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DATE OF INFO 15-28 JUNE 1965 DISTR 1 JULY 1965
SUBJECT

PLAN OF THE CUBAN REPRESENTATION IN EXILE (RECE) TO BLOW UP A CUBAN OR SOVIET VESSEL IN VERACRUZ, MEXICO

PLACE & DATE ACQ. UNITED STATES, MIAMI (18-29 JUNE 1965) REF IN #2571
SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: SEE BELOW. FIELD REPORT NO. UFG-7310

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- 1. FIELD COMMENT: IT WAS REPORTED IN TDCSDB-315/02108-65, DATED 18 JUNE 1965, THAT JORGE MAS CANOSA, AN OFFICIAL OF RECE, HAD PROPOSED TO A DEMOLITIONS EXPERT THAT HE TRAVEL TO SPAIN, MEXICO, AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AT THE EXPENSE OF RECE AND PLACE BOMBS IN COMMUNIST INSTALLATIONS IN THOSE COUNTRIES.
- 2. SOURCE FOR PARAS. 3 - 5: A CUBAN REFUGEE WHO HAS MANY CONTACTS AMONG CUBAN EXILE ACTIVISTS. PREVIOUS REPORTING FROM THE REFUGEE HAS PROVED TO BE FAIRLY RELIABLE.
- 3. ON 15 JUNE 1965, JORGE MAS CANOSA OF THE CUBAN REPRESENTATION IN EXILE (REPRESENTACION CUBANA EN EL EXILIO, RECE) SAID THAT

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RECE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY CARABALLO (FNU) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN OPERATION INVOLVING THE BLOWING UP OF A SOVIET OR CUBAN VESSEL IN VERACRUZ, MEXICO. CARABALLO SAID THAT HE HAD ALL THE CONTACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ANY DEMOLITION OPERATION IN MEXICO AND THAT HE COULD DO THE JOB IN VERACRUZ FOR \$3,000. CARABALLO WAS TOLD THAT RECE MIGHT USE HIM AND HIS CONTACTS, BUT THAT SOMEONE ELSE WOULD BE SENT TO MEXICO WITH HIM TO PLACE THE DEMOLITIONS ABOARD THE VESSEL.

4. AS OF 28 JUNE, MAS CANOSA HAD IN HIS POSSESSION 125 POUNDS OF PENTOLITE, WHICH HAD BEEN PURCHASED AT \$3 PER POUND FROM JOSE PEREZ ALAMA, AND HE HAD APPROACHED RAMON ESCARDA RUBIO AND ANOTHER CUBAN, FROGMEN WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH DEMOLITION GEAR, TO PLACE THE CHARGES ON THE VESSEL. THE PLAN CALLS FOR THREE SMALL CHARGES TO BE PLACED CLOSE TO THE MIDSHIPS CENTERLINE OF THE UNDERWATER HULL. IF THE CHARGES GO OFF AS PLANNED, A 14-FOOT HOLE WILL BE BLOWN IN THE SHIP'S BOTTOM. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS PROCEDURE WILL CAUSE LITTLE OR NO HARM TO THE SHIP'S CREW.

5. AS OF 28 JUNE, RECE WAS ATTEMPTING TO PROCURE A SHIPPING SCHEDULE AND MAS CANOSA WAS IN TEXAS WORKING OUT DETAILS REGARDING THE OPERATION; HE WAS EXPECTED BACK IN MIAMI ON 5 JULY.

6. SOURCE FOR PARA 7: A CUBAN REFUGEE WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVISTS IN THE MIAMI AREA. SOURCE IS REGARDED AS RELIABLE, AND PREVIOUS REPORTING FROM HIM HAS PROVED TO BE ACCURATE.

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7. ON 25 JUNE, LUIS POSADA CARRILES SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED \$5,000 FROM MAS CANOSA OF RECE TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF A DEMOLITION OPERATION IN MEXICO. POSADA SAID THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO PLACE LIMPET MINES ON EITHER A CUBAN OR SOVIET VESSEL IN THE HARBOR OF VERACRUZ, MEXICO, AND THAT HE HAD 100 POUNDS OF C-4 EXPLOSIVES AND SOME DETONATORS. POSADA SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARING CERTAIN PAPERS TO SHOW THAT HE IS A PUERTO RICAN AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUCH DOCUMENTATION WOULD ENABLE HIM TO OBTAIN A VISA FOR ENTRY INTO MEXICO.

8. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMKWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, AND USCG. (ALSO SENT [REDACTED] AND MEXICO CITY.)

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