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PLANNED AIR STRIKE AGAINST HABANA ON 16 FEBRUARY 1965 BY THE MIRR

PLACE & DATE ACQ. UNITED STATES, MIAMI (16 FEBRUARY 1965)

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FIELD REPORT NO. UFG 6710

A MIAMI BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF HABANA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE SOURCE HAS CONTACTS WHO RECOGNIZE HIM AS A CHANNEL TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM FRANK FIORINI:

- BUNDY-SMITH
- BATOR
- BELK
- BOWMAN
- CHASE
- COOPER
- JESSUP
- JOHNSON
- KEENY
- KLEIN
- KOMER
- MOODY
- REEDY
- SAUNDERS
- SAYRE
- THOMSON

1. AT ABOUT 1:00 AM ON 16 FEBRUARY 1965, FRANK FIORINI SAID THAT THE MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR, INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY) WAS PLANNING ANOTHER AIR STRIKE OVER CUBA ON 16 FEBRUARY. BILL JOHNSON, AN AMERICAN PILOT WHO ARRANGES THE SUPPORT ASPECTS FOR SUCH STRIKES AGAINST CUBA, TOLD FIORINI THAT HE AND MIKE RAFFERTY HAD HAD A HEATED ARGUMENT WITH ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, MIRR LEADER, AT ABOUT 11:45 PM ON 15 FEBRUARY BECAUSE BOSCH WANTED HIS PILOT TO BOMB THE CITY OF HABANA. JOHNSON AND RAFFERTY TRIED TO ADVISE BOSCH

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AGAINST SUCH AN OPERATION BUT BOSCH REFUSED TO BE DISSUADED AND INSTRUCTED HIS PILOT TO MAKE THE MISSION. THE PILOT, AN UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN WHO MADE THE PREVIOUS TWO RAIDS, AGREED TO MAKE THE MISSION FOR A LARGE SUM OF MONEY. HE WAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED CUBAN PILOT.

2. FIORINI SAID THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF BOMBING SOME ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS NEAR CERTAIN UNIDENTIFIED TANKS BUT BOSCH ALLEGEDLY INSTRUCTED THE PILOT TO FORGET ABOUT THEM AND HIT ANYTHING HE COULD.

3. FIORINI SAID THAT BOSCH HAS A B-25 HIDDEN IN THE NORTHERN PART OF FLORIDA NEAR AN UNIDENTIFIED SUGAR MILL. THE AIRCRAFT WAS PURCHASED IN TEXAS AND IS IN GOOD CONDITION.

4. (FIELD COMMENT: THE MIRR ANNOUNCED ON 13 FEBRUARY THAT ONE OF ITS TWIN-ENGINE PLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED THE BAHIA HONDA SUGAR CENTRAL ON CUBA'S NORTH COAST OF PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 13 FEBRUARY. ON 16 FEBRUARY THE MIRR ANNOUNCED THAT THE B-26 WAS OVER CUBA FOR 21 MINUTES ON THE RAID AND DID NOT DRAW ANY GROUND FIRE. NAPALM BOMBS OF 100 POUNDS EACH, A 200-POUND HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMB AND PHOSPHOROUS INCENDIARY DEVICES WERE ALLEGEDLY DROPPED. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CUBA INDICATING THAT SUCH A RAID TOOK PLACE. HOWEVER, HABANA RADIO DID NOT ANNOUNCE CONFIRMATION OF THE MIRR'S 17 JANUARY STRIKE AGAINST THE NIAGARA SUGAR MILL UNTIL TWO DAYS LATER.)

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