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

Dear General Cutler:

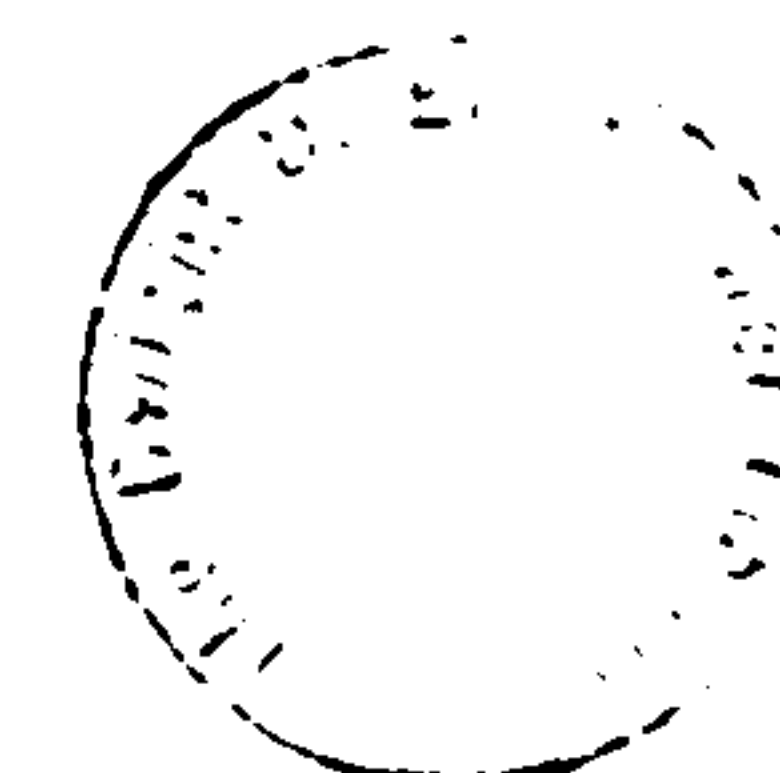
I am enclosing a memorandum dated March 5, 1954, entitled "Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico" which will confirm information telephonically furnished to your office by a representative of the Bureau on March 5, 1954. (U)

Any additional pertinent information received in connection with this matter will be furnished to you promptly. (U)

