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- FAR.....Cuban Revolutionary Air Force
- MDC.....Movimiento Democrata Cristiano
(Christian Democratic Movement)
- MIRR.....Movimiento Insurreccional De
Recuperacion Revolucionaria
(Insurreccional Movement of Revolution-
ary Recovery)
- MRR.....Movimiento De Recuperacion Revolucion-
aria (Movement for Revolutionary
Recovery)
- SISS.....Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

On 7/29/58, the Miami Office reported that MM 639-S had advised previously that J. Allan Kilgore, Rex (lnu), and Frank (lnu), three Americans and US Marine Corps veterans, had been engaging in an operation of collecting arms and ammunition for Alonzo Hidalgo, one of the July 26 Action Group leaders in Miami.

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On 7/28/58, Legat, Havana, telephonically advised that Frank Fiorini was in jail in Havana, having been arrested by Cuban authorities in connection with driving a car that was being watched by Cuban authorities in connection with arms movements.

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It was noted that the Legat might desire to interview Fiorini. US Customs was to be advised of Fiorini's whereabouts.

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Add. info.

97-3244-254 p.1,2; encl.p.1
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The synopsis of Miami report dated 8/5/58, captioned "July 26 Revolutionary Movement, Miami" (97-3244) set out Frank Anthony Fiorini as one of the leading members of the action group within that Movement. Details of the report failed to substantiate this information in that the name of Frank Anthony Fiorini was not mentioned in the information therein pertaining to these members; however, information was included indicating that Frank Anthony Fachetti was a member of this July 26 Action Group.

On 4/28/58, MM 639-S advised that Gabriel Navarette of 2160 S.W. 4th Street, Miami, was engaged in the purchase and transportation of guns for the July 26 Action Group and that an American named Frank (lnu) was living with Navarette at that address. (u)

On 4/29/58, MM 639-S advised that Frank Fachetti, about 23 or 24 years of age, 6' tall, black hair, dark complexion, Italian extraction, and from the NYC area, was residing at 2160 S.W. 4th Street. MM 639-S advised that Fachetti reportedly fought in Cuba with the rebels in the Sierra Maestra mountains against the government forces of Cuba and that he now was working with Sergio Sanjenis in the Miami area purchasing arms for a possible future smuggling operation. (u)

On 4/30/58, Wallace Shanley, US Customs, Miami, advised he had obtained information that Frank Anthony Fachetti, white male, 6' tall, between 25 and 28 years of age, black wavy hair, 180-190 pounds, was residing at 2160 S.W. 4th Street and had been seen driving with Navarette in a 1950 Plymouth, 1958 Florida license # 1-115646. According to records of the Dade County Auto Tag Agency, this license was listed to Richard M. Kedziora, 35 N.W. 58th Street, Miami.

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97-3244-257 p.1,1b,1c,19,22,24,25,27,
(5,25,36, 31,32
48,66)

Correlator's Note: Foregoing information on Frank (lnu) and Frank Anthony Fachetti is being included as possibly pertaining to Frank Anthony Fiorini, subject of this summary; however, information is insufficient to positively establish this fact.

This reference sets out background data on Frank Fiorini, aka Frank Sturgis from files of the Norfolk, Virginia Police Department,

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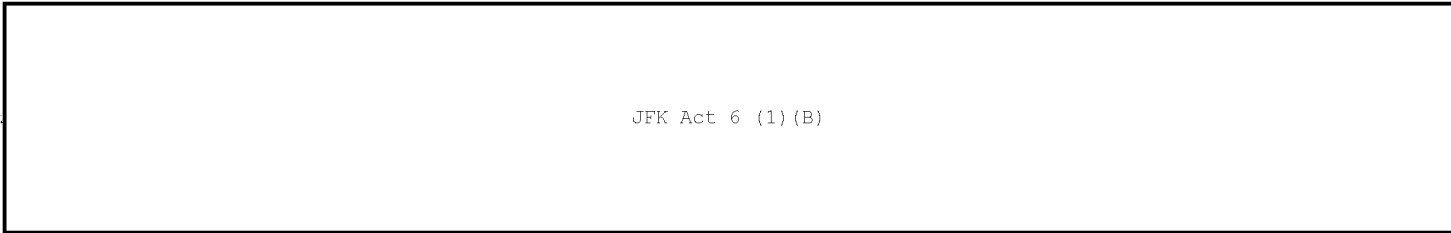
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who had just returned from about six weeks in Havana, Cuba, on a special assignment for "Life" magazine, advised a New York Office Agent on 2/19/59 that while in Havana he ran across several Americans, one of whom was Frank Fiorini, Captain in the Rebel Air Force, who intended to stay in Cuba.

