

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

M/V Goldfinger II
Owner: North Eleutheran Shipping Co.
Explosion August 27/75

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Undersigned Surveyor on August 27, 1975 did investigate the alleged bombing and sinking of the above described vessel, on the Miami River, Miami, Florida, for the purpose of determining cause and extent of alleged damage thereto.

Upon arrival, at dockside, we noted the entire area to be under guard of the local F.B.I. authorities, the Metro Sheriffs' Department, the Harbour Patrol, Divers and other undercover members of the Police Department.

We met with Mrs. Parks, of the Johnson Shipping Co., Agents of the Vessel and, we are advised, an Officer of the North Eleutheran Shipping Co., are listed as owners of the Vessel. Mrs. Parks introduced the Undersigned to Capt. Charles Sweetings. Capt. Sweetings advised the Undersigned that he was awoken, at approximately 0150 hours by a loud noise and made immediate efforts to remove himself and ten members of his family from the Vessel.

Capt. Sweetings advised the Undersigned that there were no injuries whatsoever among those who had been aboard the Vessel at the time of the explosion.

The Undersigned was recognized by the Local F.B.I. Agent and was permitted to approach the Vessel and there met with Mr. Walter Byrd, of Byrd's Commercial Divers, Mr. Byrd advised the Undersigned that he had been called in the early morning hours to dive on the Vessel, which he found down by the Stern, with the Bow still secured to the Pier.

The underwater inspection showed that there was a 3'x3' hole in the hull forward of the after end of the engine room bulkhead. It is his opinion that possibly some shaft damage exists, quite probably including the stuffing box.

The Divers advised that engine room was completely flooded. The forward bulkhead of the engine room remained intact, therefore there should be no damages to the forward hold and/or the refrigerator space.

Members of the local Bomb Squad confirmed the above findings.

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Mr Byrd had made a temporary patch in the hole and had commenced pumping, and, by 1100 hours the Vessel was afloat, with pumping being continued.

Capt. Sweetings and Mrs. Parks advised the Undersigned that when the Vessel was ready to have a more permanent patch placed over the 3'x3 1/2' hole, it was to be TOWED to Merril-Stevens Shipyard on the River where it would be hauled, for inspection and repairs.

Having discussed the conditions found by the Divers, we agreed, without prejudice, that Capt. Sweetings had acted prudently in his efforts to minimize the loss, for the account of whom it may concern.

We gave Capt. Sweetings and Mrs. Parks blank copies of Master's Note of Protest, recommending that these be executed at the earliest possible moment.

Unofficially, we learned that the Bomb Squad had, by means of magnets, found bomb fragments at the bottom of the River.

Capt. Sweetings advised the Undersigned that the Vessel had a purchase price of \$150,000.00, although he would have accepted a lower reasonable figure. Without an examination of the Vessel, we are inclined to state that \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00 would be more reasonable.

On the basis of the engine room being completely flooded our Engineers estimate cause of repairs will be in the vicinity of \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

At noon time, August 28, we received instructions to issue our report and to take no further action.

No admissions nor denials of liability were made at any time and this report is issued, without prejudice, for the account of TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

DONALD J. MAHONEY & CO., INC.

DONALD J. MAHONEY
Surveyor

DJM/cm.-

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GOLD FINGER. I

1400 hours - 8/28/73

M. Stowell well and drove

TLC

- 1° vessel no war and/or accident
- 2° Level insurance only total loss excluding bonding

3° Please send report and withdraw of the case

Noel Roberts

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DAILY BULLETIN

No. 167-75

Thursday, August 28, 1975

BR. M/V "GOLDFINGER II" (North Eleuthera Shipping Co., Ltd.)
Goldfinger II sustained alleged sabotage in Miami River at 0150
August 27. Vessel sustained 3 feet by 3 and a 1/2 feet aft of
engineroom bulkhead. Engineroom flooded. Divers patched hole
and vessel is now afloat and to be hauled Monday. (L)

GENERAL

Meetings scheduled for Friday, August 29, 1975

NONE

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REPORT
of the



*to file 23 Nov 76
Goldfinger II*

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Miami (45-1767)

June 14, 1976

FBI FILE NO. 45-11445

UNSUB;
BOMBING OF BAHAMIAN REGISTERED BOAT LAB. NO. PC-M6817 RW MV RU
Re: "SEA CAT," 28 N. W. North River Drive,
Miami, Florida
3/31/76;
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS

Specimens received 4/6/76

- Q1 Debris (1)
- Q2 Wire, metal fragments, parts of timing mechanism, and debris (2)
- Q3 Wire, metal fragments, and debris (3)
- Q4 Gear (4)
- Q5 Fragment of plasticlike material (5)
- Q6 Gears and portion of timing mechanism (6)
- Q7 Scrapings from blast area (7)
- Q8 Piece of wire (8)
- Q9 Spring (9)
- Q10 Debris (10)
- Q11 Gear and pieces of metal (11)
- Q12 Piece of wood, rope, and debris (12)

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result of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q12 were examined for the presence of explosive residues. No unconsumed explosives or residues that could be associated with an explosive were found on specimens Q1 through Q12.

Specimens Q2, Q3, Q4, Q6, Q9, and Q11 contain deformed and broken parts from a spring-driven travel alarm clock marketed by Westclox, Division of General Time Corporation, La Salle, Illinois. Specimen Q2 also contains a portion of tinned-copper wire which had been soldered to what was concluded to be the hour hand from the travel alarm clock.

Present in specimen Q1 are several paper fragments which appear to be from an Eveready battery(s). It was not possible to determine the type of battery or quantity represented.

Several pieces of tinned-copper wire with blue or yellow insulation were found in submitted specimens. The characteristics of these pieces of wire, including color and type of insulation, are like those of leg wire used with some Dupont electric blasting caps. It was not possible to determine the type of blasting cap(s) or quantity represented. No toolmarks of value for identification purposes were found on any of these wires.

Present in specimens Q1, Q2, and Q6 are fragments of manila colored paper masking tape. The manufactured width of one fragment of this tape appears to be 3/4". No ends of value for matching purposes are present.

Fragments of brown colored plasticlike material similar to that used in the construction of some bags and luggage, and a zipper fragment are present in specimens Q1, Q2, Q5 and Q10. The mutilated condition of the fragments suggests they could represent the exploded remains of such a bag or item of luggage which served as a container for the improvised explosive device (IED).

Based on Laboratory examinations conducted on the submitted specimens, the apparent components of the IED utilized included an Eveready battery(s) power source for a Dupont electric blasting cap(s) and a Westclox spring-driven travel alarm clock for delay firing. It was not possible to determine the specific way in which the components were assembled, nor was it possible to establish the type of explosive utilized as a main charge.

The submitted specimens will be returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

CASE NO: 3-81

DATE: September 5, 1975

Investigation into the bombing of the ship GOLDFINGER II which occurred on Wednesday, 27 August 1975, at approximately 1:00 a.m. at 2922 N. W. North River Drive.

SYNOPSIS:

Interviews of ROSE MARIE DURAN, BENJAMIN DURAN and TERESA DURAN concerning the whereabouts of ERIC DURAN.

