

Basque Intelligence Service

Section 7

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACH
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
SANTIAGO CHILE

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Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Bureau letter dated September 6, 1944, captioned as above, [there are enclosed herewith several reports received from the Basque Intelligence Representative in Santiago, which reports are written in Spanish. These reports are to be forwarded to the Basque representatives in the United States, as outlined in above-mentioned letter.]

[There are also enclosed herewith six copies each of the translations of the above mentioned reports, which are being forwarded for inclusion in Bureau files.]

Very truly yours,

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE
ORGANIZATION;
URUGUAY ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a report from [redacted]
[redacted], an informant of this
Office and [redacted]
[redacted] addressed to his superior, Sr. Jose Antonio
de Aguirre (Secube) [redacted]

In accordance with previous arrangements
made with this Organization, it is requested that the
attached report be delivered by safe method.

Very truly yours,

L. A. [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR [redacted]

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RE: BASQUE DELEGATION

With respect to paragraph two of the attached letter, IRALA
advises that up until the time the Basques lined up with the Bureau
[redacted] He
questioned the wisdom of writing that to the Department of Justice in any
formal letter.

He stated that the money that is now sent to Mexico comes from
the Basques in Mexico who have voluntarily contributed to President AGUIRRE's
cause. AGUIRRE, when he gets the money, sends it back to the political
delegate in Mexico. This is done in order to complete the transaction that
the persons in Mexico are contributing directly to the president and not to
some local delegate.

I suggest that you discuss this with the Bureau supervisor for
Foreign Agents Registration in order that he might attempt to get some
verbal answer from KNAPP of the Department of Justice as to how he wants
the Basques to handle his inquiry.

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letter DTD [redacted] SC 1/61

JEROME BOYLE

11/23/44

Attachment

Referred to
[redacted] Boyle
answered telephonically

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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina
November 24, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Director, FBI

Re: ~~BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA~~
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 3, 1944, forwarding photostatic copies of correspondence between this organization here and Basque President Aguirre in New York City. The letter requested advice as to whether this material becomes available to this office as it passes through and whether it was desired that further copies be furnished in the future.

The Bureau is advised that this material does become available as it is handled for transmission to New York. Envelopes containing correspondence are handed over unsealed by Dr. de Lasarte and the contents can be read. The matter of forwarding copies of the correspondence to this office was discussed in a letter from here to the Bureau dated November 8, 1944, in which it was requested that only copies of administrative letters be forwarded. It is realized, however, that there is probably difficulty in segregating administrative letters from memoranda merely setting forth information, and it is accordingly now suggested that the Bureau forward no more photostatic or photographic copies of correspondence to this office.

Basque Org. ref. to

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby

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November 24, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: Basque Intelligence Organization
(Confidential Informant)

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of the report of [redacted] the Basque Intelligence Organization, which is directed to the President of this group, Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE), New York City. A copy of this report is being maintained in this office.

It is requested that this report be forwarded by safe hand to the addressee, in accordance with arrangements previously made by the Bureau with this organization.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
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Bogotá, Colombia
November 16, 1944

Director, FBI

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BASQUE ORGANIZATION;
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 3, 1944, transmitting two copies of a translation of a report sent by the Basque Organization in Colombia to Senor Don Antonio de Irala, Basque Delegation, 35th Avenue, New York City. I was requested to advise you whether or not these reports are made available to us at this office before they are transmitted to the Bureau and to inform you if the practice of furnishing us copies of the translations should be discontinued.

The material being sent to the Basque Delegation in New York City is turned over to a representative of this office in an unsealed envelope by the head of the local Basque group. Before it is forwarded in the pouch, the material is always read by the writer or by the Special Agent handling the Basque contacts. However, we have not been making copies, and copies are not provided us by the Basques. The information contained in these reports has usually been furnished to us in another form by the Basques. However, it is interesting for us to receive the translations from the Bureau, and if it is not too much inconvenience, it is requested that the Bureau continue furnishing such translations to us.

Very truly yours

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To: [Redacted]
The American Embassy
Bogota, Colombia

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization
Administrative Matters

Reference is made to your letter of November 16, 1944, captioned as above.

There is being enclosed herewith one copy of a translation of a report written in Bogota, Colombia, in November 1943, addressed to the Basque headquarters in New York City. This report covers the history of the Basque movement in Spain and sets forth considerable data concerning Basque activities in Colombia.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Carson	
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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
Administrative

Dear Sir:

[Large redacted block]

Shortly after receipt of the Bureau's radiogram the matter of reduction of the amount was discussed with Dr. de Lasarte, local head of the organization. He was told that a reduction of \$500 per month was going to be made, bringing the monthly amount down to \$1,500. Although he remonstrated that this amount is insufficient for his organization, he was told that the cut would be placed in effect beginning with the first payment in November, made on the 8th. It now appears that De Lasarte did not understand this and thought that the reduction had been postponed indefinitely. He does not deny that he was told the reduction would go into effect at that time, but states that he did not understand it was to do so.

At the time this matter was discussed on October 23, 1944, whenever it has been discussed since, the Basques have been told that the reduction is being made in an effort to make the amount paid them equal approximately the value of the information received from them plus the value of the information that we can reasonably expect to receive from them in the future. They have been told that no strict evaluation has been placed on each paragraph of written information they have submitted us, but that an overall estimate is being made and that the amount to be paid them must correspond to this estimate. They have not been told that this cut of \$500 per month is the only reduction to be made nor has the matter of further reductions been discussed with them.

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[November 23, 1944] JK

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
Administrative

[This office has been working with subject organization since June 8, 1944, in the present capacity and under the arrangement of \$2,000 monthly. It is felt, judging by the information submitted by them in the past, that they may be worth \$1,500 per month only because of the possibility of a break in Argentine-U.S. diplomatic relations and because of the possible future value of their maritime coverage on Spanish ships in detecting the movement of fugitive Axis officials to South America. Since a few days after the start of this relationship in June, De Lasarte has been asked for a list of contacts and sources of information, potential and otherwise, and was later asked for an explanation as to how the money paid him was being used. Neither request was fulfilled and it was understood he was reluctant to expose details of his organization and its functioning because of fear the information might get into wrong hands, stating that such had happened once to their organization in France with disastrous results. However, when the reduction of payment became apparent on November 8th, De Lasarte stated he must take the matter up with President Aguirre in New York. Accordingly he has written a letter of protest to the latter and has also submitted to us, with a copy to Aguirre, a summary of his organization in Argentina. A translation of the summary has been made and is attached hereto; there has also been made a translation of the letter to Aguirre and it is attached hereto. It should be noted that the letter to Aguirre was not submitted to this office for inspection but was handed us in an envelope for transmission to the United States along with other items of an administrative nature intended for Aguirre. That envelope is also transmitted herewith and should be forwarded to Aguirre.] JK

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The attached translation of the Summary of Organization will be discussed first. It should be noted that De Lasarte has, it is understood, increased his organization to the following extent since our relationship has been in effect: A surveillance and investigative squad of three men has been added; managing this squad and obtaining information from various sources about nationalist organizations, religious circles, political, communist and sundry other matters, is one man, [redacted] one other man has been designated to devote all attention to Communism and to means of getting information about it; [redacted] in Argentina has been subsidized to organize an information service in Galician circles here JK

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November 23, 1944

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
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(The Galician group is larger than the Basque in Argentina, but is evidently completely unorganized for intelligence work). As pointed out in the letter, the latter two men, the one working on Communism and [REDACTED] have been unproductive to date. Information regarding communists has been obtained by [REDACTED] through local Catalan contacts and through a friend who has managed to enter the Communist Party here. It has been pointed out to De Lasarte that while there is a large number of people in Argentina who are either Basques or of Basque descent, contacted through the Basque Delegation, actually this group appears to be of little use to him in obtaining information either because of faulty contact or poor organization. This has been admitted by him and he has explained that difficulties caused by the present Argentine government and police attitude towards intelligence work are responsible; moreover, the existence of a large Basque colony is always cited by him as a principal attraction of the Basque Organization here. The files, which are mentioned, are in such shape as to be of little use to us at present; requests given them in August for information on individuals which they are supposed to have are still unanswered because, they say, the files are not yet organized so that the information can be found. X

