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CUBAN REVOLUTION FILE

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July 6, 1958.

To : Thomas J. Kelly, Director of Public Safety
Via : T. A. Buchanan, Jr., Chief, Detective Division
Subject : Summary of Activities of Special Investigation Squad, June 27 to July 6, 1958.

A. Cuban Revolutionary Matters

1. On Saturday June 21 and again on Saturday June 28th, this squad was requested to investigate the activities of a total of seven Cuban males detained by Road Patrol officers in South Dade areas in connection with the possession and use of rifles and pistols. In each case, the subjects involved were Cuban exiles found practicing with weapons of U.S. and foreign make in rural areas. All were questioned, identified and release following fingerprinting and photographing at the County Jail. In the second instance, additionally, permission was requested and received to conduct a search of the residences of the parties involved, and said search revealed nothing of a contraband nature.
2. Acting upon information furnished by the department Intelligence Unit, our squad investigated and searched the residence of one Mario Murraro for explosives, with negative results. This person is the suspect believed to have purchased dynamite stolen from the Hooper Company magazine in March of this year. Further checks on subject have been recommended.
3. Upon complaint of a private citizen, we searched an apartment located at 710 SW 19 Avenue and discovered what appears to be an area headquarters for the Twenty-sixth of July movement. A mimeograph machine contained Cuban Revolutionary propoganda and numerous articles were seized including a picture used on the front page of the Miami Herald allegedly picturing the transfer of American arms to the rebels at the Navy's Guantanamo base. A membership list of local members was obtained, as was a U.S. Army revolver and ammunition. All persons present were questioned and identified and one was arrested and held for Immigration authorities for illegal presence in this country.
4. Acting upon information furnished by Det. Whitacre, we went to a SW Miami home and found nine Cubans present. Neighborhood check revealed that the residence is apparently being used as a haven for recent exiles and persons present verified this. No indication of illegal activity was found but a U.S. army pistol was also taken for ballistics check. All present were questioned and identified.
5. Upon information furnished by our Intelligence Unit, a check was made at a Northwest section apartment for two persons reported in Cuban gun running activities and also the report that one may be

wanted for murder in Panama. A telegram was sent to verify this and a check at the location given revealed that persons who had resided there were gone and that the FBI was also attempting to locate them.

6. We cooperated with the Florida Hotel Commission in their attempts to bring an action against the license of the Trade Winds Motel for the explosives found there recently. This is now pending a hearing.

7. On information furnished by Deputy Jackson, we contacted a Collins Avenue resident and learned that a large number of Cubans have rented a home near 180 Street and that a boat has been heard at their boat dock during early morning hours. Numerous vehicles have been seen at the area and the transfer of boxes is also reported. This investigation is being continued by Dep. Longbottom and the U.S. Customs Service has been notified of our activities.

8. On Saturday July 5th, I was notified of the arrival of a two engine plane in a damaged condition and the discharging of several latin appearing persons at the Tamiami Airport. Our subsequent investigation revealed that this plane had been used to ferry two CBS and NBC newsman to the Cuban Rebel stronghold in Oriente Province Buba. Additionally, this plane was damaged in the landing and after repairs returned two Cuban pilots who are believed to be those who flew a load of guns from Tamiami Airport to Cuba and crashed there ten days ago. Results of this investigation were furnished Customs Agent Shanley and will result in the arrest of several parties involved.

June 27, 1953.

To : Thomas J. Kelly, Director of Public Safety
Via : T. A. Buchanan, Jr., Chief of Detectives
Subject : Summary of Activities - June 14 to 27; Special
Investigations Squad

1. During the period from June 14 to June 21, this unit cooperated with the Intelligence Unit of the City of Miami Police Department in the policing of the annual Festival of the Americas. Six plain clothes officers were assigned to affairs at the following places: the daily exposition at Dinner Key Auditorium; Bayfront Park Auditorium during several dances; Dade County Auditorium during concert and choral recitals; DuPont Tarlton and McAllister Hotels during parties and the Coronation Ball.
2. Several anonymous bomb threats were received and investigated, and four disorderly conduct arrests were made, however generally no difficulty was experienced.
3. On Thursday June 19th, Deputy Kimbro was assigned to conduct an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the allegation of false imprisonment made by a stockage prisoner James Jenkins.
4. Depts. Kimbro and Ferguson were assigned to conduct an investigation into the local activities of the NAACP and its officers, Mr. Graves and the Rev. Gibson has been interviewed.
5. On Monday June 23, Deputy Zmuda and I attended the trial of Joseph Pilgrim and Rufus Boggs in Criminal Court on cases prepared by our squad previously. Both were convicted of Entering Without Breaking, Larceny and the Illegal Transportation and Possession of Explosives and sentencing has been withheld pending investigation.
6. On Tuesday June 24, confidential information was received from WL, a search warrant was obtained from Judge Gordon, and a search was made of apartments 106 and 107 of the Suncoast Building of the Trade Winds Apartment Hotel at 2315 Pine Tree Dr., Miami Beach. In a bedroom and in a locked closet was found nine cases of dynamite, two Thompson sub-machine guns, three rifles, one automatic pistol, one fire bomb casing and numerous articles of propoganda. We arrested the following persons: Juan A. Milian, Alonso F. Abdias, Segundo J. Ferrero and Diego Marquez, and all were charged with Suspicion of the Illegal Possession and Storage of Explosives.
7. The following officers participated in the above arrests: Sgt. McKee, Dep. Kappel & Dep. Tarabosche (Intelligence Unit); Dep. Billbrough (Spec. Inv. Squad); Det. Hebert (City of Miami PD); Mr. Kelly (State Hotel Commission); and the following Miami Beach PD

police officials who were summoned to the scene: Chief Michael Fox, Chief of Detectives Moe Huddleston, Lt. Leonard and a Fire Captain of the M.B. Fire Department. The only resistance offered was by building owner, Jose Aleman, who attempted to stall and failed to unlock the door to the room which contained the contraband. This one door was forced open by our officers.

8. On Wednesday June 25, the same informant revealed that additional explosives and ammunition had been moved into the Seaborne Building at the Trade Winds the previous evening. Hotel Commission Deputy Kelly was contacted and it was determined that he had the right of a reasonable safety inspection at any time. Mr. Huttee, Assistant State Attorney, was asked to give a verbal opinion of this procedure, and advised that it was proper and that an owner or manager who resisted, would be subject to arrest. In addition, Mr. Huttee advised that should entry be refused, officers had the right of forcible entry in accordance with a recent Supreme Court decision. Officers McKee, Kappel, Tarabosche, Billbrough and Kelly, and Kassoff and Molina (Homicide Squad) made the search.

9. Upon our arrival, Mr. Aleman was advised of the authority for the search and consented to assist our purpose. The first two rooms were searched and revealed the presence of 4,320 rounds of 7.35 cal. Italian rifle ammunition. Mr. Aleman then delayed by stating he didn't have proper keys and that he wanted to consult his attorney. Several more apartments were checked and upon the arrival of an attorney, Mr. Aleman was advised to permit the examination of all unoccupied apartments and to allow the officers to request permission of occupants of the others. This procedure was then followed successfully with the consent of these persons.

10. The only incident occurred when one Cuban resident refused to admit us. An initial attempt was commenced to force the door and was stopped when the attorney, Aleman and a deputy discussed the matter with the occupant and permission was received to enter. At no time was any unusually loud shouting, or profane language used; no person was at any time touched and no door was actually forced open by any of our officers. Three arrests were made: Osvaldo S. Vento, Juan Jener Saiz, Jorge R. Arencibia y Pestano.

11. On Thursday June 26, the same informant revealed that a transfer of rifles was made in front of 4231 NW 1 St., Miami. The following tag numbers were furnished, 1W1163 and 1-126671. Det. Gracy, MPD, was contacted and accompanied me to the scene but cars were not there. A check was made of Tamiami Airport with negative results. Det. Hebert and I will continue investigation.

12. I contacted the U. S. Attorney and filed an affidavit outlining facts surrounding the arrest of Jorge or Juan A. Milian. Acting on this information he was charged with violation of probation for participating in an expeditionary force arrested by U.S. officers recently. Hearing to revoke two three year sentences previously suspended, will be held at noon on June 27.

TO THE CUBANS OF MIAMI

On July 26, 1953, a group of young men launched an attack on the "Moncada" barracks in Santiago, province of Oriente; some fell during the fight, others were cowardly slain after the fight had ended.

This was the anxious and desperate action of a youth that preferred dying instead of to keep living chained by the bloodiest tyranny in our America.

The blood of the brave wasn't spilled needlessly, their action gave birth to a new faith to the destinies of Cuba.