DETAILS:

3:25 p.m. These officers and Dets. Benitez, Vazquez and Titus responded to 30 N. W. 51 Avenue, Apt. #7, where we interviewed ROSE MARIE DURAN concerning the whereabouts of ERIC DURAN. ROSE MARIE DURAN stated that ERIC DURAN had left Miami for New Jersey three days ago because of family problems (injury or accident involving an unknown family member in New Jersey). She further stated that he traveled to New Jersey driving his vehicle, a white/red Gran Torino, year and tag number unknown. ROSE MARIE DURAN stated that ERIC DURAN'S wife TERESA was at work and that she would come home after 5:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. These officers and Det. Titus then responded to 226 S. W. 13 Avenue, the residence of JOSE DURAN, W/M, aka BENJAMIN DURAN, ERIC'S uncle. JOSE DURAN stated that ERIC had left Miami Thursday morning (4 September 1975) between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. JOSE further stated that his nephew ERIC had left Miami because of his affair with MELINDA SANDS, W/F 15, stepdaughter of Captain Sweeting of the GOLDFINGER II. JOSE further stated that on Monday, 1 September 1975, a phone call was made to JOSE'S residence by an unidentified Spanish female who stated that ERIC was too old to be going out with such a young girl and that his (ERIC'S) actions were ruining the girl's family. According to JOSE, ERIC became extremely scared and left Miami. JOSE further stated that ERIC departed Miami driving his white/red Gran Torino and that ROLANDO DURAN, JOSE'S son had departed for New Jersey last month (exact date unknown) and that he (JOSE) did not know where ROLANDO was staying. ROLANDO and ERIC DURAN are cousins.

5:30 p.m. These officers arrived at 30 N. W. 51 Avenue, residence of ERIC DURAN, and spoke to TERESA DURAN, W/F who identified herself as being the wife of ERIC DURAN. According to TERESA, ERIC left for New York early Thursday morning (4 September 1975) looking for a better job. She further stated that ERIC wanted to "improve" and that he (ERIC) would send for her (TERESA) as soon as soon as he secured employment. TERESA DURAN further stated that ROLANDO, ERIC'S cousin, left for New Jersey approximately one or two weeks ago. TERESA appeared to be very nervous and stated that she had arrived in Miami from Spain May 7, 1975.

- (1) TERESA DURAN, W/F DOB 30 June 1939
30 N. W. 51 Avenue #7 448-0273
Work: Kendall Technological, 7855 N. W. 77 Avenue
- (2) JOSE DURAN, W/M
226 S. W. 13 Avenue 643-4982

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(3) ERIC DURAN, W/M DOB 4 August 1938
30 N. W. 51 Avenue 448-0273
Phone number in New Jersey: 1-212-365-5837

Investigation continues.

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November 12, 1975


DURAN was questioned in reference to the actual bombing and his possible knowledge of motives or other persons involved. DURAN stated that he had no information. He did state that it had been a shock to the men he knew had dealings with Captain Sweeting as none of the fishermen in his opinion would have bombed the ship. This opinion has been shared by many of the fishermen around the Miami River area.

Expenses incurred in trip paid by warrants due to extradition.

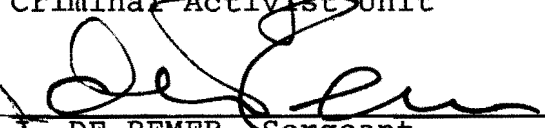
Investigation expenses: \$29.38 for meals and cab fares.

Case open pending further information.

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CASE NO: 3-81

DATE: November 12, 1975

Investigation into the bombing of the Bahamian vessel GOLDFINGER II which occurred Wednesday, 27 August 1975, in Dade County, Florida.

SYNOPSIS:

Location and interview of ERIC C. DURAN, primary suspect in the above captioned investigation due to his express threats to GOLDFINGER'S crew.

DETAILS:

On September 9, 1975, through liaison with the Union County Prosecutor's office in Garwood, New Jersey, this department received an answer to our request for information on ERIC C. DURAN, who was thought to be in the Patterson, New Jersey area.

Mr. DURAN was located residing at 2342 Ryer Avenue, Bronx, New York, phone 212-365-5837. This is an apartment rented by a LUMARGO TURRO. No other information available on TURRO.

On 12 November 1975 this detective accompanied by Det. G. Adams met with Mr. DURAN at his residence. The following is a record of what transpired.

Mr. DURAN was advised of his rights per Miranda and asked if he had any information he could offer. The following questions and responses were noted.

Name: ERIC C. DURAN RODRIGUEZ

Age 37 - 4 August 1938

Address: Miami, 30 N. W. 51 Avenue, Apt. 12

Work Location: Miami, Johnson Shipping

Reason for leaving work: Low wages

Relations with ELIZA MELINDA SANDS: Met her at Johnson Shipping Co. where her boat docked for loading and unloading. He had dated the girl and knew she was upset with him and she had not wanted to see him and stayed in the Bahamas.

DURAN denied having spoken to the girl by phone until he was shown the phone tolls by this detective.

DURAN denied having any knowledge of the girl's sleeping quarters and having left in a normal manner and not being angry or hurried when he left.

Mr. DURAN denied having stated to Melinda Sands that he was a C.I.A. member. DURAN denied having had any military training in the past and having been a member of any revolutionary group or military unit.

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CASE NO: (201934-T)

DATE: November 17, 1975

Continuing investigation into the bombing of the vessel GOLDFINGER II, which occurred on Friday, 7 November 1975.

SYNOPSIS:

On Friday, 7 November 1975, Dets. Diaz and Mederos interviewed CI TIS 0076 who furnished new information in reference to the bombing of the GOLDFINGER II (27 August 1975).

DETAILS:

On Friday, 7 November 1975, TIS 0076 furnished the following information.

That several weeks ago he was told by JORGE GONZALEZ (brother of AVELINO GONZALEZ) that he (JORGE GONZALEZ) had done the bombing of the GOLDFINGER II in accord with "CHARLES", the master and owner of the vessel. That the agreement between "CHARLES" and J. GONZALEZ was that GONZALEZ would be paid ten percent of all the money received from the insurance company and different suits that "CHARLES" would file. That GONZALEZ further stated that he knew that "CHARLES" had collected \$80,000 plus he ("CHARLES") had filed two lawsuits but GONZALEZ had not received any money for the job, and that if "CHARLES" didn't pay him soon "he would blow up the boat again."

CI further stated that he was told by J. GONZALEZ that he has a remote control detonator which he "wouldn't sell for all the money in the world."

CI also stated that he has observed AVELINO GONZALEZ in possession of a self-made silencer described as a hollow aluminum tube, painted black, several washers inside, small screws on the outside, and screw-off end.

That AVELINO GONZALEZ keeps the above described silencer in his residence, but keeps all the separate parts in different places so that if anyone searched his house he could never be charged with possessing a silencer.

CI further stated that J. GONZALEZ is using a mixture of HTH (chlorine used in swimming pools) and brake fluid to make bombs. According to the CI, when the brake fluid is injected or poured on the HTH it causes it to ignite.

Investigation continues.

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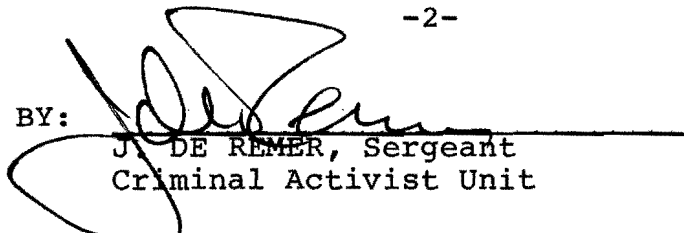
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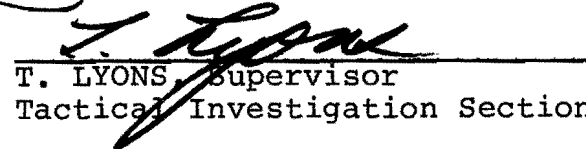
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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 3-81

DATE: March 3, 1976

Continuing investigation into the GOLDFINGER II bombing occurring on 27 August 1975.

