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Report of: MICHAEL E. CRANE

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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; EXPLOSION ABOARD JAPANESE FREIGHTER
"MIKAGESAN MARU" GALVESTON, TEXAS, JUNE 1, 1968.

Character: CRIME ON HIGH SEAS; FIRING OF HAMPERING WITH VESSEL

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6-10-83 BY sp 300/jra

Synopsis:

At approximately 3:15 PM, 6/1/68, an explosion of unknown origin occurred in the aft section of the Japanese freighter "MIKAGESAN MARU" while it was docked at Pier 40, Galveston, Texas. The explosion appeared to have been caused by an explosive device from outside the vessel, about 6 to 8 feet above the water line. This vessel, which has a gross tonnage of 9,424, had been docked at the Dodge Island, Miami, Fla., facilities from 12:55 PM on 5/28/68, to 6 PM on 5/29/68. A similar explosion occurred aboard another Japanese vessel, the "Asaka Maru", several days after it had been docked at the Dodge Island facilities and claim of responsibility for the explosion on the "Asaka Maru" was made by a Cuban Power organization at Miami, Fla. This claim was incorporated in communications to local news media signed "ERNESTO, General Delegate, Cuban Power". Investigation at Dodge Island facilities has failed to develop any suspects with regard to instant explosion. Interview of logical suspects believed to have associated with Cuban Power movement in Miami, Fla., non productive.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated on information received from the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on June 3, 1968, to the effect that the U.S. Coast Guard at Galveston, Texas, had advised that office on June 3, 1968, that an explosion had occurred aboard the Japanese freighter "Mikagesan Maru" at approximately 3:15 PM on June 1, 1968.

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Lieutenant Commander WILLIAMS, is Acting Commander of the U. S. Coast Guard Base on McArthur Causeway, Miami Beach, Florida and as such has the additional title of Acting Captain of the port.

Commander WILLIAMS advised that in connection with his current capacity as acting captain of the port he is charged with discharging the U. S. Coast Guards, a responsibility concerning the security of all port facilities in the Miami area including the facilities at Dodge Island.

Commander WILLIAMS advised that as a result of the fact that three foreign ships have experienced explosions after having been in the port facilities at Dodge Island, Miami, Florida, he has instituted a complete tightening of all Coast Guard security in and about the Dodge Island facilities.

Commander WILLIAMS advised that he has alerted all crews to completely investigate information concerning any possible suspicious individuals or boats in or about the freighters that are utilizing the port facilities and he stated that in the event a Coast Guard vessel is desired at the facilities or elsewhere, at any time in connection with any investigation by this office a telephone call should be placed to telephone number 538-4731 and the caller should ask to speak with the officer of the day. He stated this telephone is manned on a 24 hour basis.

Commander WILLIAMS advised that he has been in contact with the Intelligence Section of the U. S. Coast Guard as well as other elements of the Coast Guard but that as a result of these contacts no information has come to his attention which would suggest any suspects in connection with the explosions that occurred on the "Asaka Maru", "Mikagesan Maru" and the "Granwood".

On 6/3/68 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 45-1158
 by SAs JOHN R. ACKERLY and
MICHAEL E. CRANE MEC/rgl Date dictated 6/7/68

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