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Re Miami letter, with enclosures, entitled "WILLIAM J. DEMPSEY, aka Bill, IS - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTER," dated 1/8/68, Bufile 2-1693.

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Miami will maintain contact with MM 639-S
to ascertain if subject leaves ~~Canada~~ to join the Haitian
exile forces of RENE JUARES LEON, in the Bahamas. *R(u)*

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RE: WILLIAM JOHN DEMPSEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - HAITI

MM T-1, a close friend and associate of DEMPSEY for the past eight years, on May 8, 1969, furnished the following information: (u)

WILLIAM JOHN DEMPSEY, also known as Bill, is a Canadian citizen and came to the Miami area in about 1961. He claimed to be a veteran of the Canadian Army, and became involved with American mercenaries and adventurers who formed a group under GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. This group volunteered their services to various Cuban exiles who were then planning military expeditions to overthrow the Government of Cuba. DEMPSEY and other members of this group served as military instructors for different exile groups. Most of these adventurers had criminal records, were army deserters, and subsequently, under police pressure, left the Miami area. (u)

In November, 1961, HEMMING planned to launch an infiltration mission against Cuba. He and twelve others, including DEMPSEY, were arrested by United States Customs agents on December 4, 1962, at Marathon, Florida. On January 22, 1963, the case against them was dismissed. (u)

In November, 1966, ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, a former Cuban senator, and RENE JUARES LEON, a Haitian exile, planned to leave the Florida Keys on an invasion of Haiti. On January 2, 1967, United States Customs agents arrested them and about 75 others and the invasion attempt was stopped. DEMPSEY was participating in this

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invasion attempt but when Customs agents moved in to make the arrests, DEMPSEY fled and evaded apprehension. U

On January 20, 1969, RENE JUARES LEON established a military training camp about forty miles from Miami in the Florida Everglades. DEMPSEY was appointed camp commander in charge of operations and training and was aided by two other adventurers, MARTIN CASEY and EDMOND KOLBY. On March 11, 1969, an accident occurred at the training camp wherein GERALD BAKER, Haitian exile trainee, was accidentally shot and died. The fourteen trainees, the American instructors and DEMPSEY were arrested by the Monroe County, Florida Sheriff's Office. On March 19, 1969, at a coroner's hearing, charges against them were dismissed and they were released. DEMPSEY was detained by United States Immigration officials and voluntarily departed from the United States at his own expense and returned to Canada on March 21, 1969. U

MM T-1 explained that DEMPSEY is now living in London, Ontario, Canada, is still in contact with LEON, and wants to travel to South Caicos Island, Bahamas, as a member of an advance party for LEON's men. There DEMPSEY and several other Americans will make preparations to receive the rest of LEON's men for a proposed invasion of Haiti. (u)

DEMPSEY said that Air Canada is on strike and the only other way he can get to South Caicos is via Miami but he fears arrest by Immigration and Naturalization Service authorities if he returns to the United States. (u)

MM T-1 described DEMPSEY as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	February 15, 1941
Place of birth	Canada
Height	5'9"
Weight	155 pounds

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