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According to <sup>Cuba</sup> [redacted] [S]

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On August 11, 1960, [redacted] [S]

[redacted] informed that he is a U. S. citizen of Cuban descent who has been residing in Miami for many years. He described himself as a television-radio repairman by trade. Among other things, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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<sup>(S)</sup> [redacted] said he had heard numerous rumors that some flights were made in 1959, but he could furnish no specific information, could identify no pilots, nor could he give the names of airports which were reportedly used. He could furnish no other pertinent information concerning that matter.

<sup>(S)</sup> [redacted] personally denied being engaged in any type of revolutionary activity. He said he is residing

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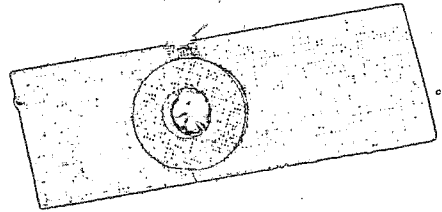
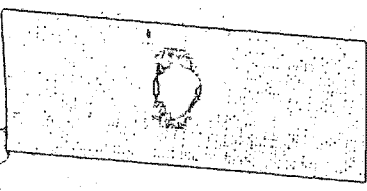
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SAC, Miami

June 22, 1960

Director, FBI (109-584)

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ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

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Enclosed for each office is a copy of CIA  
letter dated 6-9-60 captioned "Cuban Counterrevolutionary  
Activities in Miami." (S)

Promptly interview [redacted] (S) Patria Libre,  
Cuba Libre and Jose Acosta are subjects of pending  
investigations in your office. [Pertinent data developed  
concerning alleged plane flights from Florida to Cuba] (S) (X)  
should be made available to INS, Customs and FAA, locally.  
Determine from [redacted] the basis for his allegations. Pin (S)  
him down particularly concerning his belief that the  
counterrevolution will begin in Cuba in about June, 1960.  
Elicit from him any concrete data he may have concerning  
the alleged clandestine air base being prepared in  
Yucatan Province, Mexico. (S) (X)

No identifiable information concerning Grana  
was located in Bufiles on the basis of information furnished.  
If Grana is active in anti-Castro activities, consideration  
should be given to instituting a separate investigation of  
him to determine if he is working in behalf of a foreign  
principal and to determine the nature and extent of his  
involvement in anti-Castro activities.

New York check with Rafael Diaz Salart for any  
substantiation of [redacted] (S) (X)

Mexico promptly advise the Bureau in the event  
there is any substantiation to the report that a clandestine  
air base is being prepared somewhere in Yucatan Province.  
It is noted that previous inquiries by your office have  
failed to substantiate similar allegations. (S) (X)

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- 1 - 97-4146 (Patria Libre)

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Letter to SAC, Miami  
Re: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
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NOTE: CIA furnished information originating with [redacted] [S]  
[redacted] Cuban exile in Miami. He allegedly stated that small  
planes make two or three trips weekly from Florida to Cuba  
to drop bundles of Cuba and Patria Libre, anti-Castro  
publications. Jose Acosta reportedly is connected with these  
publications. [redacted] also stated that Diaz Barlat (with whom [S]  
[S] NY has been in contact) was a main figure in the counter-  
revolutionary army. [redacted] also believes that counterrevolution  
will begin in June, 1960, and that a clandestine air base  
is being prepared in Mexico. We should interview [redacted] [S]  
(S) (S) (S)

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