Under the section known as "Results" of the Summary it is noted that part 2 complains that attention has not been given to various plans for interesting industrial enterprises. It is recalled that one written plan was submitted by De Lasarte for the construction of tunnels in Argentina; this was in turn submitted by us to the appropriate section of the Embassy which, in turn, advised it had no interest in the project. De Lasarte was advised of all this. Then, before a working relationship was entered into by us with De Lasarte on June 8, but while negotiations were in the preliminary stage, he mentioned the possibility of subsidizing a small Basque fishing concern which might be started on the southern Argentine coast, and wondered whether this would be of interest. After the relationship was entered into he was asked for details on this matter and stated that it was then too late, that the opportunity had been lost. No other industrial enterprise projects have been submitted for our consideration. X

Under the section known as "Budget", attention is called to part 2. De Lasarte has admitted that he had the expenses set forth under this part, except for that noted as "two thousand pesos for the section working with S.C.", prior to our entering into relationship with him. He has said he was X

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able to pay these expenses with amounts forwarded to him directly by Aguirre in the States; he has also stated that amounts paid to him by the Military Attache [redacted] are used to defray these expenses. (X)

In the attached translation of De Lasarte's letter to Aguirre, it will be observed that he feels the reason behind this reduction in amount to be paid is not the concern over money itself but rather a loss of trust and understanding. De Lasarte has been assured that there has occurred no such "loss of trust and understanding" and has been told that the reason was exactly as stated; he appears, however, to refuse to believe this. It has been ascertained from him [redacted] (e)

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[redacted] and it is believed that this may be why De Lasarte does not believe money is the consideration. (X)

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De Lasarte has also insisted that freedom in handling a certain amount of money should be given him to take care of unforeseen contingencies, such as trips found necessary in connection with the intelligence work. To date, these trips have consisted of one or more to Uruguay, via river steamer, and one to Chile by air, on the part of De Lasarte, and two trips to the provinces of Salta and Jujuy on the part of [redacted]. He is at present contemplating trips to Bolivia and possibly Paraguay to organize the Basques there in accordance with original instructions from Aguirre. (X)

It is noted that in the next-to-last paragraph of De Lasarte's letter he states that if the cut is to be made he intends to start cutting their expenses by abolishing his own salary. [redacted] he says, can replace him. This is probably [redacted] who has been found quite competent in intelligence work. (X)

It has been agreed that the Basque organization shall continue working with this office for \$1,500 per month while the amount to be paid them is being settled. They have been (X)

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[November 23, 1944]

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
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told that their letter to Aguirre will be delivered and that he will be free, it is supposed, to discuss the matter with appropriate officials in the United States.

It is pointed out that the original understanding was that no money to be paid the Basques was to be used for other than investigative and information-obtaining purposes, or at least Irala advised [redacted]

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[redacted] It has been called to De Lasarte's attention that contributions to general expenses of the Basque Delegation, and perhaps other of the expenses set forth in the Budget, hardly appear to fall within this purpose. He has insisted that indirectly they do, since his intelligence system may be expected to profit from the increased activity of the Basque organizations. It has been pointed out to him that apparently little information has come from such activity to date. The question appears to be how indirectly the money can be spent for the purpose of obtaining information.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby

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November 14, 1944] X

Sr. D. José A. ~~de~~ Aguirre X
30 Fifth Avenue X
New York City X

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Dear Lendakari: X

Last month when I returned from my trip to Chile the friends bearers of this letter told me that they were going to reduce the amount of their contribution to our labors, because these latter do not reach the value of the amount fixed. My surprise was great and my annoyance was greater, still more so because at that moment I was particularly pleased with the result of the trip to Chile and also on seeing that good work had been done here during my absence. I set forth every possible consideration in entire opposition to the measure, that is to say, against the reduction and especially against its immediate application. X

The amount received since the beginning of this collaboration was two thousand dollars a month, one thousand every two weeks, the same which had previously been fixed as payment for our labors. The reduction mentioned was one fourth of the said amount, which would reduce the amount to one thousand five hundred dollars. X

I thought that I had convinced them with my arguments, at least to have the application of the reduction postponed "sine die", when on the eighth of this month I received the fortnightly allotment and perceived that the said reduction had been made. Earlier on that same day, I had been speaking with them about some estimates to begin the work in Bolivia, and they had brought me the telegram ordering me to see about the sending of a person to Chile. I repeated all the considerations stated during the past month. In addition to insisting that our work was not worth the payment, the friend told me that he had already notified me during the preceding month that the reduction would go into effect beginning with this month. I replied to him - and I repeat it - that I did not understand such a thing, because in that case this letter would have been written last month. At the end of the conversation I asked him if he had powers to cancel the reduction and he told me that he would consult about it. We made another appointment and met again yesterday, Nov. 13th. X

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I brought the enclosed statement which I handed to him, and in addition made all pertinent explanations. The friend did not change his attitude, and we then agreed that the situation be stated by means of this letter. X

I find it very difficult to write it, as it forces me to give details normally not necessary, and it reminds me of something similar which occurred in Paris. Therefore, I do so briefly in the hope that the enclosed statement and previous acquaintance with the salient features of our system of working supply for its brevity. Speaking frankly, with the same frankness that I use with our friends, without diminution of sincere personal esteem and true regard for their Cause, which is ours, I understand that on their part there is a lack of trust and understanding towards us. From my point of view, nothing justifies the reduction, though naturally I do not claim to have reached perfection and I do not conceal our faults and even our partial failures. I do not understand how in the present circumstances it can be said that our work is not worth the amount of their allotment when it costs us who work hard quite an amount more. X

The five months which have passed since the beginning of our collaboration have been very difficult for all the S.I. (Intelligence Service) to the extent that there have been numerous arrests of agents and the hints that we have always received from the S.I. (Intelligence Service) have advised prudence and have forbidden work in certain delicate matters. All this means work in a scattered and divided way, which has a direct result on the economic situation. The organization of the files, for example, does not deserve mention under other circumstances; in the circumstances in which we live, for security reasons and for lack of diplomatic status, they require notable attention and expense. X

We have not fixed limits or restrictions to our collaboration with this S.C. (Legal Attache) because of difficulties or such reasons. It has been necessary to use patience and prudence and to proceed gradually, but without slackening or interrupting, looking after the whole extent of possible objectives according to instructions, and looking towards the future with the realization that our Service is not a short-lived flower but rather has a mission to perform in the near future. X

Right from the beginning we have given the S.C. (Legal Attache) an appreciable amount of work, including all that has been given to other S.I. (Intelligence Service); we have increased the extent of our S. (Service) and specialized its sections; we have notably improved the informative potential X

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of our Organization. To judge with a feeling of impatience or with a commercial view requiring results immediately on payment, it is possible to be dissatisfied. Judging with profound vision, I do not believe there is reason for dissatisfaction. ✕

This does not prevent our acknowledging that we have not attained all the objectives pointed out in the preliminary instructions for this section, but the fact is that until a short time ago it was not possible to make the trip to Chile and the management of the S.V. (Basque Organization) in that country is still pending and now we are beginning to consider the question of the S.V. (Basque Organization) in Bolivia. In this situation is it possible to draw definite conclusions and to have means of activity left? ✕

In the enclosed statement it is acknowledged that up to the present the attempts to form a special Galician section and a section for Communism have been failures. But is it not interesting to try to form a complementary service based on the Galician leaders? Isn't the attempt worth while? Should we be discouraged because the results are slow in coming? It is conceded that the section concerning Communism has not attained its object, nevertheless one of our agents has succeeded in entering the organization of the P.C. and there is close surveillance of its members here and en route to Spain. ✕

On our part there is no overtrustful feeling which denies criticism and the pointing out of defects, but this defense of the activity of the S.V. (Basque Organization) is necessary as all its members have during these difficult times done their utmost by displaying the purest idealism and a spirit of sacrifice corresponding to the confidence which has been placed in them. ✕

Because I believe that once the question has been brought forth for discussion I ought not to keep my opinion from being known, I say that I attribute what has happened to a lack of trust and understanding. The economic factor cannot worry our friends for whom I am certain that it is something really insignificant in the volume of their budget. Perhaps it is difficult for them to get accustomed, on account of their professional habits, to dealing not with agents but with a modest service, as modest as you will, but which is not a group of individuals, agents of theirs, but rather the S.I. (Intelligence Service) of a patriotic organization which is working in the belief of serving the common Cause of Liberty, and at the same time its own patriotic Cause. So long as there is no understanding ✕

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of this principle, not only intellectually but also in practice, things will not go well. For my part, my conscience prevents me from working except on the basis of this principle. If my saying this is unnecessary, on account of its being undeserved, let it be attributed to the fact that what has happened has caused in me a disillusion and a beginning of depression which I feel obliged not to hide.