There was born, sublimely, the new idea of the Cuban revolution, their bodies, torn by the bullets, fertilized the seed that has already grown.

The movement of the 26th of July has decided to commemorate this month, the month of the Revolution, by doing something that would honor the ideals of those who offered their valiant lives.

With this in mind, a special issue of bonds will be sold exclusively during the month of July.

These bonds are already on sale through the usual channels of the 26th of July movement and of the Civic Resistance.

Cuban of Miami! You have to take a small part in this heroic fight, you have to show that the pains of the oppressed fatherland are your own, and that the death of your brothers on the bloody fields of your country, deeply hurts your pride. Work hard, buy as many bonds as you can, approach the comrades and ask for their fullest cooperation in the name of your country that suffers.

We need much money to convert it in rifles and ammunition and so when a Cuban falls in the din of the new fight, in raising his rifle in his hand, and saying goodbye to his life, will be, at the same time, grateful of your help.

Render thus homage to those that fell at Moncada and to all those that fell afterwards.

The triumph of our cause is near, and with a bigger effort, success will be nearer. Give all your free time towards the goal of selling bonds during this month of July.

We know that you will do your duty and thus at the hour of triumph you will have the satisfaction of having contributed towards the liquidation of the bloodiest and cruellest tyrant of our America, opening so, a new avenue towards the creation of a Fatherland where the first law is that of the "respect of man's full dignity"

Movement of 26th of July (Miami Branch)
Civic Resistance (Miami Branch)

File

DATE: September 26, 1958

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: W. D. McKee, Supervisor Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ALLEGED PRESENCE OF CUBAN ARMS

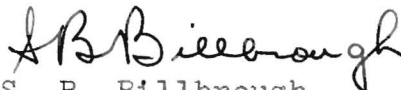
On Tuesday evening, September 23, 1958 I was advised by the complaint desk that Agent Lankford, United States Customs Service, had been forwarded a letter reporting Cuban Revolutionary meetings and arms and explosives storage in apartment 7, at 427 S. W. 8th Avenue, Miami.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1958 at 9:30 PM, Agents Lankford and Shanley, Inspector Ray Bond, United States Border Patrol, and two other Federal Officers, and Detective Billbrough went to the premises and requested permission to search. This was granted, and no arms were founded. Bond checked identification of all present, and found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,



W. D. McKee, Supervisor
Criminal Intelligence



S. B. Billbrough
Intelligence Agent

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DATE: December 31, 1958

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

At approximately 6:30 PM., Friday, December 26, 1958 Agent Polliard received a call from Sergeant Sumblin in reference to a large crowd of Cubans gathered in front of the U.S. Customs Office at Miami International Terminal at 36th Street Air Port.

When Agent Polliard arrived, there were approximately one hundred people gathered there. This Agent went into the Customs Office and contacted Lt. P. J. Venskus and Sergeant Herni of Traffic and Patrol Division. They advised that a Cuban Air Force plane had landed earlier in the afternoon and a crowd was gathered to see the pilot.

At this point I contacted the Pilot's Attorney, Mr. Jack L. King, 1008 Ainsley Building, home address, 121 N.E. 6 Avenue Hialeah. Mr. King introduced me to the Pilot, Lt. Jose Alberto Crespo, Cuban Air Force. Upon talking to Crespo he stated the plane was a B-26 bomber with eight fifty caliber machine guns; four mounted on each wing.

The Pilot was accompanied by Sergeant Silvio Lopez. (U.S. Immigration asked that the Sergeant's name not be released for fear that something may happen to his family in Cuba.) This Agent talked with both Lt. Crespo and Sergeant Lopez, but both of their stories were different.

The Lieutenant stated that he and the Sergeant were sent by Carlos Tabernilla, Chief of Cuban Air Force to bomb the town of Manati. He also stated that there was another plane which went along with them. When they turned to Miami, the other plane continued on to the target. He said he did not want to bomb Manati since this is where his girlfriend's parents live.

Lieutenant Crespo's girl friend landed by Commercial air line the same night Lieutenant Crespo did. She is a stewardess.

At this point Lieutenant Venskus suggested that we take Lieutenant Crespo out the rear door of Customs and across the field to the 20th Street entrance to avoid taking him through the crowd in front. After this was done, Lieutenant Venskus and Sergeant Herni, along with other members of the Traffic and Patrol Division dispersed the crowd of people in front of the customs office. Lieutenant Crespo is staying at this time at the Green Mansion Motel in Miami Springs.

Sergeant Lopez, on the other hand stated that he was flying on Routine Patrol for about an hour when the Pilot, Lieutenant Crespo turned to the sea and headed for Miami. He also stated that there was no other Plane with them. He said the home base was in Columbia, Cuba. Sergeant Lopez stated he knew nothing of the Lieutenant coming to Miami. He further stated he wanted to return to Cuba. The Immigration Department put Sergeant Lopez on a plane and he was sent back at approximately 10:30 PM that same night.

This Agent then went to the U.S. Air Force hanger to observe the B-26 Bomber which was towed there. It was too dark to see anything of value.

The Immigration Department told Lieutenant Crespo that he was to report to 3915 Biscayne Boulevard at 8:30 AM, Monday, December 29, 1958. I contacted Lieutenant Crespo's Attorney, Jack King on Monday, December 29, 1958. King stated that Crespo's request to stay was denied, but he is filing an appeal. I also checked with Mr. Brantly of U.S. Customs in regard to the release of the plane. He stated that the State Department has not yet released it, but he will know Tuesday. Mr. Brantly also stated that the eight fifty caliber machine guns were loaded when the plane landed but no bombs were aboard.

Respectfully submitted,



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Criminal Intelligence



Bill Folliard
Intelligence Agent

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43153-A CONFISCATED WEAPONS 1-08 PM 11-29-58

SUBJ-1 ARTURE JUAN GUZMAN Y PASCUAL PR/M-21 521 SW 1 ST

SUBJ-2 ALBERTO A. CAYETANO JEFFRE COUSIDO PR/M-38 1321 NW 7 ST

SUBJ-3 REINALDO ENRIQUE VERGARA ARTAU PR/M-18 227 NW 1 ST

Picked up by [unclear] 1/5/59

WHILE ON ROUTINE PATROL, THIS UNIT OBSERVED ON RIFLE RANGE AT SW 117 AVE AND SW 112 ST, ABOVE 3 SUBJECTS, FIRING ONE M-1 US ARMY CARBINE, SER NO. 1817718. FOUND IN CAR, A 48 DODGE BEARING 58 FLA 38-5434, WAS ONE 45 CAL AUTOMATIC, SER NO. P330343, MAKE BONIFACIO ECHEVERRIA. BOTH WEAPONS BELONG TO SUBJ-3, WHO STATED THEY HAD JUST ARRIVED IN MIAMI FROM NEW YORK ON 11-28-58. WEAPONS CONFISCATED FOR BALLISTICS CHECK.

REQUEST MESSAGE BE SENT TO NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPT. FOR CHECK ON SERIAL NUMBERS.

SELSKY & D'AMICA 610-B
OPR JOHNSON 3-00 PM 11-29-58

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FHP TROOP "H" TALLAHASSEE.

ATTN DET DIV
FOLLOWING FROM TLPH T/ TLPY THEIR NBR 5 12-18-58 1657

12 TLPY 47

ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE REQUESTED TO BE ON THE LLOOKOUT FOR 6 BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLES, 40 M-1 GARAND RIFLES, 1 .30 CALIBER AIR COOLED LIGHT MACHINE GUN, AND TRIPOD FOR SAME, 11 .45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, AND 14 .30 CALIBER ARMY CARBINES. ALL WERE STOLEN FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD AMORY IN NEWTON, NC. ON THE NIGHT OF DEC 2 1958 BY UNKNOWN SUBJS WHO ARE BEL TO BE DRIV A 53 FORD SDN NOD IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANY INFO HAVING A PERTINENT BEARING ON THIS MATTER BE FURNISHED TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE

AUTH FBI AND TPR 34
SPANGLER
END
6-00 PM HOBSON

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MEMORANDUM

TO W. McKee, Chief
Criminal Intelligence

DATE December 4, 1958

SUBJECT Gun Running

FROM Charles W. Zmuda, Supervisor
Technical Services Division

CW Zmuda

The writer received information that ~~Aleman~~ has rented the property at 1390 S. Biscayne Point Road. Recent observations disclosed that a large sedan was unloaded in the garage of objects that resembled guns.

