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Case #19214 A

To: FRED HARRIS

From: FRANK KAPPEL jf

Re: Possible Use of Airplane without Owners Consent

At approximately 10:00 a.m. on June 12, 1958, I received information via telephone from Sergeant Hill to contact SAMUEL H. DuPONT, suite 222 4471 N. W. 36th Street, in reference to the possibility of some unauthorized person(s) using one of the Companies airplanes for a flight.

I proceeded to 4471 N. W. 36th Street and interviewed the Complainant SAMUEL H. DuPONT. DuPONT stated he was the President of the Firm known as DuPont Air Interest, engaged in the business of chartered airplane flights, and that this a.m., the Port Authority advised that a plane using the numbers assigned to one of his planes took off from Miami International Airport at approximately 6:45 p.m. on June 11, 1958, without proper clearance from Port Authority. According to DuPont, the plane in question, a two-engine, six passenger, blue and white Commander, bearing number 109 H. D., was not scheduled for flight and should have been in its parking space at the Airmotive Corp. (where DuPonts planes are stored) since its last flight on Sunday, June 8, 1958. A check revealed the plane was parked in its proper place at approximately 7:00 a.m., June 12, 1958. It was DuPonts opinion that a competitor had borrowed this plane without his (DuPonts) consent or knowledge, using it for a short trip during the night and replacing it the next morning.

Investigation disclosed the fuel tanks of the plane in question was full. A check with all fueling agents at Miami International, showed no record of this plane being refueled since completion of its trip on Sunday, June 8, 1958.

A check with the Control Tower revealed this plane had not left the ground since its arrival on Sunday. Sustoms Department also stated they had no record of this planes departure or arrival.

After details of this investigation was disclosed to DuPONT, he was satisfied that the Port Authority had been mistaken in reporting his plane leaving.

All logical investigation having been conducted, this case is considered CLOSED.

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