

DATE: June 25, 1959

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: Frank Kappel, Supervisor, Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: ALLEGED CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY

On Wednesday, June 24, 1959, this Agent contacted a MRS. WARD of 3221 West Flagler Street, Apartment #1. MRS. WARD stated that during the day and night many Cuban people are congregating at 10 N.W. 32 Court, and from this address some of the people are going across West Flagler Street to 75th S.W. 32nd Ct. Rd.

MRS. WARD stated that about two weeks ago she notified the City Police of this matter, and Officer SOL HEBERT of the City of Miami Intelligence Unit came out and talked with her.

MRS. WARD stated to me that since the City Intelligence Unit was notified, the activity at the two houses in question had died down. She also stated that these people were loading and unloading boxes in and out of cars in front of 10 N.W. 32 Court.

On Thursday morning, June 25, 1959, Agent TARABOCHIA and myself, along with Detectives STONE and JOFFRE went to these two houses to get permission to search for arms which might be stored there.

Detective STONE and I went to 10 N.W. 32nd Ct. while Agent TARABOCHIA and Detective JOFFRE went to 75 S.W. 32nd Ct. Rd. STONE and this writer knocked on the front door and a Cuban woman answered. She was unable to speak english so she called her daughter to interpret for us.

WE told them that we wanted to come in and talk with them. We were admitted and got the name of the man who was in the living room. The man's name was AURELIO SILVA HERNANDEZ. The woman was MRS. HERNANDEZ and the interpreter was their daughter.

We advised MR. HERNANDEZ that we had reason to believe that guns were possibly being stored in his house. MR. HERNANDEZ stated there were no guns in his house, and gave us permission to search the premises. Detective STONE and I looked all through the house and found no guns or any indication that guns had been stored there. Detective STONE wrote a report which will be attached to this report.

At this time we left 10 N.W. 32 Court and joined TARABOCHIA
and JOFFRE at 75 S.W. 32 Court Road. (See case number 29181-B)

Respectfully submitted,

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Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: Detective [redacted] [redacted]
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SUBJECT: Alleged Cuban Revolutionary Activities

This date Detective STONE and I received information from Detectives WILLIAM FOLLIARD and AL T. TARABOCHIA, of the Intelligence, that there was some unusual activity between homes occupied by Cubans. Information was to the effect that there were numerous Cubans transporting packages between two homes located at 10 N. W. 32nd Court and 75 S. W. 32nd Road. Information also was that every night ten or fifteen Cubans would be engaged in activities aforementioned. After receiving this information we assumed that there was a possibility of contraband arms being stored at the locations mentioned above.

We proceeded to 10 N. W. 32nd Court where Detectives STONE and FOLLIARD were dropped off to check above location. Detective TARABOCHIA and I proceeded to 75 S. W. 32nd Road.

We arrived at the above mentioned location at approximately 9:30 a.m., at which time we contacted an individual who identified himself as a Mr. DIAZ. We requested his permission to enter his home, which he gave. Upon entering the house Detective TARABOCHIA closed the inner door at DIAZ' request. Upon closing the door we observed a sawed off double barrel shot gun standing in a corner by the door. At this time Detective TARABOCHIA broke open the weapon and unloaded the gun. Seeing Detective TARABOCHIA pick up the weapon, Mr. DIAZ became very distraught and excited and headed for his telephone. He was located in the dining room. When he picked up the telephone and commenced to dial, he was hollering in a loud voice and using Spanish language. At this time I cut the connection on the telephone. Mr. DIAZ then went to his kitchen window and hollered next door in Spanish. Detective TARABOCHIA informed me he had told the people to call Captain NAPIER, of the City of Miami Police Department. Mr. DIAZ then returned to his dining room and stated

he wanted to call the FBI. Detective TARABOCHIA told the subject that he would dial the number for him.

Upon reaching the FBI, Mr. DIAZ requested to speak to Agent GEORGE DAVIS. At this time Mr. DIAZ identified himself as MARIANO FAGET. Detective TARABOCHIA informed me that Mr. FAGET was at one time the Chief of the "Brac", which is the bureau for the repression of communist activities, and that he was very prominent in Cuban activities in Dade County. Mr. FAGET held this position under BATISTA.

We attempted to explain to Mr. FAGET the purpose of our being in his home, but he refused to listen. Detective TARABOCHIA conversed with Agent DAVIS over the telephone. We then had Mr. FAGET talk to Agent DAVIS and, apparently Agent DAVIS informed him that everything was all right, as he calmed down at this time. While Detective TARABOCHIA was conversing with Agent DAVIS, I looked into the garage from the kitchen and saw that nothing was stored therein.

A few minutes later Detectives FOLLIARD and STONE arrived. They informed us that their investigation at the other home was with negative results.

We sat down in the living room of the house with the subject. A few minutes later he received a telephone call from someone who he identified as Captain NAPIER of the City of Miami Police Department. Several minutes later three City of Miami detectives, all members of the City Intelligence Squad, arrived on the scene. They were as follows: Detective-Sergeant CHARLES BAPP, Detective CHARLES PARKER, and Detective SOL HERBERT. We briefly explained the circumstances surrounding our being in the subject's home.

Several minutes later Detective AL ABRAIRA, another member of the City Intelligence Squad, arrived on the scene. He was driving his own auto and appeared as if he had just risen from bed. He was greeted by the subject. Agent AL ABRAIRA and subject then walked into the kitchen and conversed with the rest of the subject's family. From his actions it appeared that ABRAIRA has been in the subject's home in the past and is accepted as a personal friend. The subject stated that Captain NAPIER, ABRAIRA had been in his home in the past for the purpose of negotiating an agreement between the BATISTA and CASTRO support in the Miami area.

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