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 INFO DIRECTOR, JMCOBRA 25 OCT IN 20408
 REFS A. DIRECTOR 35861 NR
 B. MEXICO CITY 7776 (in 1962)

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 MILES 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

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SPONSORING HIS OPERATION ARE BOB HOWELL (NO RECORD) ALLEGEDLY FRIEND OF KENNEDY FAMILY AND A GENERAL BIDDLE (NO RECORD) MEMBER BIRCH SOCIETY.

B. ALSO IN ABOVE GROUP A ~~MAX GORMAN~~ WHO IDENTIFIED BY LNERGO AS ~~MAXIMILIANO GONZALEZ~~. GORMAN WITH ALLEGED WIFE ~~SHERYL SCHLEEXER~~ CROSSED INTO MEXICO AT MATAMOROS 22 AUGUST IN BLUE 1968 CAMARO WITH FLORIDA PLATES 32-3407. CAR PAPERS SHOWED ~~DONALD CLAUS~~ OWNER. LNERGO IDENTIFIED CLAUS AS FORMER MARINE WITH MARINE CORP TATTOO ON ARM. THEY POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY ~~RAYMOND~~ AND ~~LYNN BANNISTER~~ WHO WERE LISTED MATAMOROS BORDER RECORDS AS CROSSING 22 AUGUST AS PASSENGERS IN 1968 CAMARO. THEIR NAMES LISTED CONSECUTIVELY AFTER GORMANS AND CLAUS.

C. FINCINI SAID GROUP WOULD SELL THE CAMARO IN MEXICO TO RAISE MONEY FOR HIS OPERATIONS. SINCE NO WOMEN OBSERVED ON YACHT LNERGO BELIEVES SHERYL (IDENTIFIED AS WIFE OF ~~MICHAEL SCHLEEXER~~ MIAMI BAR OWNER) AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN PROBABLY TOURING MEXICO. THEY WERE TO GET IN TROUCH WITH MEXICAN WHO IS TO SELL THEM DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZING SALE OF CAR IN MEXICO.

D. OTHER INDENTIFIED MEMBERS FIORINI GROUP ARE ~~FRANK BONELLI~~ WHO ENTERED MEXICO AT CIUDAD MIGUEL ALEMAN ON 30 AUGUST. ENLRY PERMIT SHOWS HE 43 AND MARRIED. BORN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

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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 ENERGO 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 CHICKULUB TO
 PICK UP MORE (SEE REF B). EXAMINATION CAMP SIGHT REVEALED LARGE
 QUANTITY EXPENDED .30 CALIBER BULLETS AS IF THERE HAD BEEN TARGET
 PRACTICE.

8. INDEX ALL. FILE 35-500.

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