
Agency Information

AGENCY : FBI
RECORD NUMBER : 124-10278-10408

RECORD SERIES : HQ

AGENCY FILE NUMBER : 97-4474-89

Document Information

ORIGINATOR : FBI
FROM : SAC, MM
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

TITLE :

DATE : 12/12/1963
PAGES : 8

SUBJECTS :

MIRR, ACA, MEMBERS, OBA, RAID, CUBA

DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT
CLASSIFICATION : Secret
RESTRICTIONS : 1C; 4
CURRENT STATUS : Redact
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 06/30/1998

OPENING CRITERIA : INDEFINITE

COMMENTS : INC NOTE, MEMO, LHM

REC 30

(NI) 97-4474 89

1 - Liaison
1 - Nasca

Date: December 13, 1963

To: Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION
REVOLUCIONARIO
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Reference is made to our letter dated December 12, 1963, with enclosure.

Attached is the original of a memorandum dated December 13, 1963. A copy of this memorandum is attached for each of the the other recipients.

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

Enclosure

Director (Enclosure)
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (Enclosure)
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Security Division

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

VNN:klp
(15)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Domestic Intelligence Division
Informative Note

12-12-63

OTHER 4

By teletype 12-11-63 Miami advised []
approached by Orlando Bosch, leader
Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion
Revolucionario (MIRR), anti-Castro group,
to pilot twin-engine Beechcraft on bombing
raid over Cuba 12-14 or 15-63. Plane to be
flown from Florida to Bimini, Bahama Islands,
by American pilot on ostensible pleasure
flight and [] and 3 additional bombing
crew members to travel to Bimini from Miami
area in fast boat. [] now identifies
William Johnson as individual who has rented
Beechcraft plane to be used on raid. Johnson
has been subject of intensive investigations
by Customs in recent past and has been
involved in previous operations of MIRR.
Plane presently in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
[] is attempting to obtain additional
details concerning identity and location
of boat and time of its departure for Bimini.
We agree with Miami that raid can best be
stopped by Customs exercising its seizure
powers. We have so advised Miami by
teletype 12-12-63. Miami will keep Bureau
advised of developments.

AJD

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 9/11/85

BY SP6 BJA/GCL

2/2/95

SP8 MMC/GAT
(JFK)

Domestic Intelligence Division
Informative Note

12-12-63

OTHER 4

By teletype 12-11-63 Miami advised [] approached by Orlando Bosch, leader Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionario (MIRR), anti-Castro group, to pilot twin-engine Beechcraft on bombing raid over Cuba 12-14 or 15-63. Plane to be flown from Florida to Bimini, Bahama Islands, by American pilot on ostensible pleasure flight and [] and 3 additional bombing crew members to travel to Bimini from Miami area in fast boat. [] now identifies William Johnson as individual who has rented Beechcraft plane to be used on raid. Johnson has been subject of intensive investigations by Customs in recent past and has been involved in previous operations of MIRR. Plane presently in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. [] is attempting to obtain additional details concerning identity and location of boat and time of its departure for Bimini. We agree with Miami that raid can best be stopped by Customs exercising its seizure powers. We have so advised Miami by teletype 12-12-63. Miami will keep Bureau advised of developments.

AJD

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 9/11/85 BY SP6 BJA/GCL

2/21/95

SP8 MAC/GAT

(JFK)

SECRET

1 - Liaison
1 - Nasca

(NI) 97-4474

December 13, 1963

**MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL
DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO**

On December 12, 1963, our source in this matter who has furnished reliable information in the past learned that William Johnson, a United States citizen, pilot and businessman who has been previously involved in anti-Castro activities, rented a twin-engine Beechcraft which is scheduled to be used in the bombing raid. This airplane is located at Broward International Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, rather than at Orlando, Florida, as previously indicated. Some consideration is being given, however, to using an Aero Commander airplane located at Broward International Airport instead of the Beechcraft.

Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionario (MIRR), has indicated that there may be some slight postponement of this operation but he has not made any definite announcement of a change of schedule.

VHN:klw *klw*
(16)

NOTE:

2/21/95 Sp8 MAC/SAT (JFK)
Classified by *SP6 BJA/GCL*
Declassify on: OADR 9/11/85

Original to State, copies to CIA, Army, Navy, Air Force, DIA, Customs, INS, FAA, Coast Guard, Yeagley. Copies separately being furnished John Crimmins, Coordinator Cuban Affairs, Department of State, by Courier Service and [Stott.] (S)

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

SECRET

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

ENCLOSURE

SECRET

DEC 12 1963

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Gandy	

URGENT 12-12-63 9-17 PM EST RM
TO DIRECTOR, /97-4474/ AND SAC, TAMPA /105-374/
FROM SAC, MIAMI /105-2855/

MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO,
Internal Security -
/MIRR/ DASH IS DASH CUBA, *Neutrality Matter*

RE MIAMI TEL ~~DECEMBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE~~ TO BUREAU AND
TAMPA TELETYPE ~~DECEMBER TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE~~ TO BUREAU.

