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To: SACs, Miami (2-287) (Enclosure)  
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From: Director, FBI (2-1917) -3

JULIO ATON CONSTANZO PALAU;  
 GERALD PATRICK HEMMING;  
 ET AL  
 RE - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
 (OO: MIAMI)

S. A. [redacted] M. Alb  
 Date [redacted] 5-15-98 Date of [redacted]

Rebuairels 6-28-65, no cc WFO, and 7-9-65; Miami  
 letters 6-30-65 and 7-2-65; no cc WFO.

Enclosed for Miami and WFO is one copy of CIA  
 Intelligence Information Cable TDCS DB-313/02246-65

ReMilets 6-30-65 and 7-2-65 indicate that Miami is  
 of opinion this matter does not warrant further active  
 investigation and that activities of Hemming in particular can  
 be followed through NM 639-S. Miami notes it considers this  
 matter a result of one of Hemming's day dreams. Further that  
 sources, informants and responsible Cuban exile leaders said these  
 "would be" volunteers were publicity seekers and had no intention  
 of going.

ReMilet 7-2-65 indicates that U. S. Customs has been  
 investigating this matter to determine if arms or articles of  
 war may be illegally exported from the United States while this  
 Bureau has conducted investigation to determine if violation of  
 Neutrality Act exists.

While it is not definitely indicated in Milet 7-2-65  
 it appears that Customs commenced its investigation at the same  
 time as the Bureau. In addition it is also indicated that CIA  
 is conducting investigation in this matter. The meaning of this

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Airtel to SACs, Miami  
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RE: JULIO ATON CONSTANZO PALAU

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[Last information is not clear to the Bureau, however, it is believed you may be referring to fact that sources of CIA are furnishing information but that CIA is not actually investigating the violation.] (u)

The above indicates a duplication of investigative effort which should be clarified locally with U. S. Customs. However, prior to any contact with Customs Miami should await results of WFO interview with [Guillermo Alfredo Belt Martenz Viadeniente] regarding his [father's actions]. It would appear that information relative to actions of Guillermo Belt Ramirez may be involved in current allegation re subjects. If so there would appear to be a substantial basis for Bureau following through on the investigation in preference to Customs. [C] [C]

Despite the background of individuals involved if there is sufficient evidence to indicate they did engage in efforts to recruit individuals to serve in the Dominican Republic then the allegation is worthy of investigation. For example Hemming reportedly reviewed forms of individuals who were to be recruited. The obtaining of such forms would be a logical investigative step. Prior to dismissing this matter sufficient investigation should be conducted which when presented to the Department will provide sufficient grounds on which to base an opinion.

WFO should expedite interview requested in reBuairtel 7-9-65 and Miami should hold any investigation or contact with Customs in abeyance pending receipt results of this interview.

NOTE:

(u) On 6/9/65 CIA furnished data indicating subjects were forming a commando force in Miami to be used by Dominican General Antonio Imbert. It was subsequently determined that Customs may be investigating also and we had Miami check to determine if this was the case. It apparently is. Miami recommends discontinuing investigation and following through Miami source close to Hemming. (u) We also have received from CIA data indicating Guillermo Belt Ramirez former Cuban Ambassador may be involved in same or similar scheme. (u) His son is WFO, PSI and we directed WFO to interview son. (C) Speculation is that most of allegation is talk and concerns actions which never got off the ground. Before reaching definite conclusion with Customs as to whom should investigate we should have results of WFO interview. By letter 6-16-65 we advised Asst. AG Yeagley that in view of the possibility subjects are in violation of Federal laws relative to neutrality matters that appropriate investigation was being conducted by our Miami Office. (S)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (2-1917)

DATE: 7/2/65

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (2-387) (P)

SUBJECT: ATON CONSTANZO PALAU;  
GERALD PATRICK HEMMING;  
ET AL

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(OO: Miami)

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ReBuairtel to Miami 6/28/65.

ON ☒ ☐ ☐ On July 1, 1965, U. S. Customs, Miami, advised that sources and informants developed in the case "ROBERTO ALEJOS ARZU, IS - GUATEMALA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS," Bufile 2-1901, are also involved in this matter and started reporting information concerning HEMMING's plans as soon as the information was developed by other agencies. No formal complaint, as such, was received by Customs. The information was developed from contacts with established sources.

The basis for Customs' investigation is to ascertain if arms or articles of war may be illegally exported from the United States.

Customs stated that their inquiry to date reflects about the same information as reported by CIA and FBI. Customs has not written any reports and information developed by Customs is nothing that would significantly affect investigation being conducted by CIA or FBI.

OACB, the Miami Office plans no further active investigation but will follow this matter through MM 639-S, who is in constant and daily contact with HEMMING. The Bureau will be kept advised and the information will be reported in form suitable for dissemination.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (2-387) (P)

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Enclosed are twelve copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Copies are being disseminated locally to INS; CIA; G-2, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, Department of State; U. S. Coast Guard; U. S. Customs (3), 1-Miami, 1-Region II, 1-Key West; U. S. Border Patrol; ONI; OSI; and, FAA.

MM T-1 is [redacted] 750 N. W. 15th Street, Miami (by request).

On 6/14/65, U. S. Customs was orally advised of information contained in the enclosed LHM. Customs stated they, too, are investigating this matter, and will keep the Miami Office advised.

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For the information of the Bureau, a neighborhood investigation was conducted to ascertain if HEMMING had gone to the DR, as reported by [REDACTED] During this neighborhood investigation, HEMMING appeared, recognized the Agents from previous interviews, and invited them into his apartment.

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Will interview other Cuban exiles involved in this plan, and will recontact GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, and keep the Bureau advised.

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