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SUBJECT

ATTEMPT OF MIRR LEADER TO SEEK A PILOT TO BOMB A VESSEL TRADING WITH CUBA NEAR THE PANAMA CANAL; OFFER OF A MEXICAN GENERAL TO ASSIST THE DRE IN ITS ACTIVITY

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

UNITED STATES MIAMI (25 AUGUST 1964)

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

FIELD REPORT NO. UFG-5756

A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH MARITIME MATTERS IN FLORIDA. SOURCE HAS SUBMITTED A LARGE NUMBER OF REPORTS BASED ON THE DEBRIEFING OF CUBAN REFUGEES AND HAS BEEN A CONSISTENTLY RELIABLE REPORTER ON THE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS ENGAGING IN BOAT OPERATIONS.

1. A PILOT IS BEING SOUGHT BY ORLANDO EOSCH AVILA, LEADER OF THE MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR, INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY), TO FLY A PLANE FOR THE MIRR FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY CLOSE TO THE PANAMA CANAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOMBING A MERCHANT VESSEL BOUND FOR CUBA. THE STRIKE WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER THE VESSEL LEAVES THE CANAL.

2. ACCORDING TO AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON WHO IS THE UNCLE OF JULIO CIARAU (PHONETIC) AND WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE DIRECTORIO

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REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DRE, STUDENTS' REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTORATE) WITH CONNECTIONS IN MEXICO, THE DRE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED MEXICAN GENERAL IN VERA CRUZ WHO HAS OFFERED TO ASSIST THE GROUP IN ITS ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES. THE GENERAL SUGGESTED THAT IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO SABOTAGE A CUBAN VESSEL AT THE PORT OF VERA CRUZ, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE. HE REQUESTED \$3,400 FROM THE DRE FOR HIS COOPERATION. THE GROUP ALLEGEDLY DOES NOT TRUST THE GENERAL BUT PLANS TO TEST HIM FOR RELIABILITY.

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

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