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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION
REVOLUCIONARIO
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference is made to our letter dated December 12, 1963, with enclosure.

Attached is the original of a memorandum dated December 13, 1963. A copy of this memorandum is attached for each of the the other recipients.

We are endeavoring to obtain additional information and the pertinent data will be made available to the recipients.

Enclosure

Director (Enclosure)
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (Enclosure)
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Security Division

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**MOVIMIENTO INSURRECIONAL
DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO**

On December 12, 1963, our source in this matter who has furnished reliable information in the past learned that William Johnson, a United States citizen, pilot and businessman who has been previously involved in anti-Castro activities, rented a twin-engine Beechcraft which is scheduled to be used in the bombing raid. This airplane is located at Broward International Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, rather than at Orlando, Florida, as previously indicated. Some consideration is being given, however, to using an Aero Commander airplane located at Broward International Airport instead of the Beechcraft.

Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the Movimiento Insurrecional de Recuperacion Revolucionario (MIRR), has indicated that there may be some slight postponement of this operation but he has not made any definite announcement of a change of schedule.

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USE OF A PLANE, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT DEAL BETWEEN BOSCH AND JOHNSON WILL BE CONSUMMATED AS ALPIZAR IS SCHEDULED TO TRY OUT TOMORROW MORNING AT BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE PLANE WHICH WILL BE USED ON THE RAID. ALPIZAR HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION OF PLANE.

ALPIZAR BELIEVES HE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF BOAT PRIOR TO ITS SCHEDULED TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM MIAMI AREA. BOSCH HAS INDICATED THERE MAY BE SOME SLIGHT POSTPONEMENT OF THIS OPERATION, BUT NO DEFINITE CHANGE OF SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY HIM.

TODAY MIAMI BRIEFED GREGG BENTLY, SPECIAL BRANCH, BAHAMEAN POLICE, ON FACTS AVAILABLE THIS MORNING. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO FULLY COOPERATE AND STATED THAT IF ANY PERSONS ARRESTED IN ATTEMPT TO TAKE OFF FROM BIMINI ON INSTANT BOMBING RAID THEY WOULD BE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ENTRY AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION EXPLOSIVES BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES. MIAMI WILL BRIEF BENTLEY ON FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. (G-1)(U)

IN VIEW ALPIZAR/S POTENTIAL IN ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND IDENTITY BOAT, AND TIME OF ITS DEPARTURE FOR BIMINI, IT NOW APPEARS THAT SEIZURE BY U. S. CUSTOMS OF BOAT AS IT IS DEPARTING WOULD BE MOST FEASIBLE WAY TO STOP THIS OPERATION. U. S. CUSTOMS, MIAMI, HAS ADVISED THAT UNDER EXISTING POLICY, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BOAT WOULD NOT BE ARRESTED, BUT THE BOAT AND EXPLOSIVES WOULD BE SEIZED. . THIS
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PROCEEDURE WOULD AFFORD ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO ALPIZAR. U. S. CUSTOMS IS COORDINATING ITS ACTIONS WITH U. S. COAST GUARD AND BORDER PATROL IN PLANNING SUCH A SEIZURE. INTERCEPTION BY THE BRITISH AT BIMINI WOULD SERVE AS A STOP GAP PROCEEDURE IN EVENT BOSCH ENGAGES IN SUCCESSFUL LAST MINUTE DECEPTIVE TACTICS.

ALPIZAR MEETING AGAIN TONIGHT WITH BOSCH. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THIS OFFICE ALL FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

MIAMI HAS ORALLY ADVISED OFFICE CUBAN AFFAIRS, STATE DEPARTMENT, U. S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL, LOCALLY ALL PERTINENT FACTS AND IS DISSEMINATING LETTERHEAD MEMO BEARING TODAY/S DATA TO THESE AGENCIES AND TO FAA, INS, CIA, ONI, G-2, AND OSI.

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