If it is urged that the system established in neighboring countries is in contradiction with this trust which I seek, I must declare that the Instructions considered the case of B.A. as something special, due to the conditions and complexity of our work here, and in addition the duties of the administration of the S.V. (Basque Organization) in neighboring countries require that flexibility which in practice - a new case is now pending in setting up a new office for Chile - decisively contributes to the functioning of the S.V. (Basque Organization) in the said countries. ✕

If these arguments and those which may be added are not sufficient to cancel the measure of reduction, there remains the problem of looking after the expenses which will continue to accrue. ✕

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If the measure remains in force, my plan for which I request approval is to begin the suppression of items with mine. This is not a thoughtless act of seeking relief from work or trouble, but a measure necessary for such an eventuality and will not affect the yield of the S.V. (Basque Organization). [redacted] can take over my duties. From the beginning until now I have thought of him as a substitute for me at any given moment. In addition to his capability and training, he has acquired experience and has worked with great efficiency. In this way he will also have more liberty to make the necessary reductions and suppressions. It is not necessary to say that I shall give him whole-hearted support in every way. ✕

It would be advisable, better to say necessary, that the reply to this letter be made by telegram giving exact directions. Therefore I remain as always at the disposal of Euzkadi and the Lendakari. ✕

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Querido Lendakari: El mes pasado al volver de mi viaje a Chile los amigos portadores de esta carta, me dijeron que iban a reducir el importe de su contribución a nuestros trabajos, porque éstos no alcanzaban el valor de la cantidad fijada. Mi sorpresa fué grande y mayor el disgusto, aumentado por que estaba particularmente contento en aquel momento, del resultado del viaje a Chile y de ver que se había trabajado bien aquí durante mi ausencia. Hice todas las consideraciones imaginables para oponerme al fondo de la medida, es decir a la reducción y sobre todo a que se aplicara seguidamente.

La cantidad percibida desde el comienzo de esta colaboración era dos mil dollars al mes, mil cada quincena, la misma que desde anteriormente se había fijado como asignación a nuestros trabajos. La rebaja anunciada era un cuarto de dicha cantidad, o sea dejando la cifra en mil quinientos dollars.

Creí haberles convencido con mis razonamientos, cuando menos para dejar aplazada "sine die" la aplicación de la reducción, cuando el día 8 del cte, al recibir la quincena ví que se había hecho el descuento citado. En este mismo día, previamente, les había estado hablando de unos tanteos para iniciar el trabajo en Bolivia, y ellos me habían traído el telegrama ordenándome que resuelva el envío de una persona a Chile. Repetí todas las consideraciones expresadas hace un mes. El amigo además de insistir en que nuestro trabajo no valía su asignación, me dijo que ya el mes anterior me había anunciado que a partir de éste, sería efectiva la rebaja. Le repliqué -y lo repito- que yo no entendí tal cosa, pues de ser así esta carta hubiera sido escrita el pasado mes. Terminando la conversación le pregunté si tenía facultades para revocar la reducción y me dijo que le dejara consultar. Quedamos citados nuevamente y nos volvimos a ver ayer día 13. Yo llevé la nota verbal adjunta que entregué, haciendo además las ampliaciones pertinentes. El amigo no modificó su actitud y entonces quedamos en que planteara la situación por medio de esta carta.

Me resulta muy violento el escribirla pues me obliga a dar detalles innecesarios normalmente, y me recuerda lo que con algo parecido sucedió en París. Por é ello, lo hago brevemente en la esperanza de que con la nota verbal adjunta y el conocimiento anterior de las principales características de nuestro sistema de trabajo, se supla su brevedad. Hablando francamente, con la misma franqueza que empleo con los amigos, sin mengua del sincero aprecio personal, y de la estimación verdadera de su Causa, que es la nuestra, entiendo que hay de parte de ellos una falta de confianza y de comprensión hacia nosotros. A mi modo de ver nada justifica la medida de reducción, aunque como es natural, no pretenda haber alcanzado la perfección y no disimule nuestros fallos y hasta nuestros fracasos parciales. No me explico como en las circunstancias presentes, se puede decir que nuestro trabajo no vale el importe de su asignación cuando a nosotros trabajando austeramente nos cuesta bastante más.

Los cinco meses transcurridos desde el comienzo de nuestra colaboración han sido bien difíciles para todos los S.I. hasta el punto de que ha abundado las detenciones de agentes y las indicaciones que de los S.I. hemos recibido han sido siempre aconsejando prudencia y prohibiendo el trabajar en determinadas materias delicadas. Todo ésto, impone el trabajo en forma dispersa y dividida, lo que tiene una directa trascendencia a efectos económicos. La organización del archivo p. ej. no merece mención en otras circunstancias; en las que vivimos, por razones de seguridad y por falta de status diplomático a-

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nejo, exige una atención y un gasto a mencionar.

Para nuestra colaboración con este S.C. no nos hemos fijado límites ni cortapisas por razones de dificultades o similares. Ha habido sí, que emplear paciencia y prudencia y proceder escalonadamente, pero sin desfallecimientos ni interrupciones, atendiendo a toda la amplitud de los objetivos posibles según las Instrucciones, y mirando al futuro, en la conciencia de que nuestro Servicio no es flor efímera sino que tiene una misión que cumplir para el día de mañana.

Hemos dado al S.C. y desde el primer día una cantidad apreciable de trabajos, incluidos todos los entregados a otros S.I.; hemos ampliado la extensión y especializado en secciones nuestro S.; hemos mejorado notablemente la potencialidad informativa de nuestra Organización. Con un sentido de impaciencia o una visión de tipo mercantil que exige el rendimiento inmediatamente al gasto se puede estar descontento. Con una visión profunda, creo que no.

Esto no obsta al reconocimiento de que no hemos cubierto todos los objetivos señalados en las Instrucciones iniciadoras de esta etapa, pero eso todavía hasta hace poco tiempo, no se ha podido hacer el viaje a Chile y aún está pendiente la dirección del S.V en ese país y ahora comenzamos a considerar la cuestión del S.V en Bolivia. En esta situación. se pueden sacar conclusiones definitivas y restar medios de actuación?

En la nota adjunta se dan por fracasados hasta el momento los intentos de formación de la sección especial gallega y la sección sobre el comunismo. Pero, ¿no es interesante tratar de formar un servicio complementario a base de los dirigentes gallegos? ¿No merece la pena el intento y no desanimarse por que los frutos tarden en llegar? Se dá por no lograda la sección sobre el comunismo y sin embargo se ha conseguido que un agente nuestro entre en la organización del P.C. y que se sigan de cerca los pasos de sus miembros aquí y en el camino de España.

No hay por nuestra parte un sentido eufórico que no admita la crítica y el señalamiento de defectos, pero es obligada esta defensa de la actividad S.V. en la que en momentos difíciles, todos sus miembros han puesto en tensión su voluntad y aplicado el idealismo más puro y el espíritu de sacrificio adecuado a la confianza que en ellos se ha depositado.

