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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)(u)

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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MM SEVEN TWO SIX DASH S ADVISED THAT VICTOR PANEQUE, AKA CAPTAIN DIEGO, WHO IS MILITARY DELEGATE OF MIRR IN MIAMI, WAS GOING TO BE PLACED IN CUBA THROUGH GUANTANAMO BAY SOMETIME SOON BY QUOTE THE AMERICANS UNQUOTE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, ACCORDING TO BOSCH. ON JANUARY SIXTEEN LAST, SAME INFORMANT LEARNED FROM BOSCH THAT QUOTE JOLLY ROGER UNQUOTE WAS GOING TO TRANSPORT SOME GUNS FROM GREEN CAY, BAHAMAS, TO MIAMI WHERE THESE GUNS WOULD BE TAKEN BY GROUP DEPARTING MIAMI BY PLANE FOR CUBA. TODAY, UPON BASIS INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BROWARD COUNTY, FLA., SHERIFF-S OFFICE, MIAMI INTERVIEWED THREE MEN WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS U. S. CITIZENS LOCATED ON ISOLATED PROPERTY NORTHWEST OF POMPANO BEACH, FLA. THESE MEN WERE ROBERT EDWARD ROSTALLON, JAMES PETER HENRI, AND AUGUST JOSEPH ANDREW BACHOT, JR., WHO STATED THEY BELONGED TO AN UNNAMED ORGANIZATION CONSISTING OF TWELVE TO THIRTEEN AMERICANS UNDER LEADERSHIP OF FRANK STURGIS, TWO EIGHT NAUGHT S. W. SIXTIETH COURT, MIAMI, AND THAT THEIR CAMP WAS A STAGING AREA USED BY A GROUP PRIOR TO ITS TRANSPORTATION, DATE UNKNOWN, BY PLANE OR BOAT, TO CUBA. THEY WERE OBSERVED TO BE IN

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POSSESSION OF ONE WEBLEY MARK SIX REVOLVER. THEY STATED THAT STURGIS SAID THEIR PRESENCE IN CUBA WOULD ENCOURAGE CUBANS TO DEFECT AGAINST CASTRO, AND THAT IF REVOLUTION SUCCESSFUL AGAINST CASTRO, THEY WOULD BE REWARDED WITH POLITICAL POSITIONS OR BUSINESSES UNDER THE NEW REGIME AND BE ALLOWED REMAIN IN CUBA. FRANK STURGIS IS IDENTICAL TO FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, AKA FRANK FIORINI, WHO WAS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED 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 AREA OF OPERATIONS FOR THEMSELVES. [ALSO TODAY, MM. 3 69-5 M.M. 3 69-5 REPORTED HE VISITED FIORINI-S CAMP NEAR POMPANO BEACH YESTERDAY AND LEARNED THAT CAPTAIN DIEGO HAS GROUP LEAVING THIS WEEKEND FOR CUBA AND WILL TAKE ALONG FOUR OR FIVE OF FIORINI-S MEN AS SEPARATE UNIT UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MAX VILA, JR. SAME INFORMANT ALSO LEARNED THAT TODAY BOSCH, DIEGO AND FIORINI ARE REPORTEDLY IN TAMPA, FLA., TO APPARENTLY OBTAIN POSSESSION OF A BOAT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERGOING REPAIRS. IDENTITY OF BOAT AND FURTHER DETAILS NOT KNOWN. MIAMI HAS BEEN IN LIAISON WITH CIA LOCALLY CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS INSTANT]

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