ON AFTERNOON ~~DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE,~~ [REDACTED]
AKA. [REDACTED] /PROTECT/ FURNISHED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORM-
ATION CONFIDENTIALLY.

ON MORNING ~~DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE,~~ DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA,
HEAD OF MIRR, AND [REDACTED] MET AND TALKED WITH WILLIAM JOHNSON,
U.S. CITIZEN, PILOT AND BUSINESSMAN PREVIOUSLY IMPLICATED IN CUBAN
REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. JOHNSON WAS REVEALED TO [REDACTED] AS THE
INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS RENTED A TWIN ENGINED BEEHCRAFT AIRPLANE WHICH
IS SCHEDULED TO BE USED ON INSTANT ~~BOOMBING~~ RAID. THIS AIRPLANE IS
LOCATED AT BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ~~REG 30~~ *97-4474-87* AUVERDALE, FLA., AND
NOT AT ORLANDO, FLA., AS BOSCH HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED. SOME
CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO USING AN AERO COMMANDER PLANE
AT BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INSTEAD OF THE BEEHCRAFT. BOSCH
EXPRESSED SOME DISSATISFACTION WITH PRICE DEMANDED BY JOHNSON FOR
END OF PAGE ONE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE TWO

USE OF A PLANE, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT DEAL BETWEEN BOSCH AND JOHNSON WILL BE CONSUMMATED AS [] IS SCHEDULED TO TRY OUT TOMORROW MORNING AT BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE PLANE WHICH WILL BE USED ON THE RAID. [] HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION OF PLANE.

[] BELIEVES HE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF BOAT PRIOR TO ITS SCHEDULED TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM MIAMI AREA. BOSCH HAS INDICATED THERE MAY BE SOME SLIGHT POSTPONEMENT OF THIS OPERATION, BUT NO DEFINITE CHANGE OF SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY HIM.

TODAY MIAMI BRIEFED GREGG BENTLY, SPECIAL BRANCH, BAHAMEAN POLICE, ON FACTS AVAILABLE THIS MORNING. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO FULLY COOPERATE AND STATED THAT IF ANY PERSONS ARRESTED IN ATTEMPT TO TAKE OFF FROM BIMINI ON INSTANT BOMBING RAID THEY WOULD BE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ENTRY AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION EXPLOSIVES BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES. MIAMI WILL BRIEF BENTLEY ON FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. (G-1)(U)

IN VIEW [] POTENTIAL IN ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND IDENTITY BOAT, AND TIME OF ITS DEPARTURE FOR BIMINI, IT NOW APPEARS THAT SEIZURE BY U. S. CUSTOMS OF BOAT AS IT IS DEPARTING WOULD BE MOST FEASIBLE WAY TO STOP THIS OPERATION. U. S. CUSTOMS, MIAMI, HAS ADVISED THAT UNDER EXISTING POLICY, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BOAT WOULD NOT BE ARRESTED, BUT THE BOAT AND EXPLOSIVES WOULD BE SEIZED. . THIS

END PAGE TWO

SECRET

97-4474-89

SECRET

PAGE THREE

PROCEDURE WOULD AFFORD ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO [] U. S. CUSTOMS
IS COORDINATING ITS ACTIONS WITH U. S. COAST GUARD AND BORDER PATROL
IN PLANNING SUCH A SEIZURE. INTERCEPTION BY THE BRITISH AT BIMINI
WOULD SERVE AS A STOP GAP PROCEDURE IN EVENT BOSCH ENGAGES IN
SUCCESSFUL LAST MINUTE DECEPTIVE TACTICS.

OTHER 4

[] MEETING AGAIN TONIGHT WITH BOSCH. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED
IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THIS OFFICE ALL FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

OTHER 4

MIAMI HAS ORALLY ADVISED OFFICE CUBAN AFFAIRS, STATE DEPARTMENT,
U. S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL, LOCALLY ALL PERTINENT FACTS AND IS
DISSEMINATING LETTERHEAD MEMO BEARING TODAY/S DATA TO THESE AGENCIES
AND TO FAA, INS, CIA, ONI, G-2, AND OSI.

TAMPA DISCONTINUE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AFFORD COMPLETE PROTECTION TO []
END AND ACK PLS

WA MHIS IS FBI WA 2

932 PM OK FBI WA SY

TP 9-32 PM OK FBI TP VED

TUALL ANO

SEP 10 1963

SECRET

97-4474-89