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7/26

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Criminal Intelligence



Bill Folliard
Intelligence Agent

CLASSIFICATION Information	POLICE DIVISION	FILE NUMBER
	GENERAL REPORT FORM	
	CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA	

NAME OF COMPLAINANT (IF A BUSINESS, GIVE FIRM NAME) Det. N. Coplin 1220 Det. J. Postel 5730	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
IS REPORT ADDRESSED TO: Intelligence Div.	DATE AND TIME OF THIS REPORT Oct. 13, 1958	1:20 AM

We stopped a 1952 Buick sedan, color - light blue bottom and cream top, 1958 N. Y. Tag 8422BC, at 7 NW 2 St., The Palms Hotel. We found six Cuban males in the car and this car was owned by Francisco Valdez, age 29, and they had just arrived in town tonight. The other occupants of the car were Bolivar Fuentes, age 42, Cruz Parrando, age 34, Jorge Aldo Ignacio Lynn Gongora, age 27, Rudolfo Armando Borthelenz, age 33, and Marcus Hernandez, age 20.

After questioning them we believe they are involved with the revolution and are working for Dr. Carlos Prío Socarras, for they had a letter of introduction to him. They also had about 200 copies of printed circulars (printed in Spanish) pertaining to the revolution going on in Cuba.

After checking the car we found no sign of any guns but we did find a list of names of persons who had joined the Revolutionists. Also, Francisco Valdez, driver of the auto, wanted to know who told us that we would be in town tonight. All of these subjects are now staying in the Palms Hotel and claim that they are going to look for work(?)!

The names shown below are on the above mentioned list:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Luis Abad | Austin Gonzales Mir. | Nemesio-Alvarez |
| Numberto Gonzales | Jose Luis Alonso | Nilo Gonzales |
| Aldo Alvarez | Jesus-Rodriguez | Lazaro Alba |
| Felipe R. Rodriguez | Sergio-Aparicio | Guillermo Torres |
| Ernest Fernandez Arizurieta | | Hugo Alvarez |
| Carlos M. Torres | Rafael Bolivar | Eduardo-Toledo |
| Rodolfo Barthelemy | Maximiliano Valdes | Aveant Borrellebs |
| Fernin Vazques-Acuna | Gilberto Casanas | Raul Valdez |
| Henry Cobas | Jose Orlando Vega | Luis-Felipe Cruz |
| Bill Wingfield | Pablo-Camacho | Israel Castillo |
| Noel Duarte | Tulio Duarte | Raul Figueroa |
| Nelson-Figueroa | Pelegrin Garcia | Germande Paula |

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COPIES TO:	SIGNATURES OF OFFICERS MAKING THIS REPORT N. Coplin 1220 J.
	J. Postel 5730
FURTHER INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO	DATE AND TIME ASSIGNED

NOTE: This form to be used for reporting on progress of investigation, supplementary reports, memorandums, complaints, statements, additional list of property stolen and general information. If made in conjunction with an offense report, enter the crime classification of the original offense report in the space marked "Classification." Otherwise, the space marked "Classification" should be filled out as to the type of report being made—Example: Complaint, memorandum, etc.

Marciso Maira
Israel Castillo
Julio Pelaez
Carlos Picharde, Jr.
Gilberto Perez
Guillermo Torres
Pedro Pefia Eseribano
Placido Gonzalez
Pablo Quintana
Arestos Fernandez Gonzales
Harbos Delio Hernandez
Julio Martinez

Israel Lozano
Mario Arios Morales
Jose Narazo
Roberto Padron
Pedro Pena Eseribano
Fernando Perez Valdez
Mario Gonzalez
Germande Paula
Jose Garcia Hinojasa
Sixto Roblejo
Onelio Lustra
Ramon Marizon

Guatimon Maza
Ernesto Arrizurieta-
Fernandez
Eduardo Toledo
Leodaro Perez
Avant Borrell
Carlos Pichardo
Armando Gutierrez
Horacio Rezas
Mario Gonzalez
Israel Lozano

From information we have obtained, above subjects are either in New York, en route to Miami, possibly.

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#37088-A
CUBAN REV ACT.

DATE: October 16, 1958
TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff
FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence
SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS LETTER

On October 10, 1958 Agent A. L. Tarabochia investigated the vicinity of a street number indicated in an anonymous letter allegedly giving information about Cuban revolutionaries.

The number mentioned proved to be nonexistent.
Anonymous letter attached.

Respectfully submitted,



W. D. McKee, Supervisor
Criminal Intelligence



A. L. Tarabochia
Intelligence Agent

DATE: July 16, 1958
TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff
VIA: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence
FROM: Al Tarabochia, Intelligence Agent

SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONISTS'

An Investigation on the backgrounds of twenty-one Cubans formerly employed by Birmingham Industries Inc., 4030 N.W. 29 St. has revealed that the following individuals have records of law violations:

JOSE LUIS MATO W/M 33 yrs.
3430 N.W. 100 St. Miami
S.O. I.D. 19567
Arrested for affray--case dismissed

JOSE M. MOLEON W/M 28 yrs.
110 S.W. 15 Ave. Miami → arrested 5-31-57 Discretionary Conviction
S.W. I.D. 15067--Received military training in the Dominican Republic from Nov. 1956 to April 1957. + case closed

JORGE F. TRIANA W/M 38 yrs.
2129 S.W. 4th St. Miami
S.O. I.D.
Former Cuban Army pilot--Connected with the Verdaguier brothers (recent flight to Cuba with N.B.C. correspondents)

ANTONIO PLATAS W/M 35 yrs.
174 S.W. 11 St. Miami
S.O. I.D. 13989--Received military training in the Dominican Republic from Nov. 1956 to April 1957--
Wanted by the Cuban Police for smuggling arms and persons even prior to the revolution

ARMARIDO PEREZ W/M 40 yrs.
753 S.W. 3 St. Miami
Associate of Israel Crespo involved in the attempt made to smuggle arms to Cuba on the Philoman III.

GASPAR BURGOS LOPEZ W/M 28 yrs.
3827 N.W. 22 nd Ct. Miami
S.O. I.D. 21958--Arrested on 5/17/58 at Seaview Awnings N.W. 28 St. for carrying a concealed weapon--found guilty and received a suspended sentence on 5/29/1958--copy of record attached

Respectfully submitted,

Alfonso L. Tarabochia

Al Tarabochia
Intelligence Agent

Name: Leonard Searle Smith ✓ Age: 41 Sex: Male
Address: 6130 Gratigny Road, Hialeah, Florida
Social Security NO.: 263-46-3877 Date of Birth: 12/20/17
Height: 5'9" Weight: 155 Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Blue
Number of Children: 2
Grammar school attended: Islington Public, Toronto, Canada
Oldest Former Employer: Square "D" CO., Toronto, Canada
In case of emergency notify: Mrs. Sybil Smith, 6130 Gratigny Road,
Hialeah, Florida
Date of Employment: December 23, 1954 - May 2, 1958:

Name: Ismael Iglesias ✓ Age: 38 Sex: Male
Address: 830 N.W. 43rd Street, Miami, Florida
Social Security No.: 264-58-7753 Date of Birth: 12/4/19
Height: 5'4" Weight: 120 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: None
Grammar school attended: San Francisco, Cuba
Oldest Former Employer: Aerial Machine, New York
In case of emergency notify: Ortes Alfonso, 292 N.W. 35th St., Miami
Date of Employment: July 24, 1957 - February 4, 1958

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offray
Name: Jose Luis Mato ✓ Age: 33 Sex: Male
Address: 3430 N.W. 100 Street, Miami, Florida
Social Security Number: 263-56-3288 Date of Birth: 12/24/23
Height: 5'4" Weight: 160 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: 2
Grammar school attended: Ramirez Mendoza, Havana, Cuba
Oldest Former Employer: Menendes Diamon, Havana, Cuba
In case of emergency notify: Mrs. Mato, 3180 S.W. 18th St., Miami
Date of Employment: November 5, 1956 - February 4, 1958

Name: Jose Fulgencio Monroy ✓ Age: 42 Sex: Male
Address: 119 S.W. 16th Ave. (Rear), Miami, Florida
Social Security No.: 262-62-2133 Date of Birth: 8/27/14
Height: 5'6" Weight: 158 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: 2
Grammar school attended: La Empresa
Oldest Former Employer: Chemical Products
In case of emergency notify: Mr. P. Benitez, 3280 W. Flagler St.
Date of Employment: August 6, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Name: Farach Narciso Musa ✓ Age: 29 Sex: Male
Address: 16 E. 15th St., Hialeah, Florida
Social Security No.: 122-28-1305 Date of Birth:
Height: 5'11" Weight: 200 Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar school attended:
Oldest Former Employer: Henry and Miller, New Jersey
In case of emergency notify: Ana Musa, 16 E. 15th St., Hialeah
Date of Employment: June 14, 1954 - February 4, 1958

