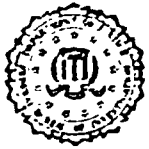


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Re: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION
FORCES (INTERPEN)
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban Revolutionary activities for the past six years and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 2, 1962, advised that a 35-foot Chriscraft motorboat, the "Sally," was rented in Miami on December 2, 1962, for use by Gerald Patrick Hemming, an American adventurer and soldier of fortune.

MM T-1 explained that Hemming and his associates, about thirteen American mercenaries and adventurers, had raised \$200.00 to put down on this boat as a deposit.

On the afternoon of December 2, 1962, the boat left Miami en route to Marathon, Florida, where it will be tied up at Edward Germain's Dock, loaded and outfitted for a military expedition.

On the night of December 3, 1962, Gerald Patrick Hemming and thirteen of his American associates, mercenaries and adventurers, plan to leave Marathon, Florida, for a military operation against Cuba. After they land in Cuba they will split up into different groups, conduct commando raids and thereafter leave Cuba by stealing a Cuban fishing boat and going to Cay Sal, Bahama Islands, just north of Cuba. From there they plan to obtain transportation back to the United States.

MM T-1 advised that Hemming planned to take automatic weapons on this military expedition and had already obtained one Thompson sub-machine gun.

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MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past five years, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 29, 1962, advised that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING continues to be the head of the INTERPEN, and that day met with ANTONIO DE VARONA, the head of Rescate Democratico Revolucionario, a Cuban anti-CASTRO organization which has a considerable following in the Miami, Florida, Metropolitan area.

HEMMING invited VARONA to participate in military training, to which VARONA stated he would not sponsor or participate in any military training or action without United States Government approval.

Later that day, HEMMING met with SAM BENTON, a private investigator in Miami, who stated he was disappointed that HEMMING had not yet sunk the thirty-foot Chris Craft cabin cruiser "Outlaw VI," and that he had other boats lined up to be sunk. MM T-1 explained that the owners of these boats would receive the insurance for their loss, and HEMMING would be paid for sinking the boats.

MM T-1 advised that on October 8, 1962, HEMMING continued the operation of his military training camp at No Name Key, Florida, and that FARRIS BRYANT, Governor of Florida, had been invited, and accepted an invitation to visit the training camp. However, on September 28, 1962, a representative of the governor called HEMMING, and said that because of the racial strife situation in Mississippi, the governor would not be able to visit the training camp.

MM T-1 on October 15, 1962, advised that AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO, the head of the Triple A, a Cuban anti-CASTRO organization, had contacted HEMMING, and stated he wanted some members of the Triple A given military training at

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HEMMING's camp. On October 12, 1962, a group of Cubans was taken to the training camp, where CHARLES BONNAV, a photographer for "Time" and "Life" Magazines took a number of photographs that are expected to be published some time later in some news media.

On October 18, 1962, CESAR DIOSDADO, United States Customs Agent, Key West, Florida, advised that on September 16, 1962, he had gone to No Name Key in the Florida Keys and determined that the following individuals had joined the group of men headed by GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, who are training on the key.

No 201 ✓ TOM DUNCAN - owner of a newspaper in Florida Bay, Florida. DUNCAN appears to be handling publicity and public relations for the group;

No 201 ✓ JOE CAVENDISA GORMAN
Date of birth, February 3, 1930, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Residence, 1925 S. W. 4th Street, Miami, Florida;

No 201 ✓ WILLIAM EASTON SEYMOUR, Date of birth, January 12, 1937, Fort Benton, Montana. Residence, 220 N. W. 8th Avenue, Miami, Florida;

No 201 ✓ NELSON RODRIGUEZ SANTANA, Date of birth, November 1, 1942, Punta Brava, Havana, Cuba. Residence, Hotel Palacio, Room 904, Miami, Florida. Receiving refugee payments. Alien Registration Number A 12 818 639;

No 201 ✓ JOSE DIAZ CABRERA, Date of birth, April 27, 1942, Punta Brava, Havana, Cuba. Residence, Hotel Palacio, Room 904, Miami, Florida;

No 201 ✓ ELIO SANTANA MORENO, Date of birth, July 5, 1933, Punta Brava, Cuba. Residence, Hotel Palacio, Room 904, Miami, Florida. Receiving refugee payments. Alien Registration Number A 12 834 574.

