Date:

Agency Information

AGENCY:

FBI

RECORD NUMBER:

124-10278-10403

RECORD SERIES:

AGENCY FILE NUMBER:

97-4474-84

Document Information

ORIGINATOR:

FBI

FROM:

SAC, MM

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

TITLE:

DATE:

12/14/1963

'PAGES:

13

SUBJECTS:

MIRR, MEMBERS, FLIGHTS, RAID, BOAT

DOCUMENT TYPE:

PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT

CLASSIFICATION:

Secret

RESTRICTIONS:

1C; 4 Redact

CURRENT STATUS: DATE OF LAST REVIEW:

07/30/1998

OPENING CRITERIA:

INDEFINITE

COMMENTS:

INC NOTE, MEMO, LHM

See page 5 of this document for processed copy SECREL Mr. Cusper. ". Callahen Contad OMMUNICATIONS SEC DEC 1 4.49 3-02 May Holmes EST JVV TO DI REC TOR /9 7- 44 74/ FROM_SAC, MIAMI /105-2855/ MOVIMIENTO INSURRECTIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO. IS DASH CUBA RE MIAMI TELS DECEMBER ELEVENTH AND TWELVETH SIXTYTHREE TO BUREAU, BUREAU TEL DECEMBER THIRTEENTH AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL DEKEMBER THIRTEENTH SIXTYTHREE TO MIAMI. AT FIVE FIFTEEN P.M. /PROTECT/ ADVISED THAT PLANS FOR FLIGHT THIS MORNING DID NOT MATERIALIZE, BUT DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, HEAD OF MIRR AT FOUR P. M. TODAY AND FOLLOWING PLAN WAS OUTLINED BY BOSCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOSCH HAD CONFERRED SEPARATELY WITH ACCOMPANIED BY A CUBAN CO PILOT OF HIS OWN CHOICE, WILL PROCEED TO FLIGHT IN THE PLANE SCHEDULED FOR USE BOMBING RAID. PLANE TO BE USED WILL BE SELECTED BOSCH ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER ONE FIVE SIXTYTHREE, WILL MAKE ANOTHER! CLEHT FROM THE SAME THE WILL FLY OVER WITHOUT LANDING OF 1- Co of Duas (Ex.)

NW 45881 DocId:32301568 Page 2

Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont Mr. Mohr_ Mr. Casper_ FECERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Mr. Callahan. Mr. Conrad. Mr. Dalbach. DEC 1 4 1963 Mr. Evans. Mr. Gala. TELETYPE Mr. Rosen Mr. Suliivan Mr. Tavel Mr. Trotter AM EST TO DIRECTOR FROM SAC. MIAMI /105-2855/ MOVIMIENTO INSURRECTIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO. IS DASH CUBA RE MIAMI TELS DECEMBER ELEVENTH AND TWELVETH SIXTYTHREE TO BUREAU, BUREAU TEL DECEMBER THIRTEENTH AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL DEKEMBER THIRTEENTH SIXTYTHREE TO MIAMI. y ado*t*y ADVISED THAT PLANS FOR FLIGHT THIS MORNING DID NOT MATERIALIZE. BUT DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, HEAD OF MIRR AT FOUR P. M. TODAY AND FOLLOWING PLAN WAS OUTLINED BY BOSCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOSCH HAD CONFERRED SEPARATELY WITH ACCOMPANIED BY A CUBAN CO PILOT OF HIS OWN CHOICE, WILL PROCEED TO FLIGHT IN THE PLANE SCHEDULED FOR USE ON THE BOMBING RAID. PLANE TO BE USED WILL BE SELECTED BY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER ONE FIVE SIXTYTHREE. WILL MAKE ANOTHER PFLIGHT FROM THE SAME AIRPORT. THEY WILL FLY OVER WITHOUT LANDING OF

Doc1d:32301568 Page 3

See page 5 of this document for processed copy

REC 33

(NI) 97-4474 (1-

1 - Liaison 1 - Nasca

Date:

December 17, 1963

To:

Director

Bureau of Intelligence and Research

Department of State

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject:

MOVIMIENTO INSURRECIONAL DE RECUPERACION

REVOLUCIONARIO

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

NEUTRALITY MATTERS

CIA HAS NO OBJECTION TO DECLARATION AND/OR, RELEASE OF CIA INFORMATION

IN THIS DOCUMENT.

