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MM T-1 is MM 635-S.

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Miami, Florida

LORAN EUGENE HALL, also known as
Lorenzo Hall,
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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

The following information is submitted to reflect the activities of LORAN EUGENE HALL in the Miami area.

On July 9, 1959, RUBEN MIRO GUARDIA, a Panamanian then residing in Miami, advised that in April, 1959, he was detained by Cuban Police in Havana, Cuba. During his detention he met a United States citizen named LORAN HALL, who was also under detention at the time. HALL, a white male, approximately 30 years of age, 5'10" tall, black hair, said he was from the State of Kansas, and had served in the United States Armed Forces for about six years. HALL told MIRO that he had arrived in Cuba in about March, 1959, and had subsequently been contacted by CAMILO CIENFUEGOS, a Cuban Rebel Army Commander. CIENFUEGOS wanted HALL to train a group of men who were going to participate in an invasion of Nicaragua. HALL claimed he trained a group of men on a farm known as La Lisa, located near Havana. HALL said the food for the trainees came from the Cuban Military Staff Headquarters, on the orders of CIENFUEGOS.

MIRO stated that HALL said he was arrested on April 8, 1959, by Cuban authorities, who alleged HALL was suspected of being an FBI Agent. On MIRO's departure from Cuba on July 7, 1959, HALL was still in the custody of Cuban authorities but MIRO believed that HALL was going to be released and deported to the United States.

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MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past six years, advised on March 10, 1963, that HALL had been in Miami for about the past three months, and associated with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, an American adventurer, mercenary and soldier of fortune. MM T-1 stated HALL is disagreeable, is not liked by the other mercenaries in Miami, is of low moral character, and appears to have a criminal background.

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On March 18, 1963, LUIS BALBUENA, 908 S.W. 5th Street, Miami, a Cuban exile, advised that his brother, along with some Cubans and Americans, was involved in some plan to try and overthrow the government of Haiti. Somehow connected with this group is an American, LORENZO HALL, also known as LAWRENCE HALL, a soldier of fortune, who appears irresponsible and at one time was a member of the Cuban Rebel Army.

On April 5, 1963, the Miami Office received a telephone call from a LORENZO HALL, 142 S.W. 21st Avenue, Apartment 6, Miami, Florida. HALL said he understood that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency and Immigration and Naturalization Service were trying to locate him, and he wanted to report his address.

On November 11, 1963, MM T-1 said that LORENZO HALL, a white male, 25 years of age to 26 years, 5'7", 155 pounds, ruddy complexion, was unemployed and had indicated to the informant that he was from Los Angeles, California. He is always on the move, is in and out of Miami, is the confidence man type, and it was not known if he was then in Miami. MM T-1 advised that HALL claimed to have been in the Cuban Rebel Army, but the other mercenaries in Miami doubt this.

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MM T-1 said HALL was then loosely connected with Cuban revolutionary activities, which he uses as a gimmick to try and obtain money donations. In Miami, he loosely associated with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, "MEXICAN" LARRY HOWARD and WILLIAM HOUSTON SEYMOUR, all unemployed ad-venturers.

William Seymour

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MM T-1 stated HALL and HOWARD made a trip to California several months previously in an attempt to collect money by representing themselves as members of an anti-CASTRO movement. It is doubtful they collected any sizeable amount of money. Their practice is to contact local chapters of the John Birch Society, claiming they are anti-Communist freedom fighters, and ask for money to carry on their work. They do obtain some money this way, and use the money for living expenses.

In October, 1963, according to MM T-1, HALL and SEYMOUR visited Dallas, Texas, trying to collect money donations under the guise of representing anti-CASTRO organizations. Among the persons they contacted was LESTER R. LOGUE, 628 Meadows Building, Dallas, a geologist. It is unknown if LOGUE gave them any money.

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On December 5, 1963, MM T-1 advised that HALL had not been seen around Miami for about a month, and his whereabouts was then unknown.

On November 1, 1963 the United States Customs Service, Miami, Florida, furnished a report concerning the boat PITUSA I, which was observed on October 29, 1963 being trailer hauled by a 1955 Oldsmobile sedan, south of Miami in the direction of the Florida Keys. This car was