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- ___ BELK
- ___ BOWMAN
- ___ CHASE
- ___ COOPER
- ___ JESSUP
- ___ JOHNSON
- ___ KEENY
- ___ KLEIN
- ___ KOMER
- ___ MOODY
- ___ REEDY
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MY TELEGRAM 11, FEBRUARY 19, 1965.

TEXT OF CUSTOMS MIAMI REPORT FEBRUARY 24 RE ORLANDO BOSCH AND MIRR FOLLOWS:

THE PILOT, AN AMERICAN, WHO WILL FLY MIRR'S PLANNED RAID ON HAVANA RECEIVED FROM DR. BOSCH ON FEBRUARY 18 A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY WITH WHICH TO RENT A SUITABLE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO GO OUTSIDE THE FLORIDA AREA, POSSIBLY TO NEW ORLEANS TO OBTAIN THE AIRCRAFT. AT THIS TIME THE PROPOSED STRIKE IS REDUCED TO THE SINGLE AIRCRAFT WHICH THE PILOT IS NOW OBTAINING. IT IS ALSO ALTERED IN THAT DR. BOSCH HAS NOT MADE HIS PLANNED TRIP TO PUERTO RICO.

OUR INVESTIGATION HAS EXTENDED TO NEW ORLEANS WITH A VIEW TO LOCATING THE PILOT AND THE POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT.

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-2- 12 February 24, 5 p.m. from COMMAN COORDINATOR MIAMI

DR. BOSCH AND HIS KEY PERSONNEL WERE KEPT UNDER AN INTERMITTENT SURVEILLANCE DURING THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 23-24 AND THEIR ACTIVITIES APPEARED TO BE ROUTINE.

COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO UFG-6747: BILL JOHNSON RECOGNIZES THAT EVERYTHING HE TELLS FRANK FIORINI IS PASSED TO BARKER WHO IN TURN PASSES IT TO U. S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. JOHNSON IS AMUSED BY THIS SITUATION AND CANNOT RESIST GIVING FIORINI SPURIOUS, SOMETIMES RIDICULOUS INFORMATION. ITEM 1, 2, AND 3 IN THE CITED UFG SHOULD BE VIEWED AS SUCH. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM 4, JACK GRIFFIN'S WHEREABOUTS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE THROUGHOUT 1965. (HE IS THE SUBJECT OF ANOTHER INVESTIGATION UNRELATED TO NEUTRALITY MATTERS.) HE HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH MIRR SINCE 1963..

WITH RESPECT TO ITEM 5, IT WOULD BE PROPER TO SAY THAT JOHNSON SPECULATES THAT THIS RAID OCCURRED. HE DOES NOT OFFER ANY PROOF IN SUPPORT OF THIS POSITION.

THE WRITER WILL BE IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF MIRR'S PLANS AS THEY DEVELOP. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT DISSEMINATION OF ALL INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE MIRR GROUP BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED AND THAT ANY AND ALL LEADS IN THIS INVESTIGATION BE HANDLED BY CUSTOMS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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