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FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, and others REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERACRUZ INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA

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Reference is made to our previous communications in the captioned matter terminating with our communication . of July 10, 1967.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated July 26, 1967, at Washington, D. C. Single copies of the 12 photographs and one copy of the telegraphic money order, which are referred to in the memorandum, are also attached. (

The confidential source abroad mentioned in the attached memorandum advised, in addition, that the attached material cannot be used as evidence. The source pointed out, however, that the original copy of the Mexican Army Report, properly certified; the original photographs; the telegraphic money order; and the record of the long distance telephone call at the Hotel Mante in Mexico which is also mentioned in the attached memorandum; could be produced in court upon com pletion of the proper diplomatic representation by the United MAILED 9 States Government to the Mexican Government. The source furnished the attached material so that the United States

Government would know what evidence could be made available COMM-FBI if the Mexican Government accedes to a request to produce it.

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Investigation is being conducted at specific request of Department which has indicated there are possible violations of Title 18, Section 956 (Conspiracy to injure property of a foreign government) and Title 22, Section 1934 (Unlicensed exportation of munitions).

Information being transmitted to Department is detailed report of discovery of explosives by Mexican authorities together with appropriate photographs. In addition, Mexican authorities were able to obtain copy of money order originating in Miami, Florida, addressed to one of those involved in Mexico, as well as record of telephone call made by one of subjects in Mexico to individual in Miami.

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Will follow and report any developments in this

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Dissemination of enclosed LHM is being made to the American Embassy and the CIA Station at Mexico, D.F.

SUGGESTION FOR BUREAU:

The Bureau may wish to pass copies of the photographs mentioned in enclosed LHM to the Department and other interested agencies (5)

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It was ascertained that the explosive charge was not assembled and ready for detonation, since it did not contain the proper elements for starting, propagating and amplifying the detonation. PHOTO GRAPH NO 10(5)

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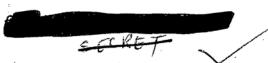
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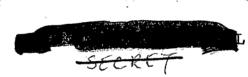
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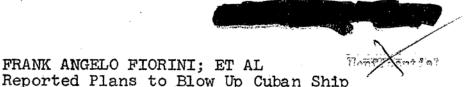
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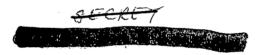


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Permit me to inform you on the results of the assignment given to me and Captain Antonio Olmos Del Moral at Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas Plaza, May 2, 1967.

I. Background Information (6)

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II. Location of the Zone and Spot Where the Explosives Were Found.

As a result of the above request, the undersigned and Captain Olmos, accompanied by two agents of the D.F.S., went immediately to Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas, and arrived at said plaza at 3:20 A.M., May 8, 1967.

On the same day, at 8:00 A.M., we went to the indicated spot, between kilometers 643 and 644, for the purpose of determining the indicated zone where, according to the information, was located the spot where the explosives had been buried.

At the end of four hours, we succeeded in finding the exact spot where the explosives had been buried, in a promontory bordering the left side of the road and approximately 15 meters from the road, between kilometers 642 and 643. The location is shown on Photographs No. 1 and 2.

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The explosive inside is white in color and plastic-like. Its characteristics and potency are unknown. It will be necessary to conduct analyses to determine its class and type.

It was ascertained that the explosive charge was not assembled and ready for detonation, since it did not contain the proper elements for starting, propagating and amplifying the detonation. Photograph No. 10(5)

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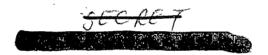
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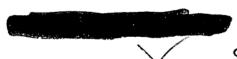
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