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-- Airtel to director from SAC, NY re: CIA operations Miami, 7/17/62

Ref: Airtel to Dir 7/2/62, WFO airtel to Dir 7/6/62, Miami,  
Tel to Dir 7/14/62

Theodore Racoosin of 186 Riverside Dr., NYC; accountant at  
551 Fifth Ave., NYC, 70 yrs old

Larry LaBorde, American born New Orleans, LA, was employed by  
Alberto Fernandez Hechevarria when Fernandez bought boat known  
as "Tejana III." In late 1960, Fernandez asked assistance of  
Czarnikow-Rionada Co, NYC and the King Ranch of Kingsville, TX  
to help purchase this boat. At that time boat in New Orleans.

Tejana III is sub-chaser #1339 commissioned by U.S. Navy on  
4/21/43. Known as "Atlantic Beach New York", owned by wealthy  
Texan Robert H. McCoy. Official registry number was 263369.

In Dec. 1960 Czarnikow-Rionada and King Ranch contributed \$38,000  
toward purchase. Money paid in New Orleans to an attorney  
who handled sale for McCoy. Total price of boat estimated  
at \$60,000 to \$70,000. Tejana III now in dry dock in Miami  
River. Boat still owned by Alberto Fernandez.

-- Bio data sheet 3/24/61

DOB: 27 AUG. 09, New Orleans. LA. Employment 1953-present:  
Port Captain on vessel named "Tejana"

-- LHM 2/28/63 to Director from SAC Miami

RE: LaBorde, IS- Cuba, OO-Miami

Case on LaBorde to be closed since LaBorde no active in Cuban  
revolutionary plans.

1/14/63 I. A. Roy of Jande Upholstery Co. advised LaBorde  
travels frequently from New Orleans to Florida. LaBorde  
in New Orleans as of 5/14. Owns blue Buick 4 dr sedan 1962..

-- LHM by Warren DeBrueys 12/27/62

Source advised 8/14/62 that schooner E.M.Reichardt arrived  
in Miami, anchored at Municipal docks, Bayfront Park.  
Crew spent night with Hemming, planned to find employment.

Boat received publicity in St. Petersburg. Since then,  
under constant surveillance by Coast Guard. Crew angry with  
LaBorde for "empty promises which had cost them time and money."

8/21/62 schooner - Cuban aboard vessel; speaks no English. Named Enrique,

9/13/62 Source advised crew of E.M. REichardt returned to U.S.

11/14/62 Schooner tied up Miami River.

11/15/62 Source said his interest in Cuban revolutionary activities continuing and then LaBorde would continue to New Orleans late on 11/14/62

-- Airtel to Director from SAC, New Orleans  
Re: CRC, New Orleans, LA, IS-Cuba, NM

Luis Rabel, delegate to the CRC in New Orleans. Doc. cites information from Region V, 112th INTC Group, New Orleans, LA on September 24, 1962 (Information deleted)

-- LHM to Director from SAC, Miami  
RE: Larr LaBorde IS-Cuba

Source advised LaBorde expected 67' foot schooner "E.Reichert" to arrive Miami on or about 7/14/62. Crew: 4 Americans, 3 Cubans.

7/17/62 Source called Miami from New Orleans. Schooner then in St. Petersburg, Fla with engine trouble. American on board. Wrote home to their families. Planned to fix boat's engine and proceed to Miami. Three Cuban arrive in U.S. as exiles are sent to boat. Mario Fontela, a national living in Miami, FL.

"The Mariner" needs repairs. Located in Ft. Meyers, FL. Crews-volunteer.

One member of crew at hotel in St Petersburg. ~~Washington~~

Bill Seymore, had been trained as mechanic in U.S. Navy. Residing in Miami. Close friend of Hemming. Hemming planning to send Seymore to repair engine.

Capt. Jose Rodriguex Sosa, Cuban national in Miami, member of DRE, in close contact with LaBorde. Plans on sending another Cuban from Miami to join Reichert.

7/25/62 more problems arisen with boat. Crew angry with captain. Mr. FNU Roy and son are owners. On trip from New Orleans to St. Petersburg. Captain drove boat too hard, resulting in seams in hull opening from pounding. Ship leaking badly.

Seymore working on boat which is located at St. Petersburg Yacht Club

LaBorde urged people to buy boat; told them U.S. government would favor missions to Cuba and boat would get escort by U.S. Coast Guard. Said large sums of money would be paid for such missions.

LaBorde continues to recruit men and boats in New Orleans; continues to reside in New Orleans. Recently received publicity re: establishment of training camps for CRC in New Orleans.

7/26/62 LaBorde called from New Orleans and severely criticized Luis Rabel. Very angry with Rabel but not know why.

-- LHM to Director from SAC Miami re: CIA operations, Miami area/

Robert K. Brown - source advised  
1/62 Brown associating with Hemming  
2/62 Brown in close contact with members of Cuban national and Frak Sturgis.  
3/62 Brown continuing to interview large number of Cuban nationals; initiated contact with Americans interested in Anti- Communist activity. Contacted J. Birch Society and other extreme groups for purpose obtaining aid in fight against Communism.

Returned to Boulder, COL.

6/21/62 wrote article "Cuban exiles have learned to hate CIA."

R.K. Brown W/M. American, blondish-red hair; about 24 yrs; glasses; 5'10"; 150 lbs' 735 39th Street, Boulder, COL.; college graduate; married no children; journalist.

