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II. Summary of Contact:

On May 18, 19 and June 1, I reviewed the files of Orlando Bosch Avila and the Cuban organization which he headed, Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR).

It should be noted that on pages 8 and 9 of the MIRR review, items 3, 4, and 5 contain information about Frank Fiorini which is of interest to this committee.

III. Recommended Follow-up (if any):

Betty Palmer

Misc. References -- Access only

- 1.) Cable from Buenos Aires to Director - 14 Aug. '77.
AUSA Propper going to Venezuela to interview Bosch re captioned assassination. (CHILBOM: PFO MURDER; EID; OJJ; OO: 219) (pp. 6 Venezuela denied Propper direct access to Bosch but Bosch has been allowed to be interviewed by reporters. Bosch has been mentioned constantly in captioned matter, too often for him not to be directly or indirectly involved (in sender's opinion).)
pp. 1&2

Propper should request documents given by DINA to Bolando Otero Hernandez with regard to assassination of Luis Andres Pascual Allende in Costa Rica. Also, Propper should get info on June 1976 CORU meeting in Dominican Republic.

One of possible motives for Letelier assassination was revenge against Chilean government by Cuban exiles for delivery to FBI of Otero, which was viewed by Cuban exiles as betrayal of their cause.

Letelier's assassination may have been conceived at June 1976 meeting. Joel Dionisio Suarez Esquivel proposed there that each group be represented in a military coordination group and first meeting should be in Florida on 6/27/76 at a location selected by Armando Lopez Estrada of 2506 Brigade. Dr. Juan Pulido proposed that Morales be assassinated but Legat B.A. doesn't believe it was because of his betrayal of Bosch 10 years ago--rather his betrayal of Otero.

- 2.) Cable from B.A. to Dir. 23 Sept. '77.

many deletions
Suarez arrived in Chile one day after Bosch and Guillermo Novo and Dr. Orlando Fernandez and he departed with Guillermo Novo en route to Columbia.

Ejercito Secreto De Cuba (ESC) believed to be anti-Castro Cuban exile group affiliated with URO (United Revolutionary Organization). URO formed of 5 terrorist groups in June 1976 D.R. meeting and under leadership of

O.B. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police memo dtd. 10/6/76.)



Ejercito
 Secreto ← Symbol
 De Cuba

- 3.) Attack on U.S. Embassy in Ottawa in 66/67 and Cuban Commercial Office in Montreal carried out by Joven Cuba - group of young fascists who had formerly been allied to Carlos Prio and a group of Ramiro de la Fe; a Bay of Pigs invador. (Allegation made in press conference of Carlos Rivero Collado over Radio Havana Cuba, circa Jan. 1975.

Cuban Secret Government is a terrorist gang of former 1968 Cuban Power and ARA-MIRR members. In Nov. 1973, they planned to assassinate U.N. Ambassador Ricardo Alarcon Quesada.

Among these terrorist groups, there are coordinators, cell chiefs and cell members.

Cuban Nationalist	---	Felipe Rêviro Diaz
Movement and Zero Group	---	Guillermo Novo Sampol
Cuban Secret Gov't.	---	Hector A. Fabian Francisco Hernandez Guillermo Miguel
Cuban Action	---	Orlando Bosch Avila Antonio Calatayud
Cuban National Liberation Front	---	Ramon Orozco Crespo Angel J. Ferrer Frank Castro Humberto Lopez Alfredo Sayuz Gustavo Marin Duarte
Former Bay of Pigs Cell Chiefs	---	Luis Acevedo Edwin Gonzalez Guido Sanz y Perez de Villa

Rêviro Collado claims Manuel Artime was an active participant in Watergate break-in. Also involved Mike Suarez

Fernandez. Claims Cuban Liberation Front participated in Watergate Conspiracy. Also Bebe Rebozo and Edgardo Buttari.

- 4.) Memo - first page missing -- informant info.
RE: Frank Castro & FLNC. Castro says FLNC should concentrate on plans to bomb Cuban embassies. Castro has passes to military bases in D.R. Castro says Raul Cabrera has all FLNC equipment and only he (Cabrera) knows where it is hidden. Says he can easily transport explosives due to his excellent contacts in Dominican Air Force.

- 5.) Cable from B.A. to Dir. dtd. Jan. 28, 1977.
Bosch, utilizing Pedro Antonio Pena identify, entered Chile from Peru 12/3/74.
Female source says he left Dec. 28, 1975--was using Pena identity.

CIA advised(about 4 lines)

Obviously Delgado would have valuable information concerning Cuban exile contacts who visited Bosch in Santiago during year he was there. Legat B.A. will show photos to Delgado.

