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<i>,</i>	Attached for Miami and Mexico City is one copy each of the aforementioned report which is undated but which is captioned "Report on the Circumstances Surrounding the Arrest and Deportation from British Honduras of Thirteen United States Nationals".
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The correct names of the thirteen men were ascertained by Police, and subsequently admitted by the accused in court, to be as follows:-

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- The 'AMIGO' and the two Mexican creamen were not arrested or detained, and left for Progresso on 2nd November.
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- 13. In addition, there was also recovered an assortment of knives, 2 bayonets, two 'walkie talkie', radic sets, a pair of handcuffs, a small quantity of spare parts and tools for firearms and weapon cleaning equipment.
- Although the thirteen arrested men would give very little information other than personal details (many of which were subsequently changed when found to be false), there appears no doubt that the object of this group was to land on the south coast of Cuba, possibly in conjunction with others with whom a rendezvous had been planned east of Turneffe. An air search of the sea area surrounding Turneffe was carried out on 24th October, but no suspicious vessel was sighted. Due to the failure of the rendezvous, the boat was forced to come into Belize City for fuel, the Americans relying on the port clearance from Progresso to get them past the Customs and Police/Immigration authorities. There is no evidence whatsoever that the objective of this group was anywhere on the Central American mainlaid.
- At the request of the Mexican Federal Security authorities, a list of the serial numbers and types of firearms, together with copies of the photographs and fingerprints of the 13 arrested men, have been supplied to Sr. Felix BUSANO, of the Mexican Security Service. A similar request by Lic. Jorge E. ORTEGA Rosado of the Merida District Court, has not been acceded to, since this request was not sponsored by the Consul for the Regulity of Mexico in Belize City.

(R.W. Watson) Commissioner of Police.

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About 1330 hours on Wednesday, 23rd October 1968 a 34 feet cabin cruiser, the 'AMIGO' registered at Progresso, Yucatan, Mexico arrived in Belize City harbour with a crew of two Mexican nationals, Alonso CAMPOS Escalante and Roman MAGANA Estrella, and carrying five United States nationals as passengers. The object of the visit was stated to be refuel and re-provision. As a result of information given by CAMPOS to the Customs authorities, the matter was referred to Police, and Special Branch officers interrogated the two Mexicans. From the information received, the five United States nationals were arrested and charged under the British Honduras Immigration Ordinance. The boat was searched and, besides a number of suitcases containing personal clothing, medical supplies, anti-Castro literature, maps, documents and United States Armed Forces training manuals, a pistol loaded with 6 rounds was found hidden in the cabin.

- 2. The five U.S. nationals gave names and addresses to Police, but several of the names given were later found to be false. The Mexican and United States Consulate authorities were notified of the circumstances known at that time.
- 3. The two Mexican nationals were questioned separately, and both told the same story.
- The "AMIGO', owned by Alfonso Martin VASQUEZ of Progresso. Yucatan, was hired by the five United States citizens, with CAMPOS and MAGANA as crew, for a five-day fishing and sightseeing trip from Progresso to Isles Mujeres, Yucatan, at a cost of 3,000 pesos. Having obtained port clearance, the party left Progresso on the 'AMIGO' at about 2200 hrs. on Friday, 18th October. About 2330 hrs. three of the Americans threatened the Mexican crew with pistols, and forced them to take the boat inshore opposite the abandoned hotel 'Tropical Reviera'. further men, with a considerable quantity of equipment were then ferried on board by the boat's dinghy. This operation was completed about 0300 hrs. on Saturday, 19th October. The was then sailed eastwards along the northern coast of Yucatan, both the Mexican crewmen having been tied up, but released one at a time to steer the boat. They passed Isles Mujeres about 0400 hrs. on 20th October and turned south About this time, according to CAMPOS, he learned that their destination was Belize.
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- The following morning a Police/Military party, guided by CAMPOS, went to Shag Caye Bogue and collected the eight men and their equipment without resistance. All were brought into Belize City, and all were charged under the Immigration Ordinance, the Mexican and United States Consulate authorities again being advised of the situation. On the 24th October the five U.S. nationals taken from the 'AMIGO' appeared before the Belize City Magistrate on a charge of being prohibited immigrants. They were reminded in custody until 31st October 1968. On 25th October the eight men, all of whom claimed U.S. nationality, were similarly charged and remained until 31st October.
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