SYNOPSIS:

On Tuesday, 24 February 1975, these writers interviewed Mr. Donald J. Mahoney, Lloyd's agent for the Southeast Florida region.

DETAILS:

On Tuesday, 24 February 1976, these writers interviewed D. J. Mahoney at his office located at 7801 S. W. 25 Street in order to obtain pertinent information regarding the explosion, which occurred on 27 August 1975, from the insurance agent's point of view. Mr. Mahoney stated as follows.

That at approximately 10:00 a.m. the day following the explosion, he contacted Captain Sweeting at the Johnson Shipping office to ascertain certain facts regarding Captain Sweeting's insurance coverage and at the same time, to inform the Captain on what steps to follow as far as filing certain information such as a "protest" report for which Mr. Mahoney provided the Captain with two blank copies, instructing the Captain to file the report as soon as possible with the Coast Guard. Mr. Mahoney indicated that the Captain was extremely upset and was answering a multitude of questions from the different law enforcement agencies that responded to the explosion scene, i.e., FBI, ATF and PSD investigators.

In view of the above, Mr. Mahoney advised Captain Sweeting that he would be in touch at a later time. At that time Mr. Mahoney returned to his office and was contacted via telephone by Mr. Charles Satchell, Lloyd's agent in Nassau, and informed to discontinue any and all investigations surrounding the GOLDFINGER II case. The reasons for discontinuing the investigation are as follows.

According to Mr. Mahoney, Captain Sweeting was involved in a court proceeding in Nassau where he served as a witness for the state against a group of Cuban-American lobster fishermen that were apprehended by the Bahamian authorities as a result of Captain Sweeting radioing the Bahamian naval patrol and informing them that a group of foreign boats were illegally fishing lobster in Bahamian waters. According to Mr. Mahoney's information, Captain Sweeting waited until the Bahamian patrol boats arrived to apprehend the Cuban lobster fishermen and then appeared as a witness. As a result of Captain Sweeting's action, several threats were made by the concerned Cuban fishermen, particularly an individual who is known only as "FERNANDEZ" at this time, who stated, "I don't care how long it takes me, but I'm going to get even with you."

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During this time Captain Sweeting was seeking insurance coverage for his vessel in order to comply with the mortgage company's demands for insurance coverage on their investment. According to Mr. Mahoney, Captain Sweeting contacted Lloyd's agent in Nassau, Charles Satchell, in order to obtain insurance coverage. According to Mr. Mahoney, Captain Sweeting requested the minimum amount of insurance coverage, enough to maintain the mortgage on the vessel.

Mr. Mahoney indicated that Lloyd's agent in Nassau insured the vessel with their minimum coverage policy, which provided a coverage estimated between thirty thousand and fifty thousand. According to Mr. Mahoney, Captain Sweeting was made aware that this policy did not cover acts of war or sabotage, including bombings. This exclusion was made based on the fact that Lloyd's agents had obtained the information through their own confidential sources that Captain Sweeting had been involved in a court proceeding against a group of Cuban fishermen. Knowing that he had no coverage guarding against bombing attacks, Captain Sweeting accepted the policy just to satisfy the mortgage company's demands for insurance.

It should be noted that on the day after the explosion and the days this writer was in contact with Captain Sweeting, neither he nor any of his relatives or crew members made any comments regarding the issue concerning the Cuban-American lobster fishermen and Captain Sweeting's involvement against them when interviewed by this writer and Det. D. Benitez.

Investigation continues.

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DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

TACTICAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

PLACE: 1320 N.W. 14 Street
Miami, Florida

DATE: September 5, 1975

PRESENT: DETECTIVE E. TITUS
MELINDA SANDS
EUDENE SWEETING
ESTELLE EDELSTEIN
Steno Reporter

TIME: 1:15 - 1:25 P.M.

THEREUPON

EUDENE SWEETING

having first been duly sworn and cautioned, was examined and testified upon her oath as follows:

(E. TITUS) Investigation into the bombing of the ship, "Goldfinger II" which occurred on the 27th of August, 1975, at 1:00 A.M. in the morning.

Q
your full name and age?

For the record, will you state

A

Atho Eudene Sweeting. ✓

Q

And your age?

A

Age--43.

Q

Your home address?

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A Spanish Walls in the Bahamas.

Q And your telephone number there?

A Forty-six.

Q Are you employed?

A No sir.

Q Is it your custom to travel on the ship with your husband?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you know Eric Duran?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you ever has an occasion to talk with Eric by telephone?

A Yes sir. Once I spoke with him and that's the last week when we was coming to Miami.

Q This was the last trip you made from Spanish Walls to Miami before the bombing?

A Yes sir.

Q What was the conversation you had with Eric at that time?

A I just said "Hello, how are you doing"? He said, "Fine. Do you remember what I told you when you were in Miami? Do you remember? If you didn't bring Melinda this trip, I would blow up the boat." I said, "That's just a joke. She'll be coming in this trip, don't worry."

Q During the time that you knew Eric, did he appear that he was relatively normal, at ease with you most of the time?

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A Yes he was but he never did look us full in the face. I don't remember he ever looking us full in the face to talk to us. It seemed like he'd turn the other way.

Q Did you have occasion to speak with him the night that he was aboard the ship, just prior to the bombing?

A Yes, about, I would say, about ten minutes before he left the boat.

Q Did he appear to be in the same character as he normally was?

A No, he was jittery.

Q When you say jittery, explain?

A He did seem like he had somewhere to go or go in a rush. I asked him if he wanted some dinner. He said 'no.' That was unusual. He always ate with Melinda. I went to the store and I came back and he said, "I got to leave now and I got to go" and I threw myself across the bed where my husband was and it seemed about five minutes, Eric came out of the kitchen and he said something to Melinda about walking to the gate and she said, "No, I'm not going" or "I'm too tired to leave."

Q After the bombing occurred, did you have occasion to speak with him again?

A Yes sir, the next day I did but he didn't speak to Melinda. He just came up and asked me what was the matter. He said, "Take it easy."

Q What did you say to him?

A I just said, "How do you think somebody could do that to us." He just brushed it off and left. He didn't say a word.

Q Did he appear to be at ease or nervous?

A He didn't seem nervous then. He seemed like the same Eric I always knew.

Q Did you speak to him Friday, the day he disappeared?

A Yes, because he came to the boat. I said, "I'd like to see the kids" and he said he would go up to Georgia Gunn's house and he'd bring them to me.

There was a second bomb threat received at Johnson's direct. I was upset and asked him for a drink of water. He said, "Okay, I'll get you the water but take it easy there. Nothing is going to happen" and I left him right inside of Johnson Shipping and came outside and sat on the form in back of the place because they wouldn't allow anybody out on the dock.

Q At any time did he indicate to you that he was married?

A No sir. He told me that he wasn't married but he told me he would like to have 16 kids of his own.

Q Have you seen him since the day he disappeared?

A No sir, I haven't, not to my knowledge.

Q Has the tall black man with the yellow helmet appeared at the ship since it's been blown up.

A He was to the boat the next day and I said to Eric when he brought me back to the boat, I said, "Who is that tall, colored guy at the blue and white boat? He seemed to be upset there." He said, "What boat? Nobody is supposed to be around." I said, "Not the guy that was working with you in the shipping agency, the one that you always take home in the evening." "Oh, that's my uncle, it's okay."

Q
freely and voluntarily?

Have you given this statement

A

Yes.

Q
you into making this statement?

Has anyone threatened or coerced

A

No sir.

Q
offers of a reward?

Has anyone made any promises or

A

No sir.