Name: Maria Marrero ✓ Age: 38 Sex: Female
Address: 972 S.W. 3rd Street, Miami, Florida
Social Security No.: 261-46-3140 Date of Birth: 1921
Height: Weight: 104 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: 2
Grammar school attended:
Oldest Former Employer: Vanity Uniform, Miami Avenue
In case of emergency notify: Marino Muniz
Date of Employment: September 24, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Name: Jose Lopez Iglesias ✓ Age: 48 Sex: Male
Address: 572 N.W. 30th Street, Miami, Fla.
Social Security No.: 103-22-6631 Date of Birth: 6/10/08
Height: 5'3" Weight: 140 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Blue
Number of Children: 1
Grammar school attended: Havana Public #1
Oldest Former Employer: Havana Electric Comm.
In case of emergency notify: Ofelia Lopez, 572 N.W. 30th St.
Date of Employment: October 15, 1956 - January 17, 1958
RH: January 20, 1958 - February 4, 1958

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Name: Jose M. Moleon ✓ Age: 28 Sex: Male
Address: 110 S.W. 15th Ave., Miami, Fla.
Social Security No.: 267-60-4652 Date of Birth: 9/26/29
Height: 5'10" Weight: 195 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar school attended:
Oldest Former Employer:
In case of emergency notify:
Date of Employment: November 26, 1957 - January 17, 1958
RH: January 28, 1958 - February 4, 1958

Name: Gustavo Perez ✓ Age: 45 Sex: Male
Address: 1221 N.W. 6th St., Miami
Social Security No.: 068-32-3686 Date of Birth: 12/21/11
Height: 5'4" Weight: 116 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: 1
Grammar school attended: Havana, Cuba
Oldest Former Employer:
In case of emergency notify: Josefina Perez, 1221 N.W. 6th St.
Date of Employment: July 9, 1957 to February 4, 1958.

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Name: Jorge F. Triana ✓ Age: 38 Sex: Male
Address: 2129 S.W. 4th St., Miami
Social Security No.: 264-60-3542
Height: 5'10" Weight: 195 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: 3
Grammar school attended: Ntra Sra del Rosario
Oldest Former Employer: Sun Ray Corp.
In case of emergency notify: Milager Forreca, 2129 S.W. 4th Street
Date of Employment: July 15, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Illegal Entry

Name: Maximo Pineiro ✓ Age: 29 Sex: Male
Address: 111 N.W. 28th St., Miami
Social Security No.: 267-60-4145 Date of Birth: 3/29/28
Height: 5'8" Weight: 153 Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar school attended: Havana, Cuba
Oldest former employer:
In case of emergency notify: Juany Bosch, 111 N.W. 28th St., Miami
Date of Employment: May 15, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Name: Gustavo Pena ✓ Age: 30 Sex: Male
Address: 1717 N.E. 1st Ave., Miami
Social Security No.: 267-58-2325 Date of Birth: 12/4/26
Height: 5'4" Weight: 155 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: 1
Grammar school attended:
Oldest former employer:
In case of emergency notify:
Date of Employment: June 12, 1957 to January 17, 1958
RH: January 28, 1958 to February 4, 1958

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Name: Antonio Platas ✓ Age: 35 Sex: Male
Address: 174 S.W. 11th St., Miami, Fla.
Social Security No.: 267-60-4660 Date of Birth: 10/19/23
Height: 5'9" Weight: 165 Color of Hair: Color of Eyes:
Number of Children: 2
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former employer:
In case of emergency notify: Silvia Bofill, 174 S.W. 11th St.
Date of Employment: November 23, 1957 - January 8, 1958
RH: January 15, 1958 - February 4, 1958

Name: Mercedes Mercado Ponton ✓ Age: 29 Sex: Female
Address: 3001 N.W. 101 Street, Miami
Social Security No.: 275-75-025 Date of Birth: 1/25/58
Height: 5'4" Weight: 140 Color of Hair: Dk. Brown Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: 4
Grammar school attended: P.S. 101 New York
Oldest Former Employer: NewWay Laundry
In case of emergency notify: Dolores Ponton, 2926 N.W. 101st St.
Date of Employment: May 15, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Name: Jose Antonio Rodriguez ✓ Age: 36 Sex: Male
Address: 2825 S.W. 24th St., Miami
Social Security No.: 267-58-0028 Date of Birth: 6/28/19
Height: 5' Weight: 136 Color of Hair: Lt. Brown Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former employer: Miami Window
In case of emergency notify: Maria Vasquez, 2825 S.W. 24th St.
Date of Employment: January 14, 1957 - January 17, 1958
RH: January 28, 1958 - February 4, 1958

Name: ~~Marcos~~ Vilas ✓ Age: 35 Sex: Male
Address: 2154 N.W. 83rd Avenue, Miami
Social Security No.: 054-30-7076 Date of Birth: 3/10/23
Height: 5'5" Weight: 175 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Green
Number of Children: None
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former Employer: Transcontinental Tool Machine Co., New York
In case of emergency notify: Doris Vilas 2154 N.W. 83rd Ave., Miami
Date of Employment: August 23, 1954 - January 14, 1955
RH: March 23, 1955 - February 12, 1958

Name: Rene Sanchez ✓ Age: 32 Sex: Male
Address: 901 S.W. 29th Avenue, Miami
Social Security No.: 262-62-4758 Date of Birth: 4/20/25
Height: 5'11" Weight: 220 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: One
Grammar School Attended: Institute of Havana
Oldest Former Employer:
In case of emergency notify: Maria L. Gonzalez
Date of Employment: December 12, 1957 - February 3, 1958

Name: Armando Perez ✓ Age: 40 Sex: Male
Address: 753 S.W. 3rd St., Miami
Social Security No.: 262-62-3254 Date of Birth: 8/24/17
Height: 5'7" Weight: 175 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: 2
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former Employer: Diario Delms Americas
In case of emergency notify: Jose Vega, 264 S.W. 19 Rd.
Date of Employment: October 18, 1957 - February 3, 1958

Name: Ramon Fernandez de Cordova ✓ Age: 38 Sex: Male
Address: 3100 N.W. 27th Ct., Miami
Social Security No.: 264-52-0580 Date of Birth: 8-31-20
Height: 5'10" Weight: 164 Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former Employer:
In case of emergency notify: Caridad Fernandez de Cordova, 3100 N.W. 27 Ct
Date of Employment: Sept. 25, 1957 - February 3, 1958

Name: Josefa Perez ✓ Age: 38 Sex: Female
Address: 1221 N.W. 6th St., Miami
Social Security No.: 068-32-3685 Date of Birth: 6/16/17
Height: 5' Weight: 140 Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: 1
Grammar School Attended: Havana, Cuba
Oldest Former Employer: San Miguel (blouse shop) New York
In case of emergency notify: Husband, 1221 N.W. 6th St., Miami
Date of Employment: July 17, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Name: Evelina Arbolaez ✓ Age: 28 Sex: Female
Address: 1144 7th Ave., Miami
Social Security No.: 264-60-6117 Date of Birth: 11/8/30
Height: 5' Weight: 140 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar School Attended: Institute Edison
Oldest Former Employer: Partagas Tobacco Company
In case of emergency notify: Jose Miguel Arbolaez
Date of Employment: March 27, 1957 - February 5, 1958

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Philomena III
S. Arbolaez

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connection
P. Arbolaez

Name: Rudolfo Magrinaz Sarracino ✓ Age: 23 Sex: Male
1235 S.W. 6th Street
Social Security No.: 263-60-9092 Date of Birth: 9/9/34
Height: 5'7½" Weight: 165 Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of children: None
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former Employer: Sears, Roebuck and Co.
In case of emergency notify: Isabel Sarracino, 1235 S.W. 6th St.
Date of Employment: November 15, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Name: Alberto V. Yanez ✓ Age: 30 Sex: Male
Address: 405 N.W. 21st Ave., Miami
Social Security No.: 262-62-2679 Date of Birth: 12/7/27
Height: 6' Weight: 172 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of children: None
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former Employer: Mendez Furniture, Cuba
In case of emergency notify: Melba Martin, 409 N.W. 21st Ave., Miami
Date of Employment: August 6, 1957 - February 4, 1958