MKH 2-6-98

Reference is made to our letter dated December 13, 1963, with enclosure.

Attached is the original of a memorandum dated December 17, 1963. A copy of this memorandum is attached for each of the other recipients.

This will confirm information orally furnished to Mr. J. J. Kelly, Department of State Mr. Howard Beaubien, Central Intelligence Agency Mr. John Keith, Federal Aviation Agency; and Mr. John H. Davitt, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, by Mr. John F. Wacks of this Bureau on December 14, 1963. The information was also orally furnished to Mr. Lester Johnson, Bureau of Customs, by Mr. B. A. Wells of this Bureau on the same day.

We are endeavoring to obtain additional information and the pertinent data will be made available to the recipients.

TolsonEnclosure	alander Wester	where (
Mohr Casper Callahan I - Director (Enclosure) Conrad Conrad Central Intelligence Age	mey Di	
Galo	etor, Plans	16m
Trotter This king (15) Tale. Room MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT	Charles A.	my

DECLASSIFIED BY 5668 SUD 1888

NW 45881 DocId:32301568 Page 4

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEC 1 4 1963

TELETYPE

URGENT 12-14-63 3-02 AM EST TO DIRECTOR 197-44741

Mr. Toisen Mr. Belmont Mr. Mohr. Mr. Casper_

Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Evans Mr. Gale. Mr. Rosen.

Mr. Sullivan Mr. Tavel Mr. Trotter

OTHER

FROM SAC, MIAMI /105-2855/

Declassify on: OADR? .4 P

MOVIMIENTO INSURRECTIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO.

IS DASH CUBA

WILLIAM JOHNSON.

RE MIAMI TELS DECEMBER ELEVENTH AND TWELVETH SIXTYTHREE TO BUREAU, BUREAU TEL DECEMBER THIRTEENTH AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL DEKEMBER THIRTEENTH SIXTYTHREE TO MIAMI.

AT FIVE FIFTEEN P.M. TODAY PROTECT/ ADVISED THAT PLANS FOR PRACTICE FLIGHT THIS MORNING DID NOT MATERIALIZE. BUT MET DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, HEAD OF MIRR AT FOUR P. M. TODAY AND FOLLOWING PLAN WAS OUTLINED BY BOSCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOSCH HAD CONFERRED SEPARATELY WITH

ACCOMPANIED BY A CUBAN CO PILOT OF HIS OWN CHOICE, WILL PROCEED TO BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TOMORROW (12/14) FOR A PRACTISE FLIGHT IN THE PLANE SCHEDULED FOR USE ON THE BOMBING RAID. PLANE TO BE USED WILL BE SELECTED BY JOHNSON AND ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER ONE FIVE SIXTYTHREE, BOSCH. HIS CO-PILOT WILL MAKE ANOTHER PRACTISE FLIGHT FROM THE SAME THEY WILL FLY OVER BIMINI, WITHOUT LANDING OF FOREIGN AIRPORT.

