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MM T-1 is EVELIO ALPIZAR PEREZ, Cuban pilot.

The Miami Office has immediately notified Mr. STANLEY SCHACHTER of U. S. Customs, Miami, of all pertinent developments and is maintaining close liaison with Mr. SCHACHTER. Mr. SCHACHTER has advised that U. S. Customs is taking immediate appropriate investigative action and surveillance action as to stop this raid and seize contraband.

Miami will maintain close contact with ALPIZAR and close liaison with Customs and will advise Bureau of further pertinent developments.

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