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DATE: July 7, 1958

TO: T. A. Buchanan, Chief  
Detective Division

FROM: Detective Roy Longbottom

VIA: F. T. Harris, Assistant Chief

SUBJECT: Information From Sergeant McKee for Follow Up  
Re: Illegal Use of Aircraft

Sergeant McKee states that he received information from a usually reliable source that a Cessna - 195, No. N-4392 was flown out of Tamiami Airport on June 19 to June 20, 1958 by two men, both political exiles from Cuba, named ROBERT and GUILLERMO VERDAGUER. They are identical twins.

This airplane was reported found next to Oriente Province loaded with automatic weapons.

JOSE SEGRADO, 4780 N. W. 4th Street, who recently flew two newsmen to Cuba illegally, is reported to have submitted the above information to Sergeant McKEE's informant.

Tamiami Airport files to be checked. CAA to be checked for registration subject plane.

All three of subjects mentioned in this report are former employees of Aeropasta, a Cuban airline at International Airport.

This case is probably an issue from case No. 22698-A investigated 7-5-58 by Detective BILLBROUGH, MABRIA, and OBENCHAIN.

Case pending.

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cc: Sgt. McKEE  
Intelligence Unit

July 10, 1958

He stated the airplane is described as a Cessna 190 which had serial No. 7013 and was numbered M4392N. The registered owner was BANKERS LIFE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, 4434 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago 30, Illinois. He stated that Mr. LEWIS at AMERICAN AIRMOTIVE is connected with BANKERS LIFE AND CASUALTY. AMERICAN AIRMOTIVE is listed in the Miami telephone directory as being at Miami International Airport, telephones TU 8-8411 and TU 8-6724. Mr. SEIDEL will call Miss CRAWFORD at his office to cancel the wire to Washington.

We interviewed EDWARD HUMER the airport manager at Tamiami Airport. He stated remembering the airplane and furnished information second hand to him. He offered the information that the man who signed his name ARESTES DEL RIO flew the airplane into the airport on June 19 made a telephone call from Tursair. (Aforementioned aircraft service). Then some people came to the airport and met him. Later he received a call from outside to Tursair as DEL RIO. When the airplane landed there were several people around helping. It appeared to be loading luggage. Mr. HUMER informed us that he had just received a call from Customs inspectors that the two men involved in the illegal entry of the original report had surrendered.

We were unable to establish evidence of a violation of state or local statutes involved. The Federal Government is investigating the matter, both Customs and CAA.

All logical investigation has been conducted; there are no leads outstanding. This case is CLOSED.

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cc: Sgt. MC KEE, Intelligence  
Division

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SUBJECT: Supplementary Report No. - Case No. 22698-A

On Tuesday, July 8, 1958 the writer and Detective TARRABACHIA of the Intelligence Unit went to CUBANA AIRPOSTAL at the International Airport in an effort to obtain pictures of the three subjects SEGRADO, VERDAGUER and MASHIN. Major HERNANDEZ, who is reported to have pictures of these former employees, was unavailable. TARRABACHIA is to check again and obtain these pictures.

Miss MARY CRAWFORD, of the General Safety Division of CAA, was contacted at telephone NE 4-4511. The registration for the subject airplane was unavailable, and she stated she would wire Washington to obtain the information for the office.

We interviewed DOUG JONES of 823 Palermo Avenue, Coral Gables, HI 6-9867, a service man at TURSAIR-Tamiami Airport. He stated that he remembered the airplane on June 19 and that BILL COLZINS, the manager, serviced it. He stated the Cubans with the airplane would not let anyone near it while it was at the airport. When asked, he stated he remembered the airplane since there was quite a discussion the next day in the Tursair office when the papers came out that the airplane had blown up in Cuba.

We interviewed GLORIA CLAUSEN at Tursair office. She remembered the airplane and found the service slip. It was signed by ARESTES DEL RIO who told her he was the pilot. He is Cuban, W/M, 5'8", slender, middle thirties, light brown hair, blue eyes. The work sheet was ticket No. A02752, work order No. 4673, amount \$8.88, showing magneto trouble. There was no charge slip; the transaction was in cash.

We contacted Mr. C. B. SEIDEL, the CAA inspector who stated his department is investigating the flight also.