Q

Thank you.

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A Spanish Walls (phonetic), Bahamas,
P. O. Box 72, Telephone--46.

Q Is that your telephone--46?

A Yes.

Q Are you employed?

A No sir.

Q Do you go to school?

A No sir.

Q Have you been advised of your
Constitutional rights?

A Yes sir.

Q Is this the form that you signed
earlier?

A Yes sir.

Q It's a Constitutional Rights
Warning Interrogation Form?

A Yes sir.

Q Is that your initial under each
paragraph?

A Yes sir.

Q I'm going to read you your rights
again and after I finish each question, I'm going to ask you if
you understand it?

A Okay.

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Q Melinda, you have the right to remain silent. You need not talk to me or answer my questions if you do not wish to do so.

A Yes sir.

Q Should you talk to me, anything which you say in answer to my questions may be introduced into evidence in court against you. Do you understand?

A Yes sir.

Q If you want an attorney to represent you at this time or at any time during questioning, you will be entitled to such counsel. Do you know that?

A Yes sir.

Q If you can't afford an attorney and so desire one will be furnished to you without charge.

A Yes sir.

Q Is this statement signed of your own free will?

A Yes sir.

Q Are you willing to talk to me without an attorney present?

A Yes sir.

Q Mrs. Sweeting, you are the mother of Melinda, is that not correct?

A Yes sir.

Q This is a subsequent form which you signed earlier? Is this not the form?

A Yes sir that is it.

Q And that is your name, correct?

A Yes sir.

Q Can you read this to the
stepographer?

A I, Eudene Sweeting, the mother of
Melinda Sands do freely and voluntarily authorize the officers of
the Public Safety Department to take a statement from My daughter,
age 16, in regard to the investigation of the bombing of the ship
"Goldfinger II" after having been advised of my rights and my
daughter's rights per the Constitution of the state of Florida and
the United States--Eudene Sweeting.

Q Thank you.

Q Melinda, in reference to Eric
Duran, when was the first time you came in contact with Eric?

A I think it was February. It was
the beginning of February.

Q of 1975?

A Yes sir.

Q At that time, from the first time
you saw him, how long did it take before you become personally
involved with Eric?

A About a week.

Q Your relationship with him was
very close?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you love Eric?

A Yes sir, very much.

Q Did Eric tell you that he loved you?

A Yes.

Q At any time did Eric indicate to you that he was married?

A No sir.

Q Did he ever indicate to you that he had any children?

A No.

Q How often did you see Eric?

A Whenever I was in Miami, which was often.

Q Meaning that when you came over on a trip with your parents on the freighters?

A I seen him every time I came to Miami.

Q Did you and Eric ever go out anywhere?

A No sir.

Q Did you, at any time, have the occasion to be alone with him?

A Yes sir, often.

Q Did he ask you to marry him?

A Yes.

Q And what was your answer to Eric?

A I told him 'yes' because I loved him.

Q Now there came a time when you weren't able to travel with your parents, is that correct?

A Yes sir.

Q And you were staying where? Was it in the United States?

A Yes. What is Jimmy and Georgia's address mother?

(E. SWEETING) A I don't know.

(E. TITUS) Q When you couldn't travel with your family and take a trip on the ship, did Eric have the occasion to call you by telephone?

A Yes sir, nearly every weekend.

Q At any time did he ever threaten you?

A On the last weekend he did.

Q You're saying the last weekend, do you know approximately what date that is?

A When did we come to Miami?

Q Was it the month of August?

A Yes sir it was.

Q That's last month. Was it the middle part of August?

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A If I had a calendar I can tell you.

Q There is a calendar on the desk.
Do you want to look at a calendar and tell me.

A The bombing happened on what date-
the 27th?

Q That's correct.

A I'd say it was on Saturday, the 23.

Q He contacted you Saturday, the 23?

A Yes sir.

Q By telephone?

Q Yes sir.

Q And you were in Spanish Walls at
that time?

A Yes I was.

Q What did he say to you on the phone?

A He asked if I were coming to Miami
this weekend. He said I had to come to Miami. He had to see me.
I told him we were planning on coming to Miami and that if every-
thing went right, I would be in Miami. He said, "Your parents
have been telling me this for quite a long time" and he said, "If
you don't come to Miami, I'm going to kill your mother and your
father and blow up the Goldfinger."

Q Okay. Is this the first time he
threatened you?

A Yes sir. I took it as a joke. I
didn't take it as anything serious.

Q Do you know if he had threatened your mother earlier?

A No, but he had said that he told her he was going to blow up the boat if she didn't bring me to Miami.

Q Are you saying that Eric called your mother?

A No. He would come to Miami every trip to the boat and that is when he told her.

Q When you arrived in Miami, did he come to see you the first day?

A Yes sir.

Q Was it his normal pattern to see you immediately upon arrival?

A Yes sir, but I didn't.

Q This time when you arrived just prior to the bombing, did he see you immediately?

A No.

Q How long did it take to come aboard the ship?

A It was about an hour after the customs had been there before he came back.

Q Did this seem strange to you?

A Yes it did.

Q While you were with Eric, prior to the bombing, did he seem normal?

A He wasn't normal as he usually was but nobody would be able to tell the difference---only me.

Q When you say "he wasn't as normal" was he more quiet or louder?

A He was more quieter.

Q Did he become upset very easily?

A Yes sir.

Q On the 26th of August, did Eric see you aboard the ship?

A Yes sir.

Q That's the day of the bombing?

A Yes sir.

Q When Eric would leave you and go home, was it your normal routine to follow him to the front gate of Johnson Shipping?

A Yes.

Q On the 27th of August, when he left you, at what time did he leave?

A At 11 o'clock.

Q What did you do?

A I told him I wasn't going out to the gate because I was tired. He said 'okay' and then we walked to the door and he went off the boat. He took three steps fast and when he got on the dock, he jumped and he started walking like somebody was after him, and he tried to walk fast, fast, but he wasn't running.

Q Are you saying that in fact he had left you in a hurry?

A Yes sir.

Q And which was not his usual pattern?

A No sir.

Q The bombing then occurred at 1:00 A.M. the following day which is the 28th of August, is that correct?

A Right.

Q Where were you sleeping on that day?

A I was sleeping on the bottom bunk.

Q Is that near where the explosion occurred?

A Yes sir, very close.

Q Did Eric ask anyone in your family where you were sleeping?

A No sir.

Q As far as you know, he did not?

A No.

(E. SWEETING) Q He was there when I said, "put the baby down in back and you sleep down there with him."

(E. TITUS) Q He was there when your mother told you that?

A Yes sir.

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A Yes sir.

Q So he knew where you would be sleeping that night?

A Yes sir he did.

Q And how near the explosion were you sleeping?

A I would say about 20 feet, if you go up high about 20 feet.

Q On the day of the explosion, did you see Eric again?

A Yes sir.

Q Did he come talk to you?

A No sir.

Q Do you think that was unusual?

A Yes it was very unusual.

Q Did you ever call to him or motion to him to come see you?

A No sir.

Q What was the date that he came to see you again?

A The same night he stayed to the boat after he got off work at 5 o'clock until eight that night and then he said he had to leave to go talk to some people, some man. I asked him 'what for' and he said, 'to talk about something' and that's all the answer he gave me.

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Q That was on the 27th of August?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you see him on the 28th?

A Yes sir.

Q Did he come stay with you then?

A He came to the house where I was staying and took me down to the boat and then he took me back to the house and he stayed there until about 11 o'clock.

Q When he took you to the boat, who was on the boat?

A My father and my mother and my brother.

Q Is this the time he mentioned a colored man?

