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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, JACKSONVILLE, MOBILE, HOUSTON,  
AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MIAMI 2 P

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FULGENCIO BATISTA, IS - CUBA. RE HOUSTON AND MOBILE TELS AUG. ELEVEN TO BUREAU. INVESTIGATION MIAMI DISCLOSES INSTANT PBY ARRIVED FT. LAUDERDALE ABOUT SEVEN PM LAST NIGHT WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE ON BOARD INCLUDING WILLIAM F. BRANNION, <sup>FLORIDA</sup> MACKAY AIRLINES PILOT, AND SIR SIDNEY OAKES. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL, BRANNION MADE RESERVATIONS AT GALT OCEAN MILE HOTEL, FT. LAUDERDALE, FOR KATHLEEN RYAN, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND FOR J. B. FERREL, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, WHO IS SCHEDULED CHECK IN AUG. FOURTEEN. OAKES RENTED CAR FROM AVIS CAR RENTAL AND PRESENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN. WHEREABOUTS APACHE PLANE, WHICH DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS ABOUT SAME TIME AS PBY UNKNOWN. BRANNION LEFT PBY AT RED AIRCRAFT, FT. LAUDERDALE AFTER INDICATING THERE WAS SOME WORK TO BE DONE ON PLANE. MIAMI HAS LIAISON WITH U. S. CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, AND INS RE PLANE. BORDER PATROL HAS PLANE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. JOSEPH FORTIER, SUPERVISING CUSTOMS AGENT, MIAMI, ADVISED TODAY THAT IF PBY GASSES UP FOR LONG JOURNEY, IT WILL BE REQUIRED FILE SOJOURN CERTIFICATE WHICH IS TEMPORARY PERMIT TO DEPART, AND NO SEIZURE

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To - MAJOR H.L. WARNE, USI 8/13/59  
Miss Toby Rohan, JESSOP'S  
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WILL BE MADE IN ABSENCE ANY SPECIFIC VIOLATION. TODAY, JOSEPH  
 R. MEROLA, <sup>an individual</sup> WHO IS UNDER INDICTMENT ON FEDERAL CHARGES, BUT WHO  
 HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION, <sup>in fact</sup> TODAY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED  
 THAT SIR SIDNEY OAKES ARRIVED MIAMI FROM HOUSTON WITH HIS FAMILY,  
 THAT OAKES HAD CONTACTED HIM INDICATING HE PLANNED TAKE PBY TO  
 BAHAMAS FOR INTER ISLAND FREIGHT SERVICE. MEROLA LEARNED FROM  
 NORMAN ROTHMAN, WHO IS UNDER TWO INDICTMENTS, AND WHO IS CLOSELY  
 ASSOCIATED WITH BATISTA-S BROTHER-IN-LAW, ROBERTO FERNANDEZ,  
 THAT SEVENTEEN MEMBERS BATISTA-S GROUP IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
 HAVE RECEIVED VISAS TO GO SOMEWHERE AND ARE NOW AWAITING RECEIPT  
 VISAS FOR BATISTA AND ONE OTHER BEFORE DEPARTING TOGETHER. MEROLA  
 BELIEVES BATISTA WILL PROCEED TO CURACAO, DUTCH WEST INDIES AND  
 THEN POSSIBLY PROCEED TO U. S. WITH OR WITHOUT A VISA. RICHARD  
 B. JAFFE, U. S. CITIZEN, CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ROLANDO MASFERRER  
 AND, <sup>another source</sup> WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, CON-  
 FIDENTIALLY STATED THAT MASFERRER DISCLOSED TO HIM THAT BATISTA  
 HAS AGREED PAY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO RAFAEL TRUJILLO FOR EXIT  
 PERMIT FROM DR. MIAMI MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH ABOVE FEDERAL  
 AGENCIES AND WITH INFORMANTS AND SOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL DEVELOP-  
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