Porque creo que planteada la cuestión no debo callar mi opinión digamos que atribuyo lo sucedido a falta de confianza y comprensión. El aspecto económico no puede preocupar a los amigos para quienes en el volumen de su presupuesto tengo la seguridad de que es una verdadera insignificancia. Tal vez, les resulta difícil, por hábitos profesionales, habituarse a tratar, en vez de con agentes, con un servicio modesto, todo lo modesto que se quiera, pero que no es un grupo de individuos, agentes suyos, sino el S.I. de una organización patriótica que trabaja creyendo servir a la Causa común de la Libertad, y a la vez a su Causa patriótica. Mientras no haya la sincera comprensión de este principio, no solo intelectual sino prácticamente, las cosas no andarán bien. Por mi parte, mi conciencia me impide trabajar sino es a base de este principio. Si el decir esto, es innecesario, por inmerecido, atribúyase a que lo sucedido ha causado en mí un desencanto y un principio de depresión que creo obligado no ocultar.

Si se pretende que el sistema establecido en los países vecinos es contradictorio con esta confianza que pretendo, debo alegar que las Instrucciones consideraban el caso de B.A. como especial, especialidad ratificada por las circunstancias y la complejidad de nuestro trabajo aquí, y además que las funciones de dirección del S.V. de los países vecinos exigen esta flexibilidad que en la práctica -ahora está pendiente con la provisión de un puesto para Chile un nuevo caso- contribuye decisivamente al funcionamiento del S.V. en dichos países.

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Si estos aumentos y los que se pueden añadir no bastan para revocar la medida de reducción queda el problema de atender a los gastos que se irán devengando.

Si la medida se sostiene mi plan para el que solicito aprobación, e comenzar la supresión de conceptos, por el mío. Esto no es un desahogo irreflexivo sino una medida necesaria en tal eventualidad y que no afectará al rendimiento del S.V. Puede hacerse cargo de mis funciones [redacted] en quien desde su incorporación a esta etapa, he pensado para sustituirme en un momento dado. Además de su capacidad y preparación ha formado su experiencia y ha trabajado con gran eficacia. De esta forma habrá además mas libertad para hacer las necesarias reducciones y supresiones. Ni que decir tiene que en cualquier forma yo ayudaré con toda mi alma.

Será conveniente, mejor dicho necesario que por telegrama se anticipa la contestación a esta carta, marcando las orientaciones precisas.

Con este motivo quedo como siempre a disposición de Euzkadi y el Lerakari.

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At the end of five months' collaboration by the S.V. (Basque Organization) with the S.I. (Legal Attache) it is time to consider very frankly the features and results of this collaboration. For this purpose we are setting forth in this statement:

- A) The organization of the S.V. (Basque Organization)
- B) Its results
- C) Its plans
- D) Its budget

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ORGANIZATION

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1. The principal lever of the S.V. (Basque Organization) is the Basque Delegation with all its affiliated and subordinate agencies:

- The newspaper "Euzko Deya"
- The "Liga de Amigos de los Vascos" (League of the Friends of the Basques)
- The "Comité Pro Inmigración Vasca" (Basque Immigration Committee)
- Cultural and recreational clubs of Buenos Aires and other places in Argentina.

This general organization which depends on the Basque Delegation is of assistance to the S.V. (Basque Organization) in becoming acquainted with current events throughout the country. This organization is constantly growing. One instance of this is that during the year new Basque Societies have been founded at Mar del Plata, La Plata, Necochea, and Santa Fe, and others are being formed at Bragado and Mendoza.

2. The general office of the S.V. (Basque Organization) is the office of the "Estudios Económicos Vasco-Argentinos" (Basque-Argentine Economic Studies). This office was opened for that specific purpose. A press section functions in the same building.

3. Direct relations between S.V. (Basque Organization) and S.C. (Legal Attache) are maintained by a special section with its subordinate surveillance group.

4. The headquarters of the S.V. (Basque Organization) directly controls:

The S.V. (Basque Organization) in neighboring countries; Relations with the other S.I. (Other intelligence organizations, such as M.A. [redacted]);

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The maritime section;
The sections of S.V. (Basque Organization) connected
with the other S.I. (Other intelligence organizations);
The special section working on Communism;
The Galician section;
The files.

5. The preceding gives an exact picture of the S. V. (Basque Organization) not according to a logical scheme, but just as it really is. It must be realized that various circumstances cause the theoretically perfect to be put aside to do what is possible from a practical viewpoint. X

RESULTS

1. The Argentine political situation has been a great obstacle to the forwarding of information from the general Basque organization to the S.V. (Basque Organization). As a matter of fact, the great mass of Basques and Basque-Argentines is profoundly democratic. Though there are Basque-Argentines in all sectors, the great majority have always been connected with the Radical Party. The democratic tradition of the race and the Basque origin of Hipólito Irigoyen have had much to do with this fact. There have been times and places, as in the last elected government of Entre Rios when all the officials - Governor, Ministers, etc. - were of Basque origin. X

As a result of this disagreement between the present military policy and the opinion of the Basques in Argentina it is evident that the Basque Delegation has been limited in its relations with official circles. It follows as a consequence of this that the expected supplying of information has not reached the limit of normal possibilities. X

2. The results of the Office of Economic Studies would have been improved if attention had been given to the various plans for interesting industrial enterprises which were submitted soon after collaboration began between the S.V. (Basque Organization) and the S.C. (Legal Attache). Lack of interest or delay in considering the matter ruined the plan of establishing a fishing company in the southern seas. Its interest as a medium of obtaining information is evident at once. X

The office of Economic Studies has by its own means established very interesting contacts with official agencies. Apart from this, it does its work as a "cover" and general office satisfactorily. The same may be said of the press office annexed to it. X

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3. The special section working with the S.C. (Legal Attache) has been very active, and has obtained notable results in the short time it has been functioning. Though it is not the purpose of this statement to set forth a detailed analysis, it is pertinent to mention that the reports about the Argentine nationalists, the penetration into religious circles, and the journeys to Salta, were good work done by this section. X

4. In the sections directly depending on the Headquarters of the S.V. (Basque Organization), there should be pointed out: X

A) Noticeable improvement in the results of the S.V. (Basque Organization) in Uruguay and Chile.

B) The continuous excellent work of the maritime section. Certainly the work in this matter has diminished but vigilance must be kept up, with the assurance that, as it has up to the present, the S.V. (Basque Organization) by its surveillance of the Spanish ships and their crew can obtain very good results in this matter. X

C) The section working on Communism ought to improve its work, for which the S.V. (Basque Organization) has very special facilities.

D) The Galician section has produced very little.

5. There is no need to insist on the difficulties caused by the Argentine police, as they are only too well known and are suffered by all S.I. (Intelligence Organizations). The S.V. (Basque Organization) has had to place some of its agents in safety in another country, dispense with others, and be on the alert at all times. Other S.I. (Intelligence Organizations) have been obliged not to work as a precautionary measure in some matters. Many of their agents have been imprisoned, others became known and have had to give up working. The S.V. (Basque Organization) suffered very little from this persecution. It has never ceased working as much as possible. X

PLANS

1. The first plan is to improve all activities. All prospects are favorable and there is good reason for hope. X

2. In a general review of the Basque organization, to reorganize the "League of Friends of the Basques" and the "Basque Immigration Committee" by bringing in new and valuable members, and to multiply the activity of these organizations as soon as the situation begins to change. X

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3. An atmosphere of greater political liberty will also allow closer linking of Basque-Argentines through the Office of Economic Studies.
4. We expect to improve contacts with our friends and correspondents in the country, which up to now has been a very difficult problem to solve.
5. At the present time we hope to begin the work of S.V. (Basque Organization) in Bolivia. During the past few days steps in this direction have been taken.
6. There is also under consideration the sending of a director for the S.V. (Basque Organization) in Chile. This will undoubtedly improve the work of S.V. (Basque Organization) in that country.
7. It is to be hoped that the Galician section will begin to produce results. This is logical and very important in view of the size and connections of the Galician colony in this country.