Bosch resided at San Barja Towers and this apartment building has been identified as one of DINA locations.
(More CIA deletion - 2 lines)

- 6.) Cable from Caracas to Dir. 241700Z Sept. '76.
Bosch confides to intimates that Novo brothers planned Letelier murder for DINA.

Frank Castro, CORU leader, failed to travel to Caracas and join Bosch 9/19/76 as planned. Left Managua, Nicaragua for Miami 9/12/76. Returned to D.R. and proceeded to San Juan P.R. on 9/17/76, back to D.R. on 9/20. To proceed to Caracas on 9/24.

CORU planning to kidnap a Mexican diplomat to force release of jailed CORU members Oresta Ruiz Hernandez and Jaspas Eugenio Jimenez. (source information)

- 7.) Cable from Caracas
9/17/76 rec'd.
Bosch arrived Caracas 9/12 from Nicaragua, using passport issued to Carlos Luis Paniagua Mendez. Also has Chilian passport--Hector Emilio D'Avanzo Cintolecci.
- 8.) Report from San Juan dtd. March 21, 1977
Brigade 2506 is one of 5 original groups that make up CORO. Informant said Roberto Carballo, Pres. of Brigade, issued press release condemning terrorist acts of CORO and "El Condor." Criticism could stem from need to publicly disclaim association. Carballo hinted he may withdraw from group but Armando Lastra, 2506 leader in Puerto Rico, unaware of any such plans.

An informant said Miami people connected with Pragmatistas recently in P.R. attempting to identify informants with in CORU. Pragmatistas connected with numerous political Rellingo in Miami.
- 9.) Cable from Caracas to Director - 22 Sept. '76.
Bosch feeding misinformation to Oscar Angulo because Angulo is known as an informer to law enforcement authorities. Bosch said Angulo was the "Mister X" who furnished info on Bosch during his trial in Miami.
Informant said Frank Castro could give him name of other CORU member suspected of being an informant.
- 10.) Cable from Caracas to Director - 4 Oct. '76.
Frank Castro in Caracas. Says Angulo only CORU informant. Denied CORU plans to kill informants.
- DE RUE A 11/A #39443162356
- 11.) Cable from CIA to FBI dtd. 11 Nov. 1976. Cite CIA 941916
Sub: Travel of Eulalio Francisco (Frank) Castro Paz
Official Dominican Service reported Castro, affiliated with CORU, arried Santa Dominto from Madrid on 11/7/76, Iberia #979.

Noted Cubana airlines office in Madrid bombed on 7 Nov. '76 at 0200 hours and Iberia #979 for S.D. departed Madrid at 0155 hrs. same day. Have no info Castro involved.

Info concerns a U.S. person who reportedly is involved in international terrorist activities abroad.

DE RUEAIM 5879 363 2056

- 12.) CIA Cable to FBI. 28 Dec. '76. Cite CIA 963642
Info. from Frank Castro re: Activities of CORU.
(a) According to official Costa Rican service, Castro
in C.R. Dec. 13-18, 1976, said he was Chief of operations
of CORU but not in C.R. to undertake terrorist acts.
CORU had a pact with Pres. Carlos Andres Perez of
Venezuela not to undertake terrorist acts in C.R.,
Nicaragua, Guatemala or Venezuela in return for safe
passage for O. Bosch in March 1976.
Bombs in San Jose, C.R. on 24 Aug. '76 were placed
by CORU Command Unit - lack of CORU coordination resulted
in this error.
Parama not included in agreement because it has
become transfer point for Castro-Cuban subversives.
- 13.) FBI report dtd. Dec. 14, 1976. Re: Ignacio Roberto
Novo Sampol
Interviewed on 10/21/76 re:
Letelier Murder on 9/21/76.

Novo says Frank Castro invited CNM reps (Cuban Nationalist
Movement) to meeting in Santo Domingo but CNM did not
trust Castro. Some of their members attended independently,
Novo thinks Morales and Bosch both Castro agents.
- 14.) Feb. 13, 1976 Cable from USSS says extremely reliable
confidential informant of Dade Cty. Publ. Safety Dept.
just returned from So. America reported info of alleged
attempt to be made on life of Henry Kissinger. Informant
reportedly very close to Orlando Bosch.
- 15.) Correlation Summary dtd 9/21/67.
#105-141949-4
Subject: Orlando Bosch Avila
Bosch and Varona met in NYC on 6/3-4/67 with Novo
brothers to discuss future plans of anti-Castro Cubans
and plans centered in Canada.
- 16.) Report from Miami dtd. May 8, 1975
Subject: Dunney Pio Perez Alamo
Formerly with Cuban Revolutionary Army, associated with
Hubert Matos. Collecting money for Bosch in 1975.