Sincerely yours,

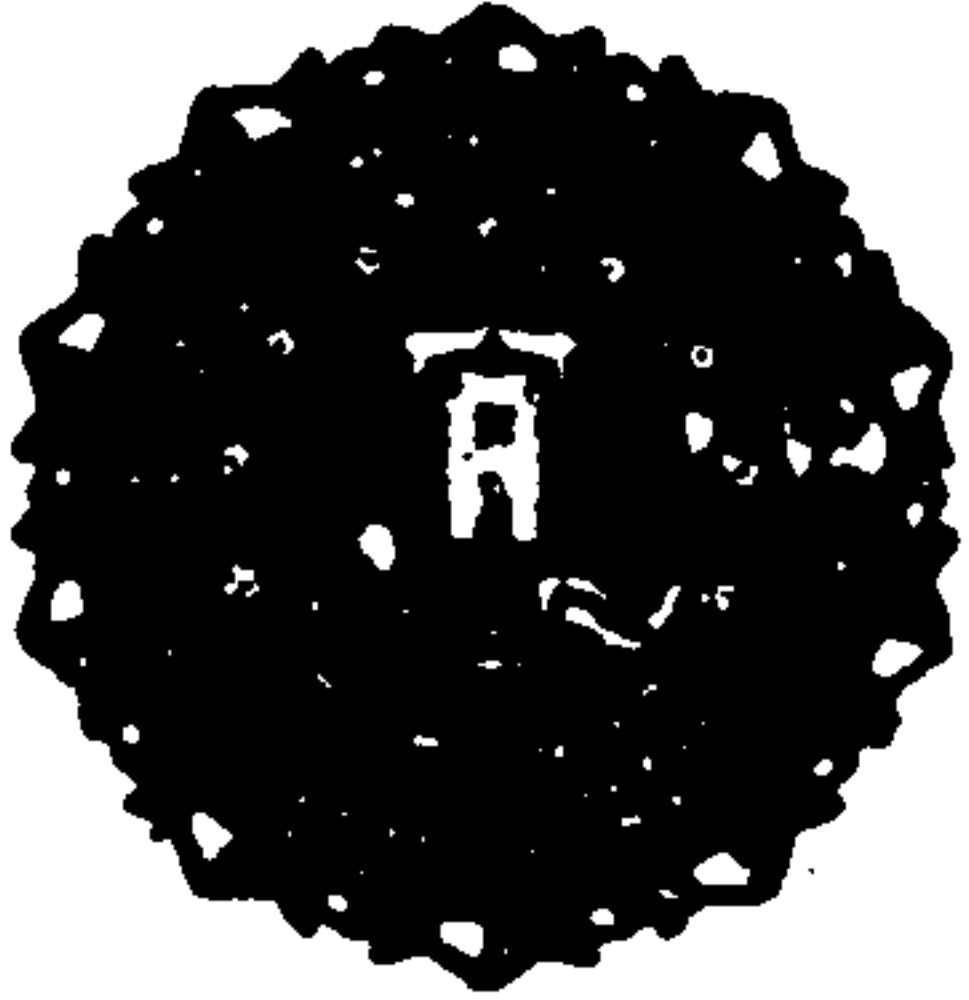
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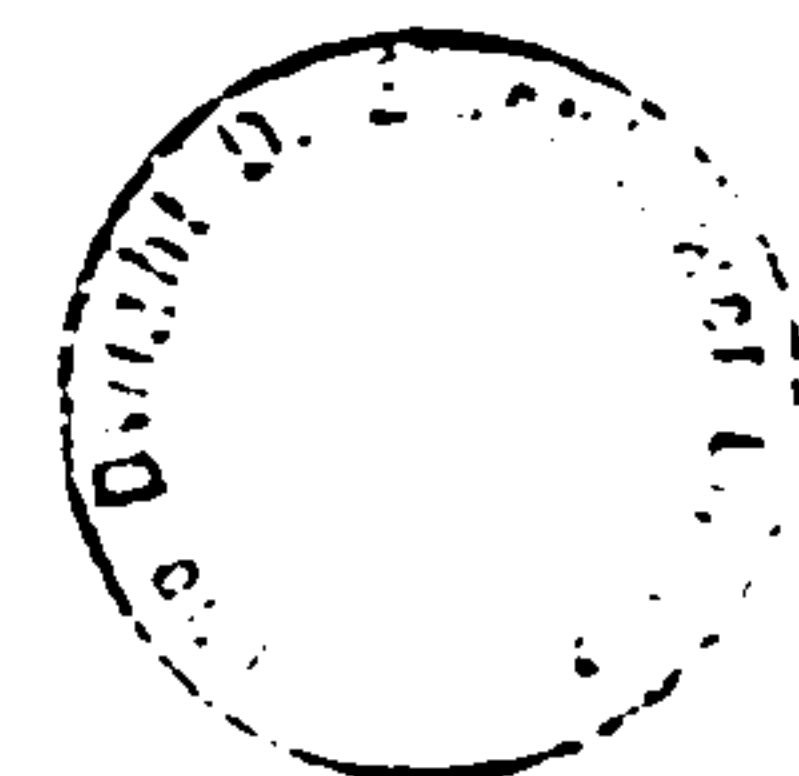
NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

An informant of unknown reliability who has had considerable contact with members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) in the Chicago, Illinois, area furnished the following information on March 4, 1954. (21)

Dolores Lebron, who was arrested on March 1, 1954, for her participation in the shooting incident at the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., visited Chicago, Illinois, approximately three weeks ago and met with Gonzalo Lebron Sotomayor, NPPR delegate in Chicago, Illinois, on a Thursday night. Dolores Lebron stated she had orders from Pedro Albizu Campos, President of the NPPR, indicating that three men from the Chicago NPPR were to go to Washington, D. C., to attack Blair House or the residence of President Eisenhower; that an additional three men from the Chicago NPPR were to attack Congressmen in the Capitol Building, Washington, D. C.; and that ten men from New York City were to go to Puerto Rico to receive orders for additional violent action on the Island of Puerto Rico. (21)

