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MM T-1 is
MM 726-S

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MM T-2 is
ALEX RORKE, NBC
Correspondent,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, who
states he is a former
clerk of the New York Office,
and is known to Agents of that
Office.

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MM T-3 is
MM 369-S

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Report of: GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. Office: Miami, Florida

Date: JAN 18 1961

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Title: MOVIMIENTO INSURRECIONAL DE
RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA

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Synopsis:

Newspaper publicity, 8/60, Miami, reflected Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, Cuban medical doctor, had been named a delegate in Miami of the MIRR, which allegedly has men fighting against FIDEL CASTRO in the Escambray Mountains of Cuba. VICTOR PANEQUE, aka, Captain DIEGO, now in Miami, named military coordinator; SINESIO WALSH, Commander in Chief in Cuba, was reportedly captured and executed by CASTRO regime recently. QUINO MEMBRIBE is reported to be one of the principal leaders of MIRR now in Cuba. [In November, 1960, an informant reported plans of BOSCH and PANEQUE to send an expedition to Cuba for the purpose of taking equipment to the MIRR by means of a boat, the "Jolly Roger".] This vessel departed Miami on or about 11/25/60. BOSCH reportedly executed registration forms in Miami relative to Foreign Agents Registration Act. In 1/61, BOSCH voluntarily furnished information to effect he joined July 26 Revolutionary Movement in 1957, and became chief of this movement in Las Villas Province shortly after BATISTA regime collapsed. Within a short time, he realized CASTRO government was rapidly becoming a Communist government and he

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against the BATISTA government. Subject formerly joined FIDEL CASTRO on November 22, 1957, received a commission as Major in the Rebel forces, and was named Section Chief of the 26th of July forces in Las Villas Province. On October 2, 1958, he was appointed acting Chief of Matanzas, Pinar del Rio, and Havana Provinces by FIDEL CASTRO.

On January 1, 1959, he was commissioned a Major in the regular Cuban Army and named Chief of Rural Police until dissolved in April, 1959. From April until July, 1959, he attended officers training school at Bahia Hondo, Pinar del Rio. In July, 1959, he was appointed Chief of Public Order, G-3 of the Cuban Army, and served as such until his departure from Cuba September 1, 1960. On November 9, 1959, he was named government intervener of La Compania Inter-Americana de Transportes (Inter-American Transport Company), until September 1, 1960, when the company was incorporated into an organization known as Talleres Nacional, which is the government agency responsible for all motorized equipment in the Republic. He was named General Administrator of Talleres Nacional by FIDEL CASTRO, and certified as such on August 29, 1960.

[C. Reports Concerning Plans of Expedition] (S)(u)

On November 1, 1960, MM T-1, who is well acquainted with BOSCH and some members of his group, advised that Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH had possession of a forty-foot luxury yacht, described as the "Trudy Lou" (subsequently identified by MM T-1 as the "Jolly Roger"), bearing registration number FL-6705, then docked at Just Island, Miami River, Miami. This boat was in the process of being equipped with two short-wave radios. The boat, according to MM T-1, was scheduled to make a clandestine trip to Cuba for the purpose of taking equipment to the MIRR in the Escambray Mountains of Cuba. (S)(u)

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On November 2, 1960, MM T-1 said the equipment would include a two-way portable radio, and he suspected that small arms would also be transported. About four men were scheduled to make trips on this boat. It was scheduled to depart in the immediate future upon completion of radio installation. MM T-1 received the information indicating that VICTOR PANEQUE would be in command of the boat. MM T-1 also learned that BOSCH had acquired a radio transmitter and receiver which operate on 4895 kilocycles at his residence, 4138 Southwest 18th Terrace. (X)(u)

On November 3, 1960, MM T-1 learned that approximately ten persons planned to make a trip aboard the above described vessel on November 3 to deliver equipment to the MIRR in the Escambray Mountains. The boat was scheduled to take some arms which were believed to have been acquired by PANEQUE on a recent trip to the northempart of the United States. (X)(u)

