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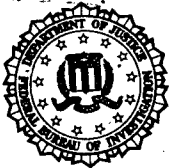
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SEP 8 1964

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(FACE)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On June 26, 1964, MM T-1, a Federal agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised that PAULINO A. SIERRA MARTINEZ disclosed that on June 3, 1964, he told HOMERO LEON FERNANDEZ and JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ RODRIGUEZ of the FUERZAS ARMADAS DE CUBA EN EL EXILIO (FACE) that he had facilities for setting up training bases in Guatemala and Haiti and that he would soon be leaving for Chicago to talk to interested parties who would finance the project. (S)(u)

Also, according to MM T-1, on May 30, 1964, HERNANDEZ and other members of FACE were invited by two Americans named "PHILIP PATRICK" and "DAVID" to visit a military camp which, according to PATRICK and DAVID, had been donated by Americans. Consequently HERNANDEZ accompanied by PATRICK, DAVID and several unidentified members of FACE went to an airfield where there was a 40-passenger aircraft which would transport them to the encampment. According to HERNANDEZ, they waited for about one hour and when the pilot failed to arrive, they left for the encampment by car, arriving there about an hour and twenty minutes later. The encampment was described by HERNANDEZ as being an abandoned airfield. Upon arrival there, they observed some Americans with movie cameras filming training procedures. When (S)(u)

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HERNANDEZ asked one of the Americans why the film was being made, the American said that the film was to be shown on a nationwide television program. ~~(S)~~ (U) ~~PHILLINO SIERRA~~

On August 25, 1964, MM T-2, who is acquainted with many Cuban exiles engaged in action-type operations against FIDEL CASTRO, advised that PAULINO A. SIERRA MARTINEZ, a Cuban exile living in Chicago, Illinois, is a discredited promoter, who has visited Miami on several occasions to organize action against CASTRO, always claiming to represent big financial interests in Chicago. ~~FLH~~ ~~Cuba~~

MM T-2 said that PHILIP PATRICK and DAVID are undoubtedly identical to GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, commonly known as PATRICK, and that DAVID is undoubtedly identical to HOWARD DAVIS, commonly known as "DAVEY", both being American adventurers with military backgrounds who have afforded training to many Cuban exiles in the Miami area. ~~HEMMING~~ ~~FLH~~

MM T-2 advised that in about May 1964, GERALD PATRICK HEMMING went with Colonel HOMERO LEON FERNANDEZ and several other Cubans to an abandoned U. S. Air Force base near Clewiston, Florida. According to MM T-2, a parachute jump school or club is operated there by private interests with which neither HEMMING nor DAVIS have any connection. Upon arrival at this abandoned air base, HEMMING pointed out to Colonel LEON and his companions a 40-passenger DC-3 plane which he pretended he was going to use and had access to. However, this plane actually belonged to CHARLES BUSH, who operates an aviation concern at Broward International Airport. ~~DAVIS~~ ~~Cuba~~ ~~FLH~~

HEMMING then conducted his Cuban companions to the parachute jump school or club which operates out of an abandoned barracks at the field. While there, some

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representative of the NBC was taking pictures of some parachute jumpers representing themselves supposedly as Cuban exiles in training. However, these jumpers were actually American sports jumpers.

According to MM T-2, Colonel LEON took some guns along with his party hoping to have photographs taken of him and his companions in training but due to restrictions of the Sheriff's Office, which covered that field, no weapons were removed from automobiles occupied by LEON and his companions.

MM T-2 said that PAULINO SIERRA has no training bases located anywhere although he is always talking of grandiose plans to set up camps through his alleged connections with important officials in Latin America. It is to be noted that previous investigation has reflected that FACE is a small anti-CASTRO organization headquartered in Miami.

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