A Yes sir.

Q What did he say to you?

A My mother told him---she said, "what is that colored guy doing aboard that blue and white boat"? He said, "what colored guy? He isn't supposed to be here. Everybody is supposed to be gone, isn't it Melinda." My mother said, "Melinda tell him it isn't the guy that works on the dock. It's the other one that works with the boats" and he said "which guy" and I said, "The one you call your uncle."

Q Is this the person that you refer to as a tall black man with a yellow helmet?

A Yes sir.

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Q Is this the person that is very friendly with Eric?

A Yes sir.

Q And, in fact, drives with Eric in Eric's car?

A Yes sir.

Q He was there the day you returned to the ship?

A Yes sir.

Q Is it not true that it was supposed to be no one in the yard at any time, indicating Johnson Shipping Boatyard?

A Yes sir.

Q Did you see him on Friday?

A The tall guy?

Q No, Eric?

A Yes sir.

Q Did Eric say anything to you?

A No. He just kept telling me he loved me too much. That's all he kept saying. I asked him why and he wouldn't give me any answer.

Q Did he repeat this?

A Yes sir, he repeated it at least six times.

Q Did you think that was unusual?

A Yes sir, it was.

Q When was he supposed to see you again?

Q I asked him if he was going to see me the next morning or the next day, which he did when he got off from the boatyard. He said 'No, I'll call you if I don't come' but he didn't call.

Q Did he give you a phone number to call?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember the phone number?

A I don't remember but I have it.

Q Indicating the phone number you had given me yesterday, is this the phone number?

A Yes sir it is--643-3982.

Q Did you call that number?

A Yes sir. I have called it plenty.

Q When you called the number, did anyone answer?

A Yes sir.

Q What did they say to you?

A They said every time I called, "Eric wasn't in" and they said they would tell Eric to call me when he came in.

Q Who indicated to you that Eric was with his wife?

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A A friend of mine called this number and asked to speak to Eric and she said the man what called himself Eric's uncle said that Eric was with his wife at the time.

Q This friend of yours, what were their names?

A Flo Gonzales (phonetic).

Q Did she call the uncle at this number in Spanish?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you speak Spanish?

A No sir but I speak a little bit. I can understand it.

Q So now you found out that Eric was married.

A Yes sir.

Q Did you later find out that Eric was married and had children?

A Yes sir.

Q Who found out?

A My father asked at Johnson Shipping Agency.

Q And Eric never mentioned that to you?

A No sir.

Q Did you receive any information that Eric's wife was brought into the United States.

A When my father told me that the lady named Tony (the assistant office manager at Johnson Shipping).

Q You father found out through Tony that they had signed papers to bring his wife in from Spain about six months ago. Had she been living in Cuba prior to going to Spain?

A Yes sir.

Q Since that Friday, the last day that you saw Eric, have you seen him since?

A No sir.

Q To your knowledge has he been back to work at Johnson Shipping?

A No sir.

Q He has made no effort to contact you?

A No sir.

Q Going back earlier into your statement, Melinda, you mentioned that he, Eric, asked you to marry him.

A Yes sir.

Q You said 'yes'?

A Yes sir.

Q Have you had any close relationship with Eric?

A No sir.

Q Are you pregnant?

A No sir.

Q I want you to be honest. Tell me the truth.

A I am positive I am not.

Q Since Eric has left and you haven't seen him---the tall black man with the yellow helmet, have you seen that man?

A No I haven't been back to Johnson Shipping Agency.

Q At any time did Eric tell you where he went on weekends?

A Yes sir. He went to Tampa because he was in the C.I.A.

Q When he told you that he was in the C.I.A. and went to Tampa, did he ever indicate to you why he went to Tampa?

A He said he went to Tampa because all the meetings were to try to take over Cuba.

Q Did he ever tell you he practiced with guns?

A No sir.

Q Did he ever tell you he practiced with explosives?

A No sir.

Q Dynamite?

A No sir.

Q One last thing Melinda, did he ever mention to you about being wanted in the state of New York?

A No sir, but he did say that he was on a motor bike and that somebody ran out in front of him and he knocked him down and killed him.

Q Do you know a Nicko Servo, (phonetic)?

A Yes sir. He is the foreman at Johnson Shipping Agency

Q Do you know if he has any relationship with Eric?

A Yes sir.

Q What is his relationship?

A They are very close.

Q Has Eric Duman every stayed with Nicko as far as you know?

A No sir, but he said Eric came over to drink beers with him some nights.

Q A person known as Roland?

A Rolando?

Q Who is that?

A That is Eric's cousin. That is what he told me.

Q Do you know if Rolando is the same person that contacted Johnson Shipping and gave the name as Roland and told them they were going to blow the Goldfinger up?

A No sir. I didn't know that.

Q Is there anything you wish to add at this time?

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A No sir.

Q Have you given this statement
freely and voluntarily?

A Yes sir.

Q Has anybody threatened you or
coerced you into making this statement?

A No sir.

Q Has anyone made you any promises
or offers of reward?

A No sir.

Q Thank you.

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P. O. Box 458,
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Bahamas

13 May 76

and quote.

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Mr. Steven A. Bertucelli,
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Metropolitan Dade County, Florida,
Police Safety Department,
1320 N.W. 14th Street,
Miami, Florida, 33125

Dear Mr. Bertucelli,

Thank you for your letter dated 24th March, 1976, respecting the bombing of the Bahamian registered vessel "GOLDFINGER II", while it was docked in the Miami River on 27th August, 1975.

2. Captain Charles SWEETING is known to the Police Department for many years, in the capacity as a seaman and owner of the vessel in question. We have searched our records and interviewed officers of the Police Marine Division, but there is no information that Captain SWEETING has ever testified against Miami based Cuban fishermen.

3. As you are no doubt aware, that many U.S. based fishermen were arrested over the years for unlawfully fishing in Bahamian waters, it is difficult to identify any one who might be of interest and assist in your investigations.

4. Should I receive information in the future useful to your investigation, it will be forwarded to you forthwith.

5. I am always willing and prepared to assist in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

C.V. STRACHAN
Director,
Security & Intelligence Branch

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CASE NO: 3-81

DATE: September 8, 1975

Investigation into the bombing of the ship, the GOLDFINGER II, in the Miami River on August 27, 1975 at approximately 1:00 a.m.

SYNOPSIS:

Information gained from interviews with Capt. SWEETING and stepdaughter MELINDA SANDS on Thursday, September 4, 1975, on board the ship GOLDFINGER II in reference to Miss SANDS' relationship with one ERIC DURAN, W/M DOB 4 August 1938.

DETAILS:

On 4 September 1975 at 3:00 p.m. this officer, accompanied by Det. E. Mederos, in response to a telephone call received from Capt. SWEETING, contacted him at the MERRILL-STEVENSON DRY DOCK CO., 1270 N. W. 11 Street, where the ship GOLDFINGER is presently being repaired.

Capt. Sweeting stated that over a period of several months his stepdaughter, MELINDA SANDS, had been dating a man known as ERIC DURAN, who in the past had threatened his daughter and wife by calling them on the phone and advising that if MELINDA didn't come to Miami on the next trip he (DURAN) would blow up the ship.

In order to clarify the above statement, it is noted that the GOLDFINGER II's home port is Spanish Wells, Bahamas, where Capt. Sweeting maintains a home and where MELINDA SANDS lives unless traveling with her stepfather to and from the United States aboard their ship.

