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MM T-1 is [CIA, Miami.] (u)
MM T-2 is MM 635-S.

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For the information of the Bureau and Oklahoma City, the following is submitted.

On November 2, 5 and 6, 1964, MM 635-S, who has been a long-time friend of both MARCOS and PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, brothers, both exiled in the United States, reported that EFRAIN LORENZO CABRERA, a Venezuelan employee of Ransa Airlines, who resides in Miami, had requested MM 635-S to place him in touch with some arms dealer who could supply some supporters of former Venezuelan President PEREZ JIMENEZ with weapons. Consequently, on October 29, 1964, MM 635-S introduced CABRERA to MARCOS DIAZ LANZ, who had previously disclosed to MM 635-S that he could supply weapons from outside (u)

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 - 5 - Miami (1 - 105-4921)
 - (1 - 134-1050, EFRAIN CABRERA)
 - (1 - 134-211-Sub A, MM 635-S)
 - (1 - 105-1598, MARCOS and PEDRO DIAZ LANZ)
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

RE EFRAIN LORENZO CABRERA

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of the Miami area. When MM 635-S introduced CABRERA to DIAZ LANZ, the latter told CABRERA that his name was GARCIA. (The CIA source knew DIAZ LANZ as PEDRO GARCIA. CIA, in its memorandum of 11/4/64, stated that CIA had been able to identify GARCIA as MARCOS JOSE DIAZ LANZ.)] ~~(u)~~ (u)

DIAZ, in the presence of MM 635-S, told CABRERA he could supply weapons and CABRERA expressed interest in making a sizeable purchase, indicating that he wanted to furnish them to some political followers of former Venezuelan President PEREZ JIMENEZ, who is now in prison in Venezuela. Informant said that during this meeting, DIAZ expressed the opinion that if "LBJ" became President, the United States would go communist and he remarked that there existed some secret organizations, such as the "Minutemen," who would fight to the end and that in his opinion, there could be a military coup. DIAZ mentioned some place, not in Florida, where the "Minutemen" are reportedly organized. At no time, however, did DIAZ state that he is a member of the "Minutemen" or that he had sold arms to them. Also, DIAZ did not say that the "Minutemen" plan an armed insurrection against the United States Government. He claimed, however, that his brother, PEDRO, had some connections with groups of this sort but did not specifically mention the "Minutemen." Also, he did not claim the existence of any "Minutemen" military camps in Florida. (u)

MM T-1 was of the opinion that [DIAZ probably had subsequent meetings with CABRERA but informant does not know what, if anything, transpired during these meetings.] ~~(u)~~ (u)

(u) On November 3, 1964 [Mr. JOE VIDAL, CIA liaison, Miami] telephonically inquired concerning background information on MM 635-S, under his true name, and requested identity of the Cuban who had been arrested with him in the mid-1950's. Since it was known that MARCOS DIAZ LANZ had been arrested with informant during that period [CIA] was furnished with the name of MARCOS DIAZ LANZ and background information on informant, without disclosing his relationship with this office. It therefore appears that [CIA's source is undoubtedly EFRAIN LORENZO CABRERA] who is known to this office but not regarded as being completely reliable. He has been contacted concerning FALN activities in Venezuela. He is a former chauffeur and bodyguard to PEREZ JIMENEZ when the latter was exiled in Miami.] ~~(u)~~ (u)

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On November 5, 1964, Miami contacted ~~RAY DUBOIS~~ (u) CIA, Covert, Miami in order to interview ~~CIA source~~ pursuant to Bureau instructions. ~~DUBOIS~~ felt that interview of their source by the FBI at this time would compromise that source relative to another facet of importance to CIA, Miami. He indicated that this additional facet related to an arms transaction involving Venezuela. This office did not insist upon interviewing their source in view of the vulnerable position of MM 635-S, it being noted that only three individuals were present during the first conference between MARCOS DIAZ, CABRERA and Miami informant. Mr. DUBOIS agreed when the suggestion was made that interview of MARCOS DIAZ by the FBI based upon the newspaper article mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum would not jeopardize CIA source. (u)

This memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information which was so classified by CIA. (u)

- LEAD -

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Will locate and interview PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, 5437 North Johnstown Avenue, who is now a full-time lecturer for the Christian Crusade, concerning any knowledge he may possess relative to the "Minutemen" and any preparations of that organization for an armed insurrection in the event of President JOHNSON's election; also, concerning the existence of any military training camps or organizations of that group in Florida or elsewhere. (u)

It is to be noted that PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ has been the subject of investigation by the Miami Office since 1959 relative to his anti-CASTRO revolutionary activities. He has also cooperated with this office on many occasions and is personally known to SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., who interviewed his brother, MARCOS, in this matter. Miami informant has reported in the past that PEDRO DIAZ has attended some meetings of the John Birch Society in the (u)

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REBUTEL NOVEMBER 4, 1964.