146 Name: Francis Cao ✓ Age: 24 Sex: Male
Address: 1305 N.W. 7th St., Miami
Social Security No.: 261-58-0249 Date of Birth: 9/30/34
Height: 5'10" Weight: 150 Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Lt. Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar School Attended: Havana, Cuba
Oldest Former Employer: Claughton Theatres
In case of emergency notify: Maria Mora, 1830 N.W. 51st Terrace
Date of Employment: September 14, 1956 - February 4, 1958

Name: Felipe Prieto Felipe ✓ Age: 26 Sex: Male
Address: 1832 N.W. 46th Street, Miami
Social Security No.: 267-60-3303 Date of Birth: 4/25/11
Height: 5'6" Weight: 137 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Brown
Number of Children: 2
Grammar School Attended: Belen, Havana, Cuba
Oldest Former Employer: Pino Drug Co.
In case of emergency notify: Mrs. Felipe, 1832 N.W. 46th St., Miami
Date of Employment: June 26, 1957 - February 4, 1958

Name: Antonio Vilas Paz ✓ Age: 57 Sex: Male
Address: 2804 N.W. 1st Ave., Miami
Social Security No.: 264-58-9282 Date of Birth: 1-10-99
Height: 5'3" Weight: 160 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Black
Number of Children: 3
Grammar School Attended: Institute Edison, Havana, Cuba
Oldest Former Employer: Club Cantineras, Havana, Cuba
In case of emergency notify:
Date of Employment: July 9, 1956 - October 2, 1957
RH: January 15, 1958 - February 13, 1958

Name: Gaspar Burgos Lopez ✓ Age: 27 Sex: Male
Address: 3827 N.W. 22nd Ct., Miami
Social Security No.: 581-36-8327 Date of Birth: 10/26/31
Height: 5'4" Weight: 155 Color of Hair: Black Color of Eyes: Dk. Brown
Number of Children: None
Grammar School Attended:
Oldest Former Employer: Bemasters Co.
In case of emergency notify: Alicia Burgos, 3827 N.W. 22nd Ct.
Date of Employment: June 12, 1957 - February 3, 1958

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June 18, 1958

TO: Chief T. A. BUCHANAN

FROM: Asst. Chief FRED HARRIS

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cc Chief M. G. HAMMON ✓

LEADS

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June 5, 1958

TO: Mr. HARRIS
FROM: A. L. TARABOCHIA
SUBJECT: Airport Surveillance, case #18335A

From information obtained at the airport it is evident that the incident occurred in the morning of last May 29, (date uncertain), during which two Cuban airline pilots (military personnel since the defection of few crews last February) were attacked and beaten by former pilots of the same airline, was caused by elements hostile to the Batista regime. Precautionary measures adopted since then by the Dade County Police (escorting the pilots through customs) have prevented further incidents. At the time of this report no harassing was being done to passengers arriving at the airport.

On 6-4-58 observed Pan American Flight #418 which arrived Miami at 6:15 p.m. and no incidents occurred.

On 6-5-58 I observed Panagra Flight #700 arriving 7:45 a.m. and Flight #732 arriving 6:15 a.m. No activity observed.

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6/6/58

Case No. 18335-A

TO : Mr. Fred Harris, Intelligence Squad, Dept. of Public Safety.
 FROM : Albert R. Molina, Homicide Squad.
 SUBJECT : Special Detail, International Airport. Miami, Fla.

At approx. 7:00, June 5, '58 reporting investigator arrived at the U.S. Customs office located at Miami International Airport for the purpose of observing any activity with reference to reported harrazing of arriving passengers from Latin American countries.

Reporting investigator was present during the arrival of the following flights and noted nothing unusual:

- Flt. 412 8:30AM Aereo Postal
- Flt. 435 10:45AM Compania Cubana de Aviacion
- Flt. 420 7:30PM Pan-American
- Flt. 422 10:00PM Pan-American

Officer Taddia advised reporting investigator that on May 29th, '58 an Aereo Postal plane arrived piloted by two Cuban Air Force pilots and when the pilots cleared Customs and went out into the parking lot they were attacked and beaten by approx seven civilian pilots who refuse to fly into Cuba. Since that time all pilots arriving from Cuba are escorted by a uniformed officer to the Port Authority office and then brought back to their plane, thus eliminating a recurrence of attacks on these persons.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert R. Molina
 Albert R. Molina

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cc Chief Hammon

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DATE: November 7, 1958
TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff
FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence
SUBJECT: R. J. ~~VILLAMAR~~ RODRIGUEZ
(ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

On November 5, 1958, Agent A. L. Tarabochia, while investigating a threatening phone call at the Cubana Airline Terminal, was told by A. Novo, Station Manager, that he had observed R. J. Villamar Rodriguez loitering that morning in the passengers lounge.

~~Villamar~~, usually accompanied by another Cuban named Blanco, meets all incoming and outgoing Cubana flights.

The subject, observed on several occasions by this Agent, stares at the passengers and occasionally asks questions with an overall effect that could be construed as intimidation.

Villamar was also observed sometime ago as being the recipient of correspondence delivered by a ~~Cubana~~ Airline Hostess, immediately after the arrival of a flight from Cuba.

The subject, a former Cubana Aeropostal pilot, defected Cuba last April and has been involved in an A&B of two pilots. He is also a member of the Revolutionary group known as the O.A, and has no visible means of support.

Mr. Novo related that he was very surprised that Villamar, who practically lives at the terminal, after a brief appearance in the morning did not show up for the rest of the flights and that there was a possible relation between the subject and the latest incidents occurred.

Respectfully submitted,



W. D. McKee, Supervisor
Criminal Intelligence



A. L. Tarabochia
Intelligence Agent

June 13, 1958

Case No. 18335-A

TO: F. T. Harris, Assistant Chief
Detective Division

FROM: A. L. Tarabochia

SUBJECT: Airport Surveillance

This morning at 9:45 A.M., at the INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS TERMINAL three unidentified CUBAN NATIONALS attempted to intimidate four of the pilots currently employed by the CUBAN AIRMAIL line.

The presence of the uniform officer on duty at the airport frustrated the attempt.

No other incidents occurred during the arrival of the other flights.

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cc Chief of Operations ✓ TTB

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TRUE COPY
WITNESS SUBPOENA "CRIMINAL"

STATE OF FLORIDA, ss.

To All and Singular the Sheriffs of the State of Florida—GREETING:

We command you to summon:

W. C. Norton, Ass't Chief, Chief Tyler's Div., DPS

Sgt. Paul Hammond and Clifford D. Stone, DPS, Chief Tyler's Div

Judge Ben C. Willard

to be and appear before the Judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Dade County, in and for Dade County, State of Florida, at the Court House in Miami on

Tuesday, September 16, 1958, at 9:30A M.,

to testify and the truth to speak in behalf of the STATE in a certain matter before said Court pending and undetermined, wherein the State of Florida is Plaintiff and

Adolfo A. Vazquez Diaz, et al

And this you shall in no wise omit.

WITNESS, J. F. McCracken, Clerk of our said Court, and the seal of said Court at the Court House in Miami, County aforesaid, this 12 day of September A. D. 1958

J. F. McCracken, Clerk,

{ True Copy
Criminal Court Seal }

By BARBARA WILLIAMS
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{ True Copy
Criminal Court Seal }

By M. B. DAYTON
Deputy Clerk.

HAROLD DAVIS

ATTORNEY AT LAW
76 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK
DIGBY 4-4644

CABLE ADDRESS:
"LEXDAVIS"

S. K. ACKERMAN

July 9, 1958

Sheriff's Office
Dade County
Miami 32, Florida.

Att: Mrs. E. Gordon
Records Department
Public Safety Department
Re: Aircraft C 46 Serial No. 30202

Dear Mrs. Gordon:

Thank you for your services which was prompt and accurate.
I appreciate the same deeply.

Enclosed please find check for \$1.00 as requested in
payment of your charges.

HD:js
encl.

Very truly yours,



HAROLD DAVIS

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

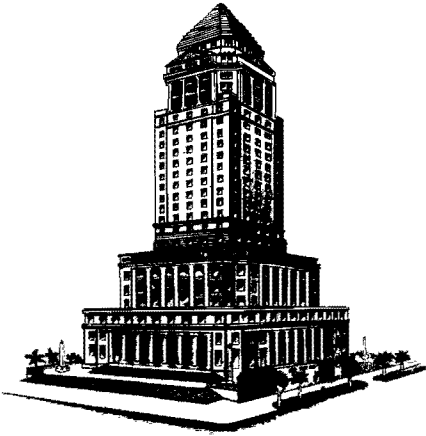
DADE COUNTY

MIAMI 32, FLORIDA

July 11, 1958



THOMAS J. KELLY
Sheriff



DADE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Mr. Harold Davis
76 Beaver Street
New York 5, N.Y.

