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On June 7, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM KILLIAN, Regional Administrative Assistant, State of Florida, Western Union Telegraph Company, 230 North Miami Avenue (protect), provided SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, Jr., with duplicate copies of three Western Union cablegrams dated Miami, Florida, June 6, 1968, sent by "ERNESTO General Delegate, Cuban Power," to General FRANCISCO FRANCO, Madrid, Spain; LICENCIADO GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ, Government Palace, Mexico; and Sir HAROLD WILSON, London, England. All three cablegrams were pretyped on Western Union telegram forms and paid for in cash. Mr. KILLIAN advised that these telegram forms were received from the sender by TOMMY SANDRIDGE, Western Union employee, on duty the night of June 6, 1968, whose initials appear on each telegram.

Mr. KILLIAN agreed to keep and safeguard these three cablegrams pending issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

It had been ascertained through JOSE MEDINA, Miami PCI, that ABEL MESTRE, the employer of AIMEE MIRANDA, was, in this informant's opinion, reliable and in the past had been utilized or employed by CIA. (S) (u)

On June 28, 1968, SA GEORGE E. DAVIS ascertained from [redacted] CIA, Miami, that his organization's interest in MESTRE terminated in April, 1967. (S) (u)

The three telegrams in captioned matter were translated by Mrs. SOPHIE Y. SALIBA, Translator, Miami Office of the FBI.

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The above mentioned sources have also advised that BOSCH had claimed credit for the January 28, 1968, bombing of a B-25 cargo aircraft at Miami International Airport.

In the past BOSCH has admitted to MORALES, supra, that he is in fact ERNESTO, and MORALES is reluctant to or refuses to testify to this information with respect to captioned matter.

It has also been reported by the above mentioned sources that in so far as specific communications had been identified in the past as having been prepared by BOSCH on a specific typewriter with respect to a previous trial in an extortion matter, that he and his associates have since adhered to a policy of obtaining old typewriters, using same for a short time and thereafter disposing or destroying same.

The reliable source abroad referred to in referenced communications of June 17 and 21, 1968, is ~~MEX 56~~ (S) (X) (u)

On June 21 - 27, 1968, MM 1280-C was contacted by SA WILLIAM W. CRADDOCK and advised as follows:

Concerning ORLANDO BOSCH, and the MIRR, it is definite that BOSCH was formerly connected with the July 26th Movement, however, to all outward appearances he is anti-CASTRO at the present time, and his organization is probably an advocate of violent tactics. An individual by the name of PEDRO MARTINEZ is a very good friend of

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On June 7, 1968, it was ascertained that in fact three cablegrams in Spanish signed by "ERNESTO, General Delegate, Cuban Power," addressed to FRANCO, DIAZ ORDAZ and Sir HAROLD WILSON respectively, had been delivered at Western Union, Miami, to be sent as night letters and had been paid for in cash.

By communication of June 8, 1968, the Bureau directed Miami to insure that the above mentioned information be disseminated to logical local and Federal authorities, to discuss the matter with the U.S. Attorney, Miami, and direct Washington Field to establish liaison with appropriate officials at affected Embassies to insure prompt advice upon a receipt of threatening communications.

By communication of June 9, 1968, Washington Field Office advised Miami that representatives of affected Embassies in Washington, D.C., had been contacted and liaison established with the following individuals:

RYOZO KATO,
Third Secretary
Japanese Embassy

ALBERTO BECERRA-SIERRA
Minister
Mexican Embassy

LUIS DE LA TORRE
Second Secretary
Spanish Embassy

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JOHN HIRRLLEES
Clerk
Embassy of Great Britain

On June 8, 1968, SA ARNOLD C. DUQUETTE notified the following agencies of the information contained in the telegrams sent to the above mentioned three Governments and their respective Ambassadors by ERNESTO, General Delegate, Cuban Power:

Officer H. DAVIS
Miami Police Department

Sergeant JIM TOMBLEY
Dade County Sheriff's Office

ARMAND CAPEAU, Duty Officer
U.S. Coast Guard

LEON BRANTLEY
U.S. Navy

C. D. BRIGHT, Supervisor, Control Tower
Federal Aviation Agency

In addition, detailed information concerning the above telegrams, accomplishments claimed in the above mentioned letter to the news media, and description of suspects were forwarded by letter to the following agencies:

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Dade County Public Safety Department
Miami Police Department
U.S. Coast Guard, Miami
U.S. Customs, Miami
Federal Aviation Agency, Miami

On June 10, 1968, the contents of the above mentioned three telegrams directed to the three separate Heads of State were discussed with Assistant U.S. Attorney LLOYD G. BATES and he advised that in his opinion these telegrams or cablegrams did in fact contain a threat within the purview of the Federal Extortion Statute. He said that prosecution would be considered in the event the subject or sender was identified.

