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On 6/11/63, Gilberto Rodriguez Fernandez (100-420590) made available information in connection with the July 26 Movement for the short time in the latter part of 1958 when he served as advisor to this group in the Miami section. He explained that he had no access to the arms or supplies of the July 26 Movement and only saw one cache of arms, consisting of M-1 carbines and pistols. This was in the house of Orlando Bosch in Miami, but the address was not recalled. Bosch did business with two individuals in Hialeah, one, a policeman and the other was a brother-in-law of the policeman, names not recalled. However, Bosch gave them a boat, valued at \$2500 on 1/1/59.

Interview set out in detail.

100-420590-41 p.24,25
(37)

Orlando Bosch Avila's name appeared on a list dated 10/14/60 prepared by INS, which included background data of Cubans claiming to be political refugees who had entered or departed the US since January 1, 1959 and were processed by INS since that date.

List enclosed
109-584-2695 encl.p.7
(16,44)

The following references appear in the main file of Victor Manuel Paneque Y Batista, a former major in the Cuban National Revolutionary Police. These references revealed that Paneque was a close associate of Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila from 1959 - January, 1961. Information included the activities and contacts between the two men in Cuba and in Miami, Florida area. Interviews with Paneque in October, 1960 and interviews with Bosch in December, 1960 and January, 1961 regarding the MIRR and their association also set out. Bosch claimed to have known Paneque for several years and had complete confidence in him. Description and background information of both men set out.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-92195-3 p.2,3
-5 p.1,3-5,8-10,17-19
-7 p.1-7,12,13,17-26

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MM-639-S on 1/11/61 stated that Frank Fiorini was at that time co-operating and associating with Victor Paneque and Orlando Bosch, leaders of the MIRR, which had established a training camp in Florida and anticipated a military expedition against the Cuban Government in the near future. (u)

This serial revealed that Frank Fiorini was an assistant to Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, President of the Cuban Constitutional Crusade, an anti-Castro organization.

105-89923-126 p.3

(38)

SI 109-12-210-2659 p.6 (u)
(43) (Ilona Martita Lorenz,
interview 1/10/61)

By letter dated 1/23/61, the Philadelphia Office made available two photostats of a three-page document entitled "Cuban Counter-Revolutionary Organizations," received from INS. This document contained the names of anti-Castro organizations. Among these organizations was the MIRR, headed by Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila, former chief of the 26th of July Movement in Las Villas Province, Cuba. (u)

[Document enclosed 7 (u)
109-584-2693 encl.p.3
(15,44)

On 1/26/61, Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila, M.D., who appeared at several unity meetings of Cuban exiles with Luis Ernesto Conte Aguero (105-86025) in the Miami, Florida area, advised that Conte Aguero had recently gone to NYC and Washington, DC to hold political meetings. The meetings were regarded to be without significance by Bosch, who stated that his organization (MIRR) would not be represented. Bosch possessed no specific details.

105-86025-23 p.1

(13,37)

SI 105-86025-31 encl.p.1

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"The New York Daily News" dated 1/31/61 contained an article entitled "Countdown For Castro," which was one of a series that told the story of anti-Castro activities in Miami, Florida. This article set out background data and an interview with Orlando Bosch concerning his activities and affiliation with the MIRR.

109-584-A "NY Daily News"
(46) 1/31/61

Information was reported by MM-639-S and MM-726-S regarding the activities and contacts of Orlando Bosch and Frank Anthony Sturgis (2-1499) during January and February, 1961 in connection with an attempted invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro organizations. (X)(u)

2-1499-70 p.19,32,33,48-50
(20)

This report set out in detail information concerning anti-Castro organizations. In regard to the MIRR under the leadership of Orlando Bosch, it stated that the MIRR claimed about 600 members in Cuba and ten or twelve individuals in Miami, Florida. The purpose of the MIRR was to try to overthrow the Castro government in Cuba, and as of February, 1961 had not joined any other anti-Castro groups. It was rumored that Victor Paneque was an agent of the Castro government, but Bosch claimed that Paneque was being victimized by other Cuban exiles who were jealous of his reputation. The MIRR was negotiating with an anti-Castro group led by Frank Fiorini formerly a captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Army, and planned to establish a training camp. (Miami Report dated 2/6/61)