BUDGET

1. The S.V. (Basque Organization) has never worked with a budget established beforehand, but has used the means which were placed within its reach. On the other hand, as may be seen from this statement, the work entrusted to the S.V. (Basque Organization) of Buenos Aires is still in the organization stage. It is difficult therefore to make a formal budget, but the following data can be give about expenses:
2. The most important and permanent are two thousand pesos towards general expenses of the Basque Delegation; fifteen hundred pesos for the office of Economic Studies; two thousand pesos for the section working with S.C. (Legal Attache); two thousand five hundred pesos for the Headquarters of S.V. (Basque Organization). The amount assigned personally to the director is eight hundred pesos.
3. From what has been said above it follows that the expenses of S.V. (Basque Organization) are much in excess of eight thousand pesos. The amount in excess is met by various assignments.

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA;
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Dear Sir:-

Forwarded herewith is an envelope containing communications from De LASARE to President AGUIRRE in New York City. It is requested that the envelope be forwarded to the latter.

Most of the contents are memoranda of an investigative nature, copies of which are in the possession of this office. It is noted, however, that a part of the contents are a letter from De LASARTE to AGUIRRE and a letter from ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ CASTELLAO to President AGUIRRE. These letters deal with the furthering of plans for a combination of the Basque, Catalonian and Galician provinces of Spain into one political entity. It is noted that the letter from CASTELLAO forwards a constitution for Galicia agreed upon in Montevideo, Uruguay, in November of this year. The constitution makes CASTELLAO President of the Consejo of Galician Deputies who are refugees in South America, and resolves to unite with the Presidencies of Catalonia and Euzkadi (Basques) to free Spain from the Franco regime and re-establish liberty.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby

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Date: December 12, 1944

To: Mr. Francis E. Crosby
The American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization in Argentina - Administrative

Reference is made to your letter of November 10, 1944, transmitting a copy of a memorandum prepared by [redacted] concerning his visit to the United States.

It is not believed that the Bureau should deliver a copy of this report to the Basque Government in exile in New York in view of the nature of it, and in view of its being prepared by [redacted] for a self-serving purpose. However, the two letters forwarded with this report were delivered to the Basque Government in exile and it was verbally informed of the contents of the report by [redacted]. The Basque Government has indicated that it has no great interest in [redacted] and that it has no desire to be furnished with a copy of a report prepared by him.

The report forwarded by you has been retained in the Bureau's files.

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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina
November 10, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Director, FBI

①
Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office to the Bureau entitled [redacted] Security Matter - G" dated October 13, 1944, and to letter to the Bureau from this office entitled [redacted] dated November 10, 1944. With the latter letter there were forwarded two copies of a report by [redacted] Four copies in all of this report were obtained through subject organization which, in turn, received them from a Basque named [redacted] The above organization requested that one copy of this report be forwarded to their President Aguirre in New York City.

There is also attached an envelope containing two letters in Spanish to President Aguirre, one from [redacted] and one from a Basque named [redacted] which explain the situation to Aguirre. Subject organization requested that this envelope be likewise forwarded to Aguirre. Because the letters seem to explain why Aguirre has taken an interest in this matter between [redacted] and the United States Government, translations of both are attached hereto.

Because of the contents of [redacted] Report,

It is left to the Bureau's discretion whether the one copy of this report forwarded herewith and the envelope containing the two letters shall be passed on to President Aguirre.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby
Francis E. Crosby,
L.A.

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Two letters fwd.
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Office of the Legal Attaché
Buenos Aires, Argentina
November 8, 1944

PERSONAL ~~&~~ CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Director, FBI

Re: ^① BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA;
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Bureau letter to this office dated September 28, 1944, forwarding photostatic copies of material directed to JOSE A. DE AGUIRRE in New York by the above-named organization.

The Bureau is advised that almost all of these photostatic copies represent copies of investigative memoranda which this organization had originally furnished to this office. It is suggested that in the future the Bureau forward to this office only photostatic copies of letters from this organization to AGUIRRE or AGUIRRE'S assistants in the United States dealing with administrative matters, inasmuch as it is believed that these alone will be of any possible use.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby

FRANCIS E. CROSBY,
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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

December 5, 1944

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

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Director, FBI

Re: ¹ BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION;
URUGUAY ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

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[There is enclosed a copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated December 1, 1944, addressed to Dr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE LEGUIBE, New York City. Copies of this report have been furnished to this office.]

It is requested that the above report be forwarded to the above-mentioned individual in accordance with previous arrangements between the Bureau and the Basque Intelligence Organization.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]
L. A.

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Date: December 14, 1944
To: Mr. Francis E. Crosby
The American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: Basque Organization

Attached is a letter which was furnished by the Basque Government in exile for delivery to its representative, Sr. D. Jose Maria de Lasarte in Buenos Aires.

This letter relates to the suspending for three months of the usual \$600 paid to the Basques in Buenos Aires by their headquarters.

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
SANTIAGO CHILE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

December 6, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: Organization
BASQUE INTELLIGENCE

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on November 25, 1944, a communication was sent to the Legal Attaché at Buenos Aires, Argentina, a paraphrase of which is as follows:

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Very truly yours,

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~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Date: December 29, 1944
To: Mr. Francis E. Crosby
The American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization in Argentina *Intelligence Service*

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Reference is made to your letter of November 23, 1944, [and the Bureau's radiogram of December 11, 1944, in the above-entitled matter. In view of the instructions issued to you in the Bureau radiogram, the letter forwarded to Aguirre in New York by Lasarte concerning the finances of the organization in Buenos Aires has not been delivered. It would appear that this letter is not pertinent at the present time, and therefore it will be retained in the Bureau's files unless a request to the contrary is received from you.

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Re: Basque Govt. in Exile

Oct 5th 1944.

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BASQUES.

Writer refers to transmitting letters from LANDABURU, Basque Govt. delegate in Paris, to New York. He considers that Negrin's proposed journey to Mexico may, not materialise but that PRIETO and Co may move to Paris, where he would like to see the BASQUE Government established.

Extracts:

"The Paris Delegation has now, in effect, been handed over to the Basque Government. Javier Landaburu has taken it over as the government delegate. I keep up a frequent correspondence with him, which I forward without loss of time to New York, which is still isolated from Paris. Javier finds himself faced by very serious problems, but he is satisfied with his position and is hoping to improve it. The Councillors who were in France on the last day of last month remain isolated and out of touch with the delegation in Paris, but it is natural to expect that this situation will not be long in coming to an end."

"Senor Negrin's journey to Mexico, talked about both here and over there, will perhaps get no further than talk, or in his case, of planning it. The proposal of the Miguel Maura government has also been talked about in Paris, but with very little foundation so far."

"I would be very glad if the Basque government were to meet and still more so if it moves to Paris where I think its rightful place is at this juncture. But when all is said and done it is he (Aguirre) who must decide and who must act when circumstances permit. I know that Prieto and Co. are also thinking of going over to Paris."

"Are the Basque leaders doing much work? It is now some months since we had any news at all, except what we read in 'Luz' and 'Luz'."

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

December 18, 1944

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

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Director, FBI

Re: ⁰ BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
Uruguay Administrative

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed report from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LEKUBE), in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau. (S)

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Copies of this report are being maintained in this office.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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[Handwritten initials]

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Director, FBI

DECLASSIFIED BY: [redacted] Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA;
ON: 5/20/88 Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith are two envelopes containing material from this organization to President Aguirre in New York City. It is respectfully requested that this material be forwarded to him.

It is noted that the larger envelope contains a letter from [redacted] with whom this office is in frequent contact, to Aguirre.

