

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT  
Technical Services Division - Crime Laboratory  
Mobile Unit Report Sheet

LT. KAPPEL

Case Name MARK II FRAG GRENADE Case No. 29503E  
Location STA 4 Date 5-14-62  
Phone CE 5-7111 Time Rec. 10<sup>10</sup>AM Crime REC. EXPLOSIVE  
Rec'd. By BIRDIE From SGT. NEPAITT P.D. PAT  
Car Assigned 408 Time Assigned 10<sup>10</sup>AM Arrival Time 11<sup>30</sup>AM

Details of Case ABOVE GRENADE REC. FROM GROUP OF CUBANS  
ON MANUEVERS IN EVERGLADES AT BIRD ROAD EXT.  
+ KROME AVE + TAKEN TO STA 4. NO CHARGES  
FILED BY BORDER PATROL WHO WAS CALLED  
TO THE SCENE.

GRENADE IS IN A BLACK 2 PIECE CARDBOARD  
CYLINDER WITH METAL ENDS 5" LONG + 2 3/4" DIAMETER  
MARKED IN WHITE LOT LS-13-289 NOTICE THE  
FUZE IN THIS GRENADE IS NOISELESS, SMOKELESS, &  
SPARKLESS WHILE BURNING. ORDNANCE HAND  
FRAG MK II S4G Q TNT M 20 4A1.

GRENADE IS OD WITH A YELLOW RING AT  
TOP, OD HANDLE + IN GOOD CONDITION. MARKING  
ON TOP OF HANDLE IS OBLITERATED. PIN IN PLACE.  
3/4" FRICTION TAPE 25" LONG HOLDING HANDLE IN  
PLACE. PP, G, H11 STAMPED IN METAL

REMOVED, MECHANISM + CAP + TOOK PHOTOS OF  
SAME. GRENADE LOADED WITH YELLOW TNT. GRE-  
NADE IS 2" DIAMETER + 3 1/2" LONG. CAP IS  
ALUMINUM 1 3/4" LONG WITH RED PAINT AROUND TOP  
STORED IN MAGAZINE FOR FUTURE DISPOSAL.

P. D. Officers \_\_\_\_\_ Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Were Photos Taken? YES No. Black & White 2 No. Color -  
F. P. Found? NO Locations \_\_\_\_\_  
Were F. P. Photos Taken NO No. \_\_\_\_\_ Measurements Taken For Plat \_\_\_\_\_ 5-1  
Were Elimination Fingerprints Taken? NO Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is Evidence To Be Returned To Owner? NO Unit Officers Assigned HARTNER + Birdie

August 12, 1958

Honorable Arthur Wyatt  
Customs Agency Treasury Department  
Federal Building  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

Enclosed you will find copies of our case #27137-A in which we made several sorties into the undeveloped areas of Dade County in an effort to locate a cache of contraband weapons and explosives.

We have been unsuccessful in locating this material which is reported to be stored for the use of Cuban revolutionists.

W. D. McKee, Supervisor for the Intelligence Squad of the Sheriff's Department requested that I forward you a copy of these reports.

Please feel free to call on us at any time that we can be of service to you in this or any other matter of mutual interest.

Very truly yours,



Roy Longbottom  
Intelligence Agent

RL:lc

#27137-A

DATE: August 8, 1958  
TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff  
FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED ILLEGAL STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES  
(SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT)

On August 8, 1958 this office received a telephone call from Lt. Col. Leppig, U.S.M.C. that a helicopter would be at our disposal and to be at Base Operations for a 11:00 hour take-off.

Acting supervisor, Roy Longbottom instructed this agent to proceed to, and pick up Detective Sgt. C. Sapp, at the Miami Police Department. This request was complied with, and both Detective Sgt. Sapp and this agent proceeded to U.S. Naval Air Station, Opa Locka, Florida.

At the Provost Marshall's Office, Lt. Col. Leppig informed us that Captain E. W. Traut, U.S.M.C., the pilot, would be waiting at Base Operations.

For approximately one and one-half hours, an aerial reconnaissance was made of the area of the Twenty-mile bend, Route 27, with negative results. However, photographs were taken by Detective Sgt. Sapp for future reference, copies to be sent to this office.

Due to the inclement weather and scattered thunder storms, dirt roads in the area would be impossible for any vehicles except a swamp buggy.

Recommend that this case be closed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. McKee  
Criminal Intelligence

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DATE: August 8, 1958

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ILLEGAL STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES  
(ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

On July 4, 1958, with reference to the report dated July 18, 1958 by Intelligence Agent Roy Longbottom, the writer and Sgt. Charles Sapp of the Miami Police Department Intelligence Unit, drove a car to the locality mentioned in the previous report.

After following a levee located about 500 yards South of the Twenty Mile Bend, the Agents drove East for one mile and came upon a lean-to that appeared to have been used as a camouflaged storage for war surplus material and, possibly explosives.

Found on the scene were: spent cartridges of distress signals, and other pieces of equipment such as shark repellent and sea dye markers.

There were no signs of camp fire in the vicinity and from the method used in erecting the shelter it is evident that persons with jungle experience were involved, possibly Cubans or Dominicans.

Due to the perfect camouflaging, such storage places would be almost impossible to detect from the air, and only one look out would be sufficient to guard the entrance to the levee, and thus alert the rest of the party in case of approaching strangers.

The recent findings give reason to believe the area was, and is, used by revolutionaries for storage of arms, ammunition and other equipment and is therefore recommended that an extensive research be made. The use of a jeep would be most suited for such operations.

Respectfully submitted,



W. D. McKee,  
Criminal Intelligence



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Intelligence Agent

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DATE: July 18, 1958  
TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff  
VIA: W. D. McKee, Criminal Intelligence *WDM*  
FROM: Roy Longbottom, Intelligence Agent

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ILLEGAL STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES

During the investigation of the dynamite explosions threatening the transmission towers of radio station W.G.B.S., a helicopter was obtained to spot the area.

While in the air, Assistant Chief Harris observed a hammock in the Glades which appeared to contain stacked wooden crates. A previous investigation had given credence to the assumption that a hammock in the Everglades was being used by Cuban Revolutionists to store dynamite and other contraband material.

Subsequently, Assistant Chief Harris and the writer drove a squad car to the vicinity of Twenty-mile bend on route 27 in Dade County. We checked out several side roads leading into the Glades, however, the standing water was so deep it was considered inadvisable to use this type vehicle to continue the search.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1958 the writer and Intelligence Agent Kappel secured the services of a Navy helicopter and pilots in order to continue search for this contraband.

Leiutenants' James Spillis and John Ingraham flew us over the area described by Assistant Chief Harris. We located a hammock similar to the one described by Mr. Harris and found it to be a landing for air boats. Pieces of wooden crates are laid in the mud to facilitate stepping from the air boat to dry ground. This would appear from the air as being stacked crates. A closer observation revealed this not to be true.

The Navy pilots secured for us a local area aerial map. They marked the location of this hammock on the map for us. An examination of the map reveals that the hammock in question is located West of Dania which is North of our jurisdictional limits and is in Broward County. Therefore, it is requested that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Honorable J. A. Lloyd, Sheriff of Broward County.

The map mentioned is included as part of this report. All logical investigation has been made. Complaint has been unfounded. There are no leads outstanding. This case should be considered closed.

Respectfully submitted,



Roy Longbottom  
Intelligence Agent