- 17.) Memo titled: Anto-Castro Activities by SA Robert James Divyer, dtd. 8/12/75.

I Bombings and Terrorism

On 8/6/75, stick of dynamite went off in parking lot of offices of "Revista" Magazine. Little damage and authorities speculate Max Lesnik himself exploded dynamite for publicity purposes.

- 18.) Report dtd: Apri. 28, 1967

Frank Angelo Fiorini

Orlando Bosch Avila

etc.

Info. that Fiorini going to Mexico to blow up a Cuban ship, possibly in Veraeruz, Mexico. Accompanied by his son, Ronald Edward Thompson and Donald Francis Roche.

Thompson supplied following information:

Fiorini planned bombing with O. Bosch head of MIRR. Bombs were inside panels of rear doors of Fiorini's car. While in Mexico, Fiorini wired for and received \$200 from Bosch. Buried explosives between Cuidad Mante and Cuidad Victoria. Thompson and Fiorini and Bosch met at Golden Fontain restaurant about 3 times during first week of April, 1967.

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Miscellaneous References

- 1.) Report dtd. 11/29/76 from Miami
Re: Roberto Carballo Diaz

States 2506 Brigade is part of CORU. Action was taken in concurrence with Directorate of Brigade 2500, of which Armando Lopez Estrada is a part--Lopez Estrada is military director.

Carbello says he is aware of fact that Ruiz and Jimenez arrested in Mexico and charged with attempt to kidnap Cuba's Consul in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico in July '76. Denied any prior knowledge of this act. Would not say who was supporting Ruiz/Jimenez. A Cuban national was killed in kidnapping attempt.

Says he knows of an organization called FLNC but would not comment as to its members.

Informant (2506 member) says Carballo and Armando Lopez Estrada have aligned themselves with CORU and other Brigade members opposed to this cooperation with a terrorist group and were considering challenging Carballos' leadership.

- 2.) Report from Miami 8/25/76.

Teofilo Babun advised FBI he was close friend of Admiral Cesar Dewint of D.R. When Babun came to Miami as exile in 1962, he contacted Dewint and obtained franchise to operate cargo vessels between U.S. & D.R. Babun is a D.R. citizen. Said Frank Castro married Deivent's daughter and lives in D.R. Babun's nephew in business with Castro in D.R. Castro and Babun travel to D.R. together in Babuns' Lockheed Lodestar.

Castro advised FBI on 10/8/75 he leader of FLNC, closely associated with Dominican Air Force, teaches parachuting. States he was not involved in bombing of Dominican Consulate in Miami in Oct. 1975.

Ships owned by Babun have been used to carry supplies for raiding parties and to transport Cuban exiles going to D.R. for clandestine purposes. Also, his ships have been used by terrorist infiltration teams which have entered Cuba.

Humberto Lopez Nunez, FLNC terrorist, is fugitive of U.S. and lived with Castro in D.R.

On 9/27/75, two bombings in Bogato, Columbia for which FLNC claimed credit. Castro told FBI he had been in Bogata and spoke knowledgeably of bombings.

- 3.) Report from Miami, 9/14/76. Re: CORU.

Frank Castro has formed a satellite organization to carry out terrorist activities in U.S. In Miami the Calandestine cell will be called Youth of the Star and in N.Y. called F-14. Castro pointed out that terrorist activity in U.S. beneficial to CORU must be claimed by these secret cells, but CORU must publicly condemn these actions. (informant info).

- 4.) Cable from Buenos Aires to Dir. Jan. 13, 1977. CIA secured info that after Letelier murder, Directorate General of Investigations (DGI) started investigation into activities of Orlando Bosch during his 1975 stay in Santiago. CIA reported that Director of DINA was instrumental in stopping the DGI investigation and prohibiting Chilean officials from discussing case with any Americans. Jamie Vasquez Alcaino, Director of Interpol Section of Chilean Investigations (I.C.) reflected that DINA director might well have briefed the President Pinochet Bosch's connections with Chilean Air Force Intelligence Services and that Chilean gov't. might easily be indicted by inference with Letelier assassination.

Pages and Pages of CIA deletions--also St. Dept. 1977.

- 5.) Report from Miami 3/24/77 Re: Accion Cubana (AC)

Informant says Gaspar Jimenez made two attempts to sabotage and blow up Cubana Airline planes in summer of 1976 in Panama and Kingston, Jamaica.

