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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : Legat, Havana (2-15)

DATE: July 25, 1958

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: FRANK FIORINI, was.,
Fred Frank Fiorini
Frank Attila, Fred Attila
NEUTRALITY ACT, [POLICE COOPERATION] (u)

NO ARREST RECORD - FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION 7/31/58

Enclosed is the fingerprint card of the subject containing photograph which was furnished by Lieutenant Roberto Vila of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service (SIM) on July 24, 1958. He requested that any information which may be available in the Identification Division concerning this subject be furnished to him.

It is suggested that the Bureau may desire to quote the enclosed fingerprint card as contributed by the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service; date of arrest July 18, 1958; charge - investigation; disposition - pending (u)

For additional assistance in identifying subject, he claimed that he was with the U. S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945 and with the U. S. Army from 1946 to 1948. He is described as follows:

Birth data	Born 12/9/24, Norfolk, Virginia
U. S. Address	310 N. E. 5th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Nationality	American
Height	5' 11"
Weight	190 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, curly
Scars and Marks	1/4" mole inside left forearm, 1" cut scar outside right wrist
Occupation	Unemployed - Operated a bar in Virginia Beach, Virginia, for 7 years
Fingerprinted	Said he was fingerprinted by the Civil Air Patrol

Subject's name on the fingerprint card and on the photographs is spelled FIDRINI and should have been spelled FIORINI. (u)

It is requested that one extra copy of subject's identification record be submitted to this office for furnishing to Lieutenant Vila as a matter of police cooperation. (u)

Enclosure
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DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 7/23/89

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : Legat, Havana (2-15)
SUBJECT: CHANGED:

DATE: July 30, 1958

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS (True Name)
With aliases, Frank Fiorini,
Fred Frank Fiorini,
Frank Attila, Fred Attila,
NEUTRALITY ACT, [POLICE COOPERATION]

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Reference Havana letter dated July 25, 1958, entitled
FRANK FIORINI, WAS., marked for the attention of the Identification
Division.

DECLASSIFIED BY 5168 SLD/TEJ
ON 3-23-96

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concern-
information obtained by Lieutenant Roberto Vila of the Cuban Army
Military Intelligence Service (SIM) regarding subject's participation
in the 26 of July revolutionary movement. This memorandum also includes
statements which the subject made to the Legal Attache. (u)

In the writer's talk with the subject, the writer was
identified only as being from the American Embassy and, according
to Vila, neither he nor anyone in his office had been told of my
connection with the Bureau. (u)

On July 29, 1958, Lieutenant Vila advised that SIM was
putting the subject aboard Pan American flight 416 on July 30, 1958,
and this information was furnished to the Miami office on July 29,
1958. A blind memorandum containing the information set out in the
enclosed memorandum was also forwarded direct to the Miami office
with the photographs referred to in the memorandum to assist the
Miami office and the U. S. Customs there in interrogation of the
subject on his arrival in Miami. (u)

Additional copies of this letter and the enclosed memorandum
are being furnished for forwarding by the Bureau to the Miami office.
The Miami office is requested to ascertain if the 1952 Chevrolet,
Motor No. KAD-450-800, bearing Florida license 2-5297 (1958) has been
reported as a stolen car. (u)

On July 30, 1958, Lieutenant Vila stated that the automobile
which was brought to Havana by JAMES ROXBURY arrived on May 6, 1958,
aboard the ferry "City of Havana," from Key West and was a 1949 Ford
Florida license 12119-445, Motor No. 98BA-910429. The Miami office
is requested to ascertain if this car might be a stolen car. The car
is presently in Havana. The Havana office is attempting to obtain
identifying details regarding the 1952 Chevrolet brought to Cuba by
RICHARD SANDERLIND so that this car also may be checked as a possible
stolen car. (u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 30, 1958

~~CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED REASON FOR FCIM, II DATE OF DECLASSIFICATION 2/30/88~~

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS (True Name)
with aliases, Frank Fiorini,
Frank Attila, Fred Attila,
Fred Frank Fiorini

DECLASSIFIED BY 5668 STD/ET
ON 3-23-95 (J.F.F.)

