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SUBJECT: ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES

1. ON 13 AUGUST 1962 A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY ALEXANDER L. RORKE WHO INDICATED HE (RORKE) AND HIS FRIENDS, FRANK ANTHONY STURGES AND OSCAR MESTRE MASCARO, "WERE ALL SET TO DO SOMETHING"; THEY HAD AN AIRCRAFT OF UNDISCLOSED TYPE, AND NEEDED A BOAT. SOURCE SAID RORKE SEEMED TO BE SEARCHING FOR INDICATIONS AS TO WHETHER SOURCE WOULD GIVE ANY MONETARY SUPPORT TO HIS ACTIVITIES.

2. ON 15 AUGUST 1962, RORKE SHOWED SOURCE A PICTURE OF A GRUMAN BEARCAT AIRCRAFT ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED (BY RORKE) ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILE STUDENT GROUP WITH WHICH RORKE CLAIMED TO BE ASSOCIATED. RORKE STATED THIS STUDENT GROUP WAS ATTEMPTING TO BUY A BOAT AND WAS THINKING OF SOMEBODY (CONTINUED)

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A SOVIET SHIP OFF THE COAST OF NUEVITAS IN CALANCZY PROVINCE, CUBA.

3. ON 31 AUGUST 1962 HORKE TOLD SOURCE HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE RECENT RAID AND SUELLING OF HABANA BY THE DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL (DIRE) ORGANIZATION, AND THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE ACTION AGAIN SOON. HORKE ONCE AGAIN HINTED FOR AN INDICATION AS TO WHETHER SOURCE WOULD GIVE ANY MONETARY SUPPORT TO HIS ACTIVITIES.

4. ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1962 HORKE TOLD SOURCE HE HAD THREE BOATS INCLUDING CUBAN AND AMERICAN CREWS AND AN AIRCRAFT READY FOR RAIDS AGAINST CUBA. HORKE SAID HE WAS IN GREAT NEED OF ABOUT TWENTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUY GUNS AND AMMUNITION AND THAT A RAID WAS BEING PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK. TARGETS FOR THE RAID ARE A PETROLEUM REFINERY AND NAVIGATIONAL AID ON THE NORTH COAST OF CUBA.

5. ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1962 SOURCE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY MET A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN (CONTINUED)

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FOREIGN POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THE COMPANY HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY RORKE AND WERE CONSIDERING GIVING MONETARY ASSISTANCE TO RORKE IN HIS CASTRO ACTIONS. SOURCE SAID HE RECENTLY MET RORKE AT THE NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT WHO TOLD HIM THAT RORKE HAD BOATS (PRESUMABLY IN MIAMI, FLORIDA). SOURCE SAID THAT RUBY PHILLIPS MAY HAVE SENT RORKE TO THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

6. ON 29 AUGUST 1962 ANOTHER FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT RORKE HAD STATED THAT HE AND OTHER UNITED STATES CITIZENS WERE WORKING CLOSELY WITH LAUREZANO BATISTA FALLA OF THE MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATICO CRISTIANO. SOURCE SAID RORKE WAS ATTEMPTING TO GET ASSISTANCE FROM THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, OR AT LEAST THE SUPPORT OF THE AGENCY, TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE FROM OTHER UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS IN HIS ANTI-CASTRO OPERATIONS.

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7. RONALD WENTZ, STURGES AND LAUREANO BATISTA FALLA HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THIS AGENCY AND ADDRESSEES. PRELIMINARY TRACES OF THIS AGENCY'S FILES REVEAL LIMITED INFORMATION ON RUBY PHILLIPS. AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE SUBJECT IS RECEIVED BY THIS AGENCY IT WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO ADDRESSEES. THIS AGENCY WILL APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY ADDRESSEES ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT.

8. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, TO THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, AND TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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