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DATE: September 26, 1958
TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff
FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence
SUBJECT: ALLEGED SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES

On Monday, September 15, 1958, Agent Longbottom of the Intelligence Unit interviewed Virgil Fritz in the Dade County Jail at the request of Chief Scott of Jail Security.

Subject is described as W/M American, 29 years, born April 11, 1929 in Cincinnati Ohio. He was sentenced in Criminal Court to serve six months in the Dade County Stockade on June 12, 1958. With good time, this puts his release date, November 11, 1958. Subject refused to work at the stockade, and they sent him back to the jail to serve the rest of his sentence. The stockade recommended that his good time be taken from him. This was not done. Chief Scott labels him a very poor security risk. Fritz is married to Janet Fritz, W/F Hawaiian, 23 years old. They have two children, a boy one year, and a girl three years. He sent them to Los Angeles California February 2, 1958. She was born in Kahalo Hawaii.

A hold has been placed against him by the State of Connecticut. A worthless check case is pending against him in Norfolk, Virginia. Subject was charged with passing three worthless checks at National Air-Lines for slightly more than three hundred dollars for which he received his sentence.

Fritz reported that he had knowledge of a smuggling ring, which is smuggling aliens in to this country from Cuba. He states that for two hundred dollars he can have undesirable aliens brought into this country illegally. Fritz refused to name anyone but stated that he could go to a contact on the river and give him one hundred dollars plus the name and address of the person to be smuggled. Arrangements would be made at that time for a second meeting when the alien would be delivered to him. Then the contact would receive the second one hundred dollars. He stated that it would take him about ten days to make the case, but that he would have to be "on the street". He refused to cooperate in any other fashion.

Fritz stated that he was with the Cuban Revolutionary forces headed by Raoul Castro from February 1958 to April 1958. At that time he went to Havana Cuba for an appendectomy. He returned to Oriente province on May 24, 1958 where he again joined Castro forces. He further stated that he was arrested in Havana on May 27, 1958 as a Political prisoner by the S.I.M. which is equivalent to our FBI. He said that he refused to answer any question in his interrogation, and asked for the American Consul. He stated that when he finally contacted the American Consul, that he notified the consul that he was wanted in Miami. He was deported and arrived in Miami June 2, 1958 where he was arrested by a member of the Public Safety Department.

Fritz stated that when he left Miami, February 1958, he arrived in Havana with about seven dollars on his person. He contacted the cab drivers down there who he knew as pimps. Through them he met a mulatto prostitute and lived with her for about a week. By living with the mulatto prostitute he became acquainted with a Cuban prostitute named Isabelle Rojas (this believed to be Isabelle Alarcon). He lived with Isabelle on her earnings as a prostitute for two weeks. She operated out of the Siboney hotel in Havana. After the two weeks period she took him to meet her parents at her home town of Central Hermita in Oriente Province. Her father (Pedro) and her brothers are all revolutionists in Castros band at her home town. Fritz reports this is where the United States sailors and newspaper men were held captive.

Fritz stated that there are two people in Havana who he could bring into this country illegally, named Angelo Rodriguez and David Linea, both cab drivers and pimps. Fritz stated that a group of four or five aliens are brought in together. The operation is called "Pulling a 21".

As side information, Fritz offered that there are weapons stored in the basement in the Sans Souci Hotel destined for the Revolutionary forces in Cuba. He further stated that there is a Miami Fishing Factory that has a PBY in the Everglades which is being used to take supplies to Oriente province.

An examination of some of the personal papers in Fritz's property stored in the jail reveal letters written both in Spanish and English signed by David and by Isabelle. Some of the letters mention Isabell sending him money; David coming to the United States; and his promise to bring Isabelle to the United States. In one of the letters, Fritz is cautioned not to talk, as people that talk do not die old. Also in his property is a National Airlines ticket stub, stamped Deportee, dated June 5, 1958. Also in his papers is a letter from

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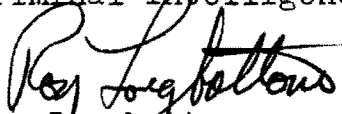
Detective Lt. Curles of the Norfolk Virginia Department informing him that Sears Roebuck had a worthless check that he passed for \$65.00. Also in his property was an address card showing Isabelle Alarcan, 364 San Jose, upstairs at Rayo and San Nicholas, Havana, Cuba, also in his papers was a letter dated August 15, 1958 to the cab driver pimp, David, which is definately Revolutionary in character.

Copies of this report to Agent Fortier at the Customs Department also copy to Agent Dwyer of the FBI. It is suggested that the continued investigation in this case be carried on by the aforementioned agencies since there are apparently no violations of county and state statues.

Respectfully submitted,



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