On July 23, 1958, Lieutenant Roberto Vila of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service (SIM) advised that the subject was in custody of that Service on suspicion that he has acted as a courier for the 26 of July Movement between Miami and Santiago de Cuba. (u)

Subject stated that he lived at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 310 N. E. 5th Street with his uncle who is also known as FRANK FIORINI, and that he had some money and was planning to open a bar in Fort Lauderdale. He said that one day while in Miami he met a RICHARD SAUNDERS, who is a friend of HAYDE SANTAMARINA. Subject was not sure about the name SAUNDERS, and when asked as to how he was supposed to later contact SAUNDERS, he said he would do this through SANTAMARINA. He gave the story that SAUNDERS was a free lance newspaper man who had told subject that if he went to Cuba and entered the mountains where the U. S. citizens were being held captive by the rebels and got a story on the captivity, SAUNDERS thought he could sell the story to a newspaper and there would probably be \$500 for the subject. (u)

He stated with this idea in mind he left Miami July 4, 1958, by Pan American and went from Havana to Santiago de Cuba the following day by Cubana. He spent one week in Santiago before he was arrested by Cuban authorities on July 18, 1958, at noon. He stated he had a reservation on Pan American from Santiago to Miami on a flight which was to leave on the same day at 3 p.m. (u)

According to Lieutenant Vila, Cuban authorities arrested the subject asleep in a room in a boarding house where he had been living. This boarding house was known to Cuban authorities as a contact point and safe house for the 26 of July Movement. Subject became very friendly with the daughter of the woman who ran the boarding house and she admitted to Lieutenant Vila that she was not only a sympathizer of the 26 of July Movement but was acting as a contact for them. She explained, however, that she was forced to undertake this contact work because she had been threatened with being thrown out of Cuba and she thought false accusations might be made against her and she would be framed in a criminal matter. (u)

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REG. C2A1, RAB
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HOW FORW. R13
BY [Signature]

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(Note on ENCLOSURE MISSING)

AGENCY Sec. Miami with Note Jurisdiction
REQ-REC'D 1cc State, Customs 100
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BY FORW. R13
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The daughter also advised SIM that subject showed her a letter which he said had been given to him by SANTAMARINA in Miami. On the outside envelope was written the name of SOYLO (phonetic) which Lieutenant Vila stated is the alias of an individual who is known to be head of the action group in Santiago for the 26 of July Movement. By action group, Vila stated that SOYLO's responsibility was the planting of bombs, handling 26 of July Movement agents and getting volunteers for the rebel movement into contact with the Movement. SOYLO, according to Vila, would not be the person who would be contacted by a newspaper man attempting to get into rebel territory. Since SANTAMARINA in Miami is considered so important in the Movement and has spent one year with FIDEL CASTRO up until April, she would have known that SOYLO was not the proper contact for a newspaper man since SOYLO's activities are so much more protected and his name as a contact would only be given to someone who was on vitally important business for the Movement. Vila said that usually courier activities to the rebels go through Guantanamo Naval Base and that in a routine courier contact, this route would be used and the military authorities feel that subject's contact with SOYLO was in connection with a very important phase of the Movement's activities. (u)

Lieutenant Vila added that HAYDE SANTAMARINA is the wife of HERNANDO ENRIQUE HART, who is presently being held in jail by Cuban authorities for revolutionary activities. Vila said that SANTAMARINA left FIDEL CASTRO's group in April, 1958, after one year in rebel territory. She went to the United States with an individual who is known as Captain CABAROCAS and whose full name is believed to be MIGUEL GARCIA CABAROCAS. He is likewise a very important member of the 26 of July Movement and is believed to be in the United States at the present time. (u)

Lieutenant Vila pointed out that Cuban authorities arrested the subject immediately after he had spent 1½ to 1½ hours talking to SOYLO after his contact with SOYLO had been arranged by the daughter of the landlady of the boarding house. At the time of subject's arrest, all the other people in the boarding house were also arrested, but SOYLO had already departed. The subject, however, stated he had plane reservation from Santiago to Miami leaving three hours after the arrest whereas he claimed he was going into the mountains to get a newspaper story and also stated that SOYLO in the interview said he was wasting his time and should not attempt to get into rebel territory. It appears however, that before SOYLO gave him this advice he had already made reservations to leave Santiago, according to Lieutenant Vila. (u)

At SIM headquarters subject removed his shirt and showed black and blue marks on his arms and back and long red streaks such as might have been caused by a person being hit by a square stick. The SIM had provided him with medical attention. (u)

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e: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, with aliases

From personal observation and subject's statements, the following identifying information was obtained:

