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May 13, 1964

RE: MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE  
RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR)

Previous information has indicated that the captioned Miami, Florida, anti-Castro organization has been engaged in efforts to attack Cuba.

On May 11, 1964, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the MIRR, is planning a joint sea and air raid to sink the "Las Villas," a Cuban freighter which reportedly recently left Marseilles, France, for Havana, Cuba, with a cargo of heavy equipment such as busses or railroad stock. Bosch plans to execute this attack off the coast of southern Florida, along the sea route normally used by ships.

Jerry Fuller, brother of Bobby Fuller, who was executed by Castro after being captured on an abortive raid from Miami in 1960, was scheduled to rent a 26-foot Bertram speedboat on the morning of May 12, 1964, at Bertram's Boat Yard, and turn it over to two or more Cubans at the Crandon Marina for travel by sea the same day to Palm Beach, Florida, where Bosch has obtained a safe house near the Lake Worth Inlet. Two homemade torpedoes, equipped with radio directional controls, were scheduled to be transported by a motor vehicle on May 11, 1964, from Miami to the aforementioned safe house.

MIRR representatives connected with the safe house will maintain a lookout off shore in a small fishing boat for the "Las Villas." The speedboat, under the command of Orlando Ramirez, a bomb expert who has been involved in previous raid attempts, will be used as the boat from which the torpedoes will be launched. An air surveillance and an attack, which will be coordinated with the sea attack, are also being planned. Reportedly, a Cessna plane, Registration Number N 316 D, which is located at the Aero Country Club, south of Miami, will be used.

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Bosch has instructed that aerial surveillances be conducted twice daily of the sea lanes off the east coast of Florida from May 12 through May 14, 1964, to locate the "Las Villas" as it approaches the Florida coast. When the vessel is spotted, the pilot of the plane is to advise the individuals located at Palm Beach of the vessel's location and direction and then return to a predesignated spot on the Florida mainland to pick up seven to ten 25-pound napalm bombs and a weapon. The pilot of the plane reportedly is to coordinate his movements with the speedboat and is to drop the bombs on the "Las Villas" immediately prior to the attack by the speedboat in order to divert attention from this boat.

The above-mentioned source feels that Bosch is promoting this plan for his own personal benefit and profit without sharing any risk.

The Bureau of Customs in Miami has been furnished complete details in this matter and is conducting investigation aimed at stopping the raid and seizing the contraband.

Appropriate care should be used in handling this information so that the source will not be jeopardized.

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