109-584-2713 p.12,13
(44)

Mr. Richard E. Harkins, Director of Public Relations, The International Supreme Council, Order of De Maloy, Kansas City, Missouri, by letter dated 5/4/61, enclosed a piece of literature. This was a chain letter which requested the recipient to send \$100 to the first five names listed in the letter. The recipient should remove the top name and add his own to the letter. Among the five names appearing in this letter was that of Orlando Bosch, MIRR Offices, 4138 W. 16 Terrace, Miami, Florida. The money raised from this letter was to be used to fight communism in Cuba and help the exiles in Miami.

(Letter enclosed)
62-106980-1 encl.p.2
(22)
SI 62-106980-3 p.1
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The 9/26/61 issue of "Diario Las Americas," a Spanish language newspaper published in Miami, Florida, contained a photograph accompanied by an article which stated, in part, that Commander Evelio Duque Mujar, Chief of the CACA (105-102448), received a cordial reception from Cuban exiles during a visit to Chicago last week. The photograph revealed that Dr. Orlando Bosch, General Coordinator of the CACA, was among those who appeared at the reception.

Dr. Orlando Bosch, 65 S.W. 28th Road, Miami (protect identity) reported in detail on 9/27/61 information pertaining to the activities and contacts of Evelio Duque and members of the CACA during their visit to Chicago in September, 1961.

MM-726-S on 9/30/61 advised that Bosch was working with Evelio Duque. On this date Bosch stated he was interested in obtaining radio transmitters and receivers to be used for communication between Cuba and his group in the US. (u)

Add. info.

105-102448-7 p.1,1A,3-5,7-9
(39)

MM-726-S on 10/19/61, advised that he had conversed with Orlando Bosch and Bosch had told him that Agustin Capo (105-98261) was at that time engaged in private business and could be reached in Chicago, Ill. at either Edgewater 4-2110 or Edgewater 4-0330. (u)

105-98261-5 encl.p.6
(39)

By letter dated 11/9/61, the AAG advised that the Department of Justice was soliciting the views of CIA with respect to the CACA (105-102448) and certain individuals identified as representatives of the group. (u)

CIA by letter dated 10/25/61 furnished information on the representatives of this group, namely, Joseph Cardoso, Dr. Orlando Bosch and Major Evelio Duque. CIA advised that Major Duque was of interest to their agency but that they had no interest at that time in Bosch or Cardoso. (u)

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105-102448-9 p.1
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According to a Bureau memo, on 11/28/61, the Department of Justice announced the creation of a special committee of anti-Castro leaders to help screen security risks among Cuban refugees. Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila was among the members of this committee. A summary of information appearing in Bureau files concerning Bosch was set out.

Attached to this memo is an INS report which contains background concerning the formation of this committee. Bosch attended meetings of above special committee in the office of INS District Director, Miami, on 11/8, 11/9, 11/15 and 11/16/61.

(INS report enclosed)
105-93163-428 encl.p.2
(13,38)

On 11/29/61, Ray Dubois, (protect identity), CIA, Miami, Florida was contacted regarding the activities of Dr. Orlando Bosch, who reportedly had come into a sum of money and had become active and interested in setting up a radio network between the US and certain unknown points in Cuba. (X)(u)

Dubois advised that CIA was aware of certain activities of Bosch and that Bosch was at that time engaged in training a group of radio operators who would be placed in the underground in Cuba. (X)(u)

109-584-3045 p.2
(44)

A review of INS file concerning Claudio Vito Alberto Torres y de la Vega (105-104085) revealed that Orlando Bosch Avila was among those who sent a letter (date not given) to INS which urged the release of Torres from the INS detention facility at Miami, Florida. Torres who was to be deported had been transferred to Miami, Fla. from El Paso, Texas on 11/2/61.

105-104085-7 p.7
(14,40)

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William Johnson, airplane pilot and automobile salesman, 1271 N.W. 180th Terrace, Miami, Florida, advised that he had been contacted by Frank Anthony Sturgis on 6/1/64, regarding a set of questions Sturgis wanted Johnson to show to Dr. Orlando Bosch, in connection with an investigation by the Department of Defense concerning an alleged air raid over Cuba on 5/25/64. Johnson was of the opinion that Sturgis might ingratiate himself in some way with Bosch.

