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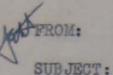
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Mr. Frederick B. Lyon Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation Department of State



John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation NELA MARTINEZ ESPINOSA

ECUADOR - COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Please refer to communications from this Bureau dated May 30 and November 2, 1945, concerning the captioned individual, a native of Ecuador who has been head of the Feminine Section of the Ecuadoran Communist Party and has been active in labor and political affairs in Ecuador.

Enclosed as of possible further interest is a copy of an additional memorandum received from a confidential source believed to be reliable indicating that Nela Martinez is no longer a member of the Central Committee of the Ecuadoran Communist Party but does conduct classes in Communist matters in the vicinity of Portoviejo, Ecuador.

This information is available to the American Embassy in Quito, Ecuador.

Enclosure

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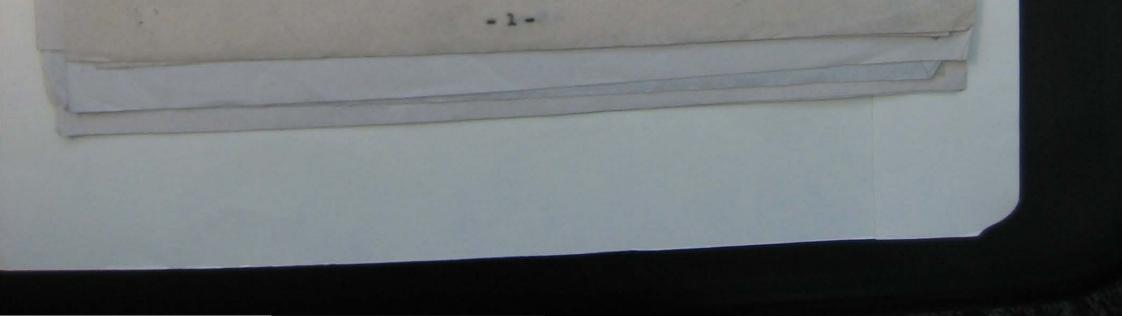
As previously reported HELA MARTINES, leader of the Feminine Section of the PCE (Communist Farty of Scunder), and former member of the Central Committee of that Party, spent the latter portion of 1945 in the Province of Hanabi where she has been conducting courses in demestic science for the Equadoran Ministry of Mconomy.

In November, 1945, the name of HELA MARFINES was proposed among other possible candidates by the United States Department of Agriculture for a scholarship to enable her to study domestic science in the United States. In view of the subject's known affiliation and prominent position in the PGE she was not recommended for this scholarship.

Innamuch as HELA MARTINEE had been a substitute member of the National Constituent Assembly of 1944, she returned to Gnito on December 3, 1945, to be on hand for the Extraordinary Session of that Assembly, which was at that time meeting. MARTINEE did not take part in the Assembly as the Deputy that time meeting. MARTINEE did not take part in the Assembly as the Deputy that the session of the Assembly, and after a brief consultation in the close of the session of the Assembly, and after a brief consultation in the Ministry of Economy, the subject returned to the Province of Manabi.

Nource C advised that prior to December 31, 1945, the subject was employed by the Oficina de Orientacion y Gredito with the title of Inspector of Social Reenony. As of December 31, 1945, this office was discontinued, at which time RARTINEE was transferred to the Hinistry proper. At present her title is that af Director of Courses in Eural Economy. Insemuch as the national budget for of Director of Courses in Eural Economy. Insemuch as the national budget for 1946 has not yet become effective, it is not possible to ascertain the duration of the subject's employment in Portovieje.

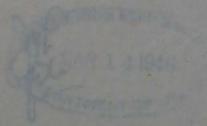
Source D advised that according to the statutes of the PGH, MARTINE ceased to be a number of the Central Committee of that Party upon moving from Quite to take up her duties in the Province of Hanabi. This source further advised that the subject has been a number of the PGH for more than ten years, advised that the founders of the Party Branch in Ambato, Mcunder, where she resided for a time.



Source B mivised that in addition to conducting courses in Pertovicjo. the subject travels throughout the Province of Hannbi for the Ministry of Economy, and devotes her spare time to the organization of Communist meetings and instruction in Communist doctrine.

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