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*Mr. Sturtitta
Chris couldn't find this one. Since it has gone astray, I thought it would be quicker to send you a fresh copy.
Bulfinch
13 APR
Rec'd ~~to [unclear]~~
1430 hrs.
[Signature]*

9. LAKO/CJ

10. Hopkins

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*I never had it to find. CH
Mr. Latta
CCS - ~~Conf Case~~
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Checking Jim Boyer
Aerodex Corp. (CH)
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Don Gregg
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SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Pat Orr on the file of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. Please note that Orr would like to have these notes sanitized by Wednesday, 15 March.
2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.
3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Patrick L. Carpentier
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This is a shorter and less all-inclusive
summary for Diaz cases which I
would like sanitized in lieu of the
~~other~~ notes turned over previously on Diaz
cases. (It'll probably be much easier.)

I would appreciate it if these notes were
given priority status - Perhaps they could be
sanitized by Wednesday, March 15??

Thanks very much.

Patricia Orr

PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ Chronology

1958

Fall: Pedro Diaz Lanz involved in anti-Batista activities with associates Ricardo de la Lorie and Frank Fiorini AKA Frank Stroyis; "Francesco"

November 22: Cuban rebels and Americans with C-46 captured at Apatzingan Airport in Michoacan. Among those captured: PDL and Frank Fiorini. Three tons of Cuban rebel arms confiscated.

1959

January 7: Information ~~from~~ (source: Frank Fiorini from Pedro Diaz Lanz, Chief, Rebel Air Force) that Cuban Air Force demobilized; to be built up from scratch. An investigation ~~into~~ of former officers to take place

June 15: Report PDL making confidential statements to a U.S. businessman regarding Castro's Communist tendencies.

June 21: PDL to depart from Cuba with help of Jim Bryer, American national, President of Aerodex Corporation, Sergio Diaz Bruell, and Carlos Echejozen reportedly charter a boat out of Havana to pick up Diaz Lanz and his wife. PDL taken to INS for processing.

~~END~~

(2)

Flap over handling of Diaz Lenz's entry into U.S. ~~was~~ dispute between government agencies as to whether PDL's entry should be given immediate publicity. ~~was~~ ^{PDL} reportedly concerned about the safety of his brother ~~names~~.

June 22: ^{source} Cable to CIA HQ from Havana requesting not divulge entry in U.S. of PDL

July 2: Cable to several ~~for~~ Latin American stations from CIA HQ requesting maximum press and radio exploitation of PDL's defection and ~~making~~ making specific recommendations as to the ^{PDL's} story.

PDL sends letter to the Cuban president with his resignation ~~from~~ the Chief of the Cuban Rebel Air Force.

July 7: "Discussion paper" regarding publicity for PDL's arrival, presumably to obtain maximum exploitation of PDL arrival in U.S.

July 8: Report Frank Fiorini, Sergio ^{Diaz} Bruehl and Carlos Echevarren went to see Byers (or Jim Byers?) immediately after their release from INS. They ~~were~~ said they were told by a Mr. Schroeder of INS that PDL was to appear before a Senate subcommittee and would receive 100% U.S. government support to overthrow Castro.

accompanied by Sergio Diaz Bruehl
Report Fiorini attempting to get Byers to ~~sell~~ sell the B-25 ~~purchase~~ in Byers' custody but in Fiorini's name that was purchased ^{along with a C-46} prior

to PDL's departure from Cuba.

July 14: PDL Testifies before the Senate sub-Committee on Internal Security regarding the symptoms, as PDL sees them, of the Castro government's Communist tendencies.

July 24: Washington Post article by Drew Pearson charging "Defecting Cuban Chief exploited."

July 27: Brother Marcos Diaz Lanz arrives in Tampa, Fla, granted asylum

August 4: CIA internal memorandum regarding Miami base (CIA) involvement in the arrival of PDL in U.S. reflects PDL in contact with Patrick Karnley of The CIA. Memo cites conflicting interests of CIA, which desired to take PDL from INS, ^{let him rest,} ~~interrogate him~~ ^{let him} ~~interrogate him~~ ^{resurface in} another country; the Army which desired to question him right away; and the Senate sub-committee, which desired to call him in for ~~interrogation~~ a hearing.

August 7: CIA internal memo from Karnley reflects a meeting between Karnley, ~~brother~~ PDL, Ricardo de la Hoz and Marcos Diaz Lanz for a discussion of ~~the plans~~ the plans of these individuals; possible aid group ~~cautioned~~ cautioned by Karnley about need for security. "However, There is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank Fiorini... with whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about Fiorini specifically and they have always responded

