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at Uruapan at dawn on November 20, 1958, when they were discovered endeavoring to send arms to the rebels of FIDEL CASTRO RUZ in Cuba. The article listed the following as having been arrested:

- JOSE MARTINEZ MACHADOS
- ENIO LEYVA FUENTES
- MANUEL CARBONELL DUQUE
- ORLANDO VENTURA REYES
- PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ
- FRANK FIORINI
- MANUEL HERNANDEZ TURRO
- GUSTAVO ARCOS DERCLES
- JOSE ALBERTO MENDEZ
- ISALDO E. RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ
- ARMANDO FRANCO MAYNEZ
- ROBERTO WILLARTE

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The article concludes by stating that a North American, FRANK FIORINI, the "pilot of the airplane", and the Cuban, PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, had requested permission to be interviewed with an attorney present, and that this request had been granted. (U)

MM T-2, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, on January 1959, advised that FRANK FIORINI, PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ and RICARDO DE LA LORIE BALS had arrived in Mexico City on October 27, 1958, after having traveled from the Miami, Florida, area by automobile and having encountered difficulty with Mexican Immigration authorities upon entering Mexico. MM T-2 did not know their Mexican port of entry, but stated that they had been in Monterrey; therefore, he concluded that they had crossed the border at Brownsville or Laredo, Texas, and that they must have entered Mexico October 24, 25 or October 26, 1958. Following the arrival of the trio in Mexico City, DIAZ LANZ and DE LA LORIE proceeded by air to Venezuela, returning about October 31, 1958. Shortly thereafter, they again left Mexico City by air enroute to San Francisco, California.

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Meanwhile, on November 4, 1958, FIORINI departed from Mexico City in the automobile, and is reported to have met DIAZ LANZ and DE LA LORIE at Yuma, Arizona.

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On November 8, 1958, they were at the Highway House Motel at Phoenix, Arizona. MM T-2 believed that from Phoenix they proceeded to Kingman, Arizona, where they made the purchase of a C-46 airplane which had been U. S. Government surplus, and which was purchased and registered in FIORINI's name, even though it is presumed that the funds were provided by the two Cubans.

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From Phoenix, Arizona, the group flew the airplane to Veracruz and Acapulco, Mexico, before proceeding to Apatzingan.

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MM T-2 said that to the best of his knowledge, after being detained for several days, all subjects and the airplane were released.

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On January 7, 1959, MM T-2 said that from October 27, 1958, until November 4, 1958, FIORINI was registered at the Bel Sol Apartments in Mexico City and gave his U. S. address as being 422 Glen Ridge Road, Key Biscayne, Florida. He also was registered at the Hotel Statler in Mexico City, and gave his U. S. address as being 310 Northeast 5th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. MM T-2 stated that a recent newspaper article in the Mexico City afternoon paper, "Ultimas Noticias", had contained a photograph of FRANK FIORINI standing on some of the graves of BATISTA followers who had been executed by the triumphant FIDEL CASTRO RUZ revolutionaries.

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On January 20, 1959, Vice Consul BERNARD FEMMINELLA of the U. S. Consulate, Santiago de Cuba, advised that he was informed that an individual known as FRANK FIORINI was with the revolutionary forces in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba.

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