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* - 24 Oct 59 Routing & Record Sheet to Hunt rev'd 30/10 forwarded 2 Nov. of Diaz Lanz file.

- CIA Watch office 24 Oct 59. into that plane ^{involving} ~~involved~~ by Pedro Diaz Lanz to drop leaflets and prob bombs over Havana 24 Oct 59.

May fly 26 Oct 59 piloted by Lanz to disrupt Castro rally.

- Dispatch 23 Oct 59.

re leaflet.

Attached sample of leaflets dropped from Diaz Lanz's plane 21 Oct 59

- Dispatch 18 Sept 59. to Chief WHD [redacted] COS re: Operational ~~[redacted]~~ group PDL

Crypts: ~~[redacted]~~ PDL

Subj. said he had gone to Miami and talked w/ PDL ~~[redacted]~~; who told him that he needed a man for his Miami organization, the person he had in mind was a Captain in the Cuban Air Force who was willing to join him. He instructed the subject to see his ~~[redacted]~~ contact and arrange for officer's exfiltration. Subj. asked ~~[redacted]~~ PDL whether his ~~[redacted]~~ contact (Cobaide or ~~[redacted]~~ ^(employee)) had this capability, and ~~[redacted]~~ answered that they did. Station assumes that ~~[redacted]~~ obtained his

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- exfiltration info from [redacted]. Subj. also said that [redacted] has [redacted] contacts in Miami. [U.S. GOVT]

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[redacted] State Dept.

- DOC. cross ref for [redacted] (Lanz [redacted] file)
re: [redacted] (ASSET) [redacted] - ca. 1928, age 31, [redacted] & Diaz Lanz age 32, passport 10693 left Costa Rica for Miami Fla. on 24 Dec 58 and reentered Costa Rica from Mexico on 31 Dec 58

- Memo for record 7 Aug 59.
Re: Conversation approx. one-wk prior, betw. Eugene R. Gonzalez and Mr. Alfonso Moscoso, former amb. from Ecuador to US & ex brother-in-law of former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador.

Moscoso told me in strict confidence that he has a good friend Ecuador. Amb to OAS (Escudero). Claimed to have info and docum. proving Diaz Lanz rec'd approx \$100,000 from pro-Batista groups to deft & testify before U.S. Cong.

- Dispatch 7 Aug 59. TO Chief WH DIV from Miami [redacted] & [redacted] (ASSET) Re: meeting w/ [redacted] (Piero DIAZ) Jose Maria DIAZ

outlined plans in meeting - Subjs. will resist groups which bear Batista taint. Suggest propaganda program. Discussion of pass. aid; possible procedures - i.e. transmitter on boat broadcasting from various positions in the Caribbean Sea.

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[REDACTED] - described as leader of group, most intell. Group was cautioned about need for security.

"However, there is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank Fiorini & other people w/ whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about Fiorini specifically & they have always responded by recognizing that Fiorini is a threat in that he talks too much. But as and if (sic) we proceed with this group, it has to be done with the expectation that Fiorini and others are going to be frequently around this group and we will have only the word of these people that he and others are not being informed of their activities."

(ASSET)

- In March [REDACTED] went to Belg. w/ rank of Amb. to negotiate deal re: arms. Deal cost \$8 mil wh. [REDACTED] personally paid thru letters of credit.

(ASSET)

- Dispatch 4 Aug 59. To Chief, WH Div from Miami [REDACTED] Report on Miami base involvement in arrival of Pedro Diaz Lanz in U.S.

Lanz party - Diaz Lanz, his wife Tania [REDACTED] (ASSET) Carlos Echegoyen. Echegoyen [REDACTED] (ASSET) had chartered boat to pick up Diaz Lanz. Wanted to hold party several days - Diaz concerned about his brother Marcos.

[REDACTED] (ASSET), [REDACTED] (ASSET) assisted hiding Diaz. [REDACTED] of Army visited, wanted to talk to Diaz despite CIA's attempts to let him rest.

Tentative plan was Diaz would be taken from INS, put in a secure place, moved to another area in country, put thru intensive interrogations then removed to foreign area where he would be starved. Gen. Cabell expected to discuss matter w/ [REDACTED]

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re: turn over of Diaz to [redacted] complications then set in - different versions of what passed betw. Gen Cabell and Gen. Swing; appearance of Eastland Committee rep.

- Article - Drew Pearson - Wash Post - 7-24-59 - "Defecting Cuban Chief Exploited."

- Memo for Record 15 July 1959
re: Testimony of Diaz Lanza. (testified 14 July)
Prominent communists -

Fidel, Raul, Vilma Castro, Ernesto Guevara, Anton Nunez, Armando Hart, Manuel Pineiro, Arnaldo Ramiro Valdez, Ana Pua, Ana Escalona, Ana Llanusa, Ecelio Gomez Ochoa, David Salvador, Carlos Franqui, Gen. Alberto Bayo, Frank Torre.

- Sp. lang. article 17 Jul 59. "Verdadera Estatura critica Pedro Diaz Lanza"

- CIA Memo of Conversation 10 July 59.
re: Tel. conversation w/ Herbert Mee, Dir of Intelligence Bureau of Immigration. w/ [redacted] (Employee)

- Draft Memo for Record [redacted] (initialed)
8 July 59 re: Diaz Lanza case.

