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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 21, 1948, under 2-897-88X.

The matter about which you inquired concerns the illegal exportation of two B-24 planes from Bush Field, Georgia, to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. These two planes departed Bush Field at approximately noon on January 26, 1948. One of the planes piloted by Harry A. Stone and carrying Harry Baker as a mechanic landed at Daytona Beach in the early evening of January 27, 1948, where repairs were made to the plane's radio. Charles E. Sutcliffe, Jr., conferred with Edward Browder, Jr., at Daytona Beach on the evening of January 27, and agreed to accompany the plane for the remainder of the flight. This plane departed Daytona Beach at 9:00 A.M. that day with Stone, Baker, and Sutcliffe aboard. It subsequently arrived at Puerto Cabezas that day. This plane was identified as number 3021.

The other plane identified as 3027 was piloted by Captain Glen Davis Brown, U.S. Army, and carried Kenneth J. Henderson as the mechanic. This plane flew directly to Puerto Cabezas, arriving there during the afternoon of January 26, 1948.

Subsequent to the landing of these two planes at Puerto Cabezas, they were seized by the Nicaraguan Government and the crew was taken into voluntary custody. On February 1, 1948, the planes were flown by the crew from Puerto Cabezas to Havana, Nicaragua, and Captain Glen Davis Brown surrendered to the custody of U. S. Military Attache at Havana. With the exception of Captain Brown, the remaining members of the crew were returned to the United States by Pan American Airlines, arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, approximately noon, February 7, 1948, where they were taken into custody and charged with violation of section 482, subsection 3 thereof, Title 22, U.S. Code. Brown was returned to the United States by the Army and was subsequently taken into custody by Federal authorities and charged with the same violation.

Edward Browder, Jr., was taken into custody at Miami, Florida, on 1:00 P.M. on February 6, 1948, in connection with this case action.

It was ascertained that these two planes along with a C-46 plane were sold by Otto Wilhelm on January 26, to one J. Mantell. Export licenses for the exportation of these two B-24 planes were not obtained from the United States Department of State. The C-46 plane is presently located at Bush Field, Georgia.

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We notice from press reports that recently you arrested six American fliers who were involved in a revolutionary plot against the Venezuelan Government.

In view of our interests in South America, we should be grateful for any details you may be able to give us on the instigators of the revolution and their proposed activities.

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