This officer and Det. Mederos then personally contacted MELINDA SANDS aboard the ship GOLDFINGER. Miss SANDS advised that sometime during the first of the year she had met ERIC DURAN while accompanying her stepfather on a trip to the United States on board the GOLDFINGER. At that time ERIC DURAN had been working at the Johnson Shipping Yards, 2974 N. W. North River Drive. Miss SANDS continued to see DURAN on each trip her stepfather made to the United States. During this time DURAN had indicated he was unmarried and only 27 years of age. As their relationship became more personal, according to her statement, MELINDA SANDS fell in love with DURAN who, in fact, asked Miss SANDS to marry him. The proposal was accepted both by MELINDA SANDS and her family and their relationship continued as a very close association, with DURAN spending a great deal of time with MELINDA SANDS while the GOLDFINGER was in port with the exception of weekends (Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings) when, according to DURAN'S statement to MELINDA, he would travel to Tampa, Florida, to meet with the CIA in reference to training for an invasion of Cuba.

During the latter portion of July 1975 and the early part of August 1975, MELINDA was unable to accompany her father to the United States. Subject DURAN became extremely aggravated, and on one occasion approached Mrs. Sweeting and advised her that if MELINDA did not accompany her father to the United States on the next trip of the GOLDFINGER he would kill her (Mrs. Sweeting) and her husband, and blow up the ship (the GOLDFINGER).

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Sometime during the week of the 18th of August, while the GOLDFINGER II was docked at its home port, Spanish Wells, Bahamas, DURAN telephoned MELINDA SANDS long distance and stated to her that he loved her, but if she did not come to the United States on the next trip he was going to kill her mother and father and blow up the ship. (It was also determined at this time that DURAN had also contacted Mrs. Sweeting via long distance telephone and again advised that if MELINDA didn't return with them, he would kill her (Mrs. Sweeting), her husband, and blow up the GOLDFINGER.)

On the next trip MELINDA SANDS did, in fact, come to Miami aboard the GOLDFINGER; however, unlike his usual custom, DURAN did not immediately contact Miss SANDS. When contact was made, subject DURAN appeared to be sullen, depressed and withdrawn. During conversations with Miss SANDS, DURAN repeated over and over, I love you too much, etc., etc.

On the 26th of August, the day before the bombing of the ship, DURAN was present when Miss SANDS' mother instructed her to sleep in the lower stern portion of the ship where it would be cooler. Shortly after this, at approximately 11:00 p.m., DURAN advised he had to leave. Miss SANDS, who would usually walk DURAN from the ship to the front gates of Johnson Shipping Yards, advised DURAN to go ahead by himself as she felt ill and did not wish to leave the ship. DURAN was observed to walk from the ship; however, upon reaching the dock he hastily fled the shipyards at almost a trot speed which, according to Miss SANDS, was unusual.

Within two (2) hours, on 27 August 1:00 a.m., the GOLDFINGER II was bombed, with the charge being placed on the lower portion of the stern on the starboard side, approximately 20 feet from where Miss SANDS was sleeping.

Although DURAN failed to report to work on the day of the bombing, Miss SANDS has stated she saw him in the area of the shipyard, looking at the ship, but he did not make an attempt to board the ship or speak with her; actions which, under the circumstances and relationship between him and Miss SANDS, are questionable.

The management of Johnson Shipping has indicated DURAN has not returned to work since the 27th of August, the day of the bombing of the ship GOLDFINGER. DURAN did contact Miss SANDS on the evening of the 28th of August, at which time he appeared to be nervous and easily upset. After this meeting DURAN disappeared from the Miami area.

Miss SANDS, after not hearing from DURAN for several days, had a Spanish speaking friend call a phone number which DURAN had given her some months before (643-4982 - 226 S. W. 13 Avenue). She was informed at that time that DURAN was with his wife.

Capt. Sweeting, after being informed of the above information, learned from Johnson Shipping that ERIC DURAN was married with three children, and although he had been a good employee, had not returned to work since the day of the bombing.

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The fact that ERIC DURAN had been dating Miss SANDS with the intent to marry her, while secretly being married with children, has been verified by this officer who, tracing the aforementioned telephone number, located BENJAMIN DURAN at 226 S. W. 13 Avenue, who stated that he was aware of the relationship between his nephew and Miss SANDS and that DURAN was in love with her. Mr. BENJAMIN DURAN further advised that Miss SANDS has called and left messages for DURAN at his home, and that DURAN has in the past weeks made long distance telephone calls to the Bahamas on his telephone.

During the interview with BENJAMIN DURAN, it was obvious that he did not wish to disclose ERIC DURAN'S whereabouts, only stating that ERIC had left Miami for somewhere in New Jersey where his son ROLANDO is now living whose address he also could not remember.

It is noted that on 5 September 1975 MELINDA SANDS along with her mother, Mrs. SWEETING, appeared at the offices of the Organized Crime Bureau and gave formal statements relating to the above facts.

At this time the investigation into the possible knowledge that ERIC DURAN may have of the bombing of the GOLDFINGER is continuing.

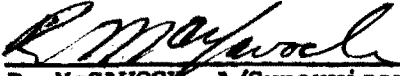
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CASE NO: 3-84

DATE: September 4, 1975

Investigation into the bombing of Bahamian vessel "GOLDFINGER II" which occurred on Wednesday, August 27, 1975 in Dade County, Florida.

SYNOPSIS:

On Wednesday, August 27, 1975 at approximately 12:50 a.m., Bahamian cargo vessel "GOLDFINGER II" was bombed and partially sunk while docked at Johnson Shipping Agency, 2974 N. W. North River Drive, Miami.

DETAILS:

At approximately 1:05 a.m. August 27, 1975, this writer was contacted by Sgt. J. de Remer and informed of the detonation of an explosive device and the sinking of the Bahamian vessel. This writer along with Det. D. Benitez responded to the bombing scene, obtaining the following information.

Vessel's Captain, CHARLES SWEETING, advised that on Tuesday, August 26, 1975, at approximately 2:45 p.m., an unknown Latin male arrived at Johnson Shipping inquiring into the possibility of purchasing the vessel. This individual asked numerous questions concerning the vessel's structure, fuel capacity, fuel consumption, speed and cargo capacity. Captain stated that the unknown Latin male told him he was going to be in touch either that same afternoon or possibly on Wednesday. The subject was never seen. Captain SWEETING then stated that after the conversation he moved the vessel to the location where the explosion occurred.

According to the First Mate, HARRISON PINDER, he was conducting the nightly check of the engine and the generators; the time was 12:30 a.m. August 27, 1975. PINDER claims that as he climbed up to the upper level of the stern he looked out from a porthole, noticing a small skiff approximately twelve feet in length and occupied by two males. The skiff cruised by the vessel very slowly until it was approximately fifty yards from the stern, then the male operating the motor accelerated, disappearing in the darkness. PINDER paid no attention to the action of the two unknown males and continued with his inspection.

This writer then interviewed the Captain's wife and daughter. They advised that approximately 12:40 a.m. they observed two unknown males driving a late 1960 four door Chevrolet drive up to the fence, then along the south fence, looked at the vessel, laughed, and then both men got in the vehicle and drove off. Possibly two or three minutes later the explosion occurred.

According to Mr. T. Brodie, bomb disposal expert, the device used to sink the vessel possibly consisted of eight to ten pounds of dynamite, possibly enclosed in a plastic tube container capped at both ends with metal caps three inches in diameter with a one inch hole in the center. The caps appeared to have been treated with fiberglass, since both caps showed signs of a lacquer or resin material resembling fiberglass.