Johnson stated that he showed the questions to Bosch, and Bosch indicated he thought the whole thing was a fraud. According to Johnson, Bosch had no faith or trust in Sturgis.

This serial indicated that Sturgis was head of the organization known as the International Anti-Communist Brigade, and also indicated that above alleged flight had been determined to be a hoax.

109-584-3960 p.9
(45)

PSI Arturo Gonzalez Gonzalez (protect identity) on 7/16/64 made available information pertaining to the activities of members of the "Secret Organization of Continental Action" (OSAC) (105-131113). Gonzalez stated that Nelson Rodriguez may have contacted Marcelino Garcia, an associate of Dr. Orlando Bosch of MIRR, concerning torpedos which MIRR had built in the past.

This serial revealed that Nelson Rodriguez was identical to Nelson Iglesias Catala, a Cuban exile associated with the OSAC.

105-131113-6 p. H
(42)

On 9/9/64, Ramon Font Saumel, 1184 N.W. 37th St., Miami, Florida advised that he continued to be one of the military leaders of "Comandos L" (105-117222), an anti-Castro organization which conducted raids in the past against Cuba. (u)

Font advised that several months previously, "Comandos L" signed a military pact with the MIRR. This pact was promoted by Pedro Muinas, Civilian Coordinator of "Comandos L," and Orlando Bosch. The military leaders of "Comandos L" agreed to go along with this (u)

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97-4474-111 p.1-3	(4,26)
-116 p.1,2	(5,26)
-118 encl.p.1,2	(5,27)
-119 p.1	(5,27)
-122 encl.p.1-3	(5,27)
-124 encl.p.1	(27)
-126 p.2,3,4	(27)
-129 encl.p.1	(5,27)
-130 p.2,4	(27)
-132 encl.p.1-3,5,7-11	(5,27)
-143 p.1-3	(28)
-145 p.1	(5,28)
-147 encl.p.1,3,6,10-12	(6,28)
-153 p.1	(6,28)
-158 encl.p.1-3	(6,28)
105-114543-149 p.2	(14,41)
105-126660-21 encl.p.1,2	(42)
109-584-3884 p.15	(16,45)
-3976 p.12,13	(16,45)
-4069 p.4-6,25	(16,45)
-4114 p.9,10	(16,45)

Alberto Sune, PSI (protect identity), who was active in Cuban exile activity in Miami, advised that on 11/29/64, Dr. Manuel Urrutia Lles, the first Cuban President under Fidel Castro, currently in exile at NYC and head of the "Alianza Revolucionaria Democratica" (ARD) (105-134875), assisted by Jesus Dieguez Llamazares, a close associate of Dr. Urrutia, visited Dr. Orlando Bosch in Miami, Florida. Dr. Urrutia subsequently indicated that he did not desire to receive the MIRR into the ARD.

MM-974-S advised that Dr. Urrutia had apparently declined admission to the ARD of the MIRR, headed by Bosch. (S)(U)

105-134875-5 p.4,5
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MM-776-S on 9/23/64 advised that Dr. Virgilio Sanchez Acejo, 334 S.W. 8th Ave., Miami, Florida, leader of the "Instituto Cubana De La Democracia" (Cuban Institute of Democracy), several associates, and the organization "Armed Forces of Cuba in Exile," were interested in overthrowing the dictatorship of President Duvalier of Haiti, establishing a military base in Haiti for use by anti-Castro forces, and setting up a Cuban Government in exile at Port-au-Prince. Dr. Sanchez, according to this informant, stated that after the overthrow of the Duvalier government, Dr. Orlando Bosch would be the Minister of Health in the new government. (u)

97-4691-4 encl.p.2
(36)

MM-776-S on 12/23/64, advised that to his knowledge Orlando Bosch and his group, the MIRR, had not been active in any plans to overthrow the government of Haiti in recent weeks. (u)

97-4691-7 encl.p.4
(36)

Teodoro Enrique Casado Cuervo, a Cuban exile in Puerto Rico, (protect identity), on 3/1/65 advised that Orlando Bosch of the MIRR was recently in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, conferring with persons in an attempt to set up a base in the Dominican Republic. According to source, Bosch was in Puerto Rico for a day or so trying to raise money. (no further details)

105-114543-231 encl.p.1,2
(41)

Enrique Chau Espinosa (105-144627) on 10/14/65 made available information pertaining to his knowledge of Chinese Communist activities in Miami, Florida. In this connection Chau stated that two Chinese Cubans who owned and operated the Pekin Restaurant were communists. His reason for stating this was that at least one Cuban exile group had asked for a contribution of funds to wage war against Castro, and had been refused.