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By communication of June 19, 1968, the Bureau advised Miami that the Spanish National Police had confirmed on that date the receipt of the cablegram by the Spanish Government sent to General FRANCO on June 7, 1968. MARIANO FERNANDEZ PULIDO of the Spanish National Police could testify regarding the receipt of this cablegram. (S)

On June 17, 1968, the Bureau advised Miami that a Mexican City newspaper, "Ultimas Noticias" on June 7, 1968, carried an Associated Press dispatch to the effect that Roder Cubano claimed to have sent cablegrams to Mexico, Spain, and England, threatening action if commercial relations with Cuba were not broken off. (X)(U)

It was ascertained from a confidential source abroad that when the President of Mexico was available, it would be determined whether or not a witness could be designated to testify as to receipt of the cablegram if necessary. (X)(U)

On June 21, 1968, the Bureau advised Miami that the aforementioned source had advised on June 20, 1968, that he had consulted with Mexican President GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ. The threatening cablegram had been received by the Presidency in Mexico and since there was no trial to take place at that time the President felt no urgency and wished to confer with the Mexican Attorney General to determine if there would be international complications in view of the cablegram having been addressed to the President personally. The President had said, however, (X)(U)

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The FBI Laboratory was requested to:

1. Determine if each message was prepared on the same typewriter and identify the manufacturer and type of machine used.
2. Determine if the messages delivered to EDIGER were exact copies of the originals and if prepared by the same machine.
3. Determine if the messages were identical with those that had been sent to the Embassies in Washington, D.C., of Great Britain, Spain, and Mexico.
4. Determine if these messages had been typed by any machine used by ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA in a previous extortion investigation.

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On June 24, 1968, the Bureau advised Miami that none of the Western Union forms submitted had any latent impressions of value.

By communication of June 10, 1968, Washington Field advised as follows:

On June 10, 1968, Mr. ALBERTO BECERRA SIERRA, Minister, Mexican Embassy, 2829 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., phone AD 4-6000, advised he was in possession of an envelope postmarked Miami, Florida, and received at the Embassy June 10, 1968. Mr. BECERRA SIERRA felt that the threatening communications were contained in this envelope.

On June 10, 1968, Mr. BECERRA SIERRA was interviewed and he requested that the interviewing Agents open the envelope which he thought contained the threats. The envelope was opened and contained therein were three Western Union telegram forms which contained a typewritten message in the Spanish language. The contents of each of these telegram forms were translated by SA ROBERT S. CAVANAUGH. The translation of each is as follows:

No. 1 Western Union telegram dated June 6, 1968, addressed to General FRANCISCO FRANCO, Madrid, Spain:

"Disregarding the petitions of the Cuban people, it obliges us to give an ultimatum of war against your Government unless you suspend all commerce with the Cuban Communists regime. If you do not do this, you will be the one responsible for the Spanish planes and

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"Disregarding the petitions of the Cuban people, it obliges us to give an ultimatum of war against your Government unless you suspend all commerce with the Cuban Communists regime. If you do not do this, you will be the one responsible for the Mexican ships and planes that will be dynamited. To avoid further mishaps, don't make the mistake of under estimating this advice from Cuban Power

Signed ERNESTO
Delegate General
Cuban Power"

The envelope in which the above described telegram forms were received is postmarked Miami, Florida, and dated June 7, 1968. It is addressed "The Honorable Ambassador of Estados Unidos de Mexico to the United States, Mexican Embassy, Washington, D.C."

Mr. SIERRA advised that only he handled the envelope and he further advised that he has been fingerprinted in the past by U.S. Immigration Service.

SIERRA further advised that the Metropolitan Police Department is affording protection to the Mexican Embassy.

Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, was advised of the above information.

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Date June 12, 1968

Mr. ALBERTO BECERRA SIERRA, Minister, Mexican Embassy, 2829 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone AD 4-6000, advised he was in possession of an envelope postmarked Miami, Florida, dated June 7, 1968, which was received at the Mexican Embassy on June 10, 1968. This envelope was opened by SAs JOHN F. CUNNINGHAM and PHILIP E. MOSTROM and contained therein were three Western Union telegram forms, each of which contained a typewritten message in the Spanish language.

The envelope containing these Western Union telegram forms was addressed to "The Honorable Ambassador of Estados Unidos de Mexico to the United States, Mexican Embassy, Washington, D.C."

Mr. BECERRA SIERRA advised that these three Western Union telegram forms were addressed to General FRANCISCO FRANCO, Madrid, Spain; Sir HAROLD WILSON, London, England; and the Honorable GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ, Palacio de Gobierno, Mexico, D.F.

He advised that the Western Union telegram form addressed to the Honorable GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ in effect warned the Mexican Government not to trade with the Cuban Communist regime or the Mexican ships and planes would be dynamited.

He advised that this matter was brought to the attention of the United States Department of State and that the Mexican Embassy is presently receiving protection from the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.

He could furnish no additional information in this matter.

On 6/10/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 9-2065
 by SAs JOHN F. CUNNINGHAM and PHILIP E. MOSTROM JFC:dan Date dictated 6/12/68

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