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162 INFO DIRECTOR, JMCOBRA 25 OCT IN 20408

REFS A. DIRECTOR 35861 NR

B. MEXICO CITY 7776 (in 19627)

1. REF CABLES PROBABLY REFER TO SAME EXPEDITION.
2. LOCAL LNERGO NOTIFIED STATION 24 OCTOBER THAT LNPURE CONSUL MERIDA MEXICO REPORTED REF GROUP 19 OCT ALLEGEDLY LEFT FROM PROGRESO MEXICO FOR GUATEMALA (NOT CUBA AS SURMISED REF B) YACHT "EL AMIGO." TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEXICANS FORCED GO ALONG. MEXICANS CHECKING TO DETERMINE IF THEY OWNERS OF BOAT.
3. SEVERAL MEXICO NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORY 24 OCT RE PRESENCE REF GROUP IN MERIDA. YACHT "EL AMIGO" HAS BASIC RANGE 560 MELES BUT SPARE FUEL IN DRUM OBSERVED ON DECK. MEXICANS ESTIMATE BOAT WILL HAVE TO REFUEL NEAR BELIZE BRITISH HONDURAS.
4. LOCAL LNERGO FURNISHED FOLL INFO RE PERSONS INVOLVED SUSPECTED YACHT ^HHIJACKING:

A. FRANK ANGELO FIORINI TOLD LNERGO SOURCE THAT HE AND GROUP PLANNED GO GUATEMALA TO CLEAN OUT ANTI-Guatemalan GUERRILLAS AND SET UP BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR OPS AGAINST CUBA. FOR THIS WOULD BE PAID 1000 DOLLARS PER MONTH AND 10,000 DOLLARS ON COMPLETION OF MISSIONS. HE CLAIMED TWO OF MEN WHO ARE

VAD

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LIVES 2148 FLAGLER TERRACE, MIAMI. HERBERT J. FENDER, ENTERED AT MATAMOROS 20 AUGUST. AGE 31. BACHELOR BORN CENTRAL HILL, FLORIDA. LIVES ROUTE 2 BOX 482A VERO BEACH FLORIDA. ROBERT F. CURTIS, ENTERED 24 AUGUST AT NUEVO LOREDO. AGE 30. BACHELOR WHO LIVES FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. OCCUPATION CHAUFFEUR. CHARLES ORR CONNEY OR CONNER OR CONNEL. ENTERED AT MATAMOROS 19 AUGUST. NO OTHER INFO THIS LAST PERSON.

5. LOCAL LNERGO CONTINUING COLLECT INFO ABOVE GROUP AND INCIDENT. WILL ADVISE AS BECOMES AVAILABLE.

6. NO MEXICO CITY TRACES ANY ABOVE EXCEPT FIORINI WHO SUBJECT 201-242256.

7. LOCAL MERIDA AUTHORITIES REPORTED BOAT LEFT FIRST PORT WITH FIVE PERSONS. STOPPED BY CAMP SIGHT NEAR CHICXULUB TO PICK UP MORE (SEE REF B). EXAMINATION CAMP SIGHT REVEALED LARGE QUANTITY EXPENDED .30 CALIBER BULLETS AS IF THERE HAD BEEN TARGET PRACTICE.

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