With regard to the above incident, MM-365-S, who was acquainted with Orlando Bosch and members of the MIRR, advised on 3/11/65 that the above restaurant and home of the two Chinese Cubans had been

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searched, based on charges by the MIRR that those individuals were communists and trafficked drugs. The reason for the denouncement was that these individuals refused to contribute to Bosch and his MIRR.

105-144627-2 p.7
(43)

This reference sets out a list of Cuban exiles involved in plans for a coup in Guatemala. Among those names listed was that of Evelio Alpizar Perez who was described as having been associated with Orlando Bosch Avila. (CIA - Late March, 1965) ~~(S)~~ (u)

2-1901-11 p.2
(1,21)

Francisco Rodriguez Tamayo, PSI (protect identity) on 4/13/65 advised that Everett Dennis Jackson (105-126660) during 1964 was associated with members of the MIRR, which organization was interested in Jackson's plans to parachute into Cuba to take photographs.

According to this informant, Jackson also had made plans sometime in April, 1965, to drop a bomb on Cuba. This informant stated that the MIRR as an organization had nothing to do with this planned flight and that Orlando Bosch had severed relations with Jackson. Bosch considered him an unreliable adventurer.

105-126660-22 encl.p.2,3
(42)

On 4/1/65 the State Department made available Biographic Data Reports on Cuban Exiles. One of these reports concerned Orlando Bosch Avila which set out description, background and personal data concerning Bosch. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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CIA advised that as of late May, 1965, the "Libertarios" (105-143898) was interested in aligning itself with the MIRR, which was headed by Orlando Bosch Avila. (X)(u)

105-143898-4 encl.p.1
(15,43)

In connection with the above, on September 15 and November 30, 1965, MM-635-S, who was in contact with Bosch, advised that he had never heard of "The Libertarios," and possessed no knowledge that it had any connection with the MIRR. (X)(u)

On September 23 and November 24, 1965, Orlando Rego (protect identity), accountant for the MIRR, advised that he had never heard of the "Libertarios," and knew of no relationship between that organization and the MIRR. He stated that on various occasions Bosch had negotiations with other organizations, but never aligned himself with any of them because Bosch was too egotistical to surrender any of the publicity he received as chief of the MIRR.

105-143898-6 p.1
(43)

On 4/19/65, Everett Dennis Jackson (105-126660) advised that he intended to maintain contact with Orlando Bosch to determine if any future attacks were being planned against Cuba. Jackson stated he would offer his services to Bosch as a pilot.

On 4/27/65 Jackson reported that he had made arrangements to meet Bosch and other MIRR members at the MIRR office in Miami, Florida.

It was determined that Jackson was the only one who showed up at the MIRR office on 4/27/65 (Fisur).

PSI Frank Rodriguez advised on 5/7/65 that Jackson was in contact with Ramon Baz, 900 block of S.W. 31st Ave., Miami (not further identified), relative to a bombing mission to Cuba but Bosch was not interested. According to the informant Bosch did not trust Jackson.

Customs Agent, Al Yarborough stated on 5/7/65 that he had been in contact with Jackson with the purpose of developing evidence of violation of the Neutrality Law on the part of Bosch and members of the MIRR.

105-126660-24 p.1,2,3
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Sergeant Joseph Fernandez, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dade County Sheriff's Office, Dade County, Florida, advised that Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila would attend and allegedly attempt to create disorder at the "Students For a Democratic Society" (100-439048) sponsored "Teach-in" at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, during the evening of 5/11/65.

