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1. REF CABLES PROBABLY REFER TO SAME EXPEDITION.

2. LOCAL LNERGO NOTIFIED STATION 24 OCTOBER THAT LMPURE
CONSUL MERIDA MEXICO REPORTED REF GROUP 19 OCT ALLEGEDLY LEFT
FROM PROGRESO MEXICO FOR GUATEMALA (NOT CUBA AS SURMISED REF G)
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" ^{ON} ^{WHICH} ^{MEXICAN} ^{FILE}
HAD BASIC RANGE
360 HILES 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 HIJACKING.

A. FRANK ANGELO VIGORINI 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 NOVELL (NO RECORD) ALLEGEDLY
 FRIEND OF KENNEDY FAMILY AND A GENERAL BIDDLE (NO RECORD) MEMBER
 BIRCH SOCIETY.

B. ALSO IN ABOVE GROUP ^{AKA:} MAX GORMAN WHO IDENTIFIED BY
 LNERGO AS MAXIMILIANO GONZALEZ. GORMAN WITH ALLEGED WIFE SHERYL
 CROSSED INTO MEXICO AT MATAMOROS 22 AUGUST IN BLUE 1968 CANARO
 WITH FLORIDA PLATES 32-3487. 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 ^{AKA: BANNISTER} BANNISTER WHO WERE LISTED MATAMOROS BORDER RECORDS AS
 CROSSING 22 AUGUST AS PASSENGERS IN 1968 CANARO. THEIR NAMES
 LISTED CONSECUTIVELY AFTER GORMANS AND CLAUS.

C. FINGINI SAID GROUP WOULD SELL THE CANARO IN MEXICO
 TO RAISE MONEY FOR HIS OPERATIONS. SINCE NO WOMEN OBSERVED ON
 YACHT LNERGO BELIEVES SHERYL ^{AKA:} IDENTIFIED AS WIFE OF MICHAEL ^{AKA: SCHLEGELER}
 SCHLEGELER (MIAMI BOAT OWNER) AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN PROBABLY
 TOURING MEXICO. THEY WERE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MEXICAN WHO IS
 TO SELL THEM DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZING SALE OF CAR IN MEXICO.

D. OTHER IDENTIFIED MEMBERS FIORINI GROUP ARE FRANK
 BONELLI WHO ENTERED MEXICO AT CIUDAD MIERA, ALAMAR ON 30 AUGUST.
 ENTRY PERMIT SHOWS HE 43 AND MARRIED. BORN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
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LIVES 2148 FLAGLER TERRACE, MIAMI. HERBERT J. BENDER. ENTERED *OPOR: CA 37*
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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 LAREDO. AGE 30. BACHELOR *OPOR: CA 31*
 WHO LIVES FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. OCCUPATION CHAUFFEUR.
 (CHARLES ORR ~~CONNELLY~~ OR ~~CONNOR~~ OR ~~CONNELL~~ ENTERED AT MATAMOROS
 19 AUGUST. NO OTHER INFO THIS LAST PERSON.

5. LOCAL LNERCO CONTINUING COLLECT INFO ABOVE GROUP AND INCIDENT. WILL ADVISE AS BECOMES AVAILABLE.
6. NO MEXICO CITY TRACES ANY ABOVE EXCEPT FIGRINI WHO SUBJECT 281-242256.
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 .38 CALIBER BULLETS AS IF THERE HAD BEEN TARGET PRACTICE.
8. INDEX ALL. FILE 35-988.

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