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Re: [LAZARO EDDY ESPINOSA BONET] (S) (X)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On August 5, 1969, a Cuban refugee, [who has previously admitted his recruitment by the Cuban Intelligence Service (CIS)] furnished the following information (S)

On [August 2] (S) 1969, the source received a telephone call from [his Cuban principal, LAZARO EDDY ESPINOSA BONET, Third Secretary] (S) to the [Cuban Mission] (S) to the [United Nations (CMUN)] (S), New York. During the call, [ESPINOSA] (S) inquired if source had yet obtained a boat to travel to Cuba to receive training in intelligence matters. [ESPINOSA] (S) told source if he could not reach Cuba for this training in the near future [ESPINOSA] (S) would have to look for someone else to handle the matter. [ESPINOSA] (S) insisted that source make every effort to complete his plans to make a boat trip to Cuba as soon as possible. Source told [ESPINOSA] (S) he hoped to be able to obtain a boat and make the trip to Cuba by the weekend of [August 9] (S) 1969 (S)

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[ESPINOSA] (S) asked the source if he had any information concerning the present activities of [TONO SAAVEDRA] (S) and ["SHORTY"] (S). Source told [ESPINOSA] (S) that he does not believe these two men are currently engaged in any activities against the FIDEL CASTRO regime (S) CUBA

Source advised that ["SHORTY"] (S) is ROGELIO DIAZ, a Cuban mulatto exile, who lives in the Miami, Florida area. Source said he believes DIAZ is employed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (S) (u)

[ESPINOSA] (S) further inquired of source what movements were being planned by the CIA in Miami. He told source he had heard rumors that the CIA was planning something big. Source told [ESPINOSA] (S) that he had heard no rumors concerning any CIA plans and that he could furnish him no information in this regard (S)

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[ESPINOSA] (S) inquired of source regarding the plans of [VICENTE MENDEZ] (S) to make a raid against Cuba. [ESPINOSA] (S) told source it was his understanding that [MENDEZ] (S) was a leader of the anti-CASTRO movement in Miami, Alpha 66, and that under his direction a group of men would soon be making a military type raid against Cuba. Source told [ESPINOSA] (S) he was aware that [MENDEZ] (S) was allegedly engaged in formulating plans for some type of raid against Cuba. Source told [ESPINOSA] (S) that there were so many Cuban exiles interested in joining with [MENDEZ] (S) that those who would make the trip have not been chosen yet. Source told [ESPINOSA] (S) that according to the present plan the raid will probably not be carried out until about the end of 1969 or the first part of 1970. [ESPINOSA] (S) asked the source where these men were training for this raid and source told him he had heard rumors they were training on a farm near Okeechobee, Florida (S) (X)

Source advised he has no real knowledge of plans by [MENDEZ] (S) and has heard nothing concerning training on a farm near Lake Okeechobee, but that he fabricated this information and furnished it to [ESPINOSA] (S) in order to satisfy his inquiries (S) (X)

[ESPINOSA] (S) inquired of source whether he had obtained the name of the cousin of [RAFAEL HERRYMAN] (S). According to [ESPINOSA] (S) this cousin is allegedly a captain in the United States Army serving in Vietnam. Source reported to [ESPINOSA] (S) that he believes the individual's name is [LOMBERTO DIAZ] (S), whose father of the same name had been a Governmental Minister in Cuba prior to the regime of FIDEL CASTRO. (S) (X)

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Reference Letterhead Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami.

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