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FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Rerep SA Leman L. Stafford, Jr., dated August 17, 1961, at Miami, captioned "Frank Anthony Sturgis, aka., Registration Act - Cuba." Your attention is directed to Bulet dated July 20, 1961, which indicated that the purpose of this investigation was to determine if the subject had violated neutrality statutes under our jurisdiction and the investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the Department. Rerep, therefore, incorrectly carries the character of this case as "Registration Act - Cuba" and should be corrected to read "Neutrality Matters."

It is noted that the administrative pages of this report set forth various reasons why no additional investigation is being conducted. You have pointed out that the subject is afforded continuous coverage by MM 639-S and in the opinion of the reporting Agent additional investigation would only result in inconsequential information. You have also pointed out that past experience has shown that subject has been evasive and a liar and since no information of value has been obtained from him in the past, a current interview would merely be a waste of time. Bulet dated July 20, 1961, specifically instructed your office that this investigation was being conducted at the request of the Department and that a thorough investigation should be conducted including a complete and thorough interview of the subject as well as of the members of subject's group. The opinions of the reporting Agent are not sufficient ground to discontinue this investigation and close this case. The Department has requested the investigation and a thorough investigation must be conducted and a report of that investigation submitted for a prosecutive opinion before the case can be closed. The status of rerep is, accordingly, being changed to "Pending."

A review of rerep indicates that the contacts primarily of several contacts with the informant and the quoting of various newspaper and magazine articles. The only investigation conducted subsequent to receipt of Bulet dated July 20, 1961, was one contact with the informant on August 9, 1961. This certainly does not indicate that an adequate and thorough investigation has been conducted in this case.

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This report is being classified "~~SECRET~~" inasmuch as it contains data extracted from Department of Justice communication dated July 17, 1961, which contained this classification. In the event of downgrading, it should be classified confidential in order to protect the identity of MM 639-S, an informant who is continuing to furnish information of value on a regular basis, and who is closely associated with the subject.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Miami dated July 20, 1961, requesting that sufficient investigation be conducted to determine whether or not subject's activities are in violation of Section 960, Title 18, United States Code. In view of the results of the investigation set forth in the details of this report reflecting continuous coverage on this individual by MM 639-S, it is believed that additional investigation in this matter would only result in inconsequential information. Investigation has disclosed that subject is a braggart, liar, and this is borne out by exaggerated statements made by him to the press. He is nothing more than a publicity seeker and it is not believed that he should be given the dignity of further investigation at this time. (u)

The Bureau has requested that subject be interviewed concerning his recent activities. Past experience has shown that subject has been evasive, a liar and will not give any information of value to the interviewing Agents, and it is, therefore, believed that this would be nothing more than a waste of time. Furthermore, since MM 639-S has stated that subject is not recruiting at the present time, and that his organization, the International Anti-Communist Brigade, actually is only a "paper" organization and has no members other than himself, it does not appear that further investigation would be warranted in this matter. (u)

Miami continues to follow the subject's activities through MM 639-S on a daily basis and it is believed that this case should be closed at this time and only be reopened at such time as established informants indicate that subject does represent some major threat in the anti-CASTRO field. (u)

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It is noted that the Department of Justice in its letter to the Bureau dated July 17, 1961, indicated that the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency had advised that CIA had no current interest in the subject.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the Norfolk and Washington Field Offices inasmuch as they may be asked to conduct additional investigation in this matter at a subsequent date.

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IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

MM T-1 is MM 639-S,
contacted by SA ROBERT
JAMES DWYER.

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Report of: ~~Confidential~~ LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR. Office: Miami, Florida
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NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis:

On 7/2/61, MM T-1 informed that about 75 Cubans gathered at Davie Airport, Davie, Fla., where newsmen were waiting. Two airplanes were rented from Howe Aviation, Tamiami Airport, Miami. Planes were flown to Davie Airport where a group was to make parachute jump. Subject was in attendance with 3 or 4 of his men from his organization known as International Anti-Communist Brigade. Neither subject nor his men participated in parachute jumps, but were interviewed by press representatives. "Miami Herald" article 7/3/61 said International Brigade had billed exercise as a mass drop by some 70 parachutists of one of its member groups, the Intercontinental Penetration Forces (INTERPEN). During press interview, subject claimed that his organization had 5,000 members of which 700 were in active training to combat Communism. Source said newspaper article had greatly exaggerated truth and that subject had no more than 10 individuals in his organization at that time and INTERPEN had a maximum of 20 members.

On 7/17/61 Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., directed letter to FBI stating it was opinion of Internal Security Division there is sufficient indication of possible violations of Title 18, USC, Section 960 to warrant investigation. On 8/9/61, MM T-1 reported subject had returned from Washington, D. C., several days

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to August, 1960, and also fought with the rebel forces in Nicaragua, trying to overthrow President LUIS SOMOZA. HEMMING claimed that his organization consists of a headquarters group of about thirty persons, and others are strung out across the United States on recruiting missions.

MM T-1 advised that the above newspaper article had greatly exaggerated the truth, and that FIORINI has no more than ten individuals in his organization, and HEMMING's organization has a maximum of twenty members. (u)

On July 3, 1961, MM T-1 reported that subject and GERALD PATRICK HEMMING were very happy and pleased after the demonstration as described above. (u)

Subject made a statement that the United States Government had called him and had plans for him but that he should wait until the end of the fiscal year when the United States Government will have more money to give subject for his International Brigade. Subject refused to state which United States Government agency will support him. (u)

On July 17, 1961, J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, directed a letter to the FBI. This letter in part states as follows:

"It is noted that recent information furnished to the Department concerning the subject indicates that he is identified as head of the International Anticommunist Brigade and was present with several of his men at a gathering of some 75 Cubans at Davie Airport, Davie, Florida, on July 2, 1961, at which occasion, Gerald Patrick Hemming, head of the Inter-continental Penetration Forces, and several

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"individuals made parachute jumps. The 'Miami Herald' on July 3, 1961, reportedly contained an article indicating that approximately 70 men of Sturgis' organization were scheduled to make parachute jumps but only two parachutes were available. In this article Sturgis (Fiorini) claimed his organization has 5,000 men of which 700 are in training and that his organization includes paratroop groups, underwater demolition teams, and others in educational activities." & [redacted] u

The Department concluded that in light of the above described activities on the part of the subject, as well as his past history of extensive revolutionary activity, it was the opinion of the Internal Security Division that there is sufficient indication of possible violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 960 to warrant investigation.

On July 18, 1961, MM T-1 informed that JERRY BUCHANAN, known to him as "BUCKY", had escaped arrest by the Miami Police Department in connection with the theft of the tug boat "Gil Rokie" on February 4, 1961. MM T-1 identified the photograph of BUCHANAN which had appeared in the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch-The Portsmouth Star", dated May 16, 1961. Florida (u)

MM T-1 advised that BUCHANAN was formerly associated with a group of individuals who trained at No Name Key, Florida, under the auspices of ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS. BUCHANAN lived for a period of time at 1651 West Flagler Street, Miami, a barracks-type boarding and rooming house which was furnished by MASFERRER. Florida (u)

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