Birth data	Born 12/9/24, Norfolk, Virginia
Weight	190
Height	5' 11"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, wavy
Scars and marks	1/4" mole inside left forearm, 1" scar outside right wrist
Military record	U. S. Marine Corps 1942-1945, 1st Raider Bn., 6th Marine Division, South Pacific U. S. Army 1946-1948 1st. Infantry Division - Germany
Fingerprinted Uncle	Civil Air Patrol FRANK FIORINI, 310 N. E. 5th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Father	ANGELO FIORINI, 326 Bank Street, Apartment 7, Norfolk, Virginia
Occupation	Operated a bar for 7 years at Virginia Beach, Virginia

On July 24, 1958, Lieutenant Vila furnished a copy of subject's fingerprints and photograph. (u)

On July 28, 1958, Lieutenant Vila said that he had determined the subject's true name to be FRANK STURGIS. He said that subject claimed to have legally changed his name to FIORINI sometime ago. Vila furnished the following information which may be of value:

Subject originally came to Cuba on April 8, 1958, on the ferry "City of Havana" driving a 1952 Chevrolet, Motor No. KAD-450-800, 1958 Florida license 2-5297, accompanied by JAMES ROXBURY. Subject used the name FRANK STURGIS for this entry. On his Customs Declaration he gave the address of 1423 N. W. 15th Street, Miami, Florida. (u)

The above automobile was later discovered by Cuban police at the Almeida Garage in Havana, at which time a stop was placed on it to determine the rightful owner. Approximately two weeks ago, ROLAND N. BELLO of Muralla No. 213, went to the garage to claim the car. He exhibited a letter he had received from a FRANK STURGIS of 2160 S. W. 4th Street, Miami, asking his assistance in selling this automobile. In this letter STURGIS made reference to one MARIA CABEZAS Y ROSALES, sister of GILBERTO CABEZAS ROSALES, an American citizen who resides at 2160 S. W. 4th Street in Miami. (u)

Vila said that BELLO appears to be innocent of any connection with the insurrectionary movement; however, it was determined that over 300 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition were hidden in the bottom of this automobile when it was discovered in the garage. There was a false (u)

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gasoline tank which Vila believes was used to bring at least six sub-machine guns into Cuba. He said the subject has admitted knowledge of the fact that this ammunition and the guns were hidden in the car at the time he drove it over. Subject also said that two other cars had recently been brought into Cuba with hidden arms; one was a 1952 Chevrolet brought in by RICHARD SANDERLIND and the other a 1949 Ford brought in by JAMES ROXBURY. - 2/19 (u)

The subject has identified ROGER SERGE SANJENIS CABARROCAS, an alleged Communist who had fought with the Republican Army in Spain, as being one of the leaders of the insurrectionary group arranging for the transportation of these arms into Cuba. Vila believes this person is now in the United States. Subject also identified AUGUSTIN CAPOTE Y JIMENEZ DE CISNEROS as one of the rebel leaders in Havana who had furnished him with money in connection with these shipments. Vila added that CAPOTE has left Cuba and is now believed to be in Chile. (u) 67258

Subject is reported to be a native of Norfolk, Virginia, where he resided at 326 Bank Street. He has an account with the National Bank of Commerce in Norfolk, Virginia, and he has resided in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the past six months. (u)

Vila advised that the subject went back to the United States after leaving the above-mentioned car in Havana and then again returned to Cuba on July 4, 1958, using the name ATTILA. He immediately went to Santiago where he stayed at the Lincoln Guest House and was arrested on July 15, 1958, by Cuban authorities there and transferred to the headquarters of SIM on July 20, 1958. Vila said that subject admitted the purpose of this second trip to Cuba was to deliver a message to a leader of the July 26 Movement in Santiago. Subject claimed he cannot identify the person to whom he gave the message and has no information regarding the contents of the message. Among subject's possessions was found a membership card for the Elks Lodge 948 in Miami, Florida, in the name of FRED B. ATTILA which was dated March 16, 1958, and gave his address as 1448 Flagler Street, Miami. Also found in his possession were a number of photographs of different groups of persons. Several of the photographs contained pictures of the subject accompanied by a person identified as RICHARD SUNDERLIND and also one identified as JAY ALLAN KILGORE. Vila identified SUNDERLIND as the owner of the house in Miami in which U. S. Customs Service recently uncovered a large cache of arms. KILGORE is an American who had previously been arrested by an police because of activities with Cuban insurrectionary groups who was informally deported to the United States. (u)