Re: Aircraft C 46 Serial No. 30202

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are in receipt of your check in the amount of \$1.00, which you neglected to sign. Check is enclosed for the signature.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. P. Brinker
Chief, Administrative Division
Public Safety Department

RPB:g

Enc:

7/16/58 - enclosed please find check signed by me -
Mr. Davis is out of town and therefore unavailable to sign.

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June 18, 1958

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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 7:09 a.m. DATE April 25, 1958 1958

REPORTED BY P. C. Hammond, Sgt.

ADDRESS D.C.P.D. PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Ref: Reported Theft of C46-A Airplane, Lanica 403
AM-AIR, Property of Lanica Airlines

At the above time and date this officer received a signal 422 to Dispatch Services at 36th St. Terminal. Arriving at 7:18 I contacted Mr. Alberto Rodez of 14 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Miami, Phone TU 8-6711, who is U.S. Representative of Lanica Airlines. Mr. Rodez reported to me that the subject aircraft, which was fully gassed and loaded with approximately 11,500 lbs. of general freight and was left parked at the Florida Freight Terminal in the N. W. Cargo area of Miami International Airport, had been stolen. Mr. Rodez stated that an unidentified W/M had checked the plane out from Mr. J. K. Kaul of Dispatch Services at approximately 1:00 a.m. this date. This W/M had been seen by Mr. Kaul of 456 E. 20th St. previously and Mr. Kaul mistook him for the regular pilot of the plane. This unidentified W/M signed the plane out signing the name Schiebell. Alfonso S. Scheibel being the regular authorized pilot of this plane. The plane received clearance and took off from International Airport at approximately 1:20 a.m. I, at this time, advised Mr.

REPORT TAKEN BY //////////////////////////////////// REFERRED TO ////////////////////////////////////

RECOMMENDATIONS/OF DISPOSITIONS/

Rodez to meet me at the Dade County Police station and to bring a copy of the flight plan and the clearance papers which the pilot signed before taking off with the plane, also a list of the cargo that was on the plane.

Mr. Rodez came to our station at approximately 8:30 a.m. The F.B.I. was

Paul Hammond

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

*Harold Davis - 76 Beaver St
n.y.*

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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME _____

DATE _____, 195_____

REPORTED BY _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Page -2- Theft of C46-A Airplane, Lanica Aircraft

notified by Chief Norton since the plane apparantly had left the County
and was loaded with interstate cargo freight.

REPORT TAKEN BY: Paul Hemmou REFERRED TO: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 6:35 A.M. DATE 4-25, 1958
REPORTED BY Sgt. R. Norton - Officer Knesel
ADDRESS D.C.P.D. PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Possible theft of LANIC AIRCRAFT
C46 ANAIR (NICARAQUAN REGIS.) ABOVE DATED TIME
MR. SWARTZ OF DISPATCH SERVICE ADV. THIS
AUTHORITY BY PHONE THAT ABOVE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN
STOLEN AND THAT OWNER MR ALBERT RODEZ HAD
BEEN NOTIFIED AND WAS ENROUTE TO AIRPORT
ALSO THAT FBI HAD BEEN NOTIFIED. MR. SWARTZ
STATED AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SIGNED OUT BY
EX-EMPLOYEE WHO WAS NOT AUTHORIZED.
CRAFT FOUND MISSING WHEN LEGAL CREW
ARRIVED FOR FLIGHT. MR SWARTZ WILL PHONE
D.C.P. STA. WHEN MR RODEZ ARRIVES HIS
OFFICE. ABOVE AT MI. INTER'l AIRPORT DADE
COUNTY, FLA.

REPORT TAKEN BY [Signature] REFERRED TO: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS
Sgt. HAMMOND 7-3 Sgt. ADVISED OF ABOVE

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

HAROLD DAVIS

ATTORNEY AT LAW
76 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK
DIGBY 4-4644

S. K. ACKERMAN

CABLE ADDRESS:
"LEXDAVIS"

July 2, 1958

Public Safety Department
18th Floor, Dade County Courthouse
Miami 30, Florida
c/o Mrs. E. Gordon

Re Aircraft C46 Serial No. 30202
Lineas Aereas de Nicaragua(LANICA)
Nicaraguan Reg. No. AN-AIR
Alleged theft loss: April 25, 1958, 1:25 AM.
My file # 1196-2

Dear Mrs. Gordon:

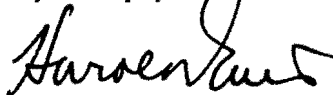
Enclosed herewith please find photocopy of a letter from CAA dated June 27, 1958 referring to the above aircraft. It was stolen from Miami National Airport on April 25, 1958 at about 1:25 A.M. It was flown by the thieves and apparently landed at a location in Honduras; the Honduran authorities are holding the aircraft pending their further investigation.

I represent the insurers on said aircraft; it is important to the owners of the aircraft, as well as to my clients, to ascertain all of the facts and circumstances which are concerned with the said theft.

Accordingly, may I respectfully ask that you forward to me a photostatic copy of the contents of your file, statements, memos and entries which in any way bear upon the investigation of this theft. I will, of course, pay for any photostats immediately upon presentation of your invoice for such expense. It is quite vital that I obtain the copies of the information requested as speedily as possible, in view of an urgent cablegram from Honduras received this day requesting such proofs. The detention of the aircraft in Honduras is seriously hampering Lanica, the owner of the aircraft, in maintaining its airline schedules. Hence, both Lanica and my clients would consider it a great favor if you would assign someone to the task of duplicating the information in your file, and forward same on my assurance that your charges will be remitted to you promptly upon receipt of your bill.

HD:js

Very truly yours,



HAROLD DAVIS

*copy mailed 7-7-58
EB.*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

Second Region

P. O. Box 48-226
International Airport Br.
Miami 48, Florida

June 27, 1958

Mr. Harold Davis
Attorney at Law
76 Beaver Street
New York, New York

Re Aircraft C46 Serial No. 30202
Lineas Aereas de Nicaragua (LANICA)
Nicaraguan Reg. No. AN-AIR

Dear Mr. Davis:

In your letter of May 8, 1958, you requested the particulars of the theft of the above listed aircraft from the Miami International Airport and flown to Honduras.

This is to advise that the CAA has no official records of this incident as it was a matter for the local police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department that handles police records was contacted. They advised details of the theft are in their files but the information cannot be sent to you until that information is specifically requested by you. The F.B.I. also has a case record of the theft. Both agencies were given your name in the event you should decide to contact them.

Prior to the theft of the aircraft, the clearance papers were handled by Dispatch Services, Incorporated at Miami International Airport and an Instrument Flight Plan was filed by teletype. A Mr. J. Kaul was on duty at the time and his report is on record in the FBI files. We have no record of a representative from this office visiting the landing strip in Honduras.

This office regrets we cannot supply the information you specified in your letter, but trust you can obtain suitable information from the organizations listed below:

The Police Department records address is:

Public Safety Department
18th Floor, Dade County Courthouse
Miami 30, Florida
c/o Mrs. E. Gordon

Mr. Harold Davis
June 27, 1958

The F.B.I. address is:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 157
Biscayne Annex
Miami, Florida

The address of the clearance organization is:

Dispatch Services, Incorporated
P. O. Box 155
Miami International Airport
Miami, Florida

Sincerely yours,

H. W. Mitchell
Air Carrier Safety Inspector
Civil Aeronautics Administration

July 7, 1958

Mr. Harold Davis
76 Beaver Street
New York

Dear Sir:

Attached please find copy of report you requested Re
Aircraft C46 Serial No. 30202. Please make your check
in the amount of One (1.00) Dollar payable to the
Public Safety Department.

Very truly yours,

Records Department
Public Safety Department

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050#18335-R

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 8:10 a.m.

DATE May 28, 1958, 1958

REPORTED BY A. J. DeLano

ADDRESS D.C.P.D. PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Ref: Disturbance on the Ramp

At approximately 8:00 a.m. I was called to the 36th St. Terminal Ramp to assist D.C.P.A. Rudy Warden, Ramp Supervisor who was having trouble with 7 former pilots of Cuba Aeropostal Airline. These men were engaged in an argument and fracas on the ramp with pilots Capt. Leonard Julio and Fulalio I. Beruvides, both of Havana, Cuba flying for Cuba Aeropostal. Upon arrival all men scattered but one W/M Francisco Alvarez Fernandez, age 31, now living at the Green Mansion Hotel, Miami Springs, who was apprehended by me and charged with violation of Dade County Port Authority Rules & Regulations - 4.0 (Disorderly Conduct). Sgt. Evans, who was at scene, and I brought prisoner to County Jail. Capt. Julio & Co-pilot F. Beruvides both civilian pilots living in Havana, Cuba received bruises on face & arms caused by the 7 former pilots. I did not witness the fight but I did see evidence that a fight had taken place on the ramp. Francisco Fernandez (prisoner) stated to me he knew he did wrong and he was involved in fight.

