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- ON 24 FEBRUARY 72 IUSTEER/1 (SOURCE) ADVISED THE FOLLOWING: ON 23 FEBRUARY 72 HE SPOKE WITH JOSE PELLON (PROBABLY JOSE LEONARDO PELLON BLANCO, 201-229313) WHO MAKES HIS LIVING AS A PILOT. PELLON TOLD IUSTEER/1 THAT ON 21 FEBRUARY HE WAS APPROACHED IN MIAMI BY ANOTHER PILOT JOSE M. HERNANDEZ (PROBABLY JOSE MANUEL HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ, 201-286857) AND ASKED IF HE NEEDED WORK. PELLON ASKED FOR DETAILS.
- HERNANDEZ INFORMED PELLON THAT ON 21 FEBRUARY HE AND FNUMACHIDITO (NO STATION TRACES) APPROACHED THE OWNER OF MIAMI AIR LEASING CORPORATION, EVELIO ALPIZAR (PROBABLY EVELIO ALPIZAR PEREZ, 201-264344) WITH A PROPOSITION. THEY ASKED ALPIZAR IF HE WOULD LET THEM USE A DC-3 BELONGING TO MIAMI AIR LEASING IN ORDER TO FLY CUBANS FROM SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA TO AN AIRPORT OUTSIDE MATAMOROS, MEXICO. HERNANDEZ WOULD PAY ALPIZAR \$500 PER CUBAN FLOWN. HERNANDEZ TOLD ALPIZAR THAT THIS DEAL WOULD CONSIST OF FLYING OUT APPROXIMATELY 4000

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CUBANS WHO WERE COMING TO SAN JOSE FROM MADRID, SPAIN.

3. ALPIZAR SUPPOSEDLY TOLD HERNANDEZ THAT THEY HAD A DEAL IF HERNANDEZ WOULD PLACE \$35,00 IN ESCROW IN A LOCAL BANK IN CASE HIS DC-3 WAS CONFISCATED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

4. HERNANDEZ DID NOT TELL PILLON IF HE HAD AGREED TO ALPIZAR'S REQUEST FOR THE \$35,000 OR IF ANY FINAL ARRANGEMENT WAS REACHED. HOWEVER HE DID ADD THAT PLANS CALL FOR ONE FLIGHT PER WEEK BEGINNING THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH. (SOURCE COMMENT: THIS DC-3 HOLDS 35-40 PERSONS). HERNANDEZ FURNISHED PELLON NO OTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS PLAN AND PELLON MADE NO COMMITMENT TO HERNANDEZ. FURTHER, PELLON DOES NOT PLAN TO GET INVOLVED.

5. SOURCE COMMENTS: HERNANDEZ HAS A REPUTATION OF EXAGGERATING AND DOWNRIGHT LYING, E.G., HERNANDEZ TOLD PELLON AS AN ASIDE THAT HE WORKS FOR COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT FIGUERES' SECRET SERVICE. ALPIZAR IN TURN HAS A REPUTATION FOR ILLEGAL ADVENTURES, E.G., B-25 RAIDS INTO HAITI, ATTEMPTED BOMBING RUN INTO CUBA, ETC.

6. STATION COMMENT: THE ABOVE REPORT IF FACTUAL CERTAINLY ADDS TO ALREADY EXISTING INFORMATION, SUCH AS REF, ON THIS SUBJECT. IF PELLON OBTAINS ANY MORE INFORMATION ADDRESSEES WILL BE ADVISED.

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