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September 16, 1970

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RE: ROY EMORY HARGRAVES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTER - CUBA

MM T-1, who has been engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past twelve years and who has been closely associated with ROY EMORY HARGRAVES for the past nine years, from 1961 to the present time, has furnished the following information concerning HARGRAVES:

In May, 1961, VINCENT JOSEPH HANARD, Miami private detective, formed a group called the Freedom Fighters. This organization of about fifty men consisted of Cuban exile revolutionaries, American mercenaries and adventurers. The purpose of the group was to invade Cuba and overthrow Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO. HARGRAVES was one of the leading members of this group.

The group dissolved after several months when they realized HANARD had been in a mental institution and was completely psychotic. In 1963, in U. S. District Court, Miami, HANARD was sentenced to two years probation and \$1,000 fine for impersonating a Federal agent.

In November, 1961, HARGRAVES lived at 128 Southwest 8th Street, Miami, with an unidentified American girl. He had long hair, a beard, and was periodically engaged in burglaries. At that time, he was associated

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with ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, the former Cuban senator who had a group of men in Miami who were planning military operations against Cuba.

Also in 1961, HARGRAVES was active with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, an American mercenary in Miami who had formed a group of 20 or 30 men for the purpose of invading Cuba. Most of HEMMING's recruits were military deserters, fugitives, degenerates and psychopaths. HARGRAVES was one of the leading members of HEMMING's group.

On December 4, 1962, HARGRAVES and twelve others were arrested by U. S. Customs Agents at Marathon, Florida, for attempting to illegally export arms to Cuba.

On February 19, 1963, HARGRAVES continued to be unemployed, was involved in burglaries and theft, lived in flophouses, and was eating at the Salvation Army shelter.

During the middle of February, 1963, HARGRAVES invited three other individuals to go on a military mission to Cuba. They recruited eight Cuban exiles and obtained money and weapons from ROLANDO MASFERRER. They left the South Florida area immediately in a small boat.

A few days later, this group arrived at Elbow Cay, Bahamas, and from there, went to the north coast of Cuba, where they hijacked two Cuban Government fishing boats. They took these two fishing boats back to Elbow Cay and HARGRAVES returned to Florida for additional fuel for the boats.

On February 21, 1963, the Cuban Government sent an expedition to Elbow Cay, arrested the eight hijackers and recovered the two Cuban fishing boats.

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On March 10, 1963, HARGRAVES, along with Miami attorney CHARLES ASHMAN, went to Elbow Cay to look for evidence of Cuban Army occupancy of the island. They found no evidence. They did plant some false evidence there and HARGRAVES later furnished ASHMAN with false sworn statements from persons who claimed to have witnessed Cuban Government occupancy of the island. ASHMAN later went to Nassau and London to protest to the British Government. On October 7, 1964, ASHMAN was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Miami on 18 counts of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property and was committed to a mental institution.

ALEXANDER I. ROURKE, a free-lance photographer and adventurer, in 1963 was involved in Cuban revolutionary activity and made illegal airplane flights to Cuba. On September 24, 1963, ROURKE and another man rented a plane in South Florida, flew to Cozumel, Mexico, refueled, and then left for Honduras. They were never heard from again. The insurance carrier which insured the airplane put up \$2500 to search for the missing plane. On November 2, 1963, HARGRAVES, HEMMING and seven others, aboard a chartered DC-3, left South Florida on a search mission. They eventually arrived in Guatemala, where they remained in a drunk and disorderly condition, and were arrested and ordered out of the country. They then returned to the United States.

As of March 10, 1964, HARGRAVES was living at the Barlington Hotel in Miami. Two days previously he, along with another mercenary, a Cuban exile revolutionary named VICENTE (last name unknown), left for the Florida Keys with a boat and a large supply of fuel. They indicated they were going on a mission to Cuba. On March 10, 1964, U. S. Customs Agents seized their fuel

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supply and ordered them not to leave the United States.

On October 22, 1968, the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) center in Long Beach, California, was bombed. The Long Beach Police Department advised that HARGRAVES had been arrested for the bombing and would be formally charged with the bombing on October 23, 1968. The disposition of this charge and arrest is unknown.

On September 13, 1970, MM T-1 advised HARGRAVES publicly states he is involved in a plan to cause military hostilities between the United States and Cuba. He is closely associated in this matter with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING. HEMMING claims the plan is so good that United States intelligence agency officials are now wondering why their operatives on the local level do not aid and support the plan in which HARGRAVES is involved. HEMMING claims that he and HARGRAVES have visited the various Federal enforcement agencies in Miami and they all wholeheartedly agree with and sympathetically support the plan in which HARGRAVES is involved.

MM T-1 furnished the following physical description:

Name	ROY EMORY HARGRAVES
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	February 14, 1940
Place of birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Residence	4615 Southwest 95th Avenue, Miami, Florida
Telephone number	222-4696
Marital status	Married

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Height	5'8"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Military service	Dishonorable discharge from U. S. Army
Citizenship	United States citizen
Occupation	Unemployed - former ironworker

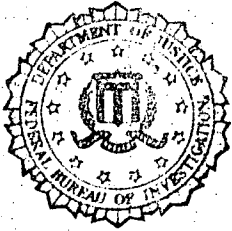
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