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Date: September 14, 1962

To: ST-100 REC-52 Director [100-6-9635] (C) (u)
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans (C) (u)

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: CHARLES KURALT
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (C) (u)
(Nationalities Intelligence)

Reference is made to your communication dated July 19, 1962 in the captioned matter, your reference [redacted] (S)

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On August 24, 1962, Kuralt advised a confidential source abroad that he had been in Cuba and at one time had prepared a radio news script which contained the statement that there were 150 Americans working in Cuba in various capacities for the Cuban Government. Kuralt advised, however, that he did not have the names of the 150 Americans nor did he know the names of any United States citizens in Cuba who are communists. Kuralt stated specifically that he did not have a list of American communists working in Cuba. (C) (u)

[This is for your information.] (C) (u)

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Subject is chief liaison American correspondent for CBS with office in Rio de Janeiro. The confidential source abroad mentioned above is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 8-24-62

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : ~~██████████~~
LEGAT, RIO DE JANEIRO (100-679) ... C

SUBJECT: ~~██████████~~
AMERICAN COMMUNISTS WORKING IN CUBA
IS - CUBA

██████████
It was noted that KURALT is the chief Latin American correspondent for CBS with offices in Rio de Janeiro. *PER LETTER 7/21/62*

On 8/24/62, during a conversation with KURALT, ██████████ was advised that KURALT had been in Cuba and at one time had prepared a radio news script which made the statement that there were 150 Americans working in Cuba in various capacities for the Cuban Government. KURALT advised ██████████ however, that he does not have the names of the 150 Americans nor does he know of any U. S. citizens in Cuba who are Communists. KURALT stated specifically he did not have a list of American communists working in Cuba.

- 3 - Bureau (1 - Liaison Section)
- 1 - Rio de Janeiro

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/28/63

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-New) (P)

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DOCUMENT # 1

SUBJECT: CHARLES KURAULT
IS - CUBA
(OO:WFO)

[RWF01et and LHM 5/11/62, captioned "Travel Controls - Cuba; IS - Cuba" Bufile 105-7-210.]

Enclosed are nine copies for the Bureau and one copy for New York of a LHM dated and captioned as above setting forth information furnished by [redacted] (S) b1

The enclosure is classified "Secret" due to the highly sensitive nature of the source. If this information is later downgraded it should be classified "Confidential" since it reveals [redacted]

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will review subject's passport file to determine full details concerning his Cuban travel validation.

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- 1 - New York (Enc 1) (RM)
- 2 - WFO

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by routing slip for info.
Date 9-11-63 by [redacted]

CC TO: OSD
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ANS. BY: Kij/ [redacted]

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DATE: 1/9/03

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CHARLES KURAULT
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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On August 16, 1963, according to a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 10/14/63

FROM SAC, WFO [105-55288] (C) (RM)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
CHARLES BISHOP KURALT, aka
Charles Kurault
[IS - CUBA] (S) (RM)
(OO: WFO)

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ON 12/13/02

The title of this communication is "Changed" to show the full correctly spelled name of subject as shown in his passport file.

ReWFOlet 8/28/63, captioned, "CHARLES KURALT; [IS - CUBA.] (S) (RM)

Enclosed are nine copies for the Bureau and one copy for New York for information of a LHM dated as above and captioned, "CHARLES BISHOP KURALT; [IS - CUBA.] (S) (RM)

Subject's passport file was reviewed by

IC [REDACTED] b7c

- 2-Bureau (Enc. 2) ENCLOSURE
- 1-New York (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1-WFO

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CC TO: SS
REQ. REC'D 6 30 72
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ANS.
BY: EEL ARH

CC TO: OSD
REQ. REC'D 5-1-67
MAY 24 1967
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BY: Kip [unclear]

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October 14, 1963

CHARLES BISHOP KURALT
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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On September 24, 1963, [REDACTED] b7c
Passport Office, United States Department of State, made
available a passport file containing the following
information concerning captioned person, who is also known
as Charles Kuralt:

On July 28, 1960, the Chicago Passport Agency
issued passport 2381976 to Charles Bishop Kuralt
restricted against travel to Albania and those portions
of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control.
Kuralt's passport application dated July 28, 1960, at
Chicago, Illinois, showed his date of birth as September 10,
1934, at Wilmington, North Carolina, his permanent residence
as 136 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn Heights, New York. His
father was identified as Wallace Hamilton Kuralt, who was
born on July 3, 1906, at Springfield, Massachusetts, and was
then residing at Route 2, Charlotte, North Carolina. His
mother was shown as Ina Bishop Kuralt, who was born May 20,
1907, at Jacksonville, North Carolina, and was then residing
with her husband. Kuralt indicated that he was last married b7c
on August 25, 1954, to Sony Guthery Kuralt, who was born at
Charlotte, North Carolina, on [REDACTED] and was then
residing with him. Kuralt indicated that his occupation was
television news correspondent and that he intended to depart
from New York City on July 30, 1960, via Cubana Airlines for
the purpose of news reporting in Cuba for a period of two weeks.

The above passport was renewed on or about July 17,
1963, at New Orleans, Louisiana, the application therefor
showing Kuralt's mailing address as Columbia Broadcasting
System News, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.
His application showed an intention of traveling to Mexico
for two weeks for the purpose of reporting, departing from
Los Angeles by Pan American Airways on July 25, 1963. This
application showed the person to be notified in emergency as b7c
[REDACTED] 6121 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles,
relationship not shown.

