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1. Will continue efforts to obtain information regarding ITSMV and Neutrality Matters aspects of IACB-CASTRO Operation.
2. Will await Departmental decision regarding possible prosecution in this matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle aspects of this case are being handled in the Miami case titled "ROBERT PAUL CURTIS; ITSMV", Miami file 26-34692, Bureau file 26-407068.

Referenced report dated January 6, 1969, contained, beginning on page 58, an interview with CHERYL SCHLECKER, in which that individual described how she and subject MAX GONZALEZ traveled to Mexico in August, 1968, with RAY and LYNN BANNISTER, in 1968 Chevrolets. RAY BANNISTER was later identified by MM 1312-C as RAY BRUCE. Subsequently, Miami investigation disclosed that the true name of RAY BRUCE is LOMEN RAY BRUCE, whose wife is CARRIE LYNN BRUCE. CARRIE LYNN BRUCE, also known as LYNN BRUCE and LYNN BANNISTER, was located and interviewed on March 18, 1969, results of which interview are set out in instant report.

LOMEN RAY BRUCE was interviewed on March 24, 1969, results of which are set out in details, and was ostensibly cooperative. However, his version of the trip to Mexico differed in several basic aspects from the story given by his wife. It is believed that BRUCE has more information regarding the cars driven into Mexico by himself and GONZALEZ, and more knowledge regarding FIORINI's plans for subject organization prior to onset of actual operation, than he divulged during interview. Re-interview of BRUCE will be considered should Legat, Mexico City investigation produce information warranting this. The BRUCES evidently returned to the U.S., singly or together, without participating in the Mexico phase of the IACB operation, except that the car they drove into Mexico was probably a rental car disposed of in the same manner as other rental cars previously mentioned in this case.

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On January 17, 1969, Vice Consul DONALD J. YELLMAN of Merida advised they had not yet obtained the information, but would renew their request. ~~(U)~~

Requests have been made at American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York, New York in November and December, 1968 and January, 1969, regarding the origin of the \$50 Travelers check #NA 63-070-069; however, to date due to internal administrative problems, the information requested has not been received.

Information received from American Express Co., above, indicates that the prefix "NA" is an error, and should be "HA".

As soon as information requested above has been received, the Bureau and the office of origin will be promptly advised by the New York Office.

The following confidential informants who are acquainted with some anti-CASTRO activities in the New York City area were contacted on the dates indicated below and they advised that they are unacquainted with the above organization.

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| <u>Informant</u>    | <u>Date</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
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| X CSNY [2623] S (C) | 11/26/68    | FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN      |
| CSNY 2822-S         | 11/26/68    | "                       |
| CSNY 4783-S         | 11/21/68    | "                       |
| NY 5938-S           | 11/26/68    | "                       |
| [REDACTED] PSI      | 11/26/68    | "                       |

Summary of interviews of subjects SAPP, HULBERT and WELLS would indicate that all three continue to tell diverse stories. SAPP indicates that he would testify to the fact that he, WELLS, HULBERT and STOY left Vero Beach in a late model, light-colored, small-sized Chevrolet apparently in the possession of WELLS. This story differs markedly from the story told by WELLS, who in his first interview indicated that he traveled by bus with FRANK HULBERT and in his second interview indicated he traveled alone. HULBERT also indicated that he traveled alone. WELLS and HULBERT both indicate that they did not meet with SAPP until they reached Texas.

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SAPP, who displayed a cooperative attitude during Miami Office interviews is now being contacted as a PCI.

HERBERT JOSEPH FENDER, interview of whom appears in details, and who was previously contacted in this matter, is currently a racial source of the Miami Office (MM 1334-R (Prob) ). No attempt was made to conceal his identity because he is available for testimony concerning the information furnished.

Numerous contacts with Lt. CARL PEASE (NA), Vero Beach Police Department, Vero Beach, Florida by SA DAVID C. CALLAN have not developed any further information concerning the Vero Beach subjects in this case.

On February 4, 1969, Lt. JOHN MC CANTS, Indian River County Sheriff's Office, Vero Beach, advised SA DAVID C. CALLAN that he had received no reports of any stolen or misappropriated rental cars during August and September, 1968.

Regarding Departmental request for further investigation in this matter, per referenced Bureau airtel, it is felt that re-interviews of CURTIS and MANNING have resolved as much as possible discrepancies in their previous descriptions of transported weapons. BROWN denied knowledge that FIORINI furnished weapons to be transported to Mexico by MANNING and/or CURTIS.

As indicated in details interviews, there are no U.S. Government records which would corroborate the travel of FIORINI or any members of his group from the United States to Mexico. A U.S. citizen is not required to register with any U.S. Government agency prior to crossing into Mexico. On his return trip he must make out a U.S. Customs baggage declaration slip if he has any merchandise to declare, but no permanent record is otherwise maintained of his re-entry.

As set out on pages 19 and 20 of referenced LHM dated September 19, 1968, EMMETT MARTIN QUINN, 165 Isle of Venice, apartment 3, Ft. Lauderdale furnished two single page handouts concerning subject organization, which were distributed to persons responding to a recruitment

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