REPORT TAKEN BY: A. J. DeLano REFERRED TO: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

Witnesses were before Stephens

INVESTIGATED BY: *June 4 - 1958*
[Signature]

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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 8:10 AM DATE May 28, 1958

REPORTED BY A. J. McLeod

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RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

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RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 10:30 ^A/M

DATE APRIL 18TH, 1958

REPORTED BY OFFICER J. M. EVANS

ADDRESS DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPT

PHONE NE 4-4222

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: REF: 422 TO FLA FREIGHT TERMINAL REF A

FIGHT - WHILE ON ROUTINE PATROL IN CAR #181 I RECEIVED THE ABOVE
CALL AT 9:21 ^A/M THIS DATE. UPON ARRIVAL AT 9:23 ^A/M I LEARNED FROM
PERSON'S IN THE WAREHOUSE THAT THERE WAS NO FIGHT BUT A MAN
HAD ESCAPED FROM TWO IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WHO WERE STILL PRESENT. I
CONTACTED INVESTIGATORS JOHNSON + HALL FROM IMMIGRATION BUREAU WHO
GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING STORY. A W/M MARCELINE GARCIA GONZALES
5'6" 120 LBS WEARING GLASSES HAD ESCAPED FROM THEM AND FLED
FROM THIS AREA IN A 1957 FORD CUSTOM "300" BLUE TOP + BOTTOM WHITE MIDDLE
BEARING 1958 FLA 1-19042 DRIVEN BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED W/M. THE SUBJ GONZALES IS WANTED
BY THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY. I BROADCAST THIS
INFORMATION TO ALL NORTH END CARS AND AT APPROX 10:20 ^A/M WAS ADVISED
BY C.D. TO CALL M.P.D. COMPLAINT SGT. N REF TO INFO ON ABOVE
MESSAGE. I DID SO AND WAS ADVISED BY SGT. HAMMOND D.C.P. TO
HAVE M.P.D. GIVE THEIR INFO TO THE IMMIGRATION BUREAU. I ADVISED

REPORT TAKEN BY: J. M. Evans

REFERRED TO: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

M.P.D. COMPLAINT SGT. OF THIS AND HE STATED HE WOULD CALL THE
IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY. NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN BY
THIS OFFICER.

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

COPY

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 9:20 A.M.

DATE April 18, 1958

REPORTED BY Sgt. Paul C. Hammond

ADDRESS Dade County Police Dept.

PHONE NE 4-3722

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Ref: Escape of Marceline Garcia Gonzales from Immigration Authority at Fla. Freight Co., N. W. Cargo Area M.I.A.D., Miami.

At the above time and date I was advised that car 181 was on a call to the above location ref a fight among pilots.

Upon arrival at the scene at 9:26 A.M. I was advised by Mr. Paul M. Johnson, of Immigration Dept., that there was no fight among pilots, but the sub. W/M, a Cuban who was being deported, had escaped from him. Sub. had been assisted by an unidentified Priest in a blue and white, 1958 Ford four door sedan bearing '58 Fla. lic. # 1-19042. Sub. W/M broke loose from Mr. Johnson and sped away in the above veh.

Car 181 who also received this information ^{AND} alerted all cars to be on lookout for this car.

REPORT TAKEN BY *Paul Hammond* REFERRED TO: _____

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INVESTIGATED BY: _____

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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 6:30 P.M. DATE April 10, 1958

REPORTED BY Officer EARL B. MIXON

ADDRESS Dade County Police PHONE NE 4-3722

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Ref: Gun shipment confiscated at 36th St. Terminal by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Agents:

W. D. Shanley -- U.S. Customs Agents

W. B. LANKford -- U.S. Customs Agent

R. D. Bond -- Inspector, U.S. Border Patrol

The above agents, after receiving an anonymous phone call, came to the 36th St. Terminal. The caller stated that someone had placed a box containing guns in the lockers next to the EAR counter inside the terminal. The agents staked out the terminal and arrested one Danilo FERNANDO Goodrich, age 17, of 3638 N.W. 15th St., Miami, Florida. They also confiscated 1 cardboard box marked lawn mower sets, which contained machine guns. Also a black suitcase with guns. A total of 10 machine guns were confiscated.

REPORT TAKEN BY:

Earl B. Mixon

REFERRED TO:

#216 RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

A further investigation is being conducted by US Customs and Border patrol agents

EB Mixon

INVESTIGATED BY:

See Page 2

Mr. Johnson of Immigration requested names of pilot + copilot this date & time 4-15-58 9:05 AM

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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 6:30 P.M.

DATE April 10, 1958

REPORTED BY Officer Karl B. Nixon

ADDRESS Dade County Police

PHONE NE 4-3722

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Ref: Gun shipment confiscated at 36th St. Terminal by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Agents.

The foregoing information on page 1 was gathered by this officer in the Meter Parking lot at the Terminal. My attention was drawn to a group of men and a kid standing by a car in the lot. When I approached these men, they identified themselves as 2 U.S. Customs Agents and an Inspector of the US Border Patrol. The young boy was talking with them when I appeared. I was shown the guns and the Agents left with the boy in their custody.

This officer on our office was not notified of the investigation or asked to help.

REPORT TAKEN BY: E.B. Nixon REFERRED TO:

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

The above mentioned Agents were officially recognized by all members in the Airport Customs office and identified as being such by name, assignment, and title

INVESTIGATED BY: E.B. Nixon

Stella S. Southern 4-8-58

April 8, 1958
Dade County Police Station
10:00 p.m.

My Name is W. T. Norton, Chief, Dade County Police Department. The persons whom we are going to question are under arrest in connection with the attempted theft of C-46 aircraft, Cuban registration CUC-145.

Q. Both you people understand english, do you not?

A. A little.

Q. It is my duty to inform you that under the laws of our country it is necessary for us to advise you of your rights, such as, we are not making any threats, or promises, or inducements for you to make statements and that any statements that you make can be used for or against you in a court of law.

Jose Raoul Segredo, 4780 N. W. 4th St., Miami, Florida

Q. After the statement that I have just made, I would like to ask you a question concerning the incident that resulted in your being brought to our station. Were you attempting to take off in the above mentioned airplane?

A. We were.

Q. From whom did you have permission, if you had permission, to use this aircraft?

A. No one.

Q. Is there any statement that you would like to make concerning this incident? You may proceed.

A. We knew of this airplane coming into Miami International Airport without the Cuban Authorities knowledge since the airplane was flown away from Cuba by the rest of the pilots that had not yet escaped the Batista regime. Knowing that this airplane, as soon as the Cuban authorities here in the States knew about it, was going to be flown back to Cuba by military pilots that would have been flown up, my friend and I decided on taking the airplane and flying it to the Oriente Province where it would have been delivered to rebel forces. As we were warming up the airplane we were discovered by police officers of the Dade County Police Department and were apprehended.

Adolpho Angelo Dias, 75 N. W. 47th Avenue, Miami, Florida

Q. Again, I will ask you after my statement above, do you have anything that you could add to the statement of your friend?

A. I think the same way he does. We have the same ideas and plans, etc., and I am his co-pilot on this trip.

then belonging to Dias given to chief Norton 4-22-58 at the request of the owner. S. Southern

Jose Raoul Segredo

Adolpho Angelo Dias

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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 10:30 p.m. DATE April 8, 1958, 195

REPORTED BY P. C. Hammond, Sgt.
C. D. Stone, Patrolman

ADDRESS D.C.P.D. PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Attempted Larceny of Foreign Registered Aircraft
At approximately 8:10 p.m. this date while on routine patrol in Car 181
with officer Noonan, the above named officer was advised by the duty Sgt.
Hammond, to proceed to the North West Cargo area to stand guard on a C-46
aircraft, foreign registration number CUC-145, with orders to apprehend
anyone attempting to move the aircraft. Upon arrival, Sgt. Hammond and
myself observed the above aircraft with the engines running and the chocks
out ready for departure. The above named officers stepped in front of the
aircraft flashing lights in to the cockpit and ordered the occupants to cut
the engines and emerge from the aircraft. When the engines were stopped,
two white males, Adolfo Angel Diaz y Vazquez age 34 and Jose Raoul Segredo
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REPORT TAKEN BY: P. C. Hammond REFERRED TO: _____

Clifford D. Stone
RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

Copy of report and statement delivered to
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INVESTIGATED BY: _____

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME _____ DATE _____, 195__

REPORTED BY _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Page -2- Larceny of Foreign Aircraft
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REPORT TAKEN BY Paul Hammond REFERRED TO: _____

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NATIONAL GUN TRADERS
THE LARGEST STOCK OF MODERN GUNS IN
THE EASTERN U. S. A.
ALL GUNSMITHING ON PREMISES
TELEPHONES FR 3-1067 - FR 3-8513

Al & Jack Bernkrant

REP. BY ROY KATON
251-53-55 S. W. 22ND AVE. MIAMI, FLA.