[On November 19, 1960, MM T-2,] (X)(u) who is well acquainted with BOSCH and some members of his organization, advised that 15 Cubans were scheduled to depart on board a 45-foot boat having two Chrysler engines, under the command of VICTOR PANEQUE, within 48 hours, exact time of departure being unknown. This expedition was being sponsored by the MIRR under the civilian leadership of ORLANDO BOSCH. The boat was scheduled to transport a supply of weapons, consisting of garands, carbines, revolvers and one 20 millimeter cannon and some short wave radio equipment. The purpose of the expedition was to set up a post in the interior of Cuba in order to organize and establish a provisional government to operate a short wave radio station, and to request United States aid following establishment of the base. MM T-2 expressed great confidence in the aims and purposes of BOSCH and PANEQUE, both of whom he believed to be sincerely anti-communist and anti-CASTRO. MM T-2 said that he had heard a rumor

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to the effect that PANEQUE is suspected of being a CASTRO agent. He discounted this rumor, explaining that PANEQUE had taken a trip to Washington, D. C. and New York with LUIS CONTE AGUERO, but had later split with CONTE AGUERO after CONTE AGUERO had attempted to deceive PANEQUE, whereupon CONTE AGUERO started a rumor that PANEQUE is a CASTRO agent, as a means of retaliation against him. MM T-2 said that in his opinion PANEQUE is one of the most solid, substantial and reliable Cubans he has ever met.

The Miami offices of the United States Customs Service and United States Border Patrol were notified concerning above plans, and on September 20, 1960, the United States Border Patrol, Miami, advised that it had just stopped the "Jolly Roger", as it was in the process of departing Miami. Eight individuals, including two women, were on board, all of whom claimed they were on a fishing trip. There was fishing gear on board. Inspection of the boat by U. S. Border Patrol and U. S. Customs disclosed only one .45 caliber revolver, but no other weapons or ammunition nor any other radio equipment except the ship-to-shore boat radio. The following individuals were on board:

VICTOR MANUEL PANEQUE Y BATISTA

Captain AUGUSTIN TORRES, Skipper of the boat

MARCINO BELO MARTINEZ

DANIEL MORENO

PEDRO MANUEL VERANDA

LUIS LICOR SOSA

MORINA SANCHEZ SOSA, wife of PANEQUE

*Fla
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de PANEQUE

All of the above are Cubans. Also on board were ^{MR. & MRS} AMOS SHAY WATKINS and his wife, JOAN, both U. S. citizens.

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"Jolly Roger"
 The owner of the boat was allegedly ARTHUR J. AUGUST, who was not on board. It was noted that the boat had four extra 150-gallon fuel tanks which were not hooked up into the boat's system. There were no substantial food supplies on board. The U. S. Border Patrol advised that as there was no evidence of any Federal violation, the boat was released, and it returned up the Miami River later in the same afternoon. Fla

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 [On November 21, 1960, MM T-2 advised that the trip of the "Jolly Roger" on November 20, 1960, had been a test trip for the purpose of determining what, if any, action would be taken upon departure of the boat. He said there was no intention to leave Miami on that day.

On November 25, 1960, MM T-1 advised that the "Jolly Roger" had departed Miami and that its present whereabouts was unknown. (S)(u)

On December 29, 1960, MM T-3 reported that he had received information from Cuban exiles acquainted with Captain DIEGO that DIEGO was just then in the process of returning to Miami from a trip to Cuba following which he had encountered boat trouble in the Bahamas while en route back to Miami. (S)

MM T-3 said that FRANK FIORINI, an American adventurer who was deprived of his United States citizenship as a result of his participation in the FIDEL CASTRO regime shortly after January 1, 1959, but who subsequently defected, is attempting to negotiate an agreement with Captain DIEGO's group to obtain transportation of some of (S) U.S.A. Cuba

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FIORINI's men from Miami to Cuba where FIORINI's men expect to operate in an area staked out for themselves. FIORINI told MM T-3 that DIEGO had succeeded in taking some men and equipment into Cuba several weeks previously. He claimed that moving picture photographs and still pictures of the entire operation have been made by an American known to FIORINI only as ALEX. (X)

