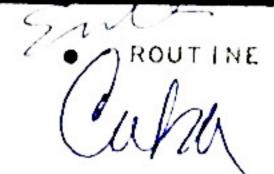
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POSSIBLE COMBINED SEA AND AIR STRIKE AGAINST CUBA BY THE MIRR

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

UNITED STATES, MIAMI (3 AUGUST 1964)

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FIELD REPORT NO. UFG-5634

AND APPRAISAL:

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.

- 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.
 - 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 3Ø-FOOT M/V DOTILE //

111, 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 CADI/.

THE FIVE PERSONS ABOARD THE CRAFT WERE RAMON FRANCISCO FONT

SAUMELL, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS; RAUL MANDULEY CURBELO, AKA PLINTO,

IN CHARGE OF THE GROUPS'S EXPLOSIVES SECTION; MANUEL GARCIA VILARCHAO.

NAVIGATOR; FRANCISCO CID CRESPO; AND DONALD GRIFFIN BAKER, PARI
TIME FREE LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER AND OWNER OF A 15-FOOT BOAT BEARING

REGISTRATION FL-46Ø8-F WHICH IS PRESENTLY AT 1234Ø NW 1Ø1H AVI.,

NORTH MIAMI.)

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

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