[Large redacted block]

The larger envelope also contains a letter from Dr. de LASARTE to Aguirre. The letter states he is forwarding issues of the October, 1944, manifest of the National Alliance of Democratic Forces (apparently a Spanish Republican organ) and an issue of "The Socialist" for October, 1944. The latter is a publication of the Spanish Socialist Workers Party. The letter states that [redacted] has received good news from Galicia, Spain, regarding organization favoring the movement there. It appears from the letter that the Spanish Republicans in Galicia may support the secession movement planned by exiled groups of the Galicians, Basques and Catalans.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby
FRANCIS E. CROSBY,
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Office of the Legal Attaché
Buenos Aires, Argentina
December 21, 1944

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA;
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith is an envelope containing communications from this organization to President Aguirre in New York City, and it is accordingly respectfully requested that it be forwarded to him.

It is noted that the contents consists partially of a letter from an individual whose signature is not legible to Aguirre concerning the proposed government for the combined Basque, Catalan and Galician Provinces when they shall secede from Spain. The remainder is an unidentified mimeographed bulletin and information memoranda, copies of which have been furnished to this office.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby
FRANCIS E. CROSBY,
LA

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

December 26, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: *O* BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a report for delivery to Sr. JOSE ANTONIO AGUIRRE (LEKUBE), Chief of the Basque Intelligence Service at New York City.

A carbon copy of this report from the local Basque Intelligence agent is being retained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

b7c [Redacted Signature] Legal Attache

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

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Director, FBI

RE: ~~Basque Intelligence Organization~~
Administrative

Dear Sir:

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(At the request of [redacted])
[redacted] there are attached hereto numerous copies
of investigative reports for transmittal to Basque President
JOSE DE AGUIRRE in New York City.

The information in these reports is being properly trans-
mitted to the Bureau.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York
Field Division for the information and attention of Mr. Jerome
Doyle.

Very truly yours,

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[redacted signature]

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*Enclaves furnished
to Doyle in N.Y.C.
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cc - Jerome Doyle
New York Field Division
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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina
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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an envelope from the local leader of the above organization, Dr. de LASARTE, to JOSE de AGUIRRE in New York City. The envelope contains several memoranda of an investigative nature, copies of which have been furnished to this office.

The envelope also contains a letter from LASARTE to AGUIRRE and encloses an agreement reached by local deputies who support GALEUZCA, (name given to the projected government to be formed for the Spanish provinces of Galicia, Catalonia and the Basques), on the question of holding a meeting of Spanish anti-Franco leaders in Mexico, January 10, 1945, and also forwards a document signed by those deputies purporting to give AGUIRRE full power to represent them at such a meeting. The letter states that AGUIRRE can, if he sees fit, make known the contents of the agreement, which protests against the meeting, to [redacted] b7c

A translation of the agreement and the document giving authority to represent them has been made from the Spanish and is being attached hereto.

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J. Crosby
Francis E. Crosby
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Having received on the 13th instant a Summons dated November 18 to the extraordinary session announced for January 10, 1945, together with Circulars 1 and 2, the deputies who sign below, and who are parties to Galeuzca (Galicia, Euzkadi and Catalonia) and under its discipline, address themselves to the President of the Cortes of the Spanish Republic to declare to him:

1. Due to the characteristics of the summons and the time available till January 10, it is evident that in the present circumstances there is no possibility for the undersigned to be present at the proposed meeting. When we set forth this impossibility it is proper to make known our protest at the form of the summons.

According to our understanding of the facts with which we are acquainted, in the preparation for this meeting due respect for the jurisdiction of deputies residing outside Mexico has not been observed, since previous consultations were not held. Such consultations are indispensable in having the effectiveness of an organism which has been paralyzed for years begin with prospects of success. The responsibility for this deficiency shall not be ours, if the meeting turns out to be a fiction, condemned to failure by the very smallness of its objectives.

2. Bearing in mind the foregoing, the proper thing in our opinion is the postponement of the announced meeting in order to give time for a fundamental agreement to be reached beforehand among the representatives of all, or in place of this, among the great majority of the republican political groups, with the legitimate delegations of the peoples of Euzkadi, Catalonia and Galicia taking part in the agreement.

3. With reference to points 1, 2 and 4 of the order of the day of the summons, the deputies who sign below understand that the discussion of these questions must be reserved for a later occasion in view of the fact that the majority of the deputies are absolutely unaware of the background which would enable them to form an opinion. We understand that before these points are discussed the permanent Deputation ought to forward a copy of the minutes of its meetings and detailed reports of the steps it has taken since February, 1939.

With reference to point 3 of the order of the day we defend the re-establishment of the republican form of government. We agree with this objective proclaimed as the first basis in the agreement of the National Alliance of Democratic Forces.

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formed clandestinely in Spain, and in the spirit of promising understanding shown by the said Alliance towards the peoples of Catalonia, Euzkadi and Galicia in their struggle against Franco or any anti-republican system of government. X

This re-establishment implies the recognition of a single system of republican leadership which must include: X

- a) Nomination of a President of the Republic.
- b) Formation and co-ordination of republican government agencies.
- c) Participation, subject to the mutual agreement of republican union and action made by the Catalan, Galician and Basque democratic forces through their representative authorities.
- d) Progressive incorporation of representatives of the underground forces which are struggling against Franco, into this system of reorganization of the republican government agencies.

Buenos Aires, December 15, 1944.

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[Redacted Signature]
(Signature)

[Redacted Signature]
(Signature)

[Redacted Signature]
(Signature)

[Redacted Signature]
(Signature)

José María de Lasarte
(Signature)

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By the present document and for all effects in connection with the summons to the meeting of the Cortes announced for January 10, 1945, we grant the most ample and express representation and delegation in favor of the President of the Government of Euzkadi and Deputy José Antonio de Aguirre and subsidiarily in favor of [REDACTED]

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Buenos Aires, December 15, 1944.

[REDACTED]
(Signature)

[REDACTED] (Signature) [REDACTED] (Signature)

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(Signature)

José M. de Lasarte
(Signature)

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

January 5, 1947⁵

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: ⁰ BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
Administrative

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed report from Confidential Informant [redacted] be forwarded to Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE), Chief of the Basque Intelligence Service in New York, in accordance with previous arrangements made by that Service and the Bureau. (S)

A copy of this report is being maintained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature block]

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

December 18, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN MEXICO
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter to this office dated September 7, 1944 and the letter from this office to the Bureau dated August 18, 1944 concerning arrangements whereby the Basques would be handled by this office instead of the [redacted] X C

[redacted] has advised [redacted] have occasionally called him during the past few weeks to ask why he no longer contacted their office. X C

In accordance with the authorization given to [redacted] by President AGUIRRE in the letter dated July 21, 1944 which was delivered through this office, he states [redacted] X C

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KMC:ml
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cc-Mr. Jerome Doyle,
New York Field Division

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. WALL, Jr.
Civil Attache

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Date: January 19, 1945

To: The American Embassy
Mexico, D. F.

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization in Mexico
Administrative

Reference is made to your letter dated December 18, 1944, to
the Bureau.

It is noted that you sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Jerome
Doyle of the New York Field Division. Please be advised that in the future
you are not to send copies of any of your communications to Mr. Jerome Doyle.
If it is deemed necessary to send Mr. Doyle information, it will be done so
through the Bureau.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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January 16, 1945

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Director, FBI

Basque Delegation

RE: CORRESPONDENCE OF BASQUE REPRESENTATIVE
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a letter addressed to Dr. JOSE A. de AGUIRRE, President of Euzkadi, Basque Delegation, 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City, from Confidential Informant DR-10. [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

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January 18, 1945

Director, FBI

RE: ⁰ BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION
Administrative

Dear Sir:

[At the request of [redacted] Basque Delegation] there are attached hereto numerous copies of investigative reports for transmittal to Basque President JOSE DE AGUIRRE in New York City.

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The information in these reports is being properly transmitted to the Bureau.

It is requested that these reports be furnished Mr. JEROME DOYLE for transmittal to AGUIRRE.

Very truly yours,

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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina
January 8, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION
IN ARGENTINA
Administrative

Dear Sir:

There is forwarded with this letter an envelope from the local head of the above named organization to Basque president AGUIRRE in New York City. It is respectfully requested that the envelope be forwarded to its addressee.