Dolores Lebron also discussed with Gonzalo Lebron Sotomayor the possibility and opportunity for action against a high official of the United States Government at the "Caracas Pan-American Convention"; however, no definite plan was disclosed. According to the informant, Gonzalo Lebron Sotomayor rebelled against this plan although he did indicate he would be willing to send men to Puerto Rico for violent action. Gonzalo Lebron Sotomayor was then advised by Dolores Lebron that Julio Pinto Gandia, New York NPPR leader, had recently been removed from his position and expelled from the Nationalist Party because he refused to back the November, 1953, assassination plan and apparently was unwilling to take violent action on the continent. (This alleged plan, as previously reported, involved the assassination of the President of the United States; Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Representative to the United Nations; and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.) (21)

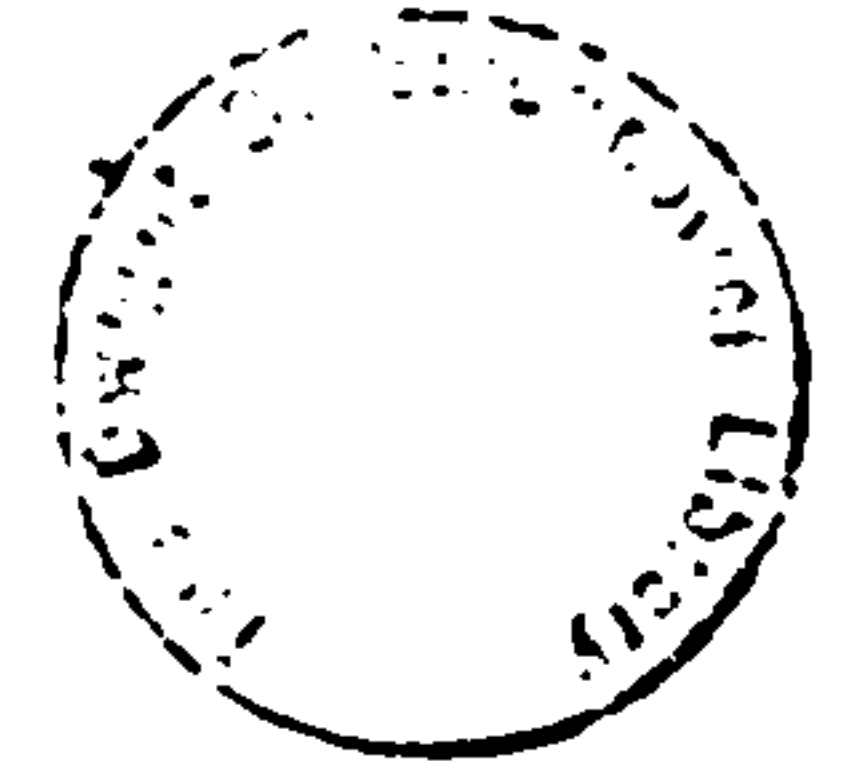
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During the meeting, Dolores Lebron called Gonzalo Lebron Sotomayor a coward and indicated that she intended to take some action despite his refusal to cooperate. According to the informant, Gonzalo Lebron Sotomayor apparently was not aware of Dolores Lebron's subsequent plan to attack Congressmen with other NPPR members but strongly suspected that she would take some definite action. (u)

The informant believes that Chicago, Illinois, is the source of the Luger pistols used in the shooting incident at the House of Representatives. Six Lugers were allegedly transported to unknown NPPR members in New York City in September or October, 1953, by Francisco Cortez, former Chicago NPPR firearms instructor who is presently residing in Puerto Rico, and Angel Luis Medina, Chicago NPPR sergeant at arms. The informant believes that the NPPR's principal source of firearms is Scaramuzzo Brothers, 810 South Halstead, Chicago, Illinois. (u)



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