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Miscellaneous References

Index of anti-Castro organizations dated 12/8/60
#109-584 526(?)

p.37 - MIRR - Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria

Formed in early August 1960 when four army officers and 100 men deserted and left for Las Villas mountains under Capt. Quino Membrive. Claim 30 more officers and 300 men ready to join them. In August, Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila, ex-chief of 26th of July Movement in Las Cillas and MIRR delegate in exile, issued a call for Rebel Army men to desert. Victor Manuel Paneque allegedly has assumed military leadership of this group, which is now part of the AL (Alianza de Liberacion).

August 21, 1964 - Report from Miami re: Commandos L

Commandos L has military agreement with MIRR. Both organizations have temporarily suspended all pending military operations against Cuba, while Commandos L negotiates for a base in the Dominican Republic.

MIRR

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1. Cable to Director from Miami dated 11/2/60
Bosch says objectives of MIRR are:

1. defection of army officers and men
2. sabotage throughout Cuba
3. isolation of Cuba by all countries of the Americas
4. intense propaganda abroad.

Bob Hopkins, CIA-Miami, says they have no operational or other interest in Bosch. Unverified reports they have received indicate Paneque is a Castro agent. (Notation says ONI informed FBI they have no operational interest in Paneque, but he was in for an interview.)

2. November 20, 1960 - Cable to Director from Miami

Alexander I. Rorke, aka Alex Rourk, is informant for FBI -- having been previously employed by them for six months in NYC as a clerk. Rorke scheduled to depart with Paneque on boat -- mission sponsored by MIRR. Transporting weapons and radio equipment into Cuba. Boat probably was Jolly Roger III. Customs and Border Patrol alerted.

3. Report from Miami dated January 23, 1961
#62-3583

Informant states Frank Fiorini presently cooperating and associating with Paneque and Bosch and that MIRR is establishing training camp in Florida and anticipates military expedition in Cuba in near future.

4. January 19, 1961 - Cable to Director from Miami

Bosch tells authorities he wishes to cooperate with U.S. government. Informant advised that Paneque was going to be placed in Cuba through Guantanamo Bay sometime soon by "the Americans" -- not further identified.

CIA advises FBI "that it has absolutely no operational interest in MIRR or Frank Anthony Sturgis, aka Fiorini."

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Bosch estimates strength of MIRR in Cuba as 700 - 1,000 fighting against Castro. Has a total of 2-4,000 men -- some in each province but greatest strength in Santa Clara Province. Members consist of civilians, professional and military men. Only 10-12 members in Miami.

Program of MIRR

1. Immediate removal of all Communists
2. Revision of all laws passed since January 1, 1959
3. Agrarian reform
4. Encouragement of tourist trade
5. Abolition of death penalty
6. Elimination division and class hatred
7. Amnesty for political prisoners
8. Revision of all sentences passed by revolutionary tribunals
9. Revision and study of international policies
10. Revise and reconsider all treaties
11. Protection of private capital, Cuban and foreign
12. Attempt to nationalize foreign industries w/proper payment
13. Abolition of militias, juvenile patrols, etc.
14. Immediate repression of secret police
15. Removal of Communists from the judiciary
16. Reestablishment of freedom of the press
17. Return of property to rightful owners
18. Build up foreign exchange
19. Free elections as soon as possible
20. Respect and protect worker as well as property owner
21. Reparation of injustices committed by Communist regime.

Slogans are "Democracy or death" and "We Give Our Lives to Fight Communism."

6. March 29, 1961 - Memo to Office of Security, Dept. of State
From: John Edgar Hoover - Subject: MIRR

Bosch interviewed by Miami FBI on 3/27/61 and admitted he sent small expedition aboard Jolly Roger on 3/17/61 for purpose of opening another front in Los Organos Hills of Pinar del Rio Province in Cuba. Five men went ashore, including an American, Angus McNair, Jr. Cuban government reported all five were arrested on 3/20/61. Bosch claims his contacts indicate only one Cuban arrested - Gilberto Betancourt.

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5. January 18, 1961 - Report from Miami by George E. Davis, Jr.
Subject: MIRR - 33 pages

Victor Manuel Paneque y Batista, aka "Commandante Diego," arrived U.S. September 3, 1960 after stealing a fishing boat and picked up by U.S. Coast Guard. Said purpose of trip was to solicit aid for MIRR. Paneque joined 26th of July Movement in early 1956 in Cuba and engaged in underground activity against Batista government. Joined Fidel Castro on November 22, 1957 and received commission as Major in Rebel forces.

On 1/1/59 commissioned Major in regular Cuban Army and named Chief of Rural Police until dissolved in April 1959. In July he became Chief of Public Order and served as such until his departure September 1, 1960.

