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From Secret  
of June 1st

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Copy of Secret and Personal telegram No. 23 of June 4 from  
06 Governor of Bahamas to Colonial Office. 10

By immediate unnumbered telegram of June 3 (which  
please number as Personal No. 22 to Colonial Office and No. 20  
to Washington). 08 10 6<

All eight persons appeared before an expatriate  
magistrate today and pleaded guilty to offences against  
Immigration Act and against Firearms Act. Solicitor  
General outlined facts known to police. Accused were  
represented by Solicitor James Liddell who urged on court  
that accused were on Anguilla Cay because their vessel was  
in distress. Magistrate seems to have accepted this story.  
He fined each accused five pounds on charge under Firearms  
Act and cautioned and discharged them on charge under  
Immigration Act. He ordered that arms and ammunition and  
explosives recovered by Royal Navy be condemned.

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2. Your telegram No. Personal 49 passing No. Personal 7  
from Washington. Cubans have informed Commissioner of Police  
that they are trying to make their vessel seaworthy but that  
if it is not ready for sea by morning of June 5 they will  
charter vessel locally. Their intention is to return to  
Miami and leader of party has said he will go thence to  
Costa Rica. A journey to Puerto Rico in any small vessel  
from here would be hazardous particularly in passage round  
eastern end of Cuban coast. We have no direct connexion  
with Puerto Rico and if Cubans travelled by air they would  
have to go to Miami. I cannot dictate to them where they are  
to go. Sole legal concern of local authorities is to see  
that they leave Bahamas promptly. Failing that they would  
be deported. Despite American request in your telegram  
suggest that it would be most unwise for us to seek to  
arrange any special assistance to get these men to Puerto  
Rico particularly after surprising leniency of magistrate  
which of itself will certainly arouse adverse comment from  
Government of Cuba.

3. Your paragraph 4 enquiring whether Manuelo Ray was  
arrested in party. Leader of party told Head of Special  
Branch privately that he was Ray but this was not admitted  
by others. He was charged in name of Martinez and  
although police think that he may well be Ray, I think  
proper course is to treat him as being Martinez.

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