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JACK BROWN:
PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ - VICTIM
KIDNAPING - CONSPIRACY;
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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Re Miami letter December 10, 1959 and
Bureau airtel December 18, 1959.

The title is changed to reflect the correct
name of BROWN as JACK BROWN, previously carried as
~~JOHN BROWN~~

SA J. C. STRICKLAND, JR. contacted Captain
LEE NAPIER of the Miami, Florida Police Department on
December 14, 16 and 21, 1959. He advised TOM Mc CRORY
has not received any further information in this matter,
nor has he been contacted by any Cubans in furtherance
of the plan. McCORRY has advised Captain NAPIER that
he will contact both the FBI and the Miami Police
Department should he be approached further by the Cubans.

This matter is being closed, subject to being
reopened, should any further contact be made with MC CRORY

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ^{JACK} JOHN BROWN; PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING - CONSPIRACY; INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA.

Reurlet 12/10/59.

Miami Division is instructed to closely follow with informant all developments in this matter. At such time as any further negotiations reach a stage indicating a possible conspiracy violation or violation of any other statute within jurisdiction of Bureau take appropriate steps to obtain prosecutive opinion.

In negotiations carried on by informant you must caution him not to engage in any activities which could be construed as entrapment should it be expected that possible prosecution might ensue as the result of his activities. Keep Bureau advised promptly of all developments.

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NOTE: On 12/2/59, Miami Office received information alleging contemplated kidnaping of Pedro Díaz Lanz, former head of Cuban Air Force, presently residing Miami, Florida. Informant and friend through arrangements with Jose Salazar, Tourist Bureau, Havana, Cuba, met individual sent to Miami from Cuba who is a First Lieutenant in Cuban Army, G-2, and who advised Cuban Government desires that Lanz be induced to return to Cuba by plane and wants individuals in U. S. to follow in another plane and radio where Lanz would land. Informant and friend advised representative of conditions and price under which they would undertake the job. Cuban representative did not specifically request that Lanz be forced to return to Cuba. Miami instructed to follow developments, insure that activities of informant and friend in negotiations cannot be construed as entrapment and, if possible, conspiracy violation or other violation develops, take steps to obtain prosecutive opinion.

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On December 2, 1959, Captain LEE NAPIER of the Miami, Florida Police Department advised SA J. C. STRICKLAND, JR. that an informant has reported information concerning the contemplated kidnaping of PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, former head of the Cuban Air Force, who is presently residing in Miami, Florida.

According to NAPIER, his informant was recently in Havana, Cuba and was approached by Cuban officials concerning the possibility of getting LANZ to Cuba. The informant is alleged to have related that he would not get involved, but informed the Cuban officials he knew a person who would be interested and who could possibly accomplish the mission. Informant advised a representative from Cuba is scheduled to arrive in Miami on December 4, 1959, to further discuss this matter.

NAPIER advised his informant is TOM McCRORY, Marine Broker, Miami, Florida.

TOM McCRORY, whose name should not be disclosed, was interviewed December 3, 1959. He advised that about two weeks ago he was in Havana, Cuba discussing business matters with JOSE SALAZAR of the Tourist Bureau. He has known SALAZAR for quite some time and SALAZAR introduced him to a Lieutenant DELGADO who is second in command of construction at the Navy

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Yard, Havana, Cuba. SALAZAR and DELGADO mentioned to him the possibility of getting DIAZ LANZ out of the United States into Cuba. McCRORY told them he would have nothing to do with such a matter but thought it could be done upon payment of a sufficient sum of money and that he knows a person who would be interested; he would put them in contact with this individual. The individual referred to is JACK BROWN, whose identity should not be disclosed, who is a deep sea diver and operates an advertising business in Marathon, Florida. BROWN owns a sea plane and a PT boat.

^{FLA} McCRORY advised he discussed the matter with JACK BROWN and it was agreed between them that no effort would be made to contact LANZ, but that an effort would be made to have the Cuban government pay a large sum of money in advance upon the belief that BROWN would undertake the job.

He advised that under no circumstances should BROWN be informed that the matter has been reported, as BROWN then probably would not endeavor to determine the complete plan from the Cuban officials. McCRORY related he can control BROWN and, if necessary, he believes he could induce BROWN to testify.

On December 2, 1959, McCRORY and BROWN had a ^{FLA} telephonic conversation with JOSE SALAZAR and an agreement ^{WBA} was made whereby a representative would arrive at Key West, Florida, on the first Cubana plane on the morning of December 4, 1959. BROWN was to meet the Cuban representative in the airport manager's office, which upon reflection McCRORY believed to be not feasible as BROWN is well known to the airport manager.