Bosch seeks legal counsel in December 1960 to become registered under Foreign Agents' Registration Act. Bosch
DPOB: August 18, 1926, Las Villas, Cuba
Arrived Miami, July 31, 1958 as a tourist,
suffering bleeding peptic ulcers
Wife: Dr. Myriam Ares Fernandes
Bosch INS #All 881 810
Pediatrician by profession. Graduated University of Havana Medical School 1953; interned at Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio in 1953-54 and served as resident at St. Joseph's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee from 1954-1955.

Named Chief of 26th of July Movement in Las Villas Province on January 1, 1959 when Batista regime collapsed. Resigned three months later when known communist, Calixto Morales, was appointed Military Governor of Las Villas Province.

When he realized Castro government was becoming communistic, he formed MIRR with Joaquin Membribe and Victor Paneque.

Came to U.S. July 30, 1960 as a tourist to serve as Civilian Coordinator of MIRR. Also was his purpose to secure arms and supplies for MIRR in Cuba.

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7. June 9, 1961 - Report from Miami - George E. Davis, Jr.
Subject: MIRR

Informant advises Bosch has shut down radio transmitting equipment in his home and inactive at present time. Hopeful U.S. government will take action against Cuba.

8. June 9, 1961 - Report from Miami contains statement of Bosch denouncing U.S. government for its failure in Bay of Pigs operation and asserts Cubans must help themselves.

States that he and Paneque still friends but Paneque no longer a member of MIRR.

9. January 22, 1962 - Report from Miami

Bosch reports MIRR presently dormant.

10. August 16, 1963 - Cable to Director from Miami

MIRR claims responsibility for bombing of Bolivar Sugar Mill in Camaguey Province. Miami Cubans doubtful as MIRR is not an active group.

11. September 13, 1963

MIRR claims responsibility for bombing Cunagua sugar mill August 15, 1963. On 9/10/63 Bosch advised two planes bombed Jaronu sugar mill from a Central American base on 9/8/63. Said all crew were Cubans -- no American citizens.

12. December 13, 1963 - Report from Miami
Subject: MIRR

U.S. Customs claims Cessna-310 aircraft, N4822B, used on bombing raids over sugar mills in August/September 1963. Plane rented by Jack Benson Griffin of Miami (DOB - 12/4/22). Griffin is a well qualified pilot. Griffin said Bill Johnson instructed him to fly plane to Bimini. Prior to the August 14 flight, Griffin and Johnson met with Orlando Bosch. Griffin left plane on airstrip at Bimini with full tank of fuel. Picked it up next day with nearly empty fuel tank. Repeated this operation August 31, 1963 and September 7, 1963.

Bosch in Chicago circa Sept. 1963 on fund-raising activities. When they get \$20,000 they will move their operation out of the U.S.

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13. December 12, 1963 memo to J. Walter Yeagley from Director states CIA has advised MIRR is not a CIA operation.
14. Information Report from CIA - September 11, 1963
Source: Trained observer with access to wide variety of Cuban exiles. Source is known to most of his contacts as a channel to U.S. Intelligence from Bill Johnson.
Field Comment: Previously reported Cuban exiles may be planning air strike against MIG base in Cuba. Strike to involve 2 rocket-armed aircraft which were to stage from airfield in Georgia used by agriculture fumigation aircraft.

Two aircraft being sold for total sum of \$16,000 to Bill Johnson by Aero Enterprises, Inc. of La Porte, Indiana. Have no equipment and not armed. Johnson has napalm loaded drop tanks which he will attach in La Porte.

15. Information Report from CIA dated 7 and 8 September 1963.
Re: Details on 9/7/63 bombing mission and leaflet drop in Camaguey Province by MIRR.

Bill Johnson, an American, has full control over all MIRR operations. Orlando Bosch supplies the money which he obtains from Chiri Mendoza. Neither Bosch nor Mendoza knows the exact nature of the mission until it has been completed and until they are advised by Johnson.

MIRR has gained confidence over last three raids, but Johnson is a little worried about his next plan because the target is of a military nature and could cause international repercussions and/or bring them under prosecution on the Neutrality Act.

16. Information Report - CIA - September 10, 1963
Source: Cuban exile trained in techniques of information gathering -- unidentified member of MIRR.

Says initial funds for first raid on Camaguey were given to Bosch by Paulino A. Sierra from funds which Sierra has received from U.S. gambling interests in Chicago. (Note: Bosch was in Chicago for fund-raising in September 1963 -- see item 12 of these notes.)

