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CLIP. MIAMI HERALD NEWSPAPER, MIAMI, FLORIDA, JANUARY 11, CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "HOW MIAMI'S ANTI-CASTRO AIRLIFT WORKS-SECRET PLANES ON DEADLY MISSIONS." ARTICLE DESCRIBED USE OF OPA LOCKA AIRFIELD AND AN ABANDONED AIRSTRIP NEAR CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, BY UNMARKED, UNLIGHTED PLANES, AND INQUIRED WHETHER THIS WAS "THE MIAMI LINK TO A MANY FACETED OPERATION REPORTED FOR MONTHS IN THE CITY'S CUBAN COLONY--AN AIRBORNE MOVEMENT OF ANTI-CASTRO PATRIOTS TO A GUATEMALAN TRAINING CENTER?" ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT IT IS THESE INCIDENTS AND REPORTS THAT THE CASTRO ORGAN, REVOLUCION, TIED TOGETHER TUESDAY IN CHARGING ALL WERE PART OF A GROWING US BACKED CONSPIRACY TO OVERTHROW THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT. ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT THE CASTRO ORGAN, REVOLUCION, QUOTING FROM THE NATION MAGAZINE, CHARGED THE US CIA IS FINANCING THE OPERATION WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES ALSO PUBLISHED A STORY TUESDAY MORNING UNDER THE HEADLINE "US HELPS TRAIN ANTI-CASTRO FORCES AT SECRET GUATEMALAN AIR GROUND BASE." HERALD STORY CARRIED A SUB HEADING THAT PUBLICATION WAS HELD (P) BY HERALD FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AND THAT ITS RELEASE WAS DECIDED UPON ONLY AFTER US AID OF ANTI-CASTRO FIGHTERS IN GUATEMALA WAS FIRST REVEALED ELSEWHERE. ON AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 11, JAMES BUCHANAN, REPORTER, HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA SUN TATTLER, AN AFTERNOON FIVE DAY A WEEK NEWSPAPER, CONTACTED SA DENNIS J. O'SHEA AT THE FORT LAUDERDALE RESIDENT AGENCY AND INFORMED HE WAS CONTACTING ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES TO DETERMINE

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THE PRESENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE CUBAN CONSTITUTIONAL CRUSADE, (ccc) BUFILE 105-84768, IN VIEW OF THE REVELATIONS MADE BY THE MIAMI HERALD, NO COMMENT WAS MADE. BUCHANAN THEN ADVISED THAT ON JANUARY 9, LAST, AFTER AGREEING NOT TO RELEASE ANY INFORMATION UNTIL AUTHORIZED, HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING IN MIAMI OF THE CCC. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MIAMI NEWS, CBS, AND NBC, WERE ALSO PRESENT. HE LEARNED THE CCC INTENDS TO OPEN OFFICES IN MIAMI, NEW YORK, AND POSSIBLY FORT LAUDERDALE, AND TO RECRUIT IN THESE AREAS. IN ORDER TO DO SO, THE ORGANIZATION WILL NEED FAVORABLE PUBLICITY, FOR WHICH REASON THE PRESS WAS INVITED. HE DECLINED TO FURNISH THE PLACE OF THIS MEETING. HE SAID 11 PERSONS WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CCC. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS WAS FRANK FLORINI, ASSISTANT OF DIAZ LANZ. THE GROUP'S AIMS, WHICH IT DESIRED TO PUBLICIZE, WERE TO REINSTATE THE CUBAN CONSTITUTION OF 1940, AND TO HOLD FREE ELECTIONS. IT WAS STATED THE GROUP INTENDED TO RECRUIT PEOPLE FOR TRAINING IN GUERILLA WARFARE AND TRANSPORT THEM TO CUBA FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT WAS STATED ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITH A RANCHER IN BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO USE HIS ISOLATED FARM AS A TRAINING GROUND. IT WAS CLAIMED THEY HAVE THE FULL ENDORSEMENT OF ALLEN DULLES AND CIA. BUCHANAN ADVISED THAT IN VIEW OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE HERALD STORY, ABOVE MENTIONED, HE INTENDED TO RELEASE A STORY ALONG THE SAME LINES IN THE HOLLYWOOD SUN TATTLER ON JANUARY 12. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT PEDRO DIAZ LANZ IS NOW UNDERSTOOD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO, A CLIP ORGNIZATION, [redacted] CIA REPRESENTATIVE AT MIAMI, NOTIFIED OF THE ABOVE. X[5] LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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