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"LANCASTRIAN PRINCESS" ON HIGH SEAS, 8/28/68  
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - FIRING OR TAMPERING  
WITH A VESSEL

This is informative memorandum to advise of attempt to dynamite the British freighter "Lancastrian Princess." The bomb which did not explode has been recovered and was made of simulated dynamite which Miami Office has passed to Orlando Bosch Avila, head of Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR), militant anti-Castro group, through a cooperative source.

Previous information has indicated that on 8/27/68 Bosch had disclosed that a bomb had been placed on the "Lancaster Princess," a British vessel, nine days before and that he expected the bomb to go off shortly. Inquiry determined that the "Lancaster Princess," was probably identical with the "Lancastrian Princess," a British vessel, which, although it had not touched Florida ports during the pertinent period, had touched several Gulf ports and had sailed for England from Mobile, Alabama, on 8/27/68. U.S. Coast Guard, Miami, which had been alerted indicated it would notify the ship's agent, it being his responsibility to take any further positive action. The interested agencies, including State Department and MI-5, were advised.

Miami Office has now advised that on evening of 8/28/68 Coast Guard, locally, advised that bomb had been found attached to the "Lancastrian Princess," anchored about three miles off Miami Beach by Dade County, Miami, Sheriff's Office. The bomb was located on right-hand side of vessel, fifteen feet below waterline in the middle of the ship. It was secured to a metal girder by means of chain and padlock and consisted of about ten sticks of dynamite. One stick was blown open by the detonation of a cap which had been attached to the stick but the dynamite failed to explode and no damage occurred. The ship's Captain advised that

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Memorandum Wannall to Sullivan

Re: UNSUBS; ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE THE BRITISH  
FREIGHTER "LANCASTRIAN PRINCESS" ON HIGH  
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no suspicious persons were observed in the water or anywhere in vicinity of vessel at any of the U.S. ports despite the fact that his officers and crew had been alerted by the ship's owners to beware of possible Cuban saboteurs. The Captain advised that he received instructions from the ship's owners to put into Miami to have the vessel checked for a bomb as the result of a Coast Guard alert.

Miami Office pointed out that the dynamite in this case did not explode because it was simulated dynamite furnished to Bosch with Bureau approval by a cooperative Miami source who was approached by Bosch for explosives.

The Department of State was advised of the bomb attempt on the evening of 8/28/68 and State was authorized to furnish the information to the British. We are advising MI-5. (C)

Immediate and vigorous investigation has been instituted and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments. Miami has requested local agencies and the vessel's Captain to treat this matter confidentially since the security and life of our source could be jeopardized.

OBSERVATIONS:

Previous investigation has indicated that Bosch's group has threatened to bomb ships of countries trading with Cuba, and previous memoranda recommended and approved that the Miami Office pass simulated dynamite to Bosch. It would appear from the foregoing that Bosch or members of his group constructed the bomb with the simulated dynamite. Our action in making the dynamite available to him in this instance has probably saved the lives of the crew of the "Lancastrian Princess," prevented the vessel from receiving serious bomb damage and has prevented the U.S. from being placed in a most embarrassing position.

ACTION:

This is for your information. We are pressing all aspects of this matter in effort to obtain admissable evidence of crime on the high seas violation against Bosch and any members of his organization involved.

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