Frank Nelson of Miami area gave Bosch down payment for September 7 raid at a meeting in a Hollywood, Florida motel.

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17. Domestic Intelligence Division - Informative Note
November 13, 1963

President will be in Cape Canaveral 11/16/63 for speech and will spend weekend 11/16-17/63 in Palm Beach and speak in Tampa 11/18/63. Bosch is leading anti-Castro Cuban who has conducted raids against Cuba. We have previously received information anti-Castro Cubans considering picketing President in Florida. We advised Secret Service and White House detail.

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1. Domestic Intelligence Note - 12/28/63 and cable of same date detail planned bombing raid against Cuba by MIRR in boat Ebb Tide.

Person in charge of operation, named Evelio Alpizar Perez, in fact was FBI informant. Bill Johnson involved in this raid. A Piper Aztec plane also involved in plan and U.S. Customs plan to seize it on afternoon of December 29, 1963. FAA also alerted.

2. Report dated 12/18/63 - details plans for raid over Cuba.

Johnson obtained plane. Alpizar flew it in test flight December 16-17. Bombs to be transported by boat to Bimini. Bombing expert is Orlando Ramirez.

Further info in this file on subject raid as follows:
William Johnson - DPOB: February 11, 1931, New York, N.Y.
White male, 6'1", 250 lbs., married, 3 children
Occupation 1963 - Car salesman and airplane pilot - Miami area
Supplied information to CIA in 1963 re MIRR.

3. Information Report - CIA - dated 30 October 1963 - Re: Bill Johnson's proposed use of pilot Harry Manning in Future Independent Air Strikes over Cuba. Report #CS DB-3/658, 401
Date Distr.: 11 December 1963
Field Report No. UFG-4183
Place and Date Acq.: United States, Miami; 14 November 1963
Source: Trained observer with access to a wide variety of Cuban exiles, source is known to most of his contacts as a channel to U.S. Intelligence.
This information was obtained from Frank Fiorini.

On 30 October 1963 Jack Griffin told Frank Fiorini, an American pilot who has been involved in the planning of air strikes over Cuba, that Bill Johnson has decided to use Harry Manning in any future independent raids over Cuba instead of Griffin. Griffin remarked that he has been "burned out" by Johnson who wants to use someone less known than Griffin.

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4. CIA Intelligence Information Cable - 17-19 January 1964
TDCS DB 3/659,217
Distr.: 26 January 1964
Re: Possible Air Strike Against Cuba by the MIRR to
Originate in British Honduras
Source: (Same as #3 above -- Frank Fiorini.)

Since Bosch's raid against Cuba blocked by Customs agents on 31 December '63, Bosch against organizing a new effort. However, on 1/19/64 Bosch raising money for new project. Project to originate from British Honduras.

5. CIA Intelligence Info Cable
23 January 1964
TDCS DB 3/659, 208
Distr.: 25 January 1964
Place: U.S., Miami (24 January '64)
Source: Same as 3 and 4 - Fiorini

Bill Johnson tells Fiorini he wanted to be seen with him over weekend January 25-26 because there would be an air strike over Cuba and Johnson wanted a witness that he was not in the plane. Johnson said pilot would be a Cuban.

6. FBI did mail check on the following in March 1964 to obtain information about their source of funds. Thirty-day check.

MIRR
Laredo Gonzalo Rodriguez
Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila

7. March 26, 1964 - Airtel to Director from SAC, Miami

Outlines reliability of their informant (deleted) in the past and states that Bosch has confidence in him -- a 4-page memo asking headquarters to reconsider "and approve Alpizar for development as a PSI." Wash. denies request on 3/30/64 because he has history of past mental instability and propensity to become involved in anti-Castro matters would make him difficult to control.

8. Report from Miami - March 28, 1964
Subject: MIRR

Informant states MIRR now cooperating with Commandos L which is under leadership of Antonio Cuesta and Ramon Font. Says Bosch interested in long-range plan of establishing base of operations in Dominican Republic.

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9. April 3, 1964 - Memo from J. Walter Yeagley to Director-FBI says CIA informed him on March 30, 1964 that neither MIRR nor Commandos L was CIA operation.
10. Teletype dated 5/11/64 to Director from Miami

Bosch plans joint sea and air attack raid to sink "Las Villas," a Cuban freighter recently departed from France with load of heavy equipment. Attack planned off coast of South Florida. Jerry Fuller, brother of Bobby Fuller who was executed by Fidel Castro, is involved.
11. May 21, 1964 report on MIRR states U.S. Customs seized a homemade torpedo from car of Orlando Bosch on May 12. Source says a floating explosive mine had been transported to Palm Beach to be used against Las Villas.