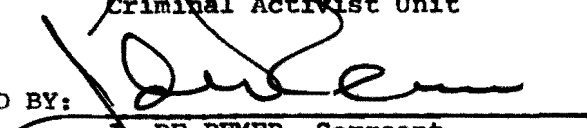
Damage was severe, causing a three feet by three opening to the stern; hull plates are 1/2 inch in thickness and riveted, engine and generator along with fuel and drinking water tanks were severely damaged by the shrapnel.

Investigation continues.


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CRIME GENERAL

2. CASE NO.

CRIME AGAINST PERSON

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4A. OFFENSE BOMB THREAT		10. ADDRESS OF OCCURRENCE (INCL. NAME OF BUSINESS) 2974 NW N. RIVER DR.				14. VICTIM'S NAME JOHNSON SHIPPING ✓		AGE	RES. PHONE		
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20. REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME (PRINT) (A) J. I. PERJANDEZ				BADGE NO. 1698		13. DISTRICT 3		19. APPROVED BY		21. PERSON REPORTING CRIME (SIG.) Aida Chillon	
(B)				36. GRID 1076		29. REPORT PREPARED BY (SIGNATURE) Juan Perjandez					
28. REFERRED TO				SIGNATURE		27. RECORDED BY		25. INDEXED BY		24. STATISTICS	
30. DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED BY ARREST <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING						ASSIGNED TO _____ BADGE NO. _____ DATE _____ SUPERVISOR _____ DATE _____					

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33. Remarks Continued:

17 - VICTIM

② GOLDFINGER II - NASSAU, N.P. (BAHAMIAN CARGO BOAT)

33.- REPORTER STATED THAT ON THE ABOVE DATE & TIME AN UNK. (MALE) PERSON CALLED THE JOHNSON SHIPPING AGENCY OFFICE AND STATED "GOLDFINGER? BLOWING WHY, WHY, WHY", THEN HUNG-UP.

MRS VERA CASTRIGONE, A CLERK AT JOHNSON SHIPPING, ALSO STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME REPORTER #15 RECEIVED THE CALL, MR WALTER BYRD, OF BYRD COMMERCIAL DIVING, 3345 NW S. RIVER DR., PHONE # 635-1727, RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL STATING THAT THE GOLDFINGER II AND JOHNSON SHIPPING'S OFFICE WERE GOING TO BE BLOWN-UP. MR. BYRD IS DOING THE REPAIRS ON THE GOLDFINGER FROM A PREVIOUS EXPLOSION.

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K-9 UNIT 3138 - OFFICER McCORMON RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND MADE A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE BOAT & OFFICE. NO EXPLOSIVES WERE DETECTED.

SCENE SECURED UPON THIS UNIT DEPARTURE.
BLUE COPIES TO OCB UNIT # 146

20. Reporting Officer's Name (Print) J.F. FERNANDEZ	Badge No. 1654	13. District 3	36. Grid 1076	29. Report Prepared by (Signature) John B. [Signature]
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33. Remarks Continued:

UNITS RESPONDING TO THE SCENE:

UNIT 3110 - SGT. BRYANT

UNIT 3138 - K-9 OFFICER McCORMON

PSD. OCB UNIT # 146 - BENITEZ & VAZQUEZ

PSD - BOMB UNIT - MR TOM BRODIE

PSD - POLICE DIVERS UNITS # 297 & 298

FBI - AGENT EDWARD PUTZ

COAST GUARD - AGENT DAN GOODSON.

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20. Reporting Officer's Name (Print) J. L. FERNANDEZ	Badge No. 1658	13. District 3	36. Grid 1076	29. Report Prepared by (Signature) Juan Fernandez
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DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SUPPLEMENTARY

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2. Case No.

203937

11. Radio No. 3138	18. Multiple Clear-Up Ret. Case No. 7A
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31. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile UNKNOWN	Res. Phone 7
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131. Kind of Property Recovered 7A	48. Property Receipt <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Address	Age 7	Sex 7A	Bu. Phone 7A
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132. Value 7A	71. Referred To 7A	73. Further Police Action Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Incarcerated Where <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Occupation 7A
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70. Will Victim Prefer Charges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	95. Victim's Condition or Change Therein 7A
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4A. Original Offense BOMB THREAT	4. Original UCR Classification
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50. Vehicle Model 7A	Make 7A	Year 7A	Body Style
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Offense Changed To:	UCR Classification Changed To:
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51. Motor or Serial No. 7A	52. License Tag No. 7A	State 7A	Year
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10. Address of Occurrence (Incl. Name of Business) 2974 N.W. N. RIVER DR.	74. DATE 29 AUG 75
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61. Where Recovered 7A	134. Change of Value 7A
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14. Victim's Name JOHNSON SHIPPING

47. Storage Receipt <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	41. Person or Unit Notified 7A	Time
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33. Remarks

ITEM #9 29 AUG 75 10⁰⁵ AM

ITEM #15 CHILLON AIDA 95 N.W. 12 AVE. 29/A/W 643-9241 - 633-8085

ITEM #33 THIS UNIT RESPONDED AT A REQUEST OF UNIT 3110 TO SEARCH THE SHIP GOLDFINGER IRE. BOMB THREAT. SHIP WAS SEARCHED AND ALL RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE

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20. Reporting Officer's Name (Print) (a) G. McCRIMMON	Badge No. 404	13. District 3	19. Approved By	29. Report Prepared By (Signature) G. McCrimon
(b)		36. Grid 1076		
28. Referred To	Signature	27. Recorded By	25. Indexed By	24. Statistics
30. Disposition <input type="checkbox"/> Cleared By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally Cleared	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	26. Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Suspended	Assigned To Supervisor	Date

PSD CASE
 ASSIST OTHER AGENCY CASE O.D.C.N. 3-81

114.10-40

Case Number
201954-T

Victim's Name <u>GOLDFINGER II</u>		Scene Location <u>2984 NW N. River Drive</u>			Location Responded To <u>Scene location</u>	
Offense <u>Bomb/Inc</u>	Phone <u>---</u>	Agency <u>OCB</u>	District <u>--</u>	Investigator <u>Sgt. J. DeRemer</u>		
Request Received From <u>Complaint Desk</u>	Received in Lab by <u>J. Carr</u>	Time Received <u>1:15 AM</u>	Arrival Time <u>1:35 AM</u>	In-service Time <u>3:00 PM</u>	Date <u>27 Aug 75</u>	

This is a steel freighter 120' long docked headed west with its starboard side on the north side of the Miami River. The stern of the ship is sunk. The engine room which is in the stern is flooded. The bottom of the ship is six feet from the bottom of the river. There is a 40' long by 36' high hole in the starboard side of the stern. The hole is square and the sides are straight at the top and bottom. The rivets of this one plate are blown out. At the forward end of the hole, the steel plate is cut off straight up and down at the edge of the ship's frame or skeleton. The frames are 18" apart and the middle frame of the hole is blown into two pieces. The hull is 1" and the steel plate in the rear of the hole has been cut off straight at the broken frame and folded back inside the ship against the rear bulkhead of the engine room. The hull plate has been blown to approximately six triangular pieces. The center of the explosion was in the center of these fragments. One piece of hull traveled 30' up and inward putting a 8"x2" hole in the fresh water tank. The center of the explosion was 6' below the water line of the ship at the time of the explosion, 4' above bottom of keel and 4' under the side of the vessel. A 14"x6"x1" zinc corrosion plate from the ship's hull adjacent to the bomb was blown inside the engine room by the explosion and found in the front of the engine room. The zinc plate has about 1" clearance from the sides of the hull. Tire impressions found outside the gate were photographed, the ship, damage, fragments and possible parts of the bomb were photographed and the area and ship was searched for evidence.