The envelope contains only memoranda reflecting results of investigation performed by subject organization and copies of these memoranda are in possession of this office.

Very truly yours,

Francis E. Crosby

Francis E. Crosby,
L. A.

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Office of the Legal Attaché
Buenos Aires, Argentina
January 8, 1945

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE ORGANIZATION;
MARCHANDA;
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

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ON 5/22/88
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Reference is made to your cable to this office dated November 8, 1944, forwarding a message from AGUIRRE to the local Basque leader suggesting that he consider the matter of sending a Basque named [redacted] from Buenos Aires to Chile to take charge of the organization in the latter country. It was stated that this should be resolved in agreement with the desires of the Legal Attaché in Santiago.

The matter was discussed with Dr. De LASARTE and he advised that he was willing to do whatever was desired by the Legal Attaché in Santiago. Accordingly, a cable was sent to the Santiago Office requesting advice on this matter. A reply was received stating that the matter had been thoroughly discussed with De LASARTE when he was in Santiago and it was decided not to make the change, such a change being considered inadvisable.

[This was told to De LASARTE and he agreed that no such change should be made.] The Santiago Office was advised by cable on December 2nd that no change would be made in the representative in Chile.

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Very truly yours,

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Legal Attaché
La Paz, Bolivia

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ON 5/28/88

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BASQUE ORGANIZATION;
Administrative.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to a cable from this office to you dated November 24, 1944, suggesting that arrangements could be made for you to use [redacted] as an informant in Bolivia and asking whether you preferred direct contact with him or contact through this office. This cable resulted from a conversation with the head of the local Basque organization in Argentina who stated he knows [redacted] and believes he will work out as an informant. It was stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] to have very good contact [redacted]

He is said

The results of your reply of November 30, 1944, stating you would like to handle [redacted] direct but that his instructions to make contact should come from his Basque superior in Argentina were conveyed to the local Basque head. He has now stated that he will wait until [redacted] comes again to Buenos Aires when he take the matter up with him, provided he himself does not go to Bolivia first. You will be notified when [redacted] has been told to make contact with you.

Very truly yours,

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FRANCIS E. GROSBY,
LA

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Date: January 25, 1959-25-93

To: Mr. [redacted] Agent, [redacted]
Paris, France

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Intelligence Service

For your information, Jose Antonio de Aguirre and Antonio de Irala, the President of the Basque Republic and his secretary, respectively, will probably visit France in the immediate future, with the stated purpose of ascertaining the present situation of Basque refugees in France. Their contemplated address will be 11 Avenue Marceau, Paris, France.

As you know, because of his position as President of the Basque Government in Exile, Aguirre is also in charge of the Basque Intelligence System, which maintains its agents throughout Latin America and the Eastern Continent. The Bureau has utilized the services of the members of this system in Latin America extensively and with good results.

[redacted]

It is suggested that you might make a casual contact with Aguirre and Irala in Paris, as against the possibility of developing information of use to you from the representatives of their group in France, to provide you information of subversive activities directly concerned with the protection of the United States, within the Bureau's primary jurisdiction.

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Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : S. S. Alden

SUBJECT: Jose Antonio de Aguirre;
Antonio de Irala
Reentry Permit Applicants

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Mr. Pennington	
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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

DATE: January 22, 1945

Jose Antonio de Aguirre is president of the Basque government-in-exile. Antonio de Irala is his secretary. It appears that these individuals have made the facilities of their representatives in South America available to our various SIS agents.

Jose Antonio de Aguirre and Antonio de Irala are presently applicants for reentry permits. They desire to visit France "to get in touch with the French Government about the situation of the Basque refugees in France." Their contemplated address abroad is 11 Avenue Marceau, Paris.

RECOMMENDATION: This memorandum is being submitted in order that the SIS Section may consider the desirability of making use of Aguirre and Irala if they are permitted to travel to France. It is not known at this time whether the State Department will approve their departure. Should the SIS Section desire to make any definite recommendation that they should be permitted to do so, or whether it is desired that we simply defer to any action the State Department takes, this Section should be immediately advised.

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TO : MR. LADD
FROM : C. H. Carson
SUBJECT: Jose Antonio de Aguirre;
Antonio de Irala
Basque Republic

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- Mr. Tolson
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The Visa and Exit Control Section has advised that the above individuals, the President of the Basque Republic and his secretary, respectively, with headquarters at New York, are presently applicants for reentry permits into the United States, for use following their present plans of visiting France to handle the Basque refugee situation there.

The Liaison Section requests information as to whether the SIS Section desires to make a definite recommendation concerning this trip, or whether we should simply defer to any action the State Department takes.

The SIS Section has utilized the services of the Basque Intelligence Service throughout Latin America and has found them to be very valuable in a number of instances.

Consequently it is probable that, with this backing, plus the attitude of the State Department, Aguirre and Irala undoubtedly will procure permission anyhow to go to France, so that I doubt very much if we would be out of line should we make a definite recommendation that they be allowed to go. In any event, perhaps Special Agent Jerome Doyle at New York could mention Aguirre and Irala, with whom he is acquainted and with whom he has done business concerning our relationships in Latin America, the fact that the Bureau is endeavoring to be of assistance to them in this endeavor in an effort to strengthen our relationship with them.

However, I do think that we can reasonably apprise Aguirre of the fact that we have men assigned in France, and that the possibility will be that they may come in contact with them; whereupon, I think that we should apprise Special Agent [redacted] at Paris of the situation, and he could make contact with Aguirre and perhaps through that means meet some of the Basques there whom he could later utilize as informants. [redacted] (we have considerable contact with them, I understand, in the same general headquarters) I do not think that any contact we might make with Irala or Aguirre or through their friends in Paris could be the subject of much criticism, inasmuch as we could predicate the contacts on a desire to obtain information in its relationship to the United States and directly within our own field.

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MEMO TO MR. LADD

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the Liaison Section advise the State Department that the Bureau has no objection whatsoever to reentry permits for Aguirre and Irala, and, in fact, would like to see such permits issued.

2. It is recommended that Special Agent Doyle be apprised of the situation in order that he might indicate to Aguirre the possibility of a contact being made in Paris by Special Agent [redacted].

3. It is recommended that the attached communication be forwarded to Special Agent [redacted] apprising him of the situation and of the probable arrival of Aguirre and Irala, so that he might make the proper contact.

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*g. P. Meyer, via letter
1/27/45 with
understanding he is to call
me if, for any reason, the
permits are to be denied
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to Doyle [redacted] b7c*

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

January 19, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed report from Confidential Informant [redacted] be forwarded to Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE), Chief of the Basque Intelligence Service in New York, in accordance with previous arrangements made by that Service and the Bureau. *62 670*

A copy of this report is being maintained in the files of this Office.

Very truly yours, *670*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: January 29, 1945

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : MR. CARSON

SUBJECT: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION

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BACKGROUND

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DETAILS

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(C) In March, 1944, Antonio Irala, and President Aguirre of the Basques indicated to Jerome Doyle a desire to cooperate with one agency only, and preferred the FBI. The added [REDACTED] The Basque Government in New York thereupon wrote its various representatives and instructed them to get in touch with the Legal Attaches and cooperate with them exclusively in the future, except in Buenos Aires, where a different arrangement was made. In the case of Mexico, Antonio Irala made a trip at Bureau expense to Mexico, to give appropriate instructions.

[REDACTED]

Civil Attaché [REDACTED] of Mexico City, who was recently at the Bureau, stated that he had discussed this matter [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION

It is suggested that the Liaison Section advise G-2 of the arrangements made as set forth in this memorandum [REDACTED]

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
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Director, FBI

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION

Dear Sir:

The following is a translation of a letter which is being forwarded by the Legal Attaché at Santiago, in behalf of the Basque Intelligence Organization in the same city, to the Legal Attaché at Buenos Aires, Argentina, for delivery to Señor Jose Maria de Lasarte in the latter city:

"Señor Don Jose Maria de Lasarte
Florida No. 461
Esc. No. 9
Buenos Aires

Chile - Sec. Mat. C

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(signed [REDACTED])

This letter was written by [REDACTED] the Basque delegation in Chile. A copy of this letter is being designated for the Buenos Aires Office. [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

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L. A.

