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RE: ALEXANDER I. RORKE, JR.

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On April 26, 1963, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a letter of protest had been sent from Raul Roa, Cuban Minister of Foreign Relations, to Miroslav Ruzek, Czechoslovakian Ambassador to the United States, for delivery to the Department of State. The text of this protest is as follows: (S)(u)

The Ministry of External Affairs sends its greetings to the Honorable Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia and requests it to present to the State Department of the United States of America in its capacity as the representative of the interests of Cuba in said country, the following note: "On April 25, at approximately nine o'clock p.m., a twin-engine plane proceeding from a northern direction flew over the 'Nice Lopez' refinery and dropped a one-hundred pound bomb and several containers with inflammable material of the Napalm type, which did not explode. Immediately after dropping its deadly cargo the plane disappeared in the direction it had come from. (S)(u)

"On the 26th, United States Cable Agencies released the news that a United States citizen, Alexander Rorke, had declared to newspapermen in Washington that he rode in the twin-engine plane which bombed the refinery and that another of the Americans who participated in the attack was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (S)(u)

"The absolute impunity that this plane was able to leave and then return to United States territory and the subsequent declaration made in the very capital of the United States of America by one of its crew members, plus the fact so far no action is known to have been taken by the authorities of that country, prove that the North American Government cannot escape responsibility for these acts which would have caused civilian casualties had the objective been accomplished. (S)(u)

"The circumstances and the manner in which this aggression was carried out demonstrate that the decisions announced publicly by the United States of America apparently made to prevent provocative activities against Cuba on the part of the counterrevolutionary pirates, are disregarded in a manner that cannot be excused. It is, therefore, very obvious that if the Government of the United States

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