109-581-12 encl.p.9
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On 3/23/59, Michael R. Moreno, a Miami photographer, furnished information relating to the arrest and questioning of Moreno, Robert Daut and Richard Jaffe by the Department of Logistics (109-590) in Cuba, on or about 3/5/59. Moreno and Daut, a Miami pilot, who were enroute to British Honduras on business, were met in Havana by Jaffe, a business acquaintance, and these three proceeded to the Cuban Air Force Base at Camp Columbia to obtain clearance to proceed to British Honduras. It was here they were held by military police and while guns were pointed at the three men, Frank Fiorini happened along and told Moreno and his companions not to worry as he would get them off. Moreno said they never saw Fiorini again.

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109-590-8 p.20,33
(18,42)

On 4/20/59, at Police Headquarters, Habana, Cuba, Lawrence Eugene Hall (105-78016), a US citizen, advised that he arrived in Habana on 3/19/59. He then met Captain Frank Fiorini, an American with the Revolutionary Air Force. Hall said his purpose in coming to Cuba was to join the Revolutionary Forces and that after explaining his purpose he was introduced by Fiorini to a Lieutenant Duany and to a Cuban lady known only as "Lucy." Duany identified himself as a member of the "13th of March Movement".

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105-78016-6 encl.p.2
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[redacted] advised on 4/3/59 that he had returned recently to the US from a month's trip to Havana, Cuba. In Havana he met and spoke with Frank Fiorini who had been active with the Castro movement in the US in supplying arms to Castro's forces in the mountains. [redacted] stated that at the present time Fiorini was Chief of Security for the Cuban Air Force.

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109-480-1798 encl.p.1
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On 6/19/59, MM 635-S advised that he and Douglas Leftbright (ph), a Canadian serving in the Cuban Air Force, had been sent to Miami several days previously by the Cuban Air Force to sabotage a P-51 airplane which allegedly had been dropping anti-Castro leaflets over Cuba. They located the plane at Fort Lauderdale and were in the proximity of the plane; however, they had no intention whatsoever of actually going through with this mission. On 6/20/59, James Byers (protect identity), Assistant Sales Manager, Aerodex, Miami National Airport, advised that Leftbright, along with a member of the Cuban Air Force (not further identified), had come to the office of Aerodex. Leftbright said that he and his companion had just "pulled off a deal" (not identified); that Frank Fiorini and Sergio Brule Diaz, also of the Cuban Air Force, had been sent to Miami on another mission for which they had spent a lot of money but accomplished nothing; and that they probably would attempt to take credit for the deal which had been executed by Leftbright and his companion. (u)

105-75511-155 p.3
(10)

Information concerning the late 1958 - early 1959 activities of Frank Fiorini was brought out during SISS (62-88217) hearings involving the testimony of Ricardo Luis Lorie y Valls, Cuban citizen, in Executive Session, on 7/24/59 at Miami Beach, Florida, and of Dr. Juan Orta Cordova, former private secretary of Fidel Castro, on 3/31/65, place of hearing undisclosed for security reasons. This related to activities of Fiorini, an American, in behalf of the Castro regime, both in Cuba and the US, including his involvement in the smuggling of arms to Cuba and use of planes purchased with Cuban funds in Fiorini's name, two of which remained in his possession when he left Cuba at the time Pedro Diaz Lanz of the Cuban Air Force defected on or about 7/1/59.

(Hearings enclosed, Part 14, entitled "Communist Threat to the United States Through the Caribbean")
62-88217-2947 encl.p.919,946,964
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On 2/5/62, MM-639-S advised that Frank Fiorini claimed that he would be the military leader for the organization of Carlos Prio Socarras (109-430). (U) X

Other investigation had indicated that Frank Fiorini, US citizen, was a soldier of fortune involved in Cuban revolutionary activity. Fiorini also was known as Frank Sturgis. (No sources given).