D. Registration

On December 30, 1960, Mr. ALEXANDER NEWBERGER, associated with the law firm of Mr. DAVID WALTERS, Ainsley Building, Miami, advised that about 1½ months previously Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH had come to his office for advice as to whether or not he should become registered under the Foreign Agents' Registration Act on behalf of an organization represented by him. Mr. NEWBERGER said that he assisted Dr. BOSCH in executing the appropriate registration forms in his office, and upon completion of same, gave the registration form enclosed in an envelope addressed to the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., with the expectation that this form would be promptly mailed to Washington, D. C.

Mr. NEWBERGER said that he was impressed by the sincerity of Dr. BOSCH, who appeared to be a professional man and who desired to abide by the laws of the United States.

E. Immigration and Naturalization Service Records

On November 2, 1960, Mr. EMMETT PHILLIPS, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, made available for examination the INS file All 881 810, on ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, medical doctor. This confirmed

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There is enclosed one copy of the report of
Special Agent George E. Davis, Jr., dated January 18, 1961,
at Miami, Florida, concerning captioned organization.

On January 3, 1961, an informant, who has
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that
Victor Paneque, also known as Captain Diego, who is the
military delegate of the Movimiento Insurreccional de
Recuperacion Revolucionaria in Miami, was going to be
placed in Cuba through Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, sometime soon
by "the Americans," not further identified. On January 16,
1961, this same informant learned from Dr. Orlando Bosch
Avila, the Miami civilian delegate of the Movimiento
Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria, that the
vessel "Jolly Roger" was going to transport some guns
from Green Cay, Bahama Islands, to Miami, and these guns
would subsequently be taken by a group by plane from Miami
to Cuba. X(u)

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On January 19, 1961, our Miami Office interviewed
three men who had identified themselves as United States
citizens who had been located on isolated property northwest
of Pompano Beach, Florida. These men were Robert Edward
Rostallon, James Peter Henri and August Joseph Andrew
Bachot, Jr., who stated they belonged to an unnamed organi-
zation of 12 to 13 Americans under the leadership of Frank
Sturgis and that their camp was a staging area which had
been used by a group prior to its departure on an unknown
date for Cuba. These three individuals were observed to be
in possession of one revolver. They alleged that Sturgis
had stated their presence in Cuba would encourage Cubans
to defect against Castro, and that if the revolution was
successful against Castro, they would be rewarded with
political positions or businesses under the new Cuban regime.

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Frank Sturgis, mentioned above, is identical with Frank Anthony Sturgis, also known as Frank Fiorini, who is mentioned in the enclosed report as having entered into negotiations with Captain Diego to obtain transportation of his men from Miami to Cuba where Fiorini's men would stake out an area of operations for themselves. Sturgis is the subject of my letter to you dated December 16, 1960, at which time you were requested to advise whether the activities of Sturgis developed to date indicated a possible violation of neutrality statutes within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI warranting additional investigation.

On January 19, 1961, an informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported he had visited the camp maintained by Sturgis near Pompano Beach, Florida, and had learned that Captain Diego has a group leaving "this weekend" for Cuba and was to take along several of Sturgis' men as a separate unit under the leadership of one Max Vila, Jr. This same informant reported that he had learned that Bosch, Diego and Sturgis were on January 19, 1961, reportedly in Tampa, Florida, allegedly to obtain possession of a boat which had been undergoing repairs. Additional details of this trip and the identity of the boat involved are not known. (X)

The United States Customs Service and the United States Border Patrol have been furnished all pertinent developments in this matter in view of the possibility of additional gunrunning activities on the part of the persons involved with the captioned organization.

A representative of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Miami has advised our Miami Office that although CIA has no operational interest in Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila and his organization at the present time, some consideration is being afforded this matter by CIA and it is possible that CIA may acquire an operational interest in this organization at sometime in the near future. (X) (S) (u)

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