MM-635-S advised on 5/10/65, that Bosch was head of the MIRR. According to this source, Bosch had recently acquired explosives and other ingredients that are used to fabricate bombs. Bosch acquired this material for attacks on Cuba. (u)

Bosch was contacted by officers of the Coral Gables Police Department at which time Bosch stated that he planned to attend the "Teach-in" on 5/11/65; however, while there the only manner in which he would express his protest would be by carrying a placard. (Assistant Chief of Police, Del Edwards)

Chief Edwards on 5/12/65 advised that the "Teach-in" had proceeded in a peaceful manner and no incidents had occurred.

100-439048-199

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100-439048-29-9 encl.p.1

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The following references pertain to the activities, contacts and close associates of Orlando Bosch Avila from 1/17/65 through 5/12/65 in connection with his position as leader of the MIRR in Miami, Florida. Included in these references is information concerning reported air raids on Cuba; Bosch's contacts with pilots to fly bombing missions; Bosch's contacts with individuals skilled in small boat operations, requesting them to cooperate with the MIRR in a maritime project in the Bahamas; and Bosch's activities in connection with a fund raising for the MIRR. Interviews with various individuals regarding Bosch and the operations of the MIRR also included in these references.

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2-1900-7 p.3*

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97-4474-167 p.1-4

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-174 p.1,2

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On 9/7/65 it was reported that the above meeting was not considered to be successful, that the attendance was very poor. (PSI Conrado Marrero, protect identity; TP-59-S and TP-174-S) ~~(S)~~ (u)

105-112098-639 p.1
(40)

On 9/17/65 MM-635-S advised that Herminio Diaz, 732 N.W., 3rd St., was acquainted with Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the MIRR, and that one of Diaz's friends had been observed by this informant in the office of the MIRR in Miami, Florida on at least one occasion. MM-635-S further advised that the MIRR had been making plans for a raid against Cuba, and allegedly possessed some arms. This informant was unable to determine if the MIRR had a joint interest with Diaz in any kind of boat. ~~(S)~~ (u)

This serial indicated that Diaz was a Cuban, currently living at 732 N.W., 3rd St., Miami, who had an interest in a boat, which he was suspected of planning to use in some sort of clandestine revolutionary operation against Cuba.

92-6692-44 encl.p.3,4
(2,23)

The following references pertain to the activities and contacts of Orlando Bosch Avila from July, 1965, through October, 1965, in connection with his position as leader of the MIRR, in Miami, and Tampa, Florida. This information includes in detail the bombing of the Spanish vessel "Satrustegui" on 10/9/65 in San Juan, Puerto Rico; plans of sabotage on vessels trading with Cuba; acquiring of weapons to be used in air and sea attacks on Cuba. Interviews with Bosch and others in connection with their activities in the MIRR, as well as MIRR by laws and financial data set out. Also included is information developed concerning the dissension among MIRR members who questioned Bosch's leadership and who wanted him replaced, and contacts and activities of Bosch with the anti-Castro organization RECE.

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2-1622-292 encl.p.2

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MM-974-S on 10/30/65, advised that he had learned from a close associate (name not given) of Orlando Bosch, that Bosch had been in contact with leaders of the SNFE, (105-112098) which included Aurelio Nazario Sargen, Armando Fleites, and Dr. Diego Medina. Bosch and the SNFE leaders were in complete disagreement with the policy of the US toward Cuba at that time. (u)

105-112098-656 encl.p.3
(41)

The following references pertain to the activities of Orlando Bosch Avila and the MIRR in connection with plans to blow up the tanker "World Sincerity" while in port in Puerto Rico, during November, 1965. Bosch believed that the tanker was carrying oil destined for Cuba. Information on 11/9/65 revealed that the ship was not on the schedules for Puerto Rico but as of 11/9/65 had cleared New York for a Venezuelan port. (u)

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

45-10533-4 encl.p.1
-7 p.1
-12 p.2

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97-4474-254 encl.p.1
-257 p.1,2
-258 encl.p.1,2

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(9,33)
(9,33)

On 10/16/65 Orlando Bosch Avila stated that MIRR members would attend a conference of Foreign Ministers in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil on 11/17/65. (u)

On 11/5/65 Bosch stated he was trying to arrange travel to the above conference. (CIA) (u)

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