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Copies of the attached memorandum have been furnished to the interested agencies, including Customs, the Federal Aviation Agency and the Coast Guard, both in Miami and in Washington, D. C.

Continued
It is requested that this Bureau be advised as to whether an investigation of the neutrality aspects of the MIRR activity is desired and whether separate similar investigation is desired of the proposed Comandos L activity.

Enclosure

NOTE FOR SAC, MIAMI:

Attached is copy of referenced Department letter dated 3-30-64. Keep Bureau and interested agencies currently advised of all pertinent developments. [Also advise appropriate Bahamian authorities of MIRR plans.] *(G+Y)*

NOTE: MIRR, anti-Castro organization, has carried out several raids against Cuba, the last of which was thwarted by US authorities in December, 1963. Referenced Department letter, which was in response to our request for prosecutive opinion concerning the December, 1963, raid, stated that Department would not contemplate initiating criminal action at this time. ~~X~~ Information has now been received indicating MIRR is planning new raids against Cuba from Andros Island in the Bahamas. One raid allegedly will be by boat against Soviet freighter off Florida coast and another will be by air over sugar areas in Cuba. Our informant in this matter is [redacted] Cuban refuge pilot who has furnished information on two previous occasions which has led to the thwarting of these raids. Miami has previously alerted Bahamian authorities concerning activities of MIRR and this should also be done in this case. [redacted] also furnished information concerning plans of Comandos L, another anti-Castro organization, to make boat attacks against *7*

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Rerep SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. 2/5/64 at Miami.

Enclosed are 12 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies also furnished locally to State Dept. Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, Border Patrol, Coast Guard, G-2, OSI, Customs (Miami and Region II), INS, FAA, ONI and [CIA.]

This communication is classified "Confidential" to protect a source of continuing value.

MM T-1 is [redacted] PSI (under development).

For info of Bureau, BOSCH is depending on [redacted] to pilot a boat and transport BOSCH and IAREDO RODRIGUEZ, MIR treasurer, along with supply of weapons and explosives, from Miami to Andros Island where the munitions will be cached. The boat will be rented.

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BOSCH also wants [] to handle the problem of obtaining and piloting an Aerocommander plane to be used in these plans. BOSCH expects [] to obtain this plane in either Texas or Calif. where Aerocommanders are advertised in trade magazines. He will supply [] with \$1200 to obtain option to purchase such plane, with right to use it for two months. *(P)(u)*

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BOSCH has advised [] he will not deal with either WILLIAM JOHNSON or CHARLES BUSH, U.S. citizens who were involved in preparations for the 12/28/63 raid. BOSCH indicates he mistrusts both of these men. *(P)(u)*

Above info has been purposely omitted from the LHM to protect [] whose vulnerability increases as BOSCH depends more and more upon him. *(P)(u)*

Miami has kept Mr. STANLEY SCHACHTER, U.S. Customs, Miami, informed of all pertinent details. Mr. SCHACHTER has advised that Comandos L has a boat, the "Andrea", located in the Miami River, which recently has been taken out on several trial runs. This boat is 28 feet long and has a 185 HP motor. It is being closely watched by Customs. It appears this may be the boat which Comandos L plans to use on the raid reported by []. *(P)(u)*

Mr. SCHACHTER, on basis info obtained by this office, expects to seize BOSCH's boat as it departs for Andros Island with arms and explosives.

Miami will continue to investigate activities of MIRR for intelligence purposes and determine if the neutrality laws are being violated.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Miami, Florida
March 28, 1964

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Previous investigation has reflected that the MIRR is an anti-Castro organization of Cuban exiles headquartered in Miami under the leadership of Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila. The MIRR has claimed credit for several airplane bombing raids over Cuba in 1963. Their last attempt was stopped when the U. S. Customs and U. S. Coast Guard seized two boats, explosives, and a plane on December 28, 1963, in the Miami area. *Flora*

In January and February, 1964, Dr. Bosch began making plans for further raids, but encountered difficulty in raising sufficient funds with which to carry out his plans.

Current Developments

On March 25 and 26, 1964, MM T-1, a Cuban exile who is friendly to some of Bosch's close associates, advised that Bosch's plans have recently undergone some revision and acceleration. Bosch intends to set up a base of operations on Andros Island in the Bahamas. He will rent a boat in the Miami area and transport a quantity of arms and explosives from Miami to Andros Island where these materials will be cached. On this trip he will attempt to choose a suitable air strip to accommodate an Aerocomander plane. *Q. 1/11*

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Thereafter, the plane will be used to bomb sugar centrals in Cuba, taking off from Andros, but returning to Florida after each raid. R (X)u

Bosch also will use one or more small boats to attack a Russian freighter off the coast of Florida. These attacks will be launched from Andros Island. R (X)u

MM T-1 stated no dates have been set for establishing the base on Andros Island, or for attacking any of the targets. Bosch has not yet acquired a plane. R (X)u

MM T-1 said the MIRE, under the direction of Bosch, is now cooperating with the Comandos L, which is an anti-Castro action group under the leadership of Antonio Cuesta and Ramon Font, both of Miami. R (X)u

Bosch has disclosed that Comandos L has made plans for a boat raid against shipping off the north coast of Cuba near Camaguey Province. Comandos L is monitoring marine radio messages involving merchant vessels proceeding south off the coast of Florida toward Cuba. This information will be utilized by Comandos L in selecting a target. R (X)u

MM T-1 said that one of Bosch's men, Orlando Ramirez, an explosives expert, is preparing the explosive materials to be used by Comandos L. MM T-1 did not know any further details concerning the Comandos L operation, but felt that it might be imminent. R (X)u

He advised that Bosch is also interested in a long range plan of establishing a base of operations in the Dominican Republic. He is considering the advisability of R (X)u

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dispatching two representatives to the Dominican Republic for negotiations with appropriate officials. *R (S/4)*

Previous investigation has reflected that Bosch frequently alters and postpones his plans before putting them into operation.

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