This reference stated that Prio, former President of Cuba, had a preliminary plan to establish a military base on a Key off the Cuban coast. (U)

109-430-2418 p.6
(16,35)

Alexander I. Rorke, Jr., 51 Chambers Street, NYC, who had been associated with various anti-Fidel Castro activities, on 4/21/62 advised that he had learned from Frank Fiorini that on either 4/17/62 or 4/18/62, he and Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz and others associated with Diaz were stopped about 40 miles southeast of Miami, Florida and turned back to Miami by the US Coast Guard. According to Fiorini, the Coast Guard action in stopping two of the boats belonging to Diaz was prompted by orders from Washington, DC. Rorke advised on 4/25/62 that he again spoke with Fiorini who was very much disgusted because they had been stopped by the Coast Guard and said he believed Diaz set up this activity in order to discontinue all activity against the present Cuban Government. Fiorini said there were both men and plenty of weapons aboard the boats but that the men were not detained nor were the boats or weapons confiscated by the US Government.

This reference identified Diaz Lanz as former head of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force.

105-108646-4 encl.p.3,4
(14)

In connection with foregoing, this reference is a Justice Department communication advising that according to the US Border Patrol, Miami, Pedro Diaz Lanz and ten other Cuban exiles were aboard a "Q" boat proceeding out of Biscayne Bay on 4/15/62, and they were stopped and ordered to return to the Miami River by the US Coast Guard and Customs. This reference stated also that Alexander I. Rorke, Jr. advised on 4/25/62 that in conversation with Frank Fiorini, he was told by Fiorini, an associate of Diaz Lanz but who was not reported to be a

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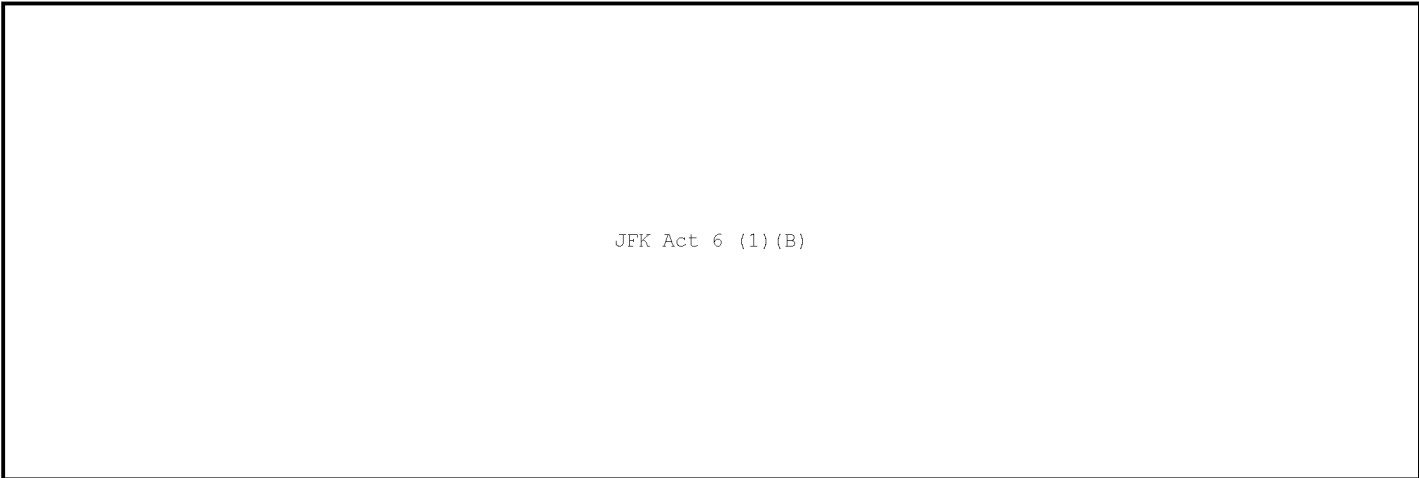
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MM 639-S advised on 10/29/62 that Mario Garcia Kohly (105-88521) was in Miami, Florida at that time and had conferred with Frank Fiorini who told Kohly he would arrange for an interview between Kohly and Jack Cumings of "Newsweek" and Jack Anderson, a Baltimore, Maryland newsman, and that these interviews would result in considerable publicity for Kohly. Fiorini, in return, expected Kohly to contribute funds to Fiorini for arms and ammunition. Fiorini claimed that Nat Bishop of Larchmont, NY, was expected to arrive in Miami on 11/3/62, at which time Fiorini would show Bishop a fast boat which he hoped Bishop would buy for Fiorini, to be used in raids against Cuba. According to Fiorini, Bishop was a good friend of Kohly. (u)

This reference indicated that Kohly, who maintained headquarters at 1600 South Joyce Street, Arlington, Virginia, claimed that he was heading a newly-formed Cuban Government in Exile. (u)

105-88521-75 encl.p.3
(13,40)