The effects of the explosion were equivalent to that of approximately 7 pounds of high velocity dynamite; however, it could have been any other high velocity explosive. Evidence submitted to FBI.

Reporting Officer's Signature <u>Thomas Brodie, Bomb Specialist/leg Tom Brodie</u>	Badge <u>348</u>	Radio <u>307</u>	Approved By <u>[Signature]</u>	Photos : #B&W <u>0</u> #Color <u>40</u>
				Latents: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO # <u> </u>
				Rec'd in Id. by <u> </u>
				Date/Time <u> </u>
				Latents Value <u> </u> Id. Tech. <u> </u>

3-81-11/25

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT.
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENT
 POLICE SERVICE REQUEST

2. Case No.
204322-T

11. Radio No. 3124
5. Day FBI
6. Disp. 9'8
7. Arr. 9'8
8. In Serv. 9'8
64. Weather CLEAR

14. Victim's Name N/A
Age /
Sex /
Res. Phone /
Address /

73. Further Police Action Required
 Yes No

48. Property Request
 Yes No

41. Person or Unit Notified N/A
Time -

15. Reported By KELLY, JANE
Age 38
Sex F
Res. Phone -
Address PSD #3

50. Vehicle Used UNK
Model UNK
Make UNK
Year UNK
Body Style UNK

Address PSD #3
Sex F
Bus. Phone 526-6185
Race W

53. Color UNK
License Tag No. -
State -
Year -

74. Date 29 AUG 75
4A Nature of Occurrence FOUND PROPERTY

55. Ident. Marks (Accessories, Damage, etc.) UNK

10. Address of Occurrence NW 29 AVE - NO. RIVER DR.
9. Occurred 29 AUG 9'8

4. U.C.R. Classification (Where applicable)

41. Person or Unit Notified-Time N/A

31. Subject Suspect Juvenile
Age - Race - Sex -
Res. Address -
Phone -
Incarcerated Where Yes No
Occupation -

Disturbances:
 Neighbor Dispute Tenant-Landlord Juvenile * Barking Dog
 Loud Party Domestic Loud Radio, Stereo, etc. Other *

Police Services:
 Suspicious Person * Suspicious Incident *
 Suspicious Vehicle * Other *

Public Service:
 Open Door/Window (no illegal entry) Other *
Faulty, Accidental/Unintended Alarms
 Robbery Burglar Fire

Action Taken:
 Scene Secured All Parties GOA General Info.
 No Address/Complainant Civil Matter-Advised See Remarks

60. Contact Information REPORTED - STA 3 3P. 11

33. Remarks
THIS WRITER FOUND A SIGN MARKING THE DOCK SPACE WHERE THE "GOLD FINGER II" WAS DOCKED WEEK OF 25 AUG 75. THE CARD BOARD SIGN WAS TIED TO A FENCE JUST WEST OF THE GATE TO THE PIER. PERSON(S) UNKNOWN HAD ATTACHED A FOIL PAPER TO THE SIGN WHICH READ "CUBAN STYLE."

20. Reporting Officer's Signature (a) Jane Kelly
Badge No. 883
13. District 883
19. Approved By Sgt. R. Caldwell
21. Person Reporting Crime Jane Kelly

(b) [Signature]
36. Grid 1072

30. Disposition (Write in) Pending
28. Referred To OCB Senator
Signature [Signature] 2 Sept 25
27. Recorded By [Signature]
25. Indexed By
29. Release Report Yes No

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3. Remarks Continued:
 THE SIGN WAS IMPOUNDED UNDER ABOVE CASE # FOR
 INFORMATION REFERENCE POSSIBLE M.O. OF RECENT
 BOMBING SUBJECT(S).
 SPECIAL ATTENTION ACTIVIST UNIT, DCB.

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(NOTE: SIGN NOT SUBMITTED TO LAB DUE TO WEATHER EXPOSURE)

10. Reporting Officer's Name (Print) KELLY, JANE	Badge No. 883	13. District 3	36. Grid 1072	29. Report Prepared by (Signature) Jane Kelly
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CASE NO: 4-213
3-81

DATE: September 12, 1975

Continuing investigation into acts of violence and threats of future violence resulting from the Bahamian lobster fishing ban.

SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, September 11, 1975, a press conference was held by the Cuban / Lobster Fishermen's Association to announce a \$6 million Federal grant commitment which had been received by the association that day.

DETAILS:

On Thursday, September 11, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. this writer and Dets. D. Benitez and I. Vasquez attended a press conference at the Little Havana Activity Center, 819 S. W. 12 Avenue, which was called by the Cuban Lobster Fishermen's Association to announce the receipt of a \$6 million Federal grant to assist those Miami based lobster fishermen who have been left without employment or income as a result of the Bahamian lobster ban. The conference was given by Mr. JOSE PUJOL, Mr. RAFAEL VILLAVERDE, Mr. MANUEL FRANCO (president of the association), and several other leaders of the organization and was attended by approximately 100 persons.

It was announced that these monies would be administered by the City of Miami and would be utilized to give temporary financial support, retraining, and for the purchase of new equipment to assist the lobster fishermen in developing new sources of income, however, it would take approximately 90 days for the required paperwork, etc. before any of these funds reached the lobster fishermen. In general, this announcement was well received and appeared to have somewhat of a calming effect on members of the audience.

The press conference was orderly, with the exception of Mr. FRANCO, who, near the end of the press conference, leaped on the stage and began shouting at the audience that the money means nothing and they all must arm themselves and proceed to Bahamian waters and take "their" lobsters back with whatever violence was necessary. This is the same proviolence stand that Mr. FRANCO has been taking for several weeks, apparently in an attempt to agitate and incite the lobster fishermen into an armed confrontation with the Bahamas. Although FRANCO received some applause for his outburst, it appeared that the majority of the members of the audience were interested in taking a more rational and constructive course of action. Mr. FRANCO has applied for and been granted a parade permit to demonstrate at Dodge Island on the 12th, 13th and 15th of September and to picket the Bahamian cruise ships that will be loading and unloading passengers there. Members of the Criminal Activist Unit will cover this demonstration to assure that Mr. FRANCO does not incite the demonstrators into committing acts of violence.

PREPARED BY:


J. DE REMER, Sergeant
Criminal Activist Unit

APPROVED &
REVIEWED BY:


R. MCGAVOCK, A/Supervisor
Tactical Investigation Section

JdeR/do

3-81-7

MEMORANDUM

107.07-17A

TO Cumma

DATE 3 Sept 75

FROM J. DeRemer
per

SUBJECT 3-81

Request that file # 3-81
be moved to the Goldfinger II
bombing.

3-81-1

PURGING FORM
(TO BE COMPLETED IN DUPLICATE)

May 6, 1985
DATE

OCB FILE #: 3-81

FILE TITLE: Goldginger II

SUBMITTED BY: A.E.Hill, Lt.

SUBMITTED TO: P. Janosky, Sgt.

The above noted item(s) was (were) purged from the Organized Crime Bureau files under the guidelines set forth by the Metro-Dade Police Department, for the reason indicated below:

Information no longer useful or pertinent to the operation of the Organized Crime Bureau.

Information which no longer pertains to a possible criminal violation or criminal intelligence information necessary to the operation of the Organized Crime Bureau.

Other (Explain):

ACTION TAKEN:

PURGE ENTIRE FILE RETAIN ENTIRE FILE RETAIN FOLLOWING PAGES:

ACTION REQUESTED BY:
(Unit Supervisor/Signature)

APPROVED

DATE

DISAPPROVED

A. F. NEHRBASS, CMDR.
ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU

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ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU

GOLDFINGER II
(a bombing)

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