1. Report from Miami 5/27/64

Las Villas changed its course and did not approach South Coast of Florida -- Bosch calls off planned mission.

2. June 24, 1964 report on MIRR

Informant says Bosch has \$3,000 for another air attack which he hopes to carry out June 27-28, 1964 -- using airstrip in Bahamas. Target is sugar mill near city of Punta Alegre, Camaguey Province.

3. UPI press story reports Ministry of Armed Forces, Cuba announced they had shot down a "pirate" plane which had dropped bombs on a sugar mill. Bosch said he feared it was an MIRR plane.

4. Teletype to Director from Miami - 6/24/64

Informant says plane shot down was sponsored by MIRR and there were no survivors. (Other reports say two crew members hospitalized.)

5. June 30, 1964 - Airtel to Director from Miami

Says Customs placing 24-hour surveillance on Bosch and other leading MIRR personalities anticipating another raid over Cuba might be attempted June 27 or 28.

6. 11/22/64 - Washington Post and Times Herald, Washington, D.C. papers, carried story in which MIRR claimed responsibility of air attack over Cuban baseball stadium in assassination plot against Castro. Castro had not arrived at stadium at time of attack.

7. 1/14/65 - Report from Miami

Informant says Bosch continues as head of MIRR but not operating out of his residence. Planning a bombing raid against Cuba sometime after January 3, 1965. Bosch said MIRR sympathizers in Puerto Rico were contributing to the organization.

8. January 19, 1965 Report from Miami
Subject: MIRR

Miami Herald, on 1/18/65 contained MIR press release in which MIRR claimed a bombing raid against all cane fields from Niagara sugar mill to westernmost regions of island on 1/17/65. Informant doubts press release is true.

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1. Intelligence Information Cable - Feb. 2, 1965
TDCS DB 315/00379-65
Alleged Abortive Air Raid over Cuba by MIRR
Source: Bill Johnson

Jack Wright on first leg of air strike over Cuba when plane crashed and he was killed -- on landing attempt at Freeport, Grand Bahamas Island, February 2, 1965. Wright had flown this plane on January 17, 1965 when MIRR bombed Niagara sugar mill in Pinar del Rio Province.

2. Intelligence Info Cable - 20 February 1965
TDCS DB 315/00652-65
Re: MIRR Intention to Bomb Havana
Source: Bill Johnson

Johnson says Bosch still planning to bomb Havana against Johnson's advice. Johnson admitted his motivation purely mercenary. Says MIRR planes leaving from U.S. -- close to Tampa. Says when he gets plane and pilot, they are contracted for three missions -- are American pilots, since Cuban pilots "don't have the guts." Although Cuba has not acknowledged it, MIRR did raid Bahia Honda on February 13.

3. March 2, 1965 teletype to Washington from Miami

Bosch suspected of sending extortion letter to Julio Cesar Iglesias. He desperately needs money for MIRR.

4. CIA Intelligence Info Cable - 29-30 March 1965
TDCS DB 315/01108-65
Source: Member of Cuban emigree group who provide useful reports

As of 29 March 1965, MIRR had collected \$22,000 in Puerto Rico and planned to bomb a sugar refinery in Cuba. After raid, MIRR will hold press conference and announce formation of a government in arms, possibly represented by Bosch. Such government to be recognized by Dominican Republic.

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5. June 15, 1965 - Radiogram to Director from Miami

Bosch holds press conference and announces he found concealed microphone in his office. Says it was such an elaborate device it must have been placed by agency of U.S. government but did not specify.

Also claimed MIRR responsible for running Cuban vessel "Aracelio Iglesias" aground on June 11 near Panama canal.

6. July 29, 1965 - Report from Tampa, SA William C. Hay

Federal Grand Jury in Tampa meeting on June 23, 1965 indicted Bosch, Jose Diaz Morejon, Marcos Rodriguez Ramos and Gerulio Guterrez on charges of conspiracy to illegally export war munitions. Charges against William J. Johnson and Frank Rafferty were dismissed. All were arrested by Customs on June 10, 1965 near Orlando, Florida while allegedly planning air attack on Cuba.