CC - Buenos Aires (Enclosure)

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Office of the Legal Attaché
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Legal Attaché,
Santiago, Chile.

Re: Basque Organization in Argentina
Administrative

Dear Sir:

DECLASSIFIED BY: [redacted]
ON: 5/20/58
267468

Attached hereto is an envelope containing a letter from Dr. [redacted]
LAGARTE, head of subject organization, to [redacted] Basque in
Santiago, Chile. This letter explains why the writer has asked this office
to forward it by this means. A translation of the letter from the Spanish
is as follows:

January 16, 1945

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(Signed)

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The air mail envelope in which this letter is forwarded was handed to an employee of this office unopened and is forwarded in the same condition. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] De LASARTE was definitely told that your office does not want the present Basque head replaced. JX

Very truly yours, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

cc Bureau
Enclosure (To Santiago)

JX

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

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MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

January 29, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed report from
Confidential Informant [redacted] be forwarded to Sr. JOSE
ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECOBE), Chief of the Basque Intelli-
gence Service in New York City, in accordance with pre-
vious arrangements made by that Service and the Bureau. (c)

A copy of this report is being maintained in
the files of this Office.

Very truly yours,
[redacted]
L. A.

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]
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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina
February 1, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: ⁰ BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Argentine - L.A. - X

Attached hereto is an envelope containing correspondence addressed to Basque President Aguirre in New York City, [sent by the head of this organization here, Dr. de LASARTE.] X

This correspondence consists mainly of memoranda, copies of which are in possession of this office. [There is also included a letter to Aguirre]

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[REDACTED] X A translation of this letter has been made and is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

L.A.

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ON [REDACTED]

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Office of the Legal Attaché
Buenos Aires, Argentina
January 22, 1945

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Director, FBI

Intelligence Service

Re: Basque Organization in Argentina
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Western Hemisphere - Political

Forwarded herewith are two envelopes containing material sent by this organization in Argentina to President AGUIRRE, New York City.

The envelope marked number one contains several memoranda, copies of which have been furnished to this office. It also contains a letter to AGUIRRE from [redacted]. A translation of this letter has been made and is attached hereto.

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[redacted]

The envelope marked number two also contains several memoranda of an information nature, copies being had by this office. It also contains a personal letter from [redacted] subject organization, addressed to AGUIRRE.

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

wh

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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
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Director, FBI

Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed report from
Confidential Informant [redacted] be forwarded to Sr. JOSE
ANTONIO DE XAGILRE (SECURE), Chief of the Basque Intelli-
gence Service in New York City, in accordance with pre-
vious arrangements made by that Service and the Bureau. (X)

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A copy of this report is being maintained in
the files of this Office.

Very truly yours,

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]
ON [redacted] 267468

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OFFICE OF LEGAL ATTACHE
CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R.

February 3, 1945

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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

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Enclosed is a letter from Confidential Informant [redacted] to be delivered to [redacted] in the customary manner.

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Very truly yours,

[redacted signature block]

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The American Embassy
United Prussia, Dominican Republic

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J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Basque Organization

Reference is made to your letter of February 3, 1945, transmitting a letter "to be delivered to [redacted] in the customary manner," which letter was for eventual delivery to the Basque Government in exile in New York City.

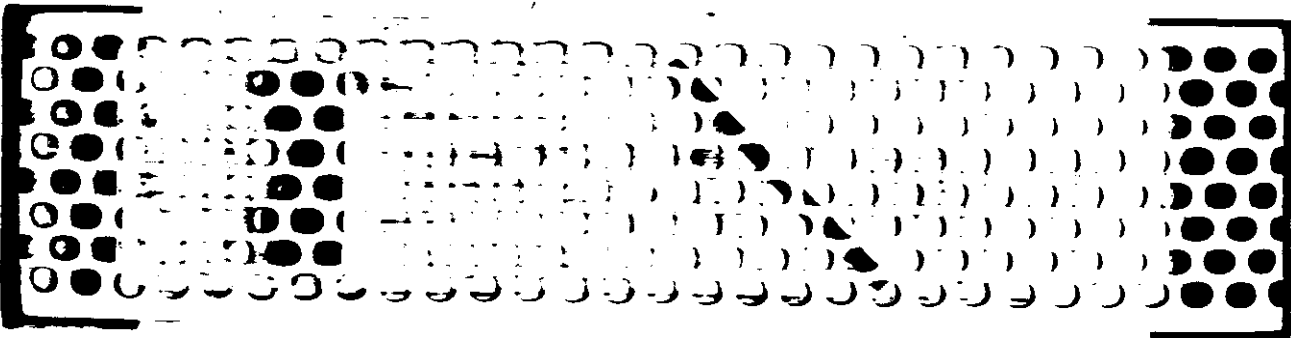
For your information, these letters are no longer delivered through [redacted] but the Bureau is in direct contact with the Basque Government in exile and the letters are delivered directly to them. They should therefore not be ad-

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Santiago, Chile
February 15, 1945

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Legal Attaché
Buenos Aires, Argentina

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
Santiago, Chile

Dear Sir:

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]
ON 5/22/88 267468

There is enclosed herewith a letter from the Basque Intelligence Representative in Santiago, [redacted] for Señor JOSE MARIA LASARTE in Buenos Aires. It is requested that you deliver this letter to Señor LASARTE.

For your information, a translation of the contents of this letter is as follows:

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DATE [redacted]

(signed) [redacted]

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Your attention is directed to the fact that this letter was delivered unsealed to this office. It is being forwarded to you in the same condition.

Very truly yours, [redacted]

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Office of the Legal Attache
Buenos Aires, Argentina
February 16, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: ^P BASQUE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA
Administrative.

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith is an envelope containing correspondence sent by the head of this organization to Basque President Aguirre in New York City. It is requested that the envelope be forwarded to him.

The material enclosed consists entirely of memoranda reflecting investigation made by the Basque organization, copies of which have been given to this office.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block] b7c

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Office of the Legal Attaché
Buenos Aires, Argentina
February 15, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: Basque Organization
in Argentina
Administrative

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an envelope given this office by the above organization for forwarding to AGUIRRE in New York City. The envelope contains investigative memoranda, copies of which this office is retaining. Their contents will be furnished in subsequent reports to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block]

L. A.

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

February 24, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: Basque Intelligence Organization
Administrative

Dear Sir:

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[At the request of [redacted] Basque delegation, there are attached hereto numerous copies of investigative reports as furnished by the Basque group.

The information in these reports is being properly transmitted to the Bureau.

It is requested that these copies be forwarded to Jerome Doyle for transmittal to Basque President Jose de Aguirre in New York City.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
SANTIAGO CHILE

February 13, 1945

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Director, FBI

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]
ON 5/20/88

RE: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE 267468

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Bureau letter, dated December 6, 1944, captioned as above and Bureau letter, dated November 22, 1944, also captioned as above, there is enclosed herewith a report received from the Basque Intelligence Service Representative in Santiago. This report is written in Spanish. It is to be forwarded to the Basque Representative in the United States.

There are also enclosed six copies of a translation of the above-mentioned report for inclusion in the Bureau files.

Due to the nature of the information set out in the enclosures, copies are being designated for the Asuncion, Buenos Aires, La Paz and Lima Offices. These offices receiving copies of this memorandum are requested to make whatever inquiry they deem advisable in an effort to confirm, or contradict, the information reported. For the Bureau's information the Santiago Office is following this matter and attempting to check it through other sources.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

L. A.

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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
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Director, FBI

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ON *5/22/88*
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Re: BASQUE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
Administrative

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the enclosed report from Confidential Informant [redacted] be furnished Sr. JOSE ANTONIO DE AGUIRRE (LECUBE) in New York City, in accordance with previous arrangements made between the above captioned service and the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

[redacted signature block]

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L. A.

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