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DIOSDADO advised he had gone to No Name Key on October 16, 1962, and determined that the following additional men had joined the group.

No 201
JAMES ARTHUR LEWIS, Date of birth, March 29, 1933, San Francisco, California. Seaman's Card Z-1119-452. Claims to be former U. S. Marine, U. S. Marine Corps Number 1558872. No current residence;

No 201
LAURENCE DON CRAIG, Date of birth, December 17, 1934, Hiawatha, Kansas, residence, 287 Sanchez Street, Apartment 3, San Francisco, California;

No 201
MANUEL ENRIQUE BORREGO PUPO, Date of birth, September 12, 1939, Puerto Padre, Oriente, Cuba. Residence, 417 N. E. 38th Street, Miami, Florida. Receiving refugee relief payments;

No 201
ISRAEL CISNEROS SANCHEZ, Date of birth, June 18, 1936, Santiago de Cuba, Oriente, Cuba. Residence, 527 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida. Arrived Miami four months ago - receiving Cuban relief payments;

No 201
SERGIO ROJRA GONZALEZ, Date of birth, November 26, 1942, Regla, Havana, Cuba. Residence, 348 N. E. 27th Street, Miami, Florida. Receiving Cuban relief payments;

No 201
EDWARD WILLIAM BRANTIS, Date of birth, June 10, 1943, Syracuse, New York, 2797 Route 174, Marietta, New York.

On October 17, 1962, MM T-1 advised that on October 11, 1962, twelve members of Triple A, anti-CASTRO organization, went to the training camp and posed for military pictures, and that R. K. AGNEW, Box 1942, Marathon, Florida, another photographer, also took a number of photographs of the Cubans receiving training.

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MM T-1 advised that on October 13, 1962, a news photographer from Cincinnati, Ohio, appeared at the training camp and wanted to take pictures, and at that time, there were between twenty and twenty-five Cuban exiles receiving military training with about eight Americans as instructors. The news photographer was subsequently identified as MARK LANDSMAN of television station KYW, Cleveland, Ohio, who also represented the Westinghouse Broadcasting System. MM T-1 explained that LANDSMAN took a number of movie pictures that were to be later seen in Cleveland, Ohio, and it would be claimed that these were revolutionary combat pictures taken inside Cuba.

On October 29, 1962, MM T-1 advised that on October 26, 1962, most of the Americans at the training camp had returned to Miami, withdrew whatever money they had in the bank, packed the rest of their belongings, and had a total of between \$500.00 and \$600.00. They planned to borrow or rent a boat, and thereafter go on a military expedition to Cuba.

INTERFEN plans to go in two groups, each group containing about five men, and when they arrive in Cuba, they will separate. They plan to participate in guerrilla warfare and demolitions for a period of from one to two weeks, and then steal any available boat and go to Cay Sal, Bahamas, where they can easily be rescued by the United States Coast Guard.

On November 13, 1962, MM T-1 advised that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING and his American companions are presently extremely anxious to launch a military attack against Cuba and are in possession of a Thompson submachine gun, some rifles, a case of dynamite, and have access to a twenty mm. semi-automatic cannon.

WILLIAM THIES, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the distributor of Miller's High Life beer, recently donated \$300.00 worth of food and a sixteen-foot outboard motor boat to HEMMING's group to be used at the training camp. It is expected that on November 16, 1962, he will make available to HEMMING's group a new thirty-five foot Chris Craft cabin cruiser, the "High Life." HEMMING said he

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plans to have FELIFE VIDAL SANTIAGO, a Cuban refugee formerly in the Cuban Navy, operate the boat, and they plan to go to Cuba in the near future.

On November 14, 1962, MM T-1 advised that HEMMING stated that his group would probably depart from near Marathon, Florida, and would defy United States Border Patrol or the United States Customs Agents if the federal government tried to stop them from going on a military expedition. HEMMING and his group said that they would return fire on any federal government group that tried to stop them, including the United States Navy.

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