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SECTION 5 - #97-4474 - Serials 225-283

1. Information note dated 8/17/65
Bosch awaiting trial on Customs charge of conspiring to illegally export arms following his indictment on 6/23/65.
2. Miami report 8/20/65 #MM 105-2855
Subject: MIRR
On July 30, 1965, a Cuban exile reported that some MIRR members said RECE and MIRR had been meeting to discuss a cooperative pact. Participants included Orlando Bosch, Freyre and Jorge Mas Canosa.
3. Report to Attorney General from Director, FBI, dated 10/18/65
Orlando Bosch claims MIRR frogmen responsible for bomb damage to Spanish vessel "Satrustegui" in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 10/9/65. Stated MIRR will attack, sabotage, destroy and sink ships of England and Spain because of their trade with Cuba.
4. Airtel to SAC, Miami and San Juan from Director, dtd 1/24/65
Indicates that CIA has furnished information that Commandos L and MIRR are planning raids against Cuba.
5. #97-4474-258 Report from Miami dated 12/17/65
Subject: MIRR
Bosch and Marcelino Garcia Jimenez arrested by FBI on 11/25/65 and charged with extortion and conspiracy to commit extortion against some fellow Cuban exiles. Bosch out on bond and Garcia released on his own recognizance. Informant information that Bosch planning to sabotage oil tanker, "World Sincerity" while the tanker is in Puerto Rico.

SECTION 6 - #97-4474 - Serials 284-354

1. Airtel to Director from SAC, Miami dated 2/28/66
Subject: MIRR (Serial 284)
Informant says Bosch asked him to pilot a plane on a planned bombing raid over Cuba -- target to be Nuevitas, a sugar exporting town. Bosch said he had a wealthy backer. SAC Miami

suggests it is Jose "Pepin" Bosch because a close confident of his, Jose Antonio Mulet, had money to pay informant for piloting services. (Note: attack did take place and MIRR took credit on 9/29/66).

2. Airgram to Director from Miami, dated 4/22/66
On 4/22/66, U.S. Customs advised Bosch, Jose Antonio Mulet Gonzalez and another Cuban national arrested by Collier County Florida Sherrif for possession of bombs and explosives. (An informant, who was to be the pilot, had kept FBI informed of a planned attack on Cuba. FBI worked with Customs to thwart raid and protect informant.)
3. Memo to J. Walter Yeagley from Director, dated 6/22/66
Subject: MIRR
Informant says Bosch has 20 men located in various ports in the United States under orders to place explosives on vessels trading with Cuba. Also says MIRR planning to attack a vessel on the high seas.
4. Report from Miami, dated 11/22/66
Subject: MIRR
Bosch claims MIRR responsible for bombing raid of a Cuban nitroglycerine plant at Matanzas, Cuba.
5. Airgram to Director from Miami, dated 11/29/67
Bosch disrupts Miami rally conducted by Dr. Enrique Huerta -- gains entrance to platform and demands to speak and make a presentation of a plaque to Panamanian Ambassador to OAS.
6. Report from Miami dated 3/22/67
Subject: MIRR - SUMMARY OF ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA'S
REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

March 17, 1961

Bosch sent boat, "Jolly Roger" on an expedition to Cuba. When it landed at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, five men went ashore and were arrested.

August 15, 1963

Bosch claims it was an MIRR plane which flew over Nico Lopez oil refinery, dropped two bombs and returned to base in Central America.

September 7, 1963

Radio Havana announced plane bombed Sta. Clara, Cuba; one person killed, three injured. Bosch claimed credit -- said 6 bombs dropped on sugar mill.

December 28, 1963

U.S. Customs and U.S. Coast Guard sieze two boats carrying bombs, to be taken to Bimini, Bahamas for delivery. Customs sieze plane to be used in bombings two days later. Bosch said it was to be used in attack on oil storage tanks at Nuevitas, Cuba.

July 29, 1964

Customs sieze motor launch near Key West -- returning from aborted infiltration and supply mission to Cuba. Bosch said boat belonged to MIRR.

May 1964

MIRR planned to torpedo Cuban merchant ship. Raid thwarted by Customs by siezing torpedo.

June 19, 1964

Radio Havana said plane bombed sugar mill at Caibarien, Cuba and plane shot down. Mission flown for MIRR.

June 19, 1964

Customs sieze plane at Lantana, Florida when Bosch seen transporting 4 bombs from car to plane.

November 22, 1964

MIRR claimed unsuccessful raid made against stadium in Cuba where Castro was speaking. U.S. authorities doubt such a raid occurred.

February 3, 1965

Miami radio station says MIRR bombed a sugar mill in Cuba. U.S. says no evidence of such a raid.

June 10, 1965

Bosch arrested by Customs in possession of 18 bombs. Went on hunger strike. Acquitted June 2, 1966.

June 11, 1965

Cuban and Norwegian ship collided near Panama Canal. Bosch claimed credit. Informed sources say claim completely untrue.

October 9, 1965

Explosion near Spanish ship, Satrustegui in San Juan. Bosch claimed credit.

