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On November 3, 1960, MM T-8, a Confidential Source abroad, advised that the following information had been obtained concerning the twenty-seven man expedition which invaded Cuba during the first part of October, 1960, reported backed by ROLANDO MASFERRER. (S)

On or about September 24, 1960, FRANK WILLIAMS, 117 North Flagler Avenue, Homestead, Florida, fisherman and owner of the "Sunsport," was approached in Marathon, Florida Keys, by a man called "JULIO" (LNU), who asked him to take a load of petrol to refuel another boat at sea. WILLIAMS is the owner of the diesel-engined converted L. C. V. P., the "Sunsport," registered in Florida with License No. FL45285A. WILLIAMS was offered \$100.00 a day for this job which he accepted. He subsequently loaded the "Sunsport" in Miami with twenty drums of high test gasoline amounting to 1,100 gallons. (S)

On September 26, 1960, the "Sunsport," with WILLIAMS as captain, and accompanied by PAUL HUGHES, 425 Harold Avenue, N. E., Atlanta (also 524 Teckwood Drive, N. W., Atlanta,) left Biscayne Bay near Miami to keep a rendezvous with a fast P. T. boat, the "Aladino," at Mira por vos Cays about fifteen miles southwest of Castle Island lighthouse. (Castle Island is immediately south of Acklins Island in the Bahamas.) (S)

The "Aladino" is believed to belong to ROLANDO MASFERRER, a supporter of the ex-BATISTA government in Cuba. This vessel, with twenty-seven anti-CASTRO revolutionaries on board, had left Miami at about the same time as the "Sunsport." The captain was a Cuban called GONZALEZ-PADRON and the engineer another Cuban, MARRERO-ORTEGA. ~~HORATIO GONZALEZ PADRON~~ (possibly identical with HORACIO CANIZARES PADRON), resides in care of Coinmar Lines, 2974 N. W. North River Drive, Miami, Florida, and is a boat captain. ABELARDO MARRERO-ORTEGA (possibly identical with ABELARDO MORRERO ORTEGA), operates a filling station at the corner of S. W. 6th (S)

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Street and 8th Avenue, Miami, and is a merchant shipping mechanic. The original intention was that the "Aladino" should go straight to Cuba and then return to the Castle Island rendezvous, where she would be refueled from the "Sunsport." Owing to incompetent navigation, she ran aground several times on her outward journey through Bahamas waters and ran out of fuel. By the time "Aladino" reached Castle Island lighthouse on about the first of October, her engines were in poor condition and it was not safe for her to proceed any further. The invasion party of twenty-seven men was transferred to the "Sunsport" and on about the fourth of October were landed at a point one-and-a-half miles southeast of Baracoa light in Oriente Province, Cuba, where according to WILLIAMS they were given a hearty welcome by the villagers. (S)

The "Sunsport" then returned to Castle Island and found that the "Aladino" had gone aground near the lighthouse, the anchor having broken. She is likely to become a total wreck. After a day's delay, GONZALEZ and MARRERO were taken aboard the "Sunsport" with five carbines, one rifle and twenty-two rounds of assorted .30, .38 and .45 ammunition, which did not fit the guns. According to HUGHES, these weapons were withdrawn from the invasion party (who were armed with carbines, rifles and revolvers), because of their doubtful serviceability. (S)

The "Sunsport" then set course for Nassau, but as she was running out of fuel, put in to Georgetown, Great Exuma, where she arrived on October 7. By this time, the Bahamas police had become suspicious that something was going on and the four men were taken into custody. WILLIAMS and HUGHES were subsequently allowed to return to the U. S. on about October 8, 1960. It is not clear where the two Cubans are at the moment. (S)

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HUGHES claims that he was the organizer of the invasion and that he was working with ROLANDO MASFERRER. He said he was anxious to return to Miami in order to make arrangements for further supplies to be delivered to the twenty-seven men in Cuba. He said he had the promise of 800 sten guns from some sympathizers in South America to help further invasions of Cuba, and that he intended to operate off the Cuban coast with a boat about the size of the "Aladino," but which was more economical in fuel. HUGHES alleged that the U. S. authorities boarded the "Aladino" after she left Miami, but asked no questions about the large number of men on board, declined to search for arms, and wished them good luck and allowed them to proceed. (S)

While the "Sunsport" was at Castle Island either on its outward journey or on its return from Cuba, (it is not clear which), it was contacted by an airplane piloted, so WILLIAMS, believes, by JULIO (LNU.) Messages were dropped asking if they were in trouble and if the men had been put ashore in Cuba. (S)

On October 11, 1960, WILLIAMS returned to Nassau to claim the "Sunsport." Among the documents found on the "Sunsport" was a letter addressed to Senor SANTIAGO ALVAREZ, 701 S. W. 8th Street, Miami. (S)

According to subsequent press reports, fifteen at least of the twenty-seven men put ashore in Cuba have been captured and executed. Three of these were Americans, ANTHONY ZARBA, DALE THOMPSON, and ROBERT O. FULLER. Press reports also say that HUGHES himself has been arrested, so he must have returned to Cuba after leaving Nassau on October 8. (S)

In January, 1960, HUGHES, together with a man called MATTHEW DUKE, used the airstrip at Great Exuma as a jumping off point for a fire-raising raid on some Cuban sugar fields. In May, 1960, DUKE was killed in Cuba while trying to exfiltrate someone from that country. (S)

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