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DATE: OCTOBER 6, 1958
TO: THOMAS J. KELLY, Metropolitan Sheriff
FROM: W. D. MC KEE, Criminal Intelligence
SUBJECT: ALLEGED ILLEGAL STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES

On information received from Mr. M. FOX, Chief of Miami Beach Police Department, Agent Tarabochia investigated the vicinity of the residence located at 5333 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, with reference to illegal storage of explosives stored in the premises by Cuban revolutionaries.

Since surveillance was impractical due to the location of the house, this Agent contacted Lieutenant HUDDLESTON, Chief of Detectives of Miami Beach Police Department for further information due to the fact that the Miami Beach Police Department was the source of information.

Lieutenant HUDDLESTON referred the Agent to Detective PAT PURDUE, who stated that he had observed some activity on the premises the night of September 26, 1958, and thought that the house was guarded by Cubans to prevent detection/

On October 2, 1958, Agents Tarabochia and Billbrough contacted GENE ADDIS, Officer of the Miami Beach Police Department and one of the tenants of the house and asked permission to ascertain the presence of explosives. Officer ADDIS was most cooperative and allowed the Agents to search the premises occupied at present by persons engaged in show business. The search was performed with negative results.

This property allegedly belongs to ARTHUR and IRVING EVANS and is leased to BETTY JAMES and has been investigated in recent months by detectives of the Vice Squad with reference to prostitution. The premises have also been used as clandestine gambling headquarters.

At the present time, there are about six tenants; one of them a Cuban who, with a partner, is engaged as a dancer at the Americana Hotel. In their room on the Northeast side of the upper floor, there were two high fidelity "Voice of Music" Hi Fi record players bearing serial numbers 16907 and A-6410 with the name BROOKE DISTRIBUTING COMPANY. The occupants claimed that the sets belonged to AL FOX, allegedly a disc jockey. Two occupants were identified as women but were not present during our visit.

There were three cars parked in the yard,
bearing license tag numbers: '58 Florida 1-53781, belonging
to Addis; '58 New York 4C-4010; '58 Florida 10D-275.

Respectfully submitted,



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