UNLIMITED AMOUNT ON ANY SWISS BANK SUITABLE - PREFERRED IN US. CREDIT PLEASED OFFICE OF 'WARRANTS' BUREAU SWITZERLAND. THIS OPERATION TO MINIMUM OF THE US. DOLLAR FIFTY THOUSAND PER YEAR, TO BE DIVIDED 50/50 BETWEEN AIR FORCE AND AIR FORCE.
7. A DOUGLAS C-47 OR EQUIVALENT PLANE TO BE FURNISHED TO THE MISSION.

THE PILOT TO BE ISSUED FROM MISSION - MUST BE CAPABLE OF PILOTING PLANE IN THE COUNTRY. IN FRONT OF WHICH, HE MUST BE CAPABLE AND MUST BE FURNISHED TO CLASS CONCERNING THE MISSION AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION BY AIR FORCE BUREAU OF THE COUNTRY.

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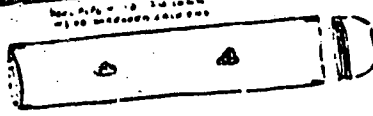
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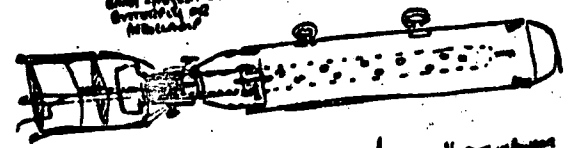
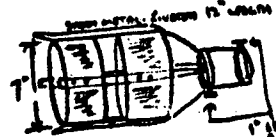
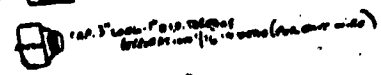
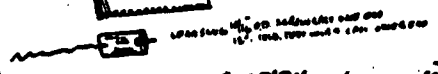
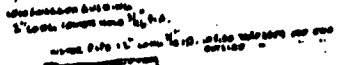
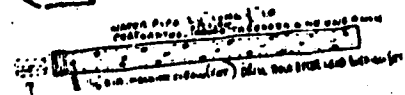
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