DOCUMENT 2

RE: CHARLES BISHOP KURALT

The file indicated that on March 16, 1962, the American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was authorized to validate the passport of "Charles Kurault" for travel to Cuba and advised that validation should read, "This passport is valid for travel to or in Cuba."

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-30-65

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Gandy	

FROM : M. Jones

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED DISTORTED REPORTING ON DOMINICAN CRISIS BY VARIOUS NEWSMEN

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By letter, 6-21-65, William Hearst enclosed correspondence from [redacted] listing newsmen alleged to be distorting the news. [redacted] also believes [redacted] and [redacted] are Communist Party members. Hearst's letter notes that when he next sees the Director, he would like to discuss this matter. By letter 6-25-65 the Director stated he was looking forward to seeing Hearst; a note on the yellow indicated that memorandum was being prepared regarding these newsmen.

PERTINENT DATA IN BUFILES ON NEWSMEN:

[redacted] (correct spelling [redacted])
[redacted] allegation that he was a communist. Our investigation reflected no evidence of communist affiliation by [redacted] in New York described him as a braggart and ambitious. [redacted] has contacted Soviet and satellite officials in this country, apparently in connection with his work. [redacted] here advised he had great respect for [redacted]

In 1964 [redacted] wrote several articles on Cuban refugees in Miami; newsmen there reportedly believed that [redacted] was fabricating parts of his stories to provide coverage for Manuel Ray, Cuban exile group leader, in his attempt to re-enter Cuba. [redacted] advised the FBI of possible Soviet influence in their actions. Our investigation [redacted] reflected no evidence of any Soviet influence. [redacted] was mentioned by [redacted] Miami Spanish-language newspaper publisher, in 7-64 as one of a group of "liberals" trying to liquidate [redacted] newspaper to get rid of its influence in Dominican affairs. [redacted] program, "ABC Scope" which dealt with the Dominican crisis; these newsmen indicated that the rebel forces were communist controlled.

According to a confidential source, [redacted] was in contact with Juan Bosch, former Dominican leader, and indicated that articles would be published favorable to Bosch. [redacted] also was to attempt to "talk to some people in Washington" and recommend that the Organization of American States leave the Dominican Republic.

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[redacted] was among newsmen planning to travel to Cuba for the 7-26-64 celebration there. [redacted] the program "ABC Scope" [redacted] which dealt with the Dominican crisis; these newsmen indicated that the rebel forces were communist controlled.

[redacted] the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee inquired regarding [redacted] being a "party liner"; nothing in Bufiles substantiated this charge. In 7-64 he was among newsmen who traveled to Cuba to attend the 7-26-64 celebration and in 3-65 sought a visa to visit Cuba, which was denied. [redacted] has contacted Soviet officials here apparently in connection with his work. As of 1964 he was in contact with a Chinese national, [redacted] Hong Kong writer, who had been alleged to be procommunist, but these charges were not substantiated. In 1964 [redacted] contacted Panamanian officials in connection with articles on the U.S. - Panamanian dispute.

Our investigation [redacted] reflected no evidence of Soviet influence. [redacted] was also one of those named by [redacted] newspaper publisher, in 7-64 as one of a group of "liberals" trying to liquidate [redacted] newspaper to get rid of its influence in Dominican affairs. [redacted] contained an item by [redacted] from Santo Domingo on the crisis there; his article reflected no anti-U. S. sentiment.

[redacted] requested permission to enter Cuba in 12-64 on assignment. In 1957 the State Department expressed concern over a newspaper article by [redacted] which mentioned names of American communists in Mexico; [redacted] reportedly received most of his data from an American Embassy employee in Mexico. In 1962, [redacted] reportedly was in Guatemala and wrote articles favorable to Juan Arevalo, former Guatemalan President. Arevalo, a leftist-liberal, has criticized the U. S.

Charles Kuralt
Charles Kuralt, CBS, was among newsmen who requested visas to enter Cuba for the 7-26-64 celebration. [redacted] refugee Cuban journalist, told the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee that Kuralt, while in Cuba, had slanted his reports in favor of Castro. A Subcommittee report released in 8-62 contained [redacted] charges as well as a denial that Kuralt's reports favored Castro.

[redacted] has covered civil rights matters in the South and on 2-18-65 was injured during a Negro demonstration in Marion, Alabama. In 7-63 [redacted] was alleged to have represented himself as an FBI Agent while covering demonstrations in Danville, Virginia; the FBI interviewed him and he denied the charges. He has also covered Latin American matters.

[redacted] was among foreign correspondents reported missing in Cuba in 9-62. Later news reports reflected that [redacted] had been expelled by Castro.

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R. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: ALLEGED DISTORTED REPORTING

[REDACTED] Journalist, has long been an apologist for Castro, and has been in contact with Cuban United Nations officials. He is included in Section A of the Bureau's Reserve Index.

DATA IN BUFILES ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was formerly a Castro apologist. Legat, Santo Domingo, has recently advised that [REDACTED] is now anti-Castro; is very pro-FBI; and has volunteered information to the Legat there.

OBSERVATION:

would not trust him

According to Bufiles data [REDACTED] Kuralt and [REDACTED] appear to be the ones who have allegedly printed stories favoring anti-U. S. elements. Nothing was found to indicate [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] has written such articles.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Director's information.

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