McCRORY called SALAZAR on December 3, 1959, and outlined the danger of having such a meeting in Key West, and suggested the representative come to Miami. This change

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in plan met with the approval of SALAZAR who instructed McCRORY to make all arrangements. SALAZAR advised he could not furnish the name of the person who would arrive in Miami but the individual would have the physical description of McCRORY.

Two adjoining rooms were obtained at the Skyway Motel a short distance from the International Airport, Miami, Florida. McCRORY met the first Cubana plane which arrived at 8:50 A.M. on December 4, 1959. No contact was had by anyone with McCRORY.

McCRORY thereafter called SALAZAR who advised he would determine the reason for the delay. SALAZAR then called McCRORY back at his residence and stated the person who was to arrive in Miami had some visa trouble and efforts were being made to clear this person for a later flight.

SALAZAR requested McCRORY to call again at 1:00 P.M. McCRORY called SALAZAR at this time and was advised by SALAZAR's secretary that SALAZAR would call McCRORY at about 5:00 P.M.

At 4:00 P.M. SALAZAR called McCRORY's residence and in McCRORY's absence left a message that the individual was leaving Havana, Cuba on Cubana airlines at 5:00 P.M.; he would be wearing a grey jacket and red shirt with Indian design.

The plane arrived shortly after 6:00 P.M. and McCRORY was contacted by an individual who was dressed as mentioned above. McCRORY took this individual to the Skyway Motel, room 258. McCRORY contacted BROWN and arrangements were made for BROWN to meet with them at the motel at about 10:30 P.M.

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McCRORY advised that while in the hotel room prior to the arrival of JACK BROWN, the Cuban related that his name was AUGUSTINE WALDO YASELLS. His passport carried the name AUGUSTINE W. YASELLS. He claimed to be from Santiago, Cuba, 20 years of age, a First Lieutenant in the Army, G-2. YASELLS stated he had been active in the Cuban revolution and his superior was Major FURRY, nineteen years of age. He also mentioned that his instructions to come to Miami were given to him by Lieutenant PINO of the Cuban Navy, and Major FURRY.

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YASELLS also advised he had previously entered the United States on October 5, 1957, when he enrolled in ROTC training at Georgia Military College, and later mentioned his training was obtained at the University of Georgia. He also mentioned Georgia Tech.

McCRORY took YASELLS to dinner, during which time YASELLS related he was instructed to stay with BROWN until the mission was accomplished. He claimed the Cuban government desires that BROWN endeavor to induce LANZ to return to Cuba by plane and BROWN should follow in his own plane and radio the position of LANZ and the place where he would land. McCRORY told YASELLS, BROWN would have his own plan and at the present time it is very difficult to leave any airport for Cuba.

McCRORY met BROWN at the bus station at 10:30 P.M. and returned to the Skyway Motel. YASELLS remained in the room during the absence of McCRORY.

BROWN informed YASELLS that SALAZAR had stated the representative from Cuba would have in his possession a business card of SALAZAR. YASELLS could not produce such a card and McCRORY persuaded BROWN that YASELLS was no doubt the person sent to contact BROWN as SALAZAR had previously furnished the type clothing YASELLS would be wearing.

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McCRORY advised YASELLS claimed he understood the demands of BROWN and they insisted YASELLS return to Havana and report to his superior and later contact McCRORY if they agreed to the request of BROWN.

YASELLS departed Miami at 9:50 A.M., December 5, 1959, aboard Cubana airlines.

McCRORY advised that while en route to the airport YASELLS remarked that BROWN is money crazy.

McCRORY called SALAZAR December 5, 1959, and informed him YASELLS was returning to Cuba in possession of the demands of BROWN. He told SALAZAR he had previously mentioned that the mission would cost a large sum of money and BROWN was rather reluctant to discuss any plan with YASELLS as YASELLS had no authority. SALAZAR advised he would look into the matter further and contact McCRORY.

He also advised he has persuaded BROWN it would be foolish for him to go to Cuba, and BROWN agrees that any agreement made should be undertaken in the United States.

The following is the physical description of ~~YASELLS~~:
Augustine Waldo

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| Name | AUGUSTINE WALDO YASELLS |
| Nationality | Cuban |
| Age | 20 |
| Height | 5'9" |
| Weight | 200 |
| Build | heavy |
| Hair | black, bushy |
| Eyes | blue |
| Complexion | fair |
| Occupation | First Lieutenant, Cuban Army, G-2 |

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The information furnished by McCRORY through his contact with YASELLS was confirmed by an anonymous source.

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Contact is being maintained with McCORRY to determine if any further efforts will be made by the Cuban government to employ BROWN.

Atlanta check records of the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech to determine if YASELLS was ever enrolled and obtain all available background data.