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105-116892-5 p.1
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"The Charleston Daily Mail", Charleston, W. Va., 3/14/63, Final Edition, page 1, in an article entitled "Cuba: Guns Downed Lost Elkview Flier", stated that Robert Thompson (105-106893), a flier who had disappeared on 12/14/61, was reported by the "Pompano Beach Sun-Sentinel," Pompano Beach, Florida, (date not indicated) to have been shot down over Matanzas, Cuba, while dropping anti-Castro leaflets. Missing with Thompson was another pilot, Robert Swanner. They

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SUBJECT OF FILE	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Anti-Fidel Castro Activities	109-584-3604 p.21	(18,42)
Ejercito Cubano Anticomunista (Frente Escambray) (Cuban Anti- communist Army) (Escambray Front)	105-102448-36 p.1,2 -42 encl.p.3 -45 p.2-4 -46 p.1-6 -47 p.2 -52 p.1,2;encl. p.1-4 -72 p.2,3,8-11	(14) (14) (14) (14,40) (Not Indexed) (Not Indexed) (14)
Jose Maria Gonzalez Hernandez	105-74764-20 p.3,6,7 -26 p.11	(10,40) (Not Indexed)
Los Pinos Nuevos	2-1855-3 encl.p.3	(3)

The following serials of the main file on Alexander I. Rorke, Jr., an American free-lance news photographer and writer, relate to the investigation to determine the authenticity of his claim of being involved in a raid over Cuba on 4/25/63. Background to this alleged

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raid indicated that Rorke was closely associated with Frank Fiorini and had distributed a leaflet which referred to participation in expeditions against Castro in the Spring of 1961 which were commanded by Fiorini, the Commanding Officer and organizer of the Anti-Communist International Brigade. It was reported that during April, 1963 Fiorini had claimed that plans were in progress for a new "strike"; also, that Fiorini had been in contact with Edgardo Sopo Barreto of the MRR who, on 5/1/63, alleged that Fiorini made frequent visits to Manuel Artime Buesa's organization* where he made irresponsible claims that were not true. During an interview in Miami on 4/27/63, Fiorini advised that he first met Rorke in 1960 in Miami, at the home of a leading anti-Castro Cuban, Pedro Diaz Lanz. He stated that about one month previously in Miami, he met with Rorke, Hansruedi Tanner and Geoffrey Sullivan who wanted Fiorini's help in proposed aerial action over Cuba; however, Fiorini declined to assist them. He denied knowledge of the 4/25/63 mission beforehand and expressed doubt that it actually took place:

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

- 97-4623-35 p.8
- 36 p.1-3
- 68 encl.p.4
- 84 p.1,2
- 107 p.90-93,95,96 (Interview with Fiorini, 4/27/63, Miami, set out).

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Correlator's Note: Subsequent information in this file indicates that facts of the investigation were submitted to the Justice Department and prosecution was not authorized.

* Not further identified. Probably the MRR.

On 3/22/63

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From Jerry Brooks (100-434935) who identified himself as a Captain in the "Minutemen". Brooks wrote that information he would send from time to time would concern "the Minutemen who are really Alpha 66 not so-called Cuban Exiles"; also, that one DePugh had given explosives to Frank Fiorini the past year to shell the "Habana Hilton". Brooks wanted to send some information

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 at an address at which "the F.B.I. & Secret Service won't connect you with me." He furnished a list of "Minutemen" which included "Mr. Frank Fiorini, Alpha-66, 22nd St., Miami, Florida, 2nd in command of Minutemen." ~~XXXX~~

(Copy of letter and list enclosed)
 100-434935-1X encl.
 (Not Indexed)

With reference to foregoing, Frank Anthony Sturgis, better known as Frank Fiorini, 2515 Northwest 122nd Street, Miami, was interviewed on 4/24/63. He denied any connection with Alpha-66, even though in the past he had admitted cooperation with Cuban anti-Castro groups. Fiorini said that several weeks previously, date unknown, a Mr. William DePugh in Missouri called him and inquired about Jerry Brooks (100-434935). Fiorini called an address where Brooks supposedly resided but obtained no information. He notified DePugh of that fact and had heard nothing since then. He was unable to furnish information concerning anyone else on foregoing list.

Fiorini, who had always expressed cooperation with the FBI in Miami in the past, again contacted DePugh in Missouri by phone on or about 5/2/63 and on 5/7/63, he furnished additional information on Brooks obtained from DePugh at that time. It was Fiorini's observation that DePugh would not cooperate with the Bureau in view of his connections in the "Minutemen". Fiorini also pointed out that Brooks supposedly was in Miami for two or three days (date not given), reason unknown to Fiorini.