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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TIME 10:30 p.m.

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**DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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TIME _____

DATE _____, 195_____

REPORTED BY _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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Clifford D. Stone
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DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 5:00 P.M.

DATE APRIL 5, 1958

REPORTED BY J. CROWLEY

ADDRESS D.C.P.D.

PHONE NE4-4222

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: RE: PHONE CALL CONCERNING THE CUBAN TROUBLE.

THIS OFFICER RECIEVED A PHONE CALL FROM MR. WATERSON, AGENT IN CHARGE OF MIAMI FIELD
OFFICE OF U.S. DEPT OF STATE, TUB-8133. HE STATED: HE RECIEVED A CALL FROM WASHINGTON
THAT SOME OF THE PILOTS WHO HAVE QUIT THE AIRLINES SERVICING CUBA AND DEFECTED TO TH E
REBEL CAUSE HAVE BEEN MAKING THREATS OF BODILY HARM AGAINST THE PILOTS THAT ARE STILL
FLYING TO CUBA. TWO OF THE FORMER PILOTS WHO HAD WORKED FOR "LINEA EXPRESO AEREO INTERNACIONA
AND ARE MAKING THE THREATS ARE NAMED: (1) ROBERTO VERDQUER, (2) GUILLERMO VERDQUER.
NO OTHER DISCRPTION OR ADDRESS OTHER THAN THEY ARE BROTHERS.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION GIVEN TO CAR #181 AND CAR #183 SGT EVANS.

REPORT TAKEN BY: J.R. Crowley

REFERRED TO: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 2:15 AM

DATE APRIL 4TH, 1958

REPORTED BY SGT. R. NORTON

ADDRESS DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: DCP OFFICERS ASSIGN TO FLA. FREIGHT RE: POSSIBLE TROUBLE WITH CUBANS.

ABOVE DATE AND TIME SGT. MCGINNIS ADVISED THIS AUTHORITY THAT MR. POLUZZI OWNER FLA. FREIGHT ADVISED WAS EXPECTING A GROUP OF CUBANS TO STEAL AIRCRAFT PARKED N. SIDE FLA. FREIGHT WAREHOUSE N. W. CARGO AREA MI. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. MR. POLUZZI STATED HE HAD REC. TIP THAT THEFT BY LARGE GROUP OF CUBANS TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 5:00AM-8:00AM 4-4-58 BUT REQUESTED OFFICERS BE ASSIGNED FOR PROTECTION AT ONCE. SITUATION COVERED BY THREE (3) OFF DUTY OFFICERS (TO BE PAID BY MR. POLUZZI) AND ONE DUTY OFFICER (PAID BY MR. POLUZZE FROM 6:45AM TO 8:00AM) IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: ONE OFFICER IN EACH AIRCRAFT PARKED N. SIDE WAREHOUSE: OFFICER GRANT IN C 46 CUC153; OFFICER SHULL IN C 46 CUC385; OFFICER HAAR IN C46 CUC644; OFFICER MINIUM RIDING 182 WITH SHOTGUN AT THIS IMMEDIATE AREA.

REPORT TAKEN BY: *R. Norton*

REFERRED TO: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 6:00 P.M.

DATE APRIL 3, 1958

REPORTED BY SGT. A.W. EVANS

ADDRESS D.C.P.D. PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: RE: SPECIAL DETAIL-CUBA AEROPOSTEL-20 ST. TERMINAL

OFFICERS OVERSTREET AND SULLIVAN CONTACTED BY ME AT ABOVE TIME, AND ADVISED
OF THE DETAIL. BOTH MEN ARE OFF DUTY APRIL 4, AND STATED THEY WOULD WORK FROM 7:00 P.M. APRIL
3, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS NECESSARY. BOTH OFFICERS ADVISED TO CONTACT MR. CANEL OF CUBA AEROPOSTEL
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DETAIL.

REPORT TAKEN BY: Sgt. A.W. Evans REFERRED TO: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS OR DISPOSITIONS

INVESTIGATED BY: _____

DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINTS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TIME 4:00 PM

DATE 4/ 3, 1958

REPORTED BY Officer Erickson, H DCPD

ADDRESS 20th Street Air Port PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Subj: Threatening of Aeropostal (Cuba) Pilots
by Cuban Army Officer.

1. At aprx. 4:00PM a small crowd of people gathering at the Cuba Aerop.
office at the corner of 20th St. Airt. Bldg. attracted this officer's
attention. X

2. After interrogation about 4:20 PM this narrative was learned

Major Efraim Hernandez Cuban Army threatened all the pilots with
harm to their families in Cuba if they did not fly the Aeropostal planes
to the Dominican Republic, for the purpose of transporting arms to Cuba/

The pilots unanimously agreed not to carry out the above plan.

3. Office DCPD was notified of the events and it was learned by this
officer that the Major had departed sometime previous to 4:00PM.

4. Mr. Canial is the manager of Cuban Aeropostal, he had also previously
left. Names of the pilots are as follows, (there were five)

1. Jorge Prellaeso 3. Eusebio Capote 5. ~~(name illegible)~~ ALBERTO SEMIDED
ck. attached sheet.

2. Sergio Hernandez 4. Camilo Martinez

REPORT TAKEN BY: Officer Erickson DCPD REFERRED TO: _____

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TIME 4:00 A DATE 4/3, 1958

REPORTED BY OFFICER ERICKSON DC PD

ADDRESS 20th ST. AIRPORT PHONE _____

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REPORT: Subj NOTES ON REPT. - ADJOINING
Maj. EFRAIM Hernandez (Cuban
Army)

Canjal

4:00 P

Threatened all the pilots
Dominican Rep. buy arms.
will do harm to families

They all agreed not to move

Capt. Alberto Semidey

" Jorge Prellero

" Sergio Hernandez

Eusebio Capote

Camilo Martinez

[Signature]

[Signature]

REPORT TAKEN BY: _____

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INVESTIGATED BY: _____

Stella S. Southern 4-8-58
April 8, 1958
Dade County Police Station
10:00 p.m.

My Name is W. T. Norton, Chief, Dade County Police Department. The persons whom we are going to question are under arrest in connection with the attempted theft of C-46 aircraft, Cuban registration CUC-145.

Q. Both you people understand english, do you not?

A. A little.

Q. It is my duty to inform you that under the laws of our country it is necessary for us to advise you of your rights, such as, we are not making any threats, or promises, or inducements for you to make statements and that any statements that you make can be used for or against you in a court of law.

Jose Raoul Segredo, 4780 N. W. 4th St., Miami, Florida

Q. After the statement that I have just made, I would like to ask you a question concerning the incident that resulted in your being brought to our station. Were you attempting to take off in the above mentioned airplane?

A. We were.

Q. From whom did you have permission, if you had permission, to use this aircraft?

A. No one.

Q. Is there any statement that you would like to make concerning this incident? You may proceed.

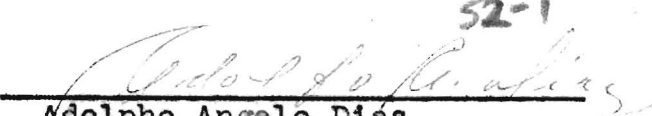
A. We knew of this airplane coming into Miami International Airport without the Cuban Authorities knowledge since the airplane was flown away from Cuba by the rest of the pilots that had not yet escaped the Batista regime. Knowing that this airplane, as soon as the Cuban authorities here in the States knew about it, was going to be flown back to Cuba by military pilots that would have been flown up, my friend and I decided on taking the airplane and flying it to the Oriente Province where it would have been delivered to rebel forces. As we were warming up the airplane we were discovered by police officers of the Dade County Police Department and were apprehended.

Adolpho Angelo Dias, 75 N. W. 47th Avenue, Miami, Florida

Q. Again, I will ask you after my statement above, do you have anything that you could add to the statement of your friend?

A. I think the same way he does. We have the same ideas and plans, etc., and I am his co-pilot on this trip.


Jose Raoul Segredo

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