

DATE: July 16, 1959

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: Frank Kappel, Supervisor, Criminal Intelligence

SUBJECT: ALLEGED MOVEMENT OF AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

At approximately 7:00 PM, July 10, 1959, KAPPEL received information that a caravan of six vehicles containing eighteen males of latin-American extraction had left Hoboken, New Jersey, destined for Miami via New York City and Washington D.C.

It is alleged this group is to come to Miami and then be flown to one of the Countries now suffering internal strife as an expeditionary force; possibly Cuba or Dominican Republic.

The leader of this alleged group is a man named BARTHOMEW VALDES y MAURIS, believed to be a Puerto Rican.

VALDES is alleged to be driving a 1957 Ford, blue over white over blue.

This was all the information received at this time.

All interested Federal Agencies were alerted, and Lieutenant SOX was contacted as shift commander and requested to alert the Patrol, specifically the Airport detail.

A state-wide message was issued through Florida Highway Patrol reference this information and a request that KAPPEL be notified if any such caravan was sighted in the State.

At approximately 1:00 PM, July 12, 1959, KAPPEL received additional information that the caravan may have grown to thirty cars and that VALDES is described as 5'10"; 200 lbs.; black hair; brown eyes; dark complexion.

The above information was forwarded to proper departments. No further developments through July 14, 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

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