100-434935-6 p.1,2
 (8,39)

On 6/14/63, MM 639-S advised that Rich Albert Lauchli of Collinsville, Illinois recently arrived in Miami, Florida with a station wagon load of arms for sale. American adventurers and mercenaries, Gerald Patrick Hemming, Jr. and Frank Anthony Sturgis, took Lauchli around to meet the different Cuban exile leaders in Miami and he subsequently sold weapons to the Second National Front of the Escambray, American mercenary Bill Garman, Ramon Font of Comandos L, and miscellaneous equipment to other organizations. (u)

109-584-3742 p.36
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In connection with the foregoing, MM 639-S advised that on 6/10/63, Rich Lauchli was with Frank Anthony Sturgis who took him to the home of Santiago Alvarez, at which time Alvarez purchased some of the guns from Lauchli (u)X

This reference indicated that Santiago Alvarez Rodriguez, one of the leading figures in the Comandos L (105-117222) anti-Castro organization, and his son, Santiago Alvarez Fernandez, honorably discharged from the US Army, both resided at 541 N.W. 45th Avenue, Miami.

105-117222-112 encl.p.3
(40)

On 6/18/63, MM 639-S advised that Mike Morino, 5730 Northwest 113th Terrace, Hialeah, Florida, appeared to be an American citizen who previously had sold arms to Cuban exiles in Miami, Florida. Morino reportedly was a friend of Frank Anthony Sturgis who introduced him to members of the DRE, an anticommunist Cuban revolutionary organization. (u)X

2-1693-92 encl.p.1
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The following references in the main file on Rafael Santos Inclan y Argudin relate to information originating on 8/3/63, when Inclan, a delegate of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitario (FEU) (Federation of University Students), advised WFO of a plan*, which he previously presented to [redacted] and which was discussed and agreed upon at recent FEU meetings in Miami, Florida and Washington, DC, to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro at a vacation resort probably in late November or December, 1963. Inclan said his group had a boat owned by Pedro Diaz Lanz to be used in this matter and weapons obtained from the Cuban Freedom Fighters (CFF), a Miami anti-Castro organization. He stated that Pedro and Marcos Diaz Lanz and Frank Fiorini were executive officers of the CFF and that the CFF had pledged its assistance to the FEU in its assassination plan. Fiorini advised on 9/5/63 that he met Inclan in the late Fall of 1962; that Inclan accompanied Fiorini and Pedro Diaz on two or three unsuccessful missions to Cuba in early 1963, on Diaz' boat, the "Moppie"; that in the Spring of 1963 Fiorini accompanied Pedro Diaz to visit with Inclan in Washington, DC but did not attend any meetings; and that Fiorini discouraged a plan of Inclan to assassinate Castro and said he would not participate in such a plan. Fiorini stated that neither he nor Pedro Diaz Lanz had any organization (u)X

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*Subsequent information in this file gave no indication that this plan ever materialized.

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After lunch Sanders and Fiorini drove Miro to the Hong Kong Restaurant in Miami where Miro was in contact with an unidentified person.

This reference described Ruben Oscar Miro Guardia (105-75663) as a Panamanian citizen and attorney with offices at Plaza de Francia 4, Panama City, Panama.

105-75663-94. encl.p.9-11
(10,35,40)

On 6/14/64, a legal flight was made from Miami, Florida, on behalf of Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the MIRR (97-4474), at which time photographs were taken of various air strips in the Bahama Islands including Chub Cay, Andros Island; Green Turtle Cay, Little Abaco Island; Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island; and Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. On this flight were William Johnson, a pilot and used car salesman; Robert Lee, owner of the American Air Taxi, engaged in the leasing of aircraft; Frank Anthony Sturgis, also known as Frank Fiorini, an American adventurer and soldier of fortune; and Michael Rafferty, Johnson's associate in a Miami used car business. This flight was in furtherance of Bosch's plan to use a suitable air strip in carrying out a raid against Cuba. All expenses for the flight were paid by Bosch.

On 6/22/64 Bosch held a meeting (place not indicated) with a group which included Johnson, Fiorini and Rafferty as well as several members of the MIRR, including Gervelio Gutierrez y Concepcion and one Luis (lnu - description set out). At this meeting Bosch discussed an MIRR effort to bomb Cuba on 6/19/64, resulting in the crash of the MIRR plane with three crewmen aboard. (Details set out).

