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POSSIBLE COMBINED SEA AND AIR STRIKE AGAINST CUBA BY THE MIRR

PLACE & DATE ACQ. UNITED STATES, MIAMI (3 AUGUST 1964)

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: FIELD REPORT NO. UFG-5634

A TRAINED OBSERVER WITH ACCESS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF CUBAN EXILES, SOURCE IS KNOWN TO MOST OF HIS CONTACTS AS A CHANEL TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM FRANK FIORINI.

1. ON 2 AUGUST 1964 FRANK FIORINI HEARD FROM BILL JOHNSON, AN AMERICAN PILOT WHO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR, INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY), THAT A COMBINED SEA AND AIR STRIKE AGAINST CUBA WAS BEING PREPARED BY ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA OF THE MIRR FOR 3 OR 4 AUGUST 1964, BUT WAS DELAYED FOR LACK OF A PILOT AND AN AIRCRAFT.

2. JOHNSON SAID THAT THE BOAT TO BE USED WAS THE ONE WHICH STARTED OUT THE PREVIOUS WEEK ON A MISSION TO DESTROY A SHIP HEADING FOR CUBA. HOWEVER, THE BOAT DEVELOPED TROUBLE AND HAD TO

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PUT IN AT NASSAU FOR REPAIRS. THE BOAT IS NOW SHIPSHAPE, IS IN THE MIAMI AREA, AND HAS ABOARD THE HOMEMADE MINES WHICH WERE TO BE USED ON THE PREVIOUS OPERATION.

3. (FIELD COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS VESSEL PUT IN FOR REPAIRS IN NASSAU, THE 30-FOOT M/V DOTTIE Z III, FL 2384 SD, WAS APPREHENDED ON 21 JULY 1964 WITH FIVE MEMBERS OF COMANDOS L-MIRR AFTER SHE ALLEGEDLY INFILTRATED THREE MEN INTO LAS VILLAS PROVINCE IN THE VICINITY OF BAHIA DE CADIZ. THE FIVE PERSONS ABOARD THE CRAFT WERE RAMON FRANCISCO FONT SAUMELL, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS; RAUL MANDULEY CURBELLO, AKA PLINTO, IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP'S EXPLOSIVES SECTION; MANUEL GARCIA VELARDEAO, NAVIGATOR; FRANCISCO CID CRESPO; AND DONALD GRIFFIN BAKER, PART-TIME FREE LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER AND OWNER OF A 15-FOOT BOAT BEARING REGISTRATION FL-4608-F WHICH IS PRESENTLY AT 12340 NW 10TH AVI., NORTH MIAMI.)

4. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMKWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, AND USCG.

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