-- LHM 7/26/62 New Orleans,  
RE: LaBorde

Bill Stuckey, reported for "States Item" advised LaBorde, age 51, resides 217 S. Pirce St, FL, FLA drivers license, told Stuckey he was soldier of fortune, formerly connected with CIA, in New Orleans to give information re guns and other shipments going to Cuba. Claimed to be boat captain - formerly commander of "Tejana". Made regular runs into Cuba from 11/60 to 11/61 and still goes to Cuba from time to time. Worked with Hemming. Wanted to give information re operations at Covington, LA.

-- LHM 7/24/62 Miami  
RE: LaBorde - IS-Cuba

6/19/62 Source advised Eddie Baez, Cuban national, received telephone call from owner of "Mariner", 48' boat which was on its way from Passe-a-Grille Beach, FL to Naples. Owner advised he had engine trouble, needed money.

2/24 Tony Farinas, associate of Batez, sent \$30. Western Union to Alwyn Perrin, Passe-a-Grille, FLA.  
Batez and Farinas close friends and associate of LaBorde.

6/19/62 LaBorde called Miami from New Orleans; said he was in contact with Barte and Rabel.

7/2/62 LaBorde contacted owner of "Elsie Reichert", 65' boat, previously belonged to Smithsonian. Owned by 3 Americans. Jack LNU and two others live and work on it. Boat purchased for about \$9000. Presently being caulked.

Have plans for raid. Seeking Cuban to captain ship.  
Mariner as of 7/2/62 located at Ft. Meyers, FL. Three Americans on board; engine trouble. LaBorde and Hemming to go to Ft. Meyers to confer with 3 Americans.  
LaBorde angry with "Mariner" crew. As of 7/2/62 LaBorde staying with G. P. Hemming.

-- Airtel to Director from SAC Miami  
RE: CIA operations Miami area.

7/1/62 Source advised In February 1962 members of 30th November group met with Theodore Racoosin, Presindet of International Broadcasting Corp, NYC and William Hillman, head Radio Free Europe. 30th November leaders seeking aid; Racoosin and Hillman advised they will write Secretary of State.

6/22/62 Racoosin telephoned the informant from NYC said he intended to come to Miami. (See Hemming file summary)

-- Informative note 7/5/62 (See Hemming file summary)

-- 6/22/62 New Orleans LHM  
RE: :aBorde

Tamara Smith of New Orleans advised friend of hers, Billy Seemans of New Orleans, owner of "Reichert", said he had been contacted by LaBorde. LaBorde told Seemans that if he bought ship he would like Seemans aboard. Seemans was told yacht would be used to smuggle arms to Cuba. Operations tolerated by US authorities.

-- Airtel 5/23/62 to Dreictor from SAC New Orleans,  
RE: LaBorde, IS-Cuba

3 member s of CRC, New Orleans who accompanied LaBorde to Municipal Yacht Harbor in New Orleans and to Marerro, LA are Rabel, Rodrigue, Bartes, (former President of Western Railroad in Cuba.)

New Orleans indices failed to reflect pertinent information re: LaBorde. Possibility O.J.Bordelon identical with Oris Joseph Bordelon, fugitive deserter, case closed when subject found to be enlisted in Army under different Number.

5/11/62 Rodriguez (source) contacted by Stuckey for information re: Anti-castro group activities. Rodriguez gave some information to stimulate interest in anti-Castro activities. Investigation revealed no "weapons suply Operations" out of New Orleans. Just Miami. Information from NOT-2 deleted.

Appears activities may be sanctioned by CIA.

-- LHM 5/23/62 RE: LaBorde Is-Cuba  
Summary Stuckey article "States Item" - "Guerillas aided by local Cubans"

5/23/62 Source advised no shipments of military equipment or weapons by CRC, ew Orlenas.

Source said LaBorde showed 3 members of CRC, New Orleans a schooner, "Mariner" docked at New Orleans, LA. 3 U.S. citizens on board wearing T-shirts with U.S MARince Corps on them. LaBorde took memebers to General Battery and Radiator Co. O. J. Bordelon, owner. (See Hemming file summary).

-- Airtel 5/3/62 to Director from SAC, Miami  
RE: LaBorde - Bombing matters, threat

(See Hemming file summary)

Re: Attempt to blow up "SS William". CIA personnel considers LaBorde unpredictable and capable of blowing up a ship. LaBorde was given money and a ticket to leave Florida area and to go to New Orleans, but had not done so.

If LaBorde were arrested and brought to trial for attempting to blow up ship, ----- (deleted). CIA ofc asked if FBI could pick up LaBorde and convince him not to go on with plan concerning ship.

CIA ofc was advised that inasmuch as there was no federal law violation within Bureau's jurisdiction, FBI did not plan to interview LaBorde and local authorities should be notified of LaBorde's plan.

4/25/62 CIA personnel said LaBorde was then in Key West, owed Blue Lagoon \$900 for which owner was going to sign complaint and obtain warrant for arrest.

5/1/62 Intelligence personnel said his office notified Miami PD intelligence unit and Dept of Public safety.

Report days since Bureau feels ill feeling between LaBorde, Cuesta and CIA, CIA should handle notification of local authorities

-- LHM 5/3/62 Miami  
RE: LaBorde Bombing matters, threat

(See Hemming file summary)

RE: "SS Williams" plot with Cuesta, Hemming, Collins Baboun owner of target ship. LaBorde bought 1949 dark green Buick.

5/1/62 Intelligence personnel talked with Collins and warned them to stay off docks.

-- memo 4/30/62 to Director from SAC Miami  
RE: LaBorde, Hemming, Cuesta, Collins, Is-Cuba

Re: Plan to burglarize CIA warehouse in Key West, allegedly Okayed by CIA personnel.

(See Hemming file summary)