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THEFT OF 318 WEAPON, 16 BLANKETS, 1 CARBINE RACK,
FROM OHIO

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UNSUBS; Theft of 318 Weapons,
16 Blankets, One Carbine Rack
from Ohio National Guard Armory,
Canton, Ohio,
10/14/58
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Re CV teletype to Bureau, 10/14/58, and CV airtel to Bureau, 10/15/58. VIOLA BESSIE KRAJCIK, wa., SALLY, (protect identity), advised she is former girlfriend of LOUIS MARTINEZ, Attorney, formerly residing Canton, Ohio. MARTINEZ active in obtaining arms and equipment for Cuban rebel forces. MARTINEZ received \$30,000 from Cuban rebels to obtain arms. MARTINEZ gave money to other unidentified individual to complete transaction and money disappeared. Cubans were pressing MARTINEZ for return of money or arms. Associate of MARTINEZ is MARTIN RUTHFORD, 535 West 111 Street, New York City, demolition expert reported engaged by rebels to do demolition job on ammunition supply of Battista Government. PETER LEBLOVICH, Montclair, New Jersey, associate, gave money to MARTINEZ for purchase of arms. In 7/58 or 8/58, MARTINEZ in Toronto, Canada, where negotiated purchase ten surplus fighter planes for rebels. Four Panamanian pilots engaged to fly planes to Cuba were prohibited by Canadian authorities from entering Canada. Planes reported now in New Jersey. Two men described as American industrialists from Milwaukee,

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