ON NOVEMBER 2, 5 AND 6, MM. 635-S, WHO HAS BEEN LONG TIME FRIEND OF MARCOS DIAZ LANZ, BROTHER OF FORMER CUBAN AIR FORCE MAJOR PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, BOTH EXILED IN U.S., ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: EFRAIN CABRERA, VENEZUELAN EMPLOYEE OF RANSA AIRLINE WHO RESIDES MIAMI, REQUESTED INFORMANT TO PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH SOME ARMS DEALER WHO COULD SUPPLY SOME SUPPORTERS OF FORMER VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ JIMENEZ, ON OCTOBER 29, INFORMANT INTRODUCED CABRERA TO MARCOS DIAZ LANZ WHO TOLD CABRERA HIS NAME WAS GARCIA. DIAZ IN PRESENCE OF MM. 635-S CLAIMED TO CABRERA HE COULD SUPPLY WEAPONS. CABRERA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAKING PURCHASE. DURING THIS MEET, DIAZ ALSO EXPRESSED THE OPINION TO CABRERA THAT IF "LBJ" BECAME PRESIDENT, U.S. WOULD GO COMMUNIST. DIAZ ALSO REMARKED THERE EXISTED SOME SECRET ORGANIZATION SUCH AS "MINUTEMEN" WHICH WOULD FIGHT TO THE END. THAT ITS MEMBERS HAD BEEN RECEIVING TRAINING, AND THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE SHOULD BE A MILITARY CORPS. DIAZ MENTIONED SOME PLACES NOT IN FLORIDA WHERE THE MINUTEMEN ARE REPORTEDLY ORGANIZED. DIAZ DID NOT STATE, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN NOR THAT HE HAD SOLD ARMS TO THEM. DIAZ DID NOT STATE THAT THE MINUTEMEN PLAN AN ARMED INSURRECTION AGAINST U.S. GOVERNMENT. DIAZ CLAIMED THAT HIS BROTHER PEDRO HAD SOME CONNECTION

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WITH GROUPS OF THIS SORT. DIAZ DID NOT MENTION ANY MINUTE-MEN MILITARY CAMPS IN FLORIDA. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT DIAZ HAS HAD SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH CABRERA, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW RESULTS OF SAME.

ON NOVEMBER 3, [JOE VIDAL, CIA LIAISON, MIAMI], TELEPHONICALLY INQUIRED RE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MM 635-S UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND IDENTITY OF CUBAN YOUTH WHOM HE WAS ARRESTED IN MID 1950'S. THIS OFFICE GAVE [CIA] THE NAMES OF MARCOS WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH MM 635-S IN 1950'S. IT THEREFORE APPEARS THAT [CIA'S "UNTESTED SOURCE" IS EFRAIN CABRERA], WHO IS KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE, BUT NOT REGARDED AS COMPLETELY RELIABLE. [SO]

MIAMI RECEIVED [CIA MEMO LOCALLY DATED NOVEMBER 4] ENTITLED "PLANNED INSURRECTION OF MINUTEMEN IN FLORIDA AREA." ON NOVEMBER 5, MIAMI CONTACTED [RAY DUBOIS, CIA MIAMI, FOR IDENTITY CIA SOURCE] IN ORDER INTERVIEW PURSUANT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. [DUBOIS FELT THAT INTERVIEW OF CIA SOURCE BY FBI AT THIS TIME WOULD COMPROMISE THAT SOURCE RELATIVE TO ANOTHER FACET OF IMPORTANCE TO CIA] THIS OFFICE DID NOT INSIST IN VIEW OF VULNERABLE POSITION OF MM 635-S. [CIA AGREED THAT INTERVIEW OF MARCOS DIAZ BY FBI BASED UPON AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "MINUTEMEN URGE SOCIETY TO GET GUNS - BIRCHERS DISOWN TO ARMS TRACT," WHICH APPEARED NOVEMBER 5 IN MIAMI HERALD, WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE CIA SOURCE, AS PEDRO DIAZ IS KNOWN BY THIS OFFICE TO HAVE ASSOCIATION WITH JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.]

ON NOVEMBER 6 MARCOS LIAZ LANZ WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE UPON THIS PREDICATION, AFTER MARCOS HAD ADVISED

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THAT HIS BROTHER PEDRO HAS MOVED TO TULSA, OKLAHOMA WHERE HE IS WORKING FULL TIME FOR THE CHRISTIAN CRUSADE.

MARCOS ADVISED THAT NEITHER HE NOR PEDRO ARE OR EVER HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF MINUTEMEN. HE DISCLAIMED ANY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY MINUTEMEN GROUPS IN MIAMI OR ELSEWHERE IN FLORIDA OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC PLACE. HE CLAIMED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MINUTEMEN IS BASED UPON NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES WHICH HAVE RELATED THAT THE MINUTEMEN ARE TRAINING WITH WEAPONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE U.S. MARCOS ALSO SAW A TELEVISION PROGRAM LAST WEEK WHICH RELATED TO THE DOWNFALL OF AN ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO THE MINUTEMEN. HE FELT THIS PROGRAM WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH OPPRESSES SOCIALISM. MARCOS SAID HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH ANY MINUTEMEN AND KNOWS OF NO PLANS FOR AN ARMED INSURRECTION. HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS FAVORING MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST COMMUNISM AND THE CASTRO REGIME.

MARCOS ADVISED THAT HE IS NOW A SALESMAN OF CROP DUSTING PLANES AND REPRESENTS IMCO, INC., OF AFTON, WYOMING, WHICH MANUFACTURES SAME.

MIAMI SUGGESTS THAT BUREAU NOT DISSEMINATE ABOVE INFORMATION UNTIL RECEIPT MIAMI LHM AS MM 635-3 IS IN VULNERABLE POSITION.

LHM FOLLOWS.

RECEIVED: 5:21AM DWM

CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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