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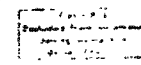
FIELD REPORT NO.

1. AS OF 2 FEBRUARY 1965, JOSE RICARDO PABEL NUNEZ, CAPTAIN OF THE M/V VENUS, WAS STILL PLOTTING AGAINST MANUEL RAY RIVERO, LEADER OF THE JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA (JUR., CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA). SOMETIME BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY PABEL PLANS TO TAKE OVER THE M/V VENUS, THE TWO BOSTON WHALERS, VENUS NO. 1 AND VENUS NO. 2, AND ALL THE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT WHICH JURE HAS AT ITS DOMINICAN BASE. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE PLANNING TO EXFILTRATE HIS WIFE FROM CUBA AND/OR PLANNING TO USE THE VENUS IN A COMMANDO RAID AGAINST AN UNIDENTIFIED CUBAN TARGET. HE WILL THEN PROCEED TO AN UNIDENTIFIED KEY KNOWN TO RICARDO AGUIAR JURE WHERE THE WEAPONS

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WILL BE CACHED. AFTER THE VESSEL HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF ARMS, HE WILL PROCEED TO MIAMI AND RELINQUISH COMMAND OF THE VESSEL TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. THE WEAPONS ON THE KEY WILL THEN BE USED TO ARM A 53-FOOT CRAFT BELONGING TO PEPIN CARBONEL, A FORMER MEMBER OF JURE WHO HAD BEEN ABOARD THE VENUS. AS OF 2 FEBRUARY, THE VENUS WAS ANCHORED ON THE MAINA RIVER BUT WAS TO BE TAKEN TO THE OZAMA RIVER NEAR SANTO DOMINGO WITHIN A WEEK.

2. RAY THINKS THE PLOTTING HAS SUBSIDED AND GAVE RABEL \$1,000 ON 30 JANUARY TO COVER BOAT EXPENSES. HE ALSO GAVE EACH MAN AT THE BASE \$50.

3. ON 2 FEBRUARY, THE FOLLOWING CREW MEMBERS LEFT JURE'S DOMINICAN BASE FOR PUERTO RICO ABOARD THE SHARK V, A CRAFT OWNED BY ENRIQUE CASADO, A CUBAN EXILE WHO FISHERS NEAR SEATA ISLAND IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: ALBERTO ALONSO CRUZ, ROBERTO CANAL GARCIA, RAFAEL MAYOLA, ABELARDO DOMINGUEZ, MANUEL GARCIA FERNANDEZ, AND LISTORIEL TORRES JOMARRON. (F ILO COMMENT: CSOS-312/04862-64, DATED 19 OCTOBER 1964, REPORTED THAT ENRIQUE CASADO CUERO WAS THE OWNER OF A "MOTHER BOAT" WHICH WAS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN ABOUT LATE SEPTEMBER AND WHICH WAS RELATED TO AN ALLEGED ATTEMPT BY RAY TO ENTER CUBA. THE SHARK V IS BELIEVED TO BE A FORMER U.S. NAVY CUTTER, ABOUT 80 FEET LONG.) WHEN THE MEN ARRIVED IN PUERTO RICO, THEY WENT TO THE HOME OF RAY WHERE THEY WERE FURNISHED PLANE TICKETS TO MIAMI BY RAY'S WIFE. INNOCENCIO LEAL HAD DEPARTED FOR MIAMI PREVIOUSLY FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ABOARD THE M/V TITAN.

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(FIELD COMMENT: A CUBAN CYCLE WITH EXCELLENT CONTACT IN THE ANTILLEAN MARINE SHIPPING CORPORATION IN MIAMI REPORTED THAT INOCENTE LEAL HERRERA ARRIVED IN MIAMI ABOARD THE M/V TITAN FROM SANTO DOMINGO AT 11:00 A.M. ON 9 FEBRUARY. THE TITAN IS ONE OF SEVERAL CARGO VESSELS USED BY THE ANTILLEAN MARINE SHIPPING CORPORATION IN TRADE THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN). IN ADDITION TO RABEL, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS REMAINED ABOARD THE VENUS: GILBERTO EMIDIO FUNDORA ALCAZAR, MAXIMO DELGADO FROMETA, PABLO FERNANDEZ PEREZ, AND HUBERT MATOS ARALUCE.

4. ON 9 FEBRUARY RAY SAID IN MIAMI THAT HENCEFORTH HE WOULD INFORM POTENTIAL RECRUITS THAT THEY WOULD BE UNDER VERBAL AGREEMENT TO REMAIN AT HIS BASE FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY OPERATIONS.

5. ALSO ON 9 FEBRUARY, RAY SAID THAT HE HAD A MEETING WITH SOME UNIDENTIFIED VENEZUELAN LABOR LEADERS IN MIAMI. HE LEFT FOR PUERTO RICO AT 1:30 P.M. ON 9 FEBRUARY.

6. FIELD COMMENT: FOR PREVIOUS REPORTING ON RAY'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITHIN JURE, SEE TDCSDB-315/3331-65 AND TDCSDB-315/3253-65.

7. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMNAVSTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, USCG, BORDER PATROL, I&NS, FBI AND CUSTOMS.

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