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Date: December 20, 1963

To: Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
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Reference is made to our letter dated December 18,  
1963, with enclosure.

Attached for each recipient is a copy of a  
memorandum dated December 20, 1963.

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This will confirm information orally furnished to  
Mr. E. N. Powers, Department of State

Mr. Lester Johnson, Bureau of  
Customs; Mr. James T. Murphy, Federal Aviation Agency; and  
Captain William Edwards, Defense Intelligence Agency, by  
Mr. A. J. Decker of this Bureau on December 18, 1963.

We are endeavoring to obtain additional information  
and the pertinent data will be made available to the recipients.

Enclosure

1 - Director (Enclosure)  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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Informative Note

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State: F. N. Brown

[REDACTED] (S)

Customs: Lester Johnson

FAA: James T. Murphy

DIA: Capt. Wm. Edwards

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**MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL  
DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO**

~~2/18/95 SP8 MAC/GAT~~  
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(JFK)

Previous information has indicated that the captioned anti-Castro organization is planning to carry out a bombing raid over Cuba from Bimini in the Bahama Islands. The airplane scheduled to be used in the raid is located at the Broward International Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On December 18, 1963, our source in this matter who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a practice flight in the Aero Commander airplane, number N2624B, located at the above-mentioned airport and scheduled to be used on the raid, was to be made on December 19, 1963, and that a final practice flight was scheduled to be made on December 20, 1963. No practice flight will be made over Bimini as [redacted], the owner of the airplane, is opposed to it for security reasons. JFK Act 6 (1) (B)

Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the captioned organization, plans to have a quantity of propaganda leaflets dropped from the airplane during the raid over Cuba. Bosch and his associates have described a boat to be used in this operation as being 28 feet long with a bridge on top. With reference to this boat, our source has learned that William Johnson, a United States citizen, pilot and businessman who was involved in arranging for the airplane to be used on this raid, is also involved in arranging for the use of the above-mentioned boat.

[redacted] authorities have been advised. (X)

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FROM SAC, MIAMI /105-2855 /

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REBUTEL AND MIAMI TEL DATED DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

TODAY MIAMI HAD DISCUSSION WITH JOHN KINNEY AND HIS SUPERIOR,  

*Federal Aviation Agency*

 , SUPERVISING INSPECTOR, *FAA*, AND EDWARD FICKIE, U. S. CUSTOMS, WHO IS HANDLING INSTANT CASE FOR CUSTOMS, AND REITERATED BUREAU/S POSITION THAT PREVENTION OF RAID IS WITHIN JURISDICTION OF CUSTOMS AND FAA, AND CONSEQUENTLY THIS OFFICE NOT MAKING ANY REQUESTS FOR GROUNDING INSTANT PLANE.   STATED FAA HAS INVESTIGATIVE POWERS BUT NO POLICE POWERS AND IF PLANE IS GROUNDED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE BY ACTION OF CUSTOMS AGENCY.   STATED FAA WOULD CONTINUE TO FREELY COOPERATE WITHIN SCOPE ITS JURISDICTION. FICKIE ADVISED THAT U. S. CUSTOMS IS PREPARED TAKE PROPER ACTION AND WILL COORDINATE WITH FAA.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS IN MIAMI AREA ARE NOW FAVORABLE.

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MR. Decker  
By RL Time 9:40 P

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