Info recd from friend of Diaz in Miami - name Byers & wit: Sergio Diaz & Carlos Echigozen (former civilian in Cuban AF Intell.) who had obtained boat in Miami which was used to bring Diaz from Cuba, had gone to see Byers immed. after their release by INS. They were accompanied by Frank Fiorini, A

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citizen w/ reputation as shady businessman who lives in Miami.

They said Schroeder (INS) told Diaz her is to appear before Senate Sub Committee; would receive 100% US govt support in overthrowing Castro.

- Prior to Diaz' departure the Cuban Air Force purchased one C-46 and one B-25 aircraft in Miami area. Aircraft in Byers' custody but in Fiorini's name. Fiorini (until 7 July) trying to get Byers to sell aircraft & turn \$ over to him (Fiorini). On 8 July Fiorini asked Byers to hold C-46 for revolutionary plans & sell B-25. (Fiorini accompanied by Sergio Diaz on 8 July)

- Discussion Paper - 7 July 59 Re Diaz - publicity of Diaz Lanz' arrival.

- Cable from Dir to ^{airmail} foreign L.A. Stations 2 July 59 - Requests max. press and radio exploitation of defection 20 June of Diaz Lanz, w/ recommendations on particulars of story.

- Dispatch 2 July 1959 to Chief WHD from CO [redacted] re Diaz Lanz - Misc - Enclosures - 2 copies of letter from Diaz Lanz to Cuban President.

- Cable 22 June 59. TO Dir from [redacted] re: departure of Diaz Lanz for U.S. Requesting [redacted] not divulge entry [redacted] of Pedro Diaz Lanz (Inspector) United States

- Cable 21 June 59 to Dir from [redacted] Re: Diaz Lanz departure - w/ help of Jim Byer American, Pres. Aerodex Corp using Byer yacht. Requests no publicity.

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- Information Report 15 Jun 59
Re: Chief of Air Force's confidential statements about need for counterrevolution against Castro.

Source: US businessman, operator of private consulting company. Also rep. for major US aircraft manufacturer. Spoke at length w/ source regarding symptoms of Castro's communist tendencies.

- Cable 7 Jan 59 to Dir from [REDACTED]
Re: 1. Fall Batista Stunned Bayamo rebels.
2. Cuban Air force demobilized. Will be built up from scratch. Former officers to be investigated for atrocities. Many ^{not responsible} to be court-martialed. "Source Fiorini (F) from Diaz Lanz Chief Rebel Air Force"

- Cable 25 Nov. 58. to Dir from [REDACTED] Lupa Michoacan, Rept 3 tons Cuban rebel arms confiscated. 11 Cubans, 1 American captured - of Cubans - Pedro Ruiz Lanz (probably Diaz Lanz) and Amer = Frank Fiorini. Fiorini named co-pilot and owner plane C-46. Fiorini known as "Francisco" among Cubans. (asul)
Of interest absence name [REDACTED]

- Cable 22 Nov. 58
Rept Cuban rebels and Amer. w/ C-46 captured at Apatzingan Airport Michoacan. Captured (partial list) Diaz Lanz, Frank Fiorini.

- Cable 14 Nov 58 (asul)
Rept [REDACTED] - brought air plane Phoenix Ariz., scheduled for departure 12 or 13 Nov for Veracruz Mex. enroute Venezuela. Diaz Lanz will prob. accompany [REDACTED] (asul)

- Cable 11 Nov 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ Diaz Lanz [REDACTED] in San Francisco. Fiorini left Mex (asul)

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for PRISCO by car car night 4 Nov. meet pilots.
[redacted] and Diaz going Ariz. but expect return
Governor Hotel. - Poss. Kingman, Ariz re: planes

- Cable 2 Nov 58 to Dir from [redacted]
man trav. w/ subjs identified as Frank Porini (Cassell)
man prob. Pedro Luiz Diaz Lanz and [redacted]
[redacted] poss. going Venezuela.

(Cassell) - Cable 30 Oct 58 to Dir from [redacted]
[redacted] and Diaz Lanz arr. [redacted] by car
27 Oct 58. Believed had visa trouble at border.
Unidentified man accompanied them

() - Cable 19 Aug 58 to Dir from [redacted]
Fameica police questioned [redacted] 14 Aug seeking identifie
addresses. 5 Aug. [redacted] contacted by Diaz Lanz,
pilot of Beechcraft plane N-48-Q, who visits Kingman
often and believed by [redacted] police to be Fidel
Castro courier or pilot. Agnero said Diaz only brought
personal greetings -

- 201 file request
To RI/Analysis section 15 Jul 1959.
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- News articles -

Argosty April 1976

NY Daily News - 21 April 1975 by Paul Meski.

- Dispatch to Chief from Chief DELETED - GET FULL COPY

Progress Rept 1-31 Aug 63.

W/ help of Fiorini - able to keep informed of activities of Diaz Lanz bros. in attempts to mount air raid over Cuba. Information then passed to local security agencies in time for them to thwart plans.

- Daily Summary - 1 Aug 63

Raid of 28 July over Havana aborted - bombs & fuel raid planned.

[REDACTED]

Lanz bros to leave cars at home to appear as though they are home, but will attempt to reach their Williams Ranch where plane to be used for raid is located. Fiorini said plane will carry several bombs made from 100 lb practice bombs cut down to smaller size and filled w/ nuts and bolts for shrapnel.

[REDACTED] + former Cuban airlines pilot to have participated in raid.

- 8 May 63 - Fiorini told source he had been approached by Marcos to patch up differences and cooperate in "anti-Castro activity". Said