(William Johnson - protect identity -
1271 Northwest 180th Terr., Miami)
97-4474-132 encl.p.2,7
(7,39)
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97-4474-126 p.2
(7,39)

MM 639-S advised that on 8/9/64, Laureano Batista Falla, military leader of the MDC (97-4110) stated that he wanted to leave on the following day to visit his military training camp outside the US (not further identified). Batista planned to meet an unidentified person in the parking lot of an unidentified super-market in Miami

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during the night hours, to receive some home-made bombs which previously belonged to Frank Anthony Sturgis, aka. Frank Fiorini, an American mercenary and adventurer living in Miami, Florida (u)

97-4110-132 encl.p.1
(6,38)

On 9/9/64, MM 974-S reported that Orlando Bosch had been consulting Frank Fiorini in order to obtain a plane for use in making an air attack against Cuba. Fiorini located a twin engine plane at Cocoa, Florida, and Bosch reportedly was trying to secure money for its purchase. (u)

This reference described Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila as leader of the MIRR (97-4474) an action group of Cuban exiles headquartered in Miami.

97-4474-155 encl.p.2
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Miami teletype dated 12/24/64, captioned "Alleged Plan By Cuban Exile Organization REAL to Blow Up British Ship at Nassau, Bahamas Between Christmas and New Year's Day, 1965" (105-137014) indicated that attempts by Miami to verify this allegation had met with negative results. Relative to information from Secret Service, Austin, Texas, that Lynn Pelham, "Life Magazine" photographer, had been visited by one "Frank" who said he was from Miami, Florida, and who made captioned allegation, Miami considered the possibility that "Frank" might be identical to Frank Fiorini, aka Frank Sturgis, an American adventurer who had been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for about six years and who had the reputation among several local federal agencies of peddling information which frequently was found to be unfounded and untrue.

A telephone call placed to Fiorini's house (no address given) on the night of 12/24/64, produced no answer. No further attempts to contact him would be made, pending results of interview of Pelham.

105-137014-18 p.2
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In the latter part of ~~October~~, 1965, PSI (UD) [redacted] (protect identity), a member of the Alianza Revolucionaria Democratica (ARD) (Democratic Revolutionary Alliance) (105-134875) in Miami, Florida, stated that Frank Fiorini, an American who had been involved in Cuban affairs at Miami since Fidel Castro came to power, visited the home of [redacted] (address not given) together with another American named Bill Johnson, on 10/20/65. Fiorini claimed that he wanted to get in contact with Dr. Manuel Urrutia Lleo when the latter came to Miami. He told [redacted] that he had an important plan in which Urrutia would be interested. [redacted] suspected that Fiorini might be working for a US Government agency and reporting matters discussed by anti-Castro exiles. X(U)

This reference identified Urrutia as leader of the ARD. Bill Johnson was not further identified.

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105-134875-28 encl.p.5
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On 11/2/65, [redacted] advised that recently, probably during the past 3 or 4 days, General Elias Wessin y Wessin was at the home of the Cuban exile newspaper man Antonio Llano Montes in Miami and among those who met with Wessin was Frank Fiorini. (No further information).

This reference described Wessin as a Dominican military officer and political figure who was residing in Miami Springs, Florida at that time.

109-12-211-8496 encl.p.3
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In connection with the investigation captioned "UNSUB: Attempt to Bomb Freight Boat 'Oro Verde' of Nassau, Bahamas, Registry, Pier 3, Miami, Florida, 10/18/66" (45-10628), Frank Fiorini, aka Frank Sturges, was interviewed on 5/5/67, at his place of business, United Motors, 9001 Northwest 7th Avenue, Miami. At Fiorini's request the interview was witnessed by Joseph Ambers, Sales Manager, United Motors, and Fiorini read and signed a Warning and Waiver of Rights form. Fiorini furnished background data on himself, referred to past activities during 1959 with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, former Cuban Air Force General Pedro Diaz Lanz and his brother, Marcos Diaz Lanz, and Miami anti-Castro revolutionary, Dr. Orlando Bosch.

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Fiorini claimed he made numerous trips to Cuba for the purpose of sabotage against the Castro dictatorship and to gather intelligence data for various Cuban exile groups in Miami. Fiorini admitted being knowledgeable and experienced in the use of explosives for sabotage purposes but denied any such activities in the US. He denied any connection with the attempted bombing of the "Oro Verde" or with any vessel in the Miami Harbor.

45-10628-28
(4,44)

The following reference on Frank Fiorini located in a file maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

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