NW 45881 DocId:32301568 Page 5

PAGE TWO

SOIL. IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE LANDING FIELD AND WILL RETURN TO BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SAME DAY. BOSCH HAS ADVISED THAT HE CAN THEN SELECT HIS OWN DATE FOR THE ACTUAL BOMBING RAID. BELIEVES THAT AN AERO COMMANDER PLANE WILL BE USED. HE WILL OBTAIN IDENTITY OF PLANE TOMORROW, TWELVE FOURTEENTH SIXTYTHREE. HE HAS NOT YET SELECTED HIS CO-PILOT. JOHN KINNY, FAA, HAS ADVISED HE WILL BE IN CONTROL TOWER, BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TO CHECK OUT THE PRACTICE FLIGHTS DECEMBER FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN AND TO OBTAIN IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING PLANE AND OCCUPANTS IN A ROUTINE MANNER AND WILL ADVISE THIS OFFICE. HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING THE BOAT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TRANSPORT PILOT. CO-PILOT. AND TWO CREWMEN FROM MIAMI AREA TO BIMINI FOR THE WILL BE IN EXCELLENT BOMBING RAID. HOWEVER IT APPRARS POSITION TO ACQUIRE ADEQUATE INFORMATION CONCERNING BOAT AND ITS LOCATION PRIOR TO RAID. US CUSTOMS. MIAMI AND THIS OFFICE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT ANY ACTION TO STOP THE PLANE FROM DEPARTING FLORIDA WOULD DEFEAT OUR EFFORTS TO HALT THE RAIDING OPERATION. THE PLANE IS SCHEDULED CORR LINE SIXTEEN FIRST FIRST WORD SHOULD BE CO- PILOT

SECRET

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

TO DEPART FLORIDA WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE BOAT WHICH WILL BE TRANSPORTING THE PLANE PILOT, CREW AND PRESUMABLY THE BOMBS. THEREFORE, IF THE PLANE IS SEIZED OR FAILS TO LEAVE FOR ANY REASON, BOSCH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CANCEL THE BOAT TRIP AND NEITHER THE BOAT NOR THE BOMBS COULD BE SEIZED. BOSCH WOULD THUS BE LEFT WITH THE SAME POTENTIAL FOR CONDUCTING THE RAID WITH ANOTHER RENTED PLANE AT ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE. ALSO, THE PLANE WILL BE CARRYING NO CONTRABAND AND WILL MAKE PROPER CLEARANCE FOR BIMINI. THEREFORE, IT CANNOT BE LEGALLY SEIZED.

UACB, MIAMI WILL PROCEED WITH THE GENERAL PLAN OF EFFECTING SEIZURE OF THE BOAT AND BOMBS BY US CUSTOMS, AND ALLOWING THE PLANE TO DEPART FOR BIMINI.

GREGG BENTLEY, SPECIAL BRANCH, BAHAMIAN POLICE, NASSAU WAS ADVISED RE PERTINENT FACTS ABOVE AND HE WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BY DISCREET MEANS THE PRACTICE FLIGHT OVER BIMINI SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER FIFTEEN. (6-1)(u)

MIAMI HAS ADVISED ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES INCLUDING USA WILLIAM MEADOWS, US CUSTOMS, CIA, BORDER PATROL, FAA, AND OFFICE CUBAN AFFAIRS, STATE DEPARTMENT, MIAMI, ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE.

END PAGE THREE

SECRET

97-4474-84

PAGE THREE

TO DEPART FLORIDA WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE BOAT WHICH WILL BE TRANSPORTING THE PLANE PILOT, CREW AND PRESUMABLY THE BOMBS. THEREFORE, IF THE PLANE IS SEIZED OR FAILS TO LEAVE FOR ANY REASON, BOSCH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CANCEL THE BOAT TRIP AND NEITHER THE BOAT NOR THE BOMBS COULD BE SEIZED. BOSCH WOULD THUS BE LEFT WITH THE SAME POTENTIAL FOR CONDUCTING THE RAID WITH ANOTHER RENTED PLANE AT ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE. ALSO, THE PLANE WILL BE CARRYING NO CONTRABAND AND WILL MAKE PROPER CLEARANCE FOR BIMINI. THEREFORE, IT CANNOT BE LEGALLY SEIZED.

UACB, MIAMI WILL PROCEED WITH THE GENERAL PLAN OF EFFECTING.
SEIZURE OF THE BOAT AND BOMBS BY US CUSTOMS, AND ALLOWING THE
PLANE TO DEPART FOR BIMINI.

GREGG BENTLEY, SPECIAL BRANCH, BAHAMIAN POLICE, NASSAU WAS ADVISED RE PERTINENT FACTS ABOVE AND HE WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BY DISCREET MEANS THE PRACTICE FLIGHT OVER BIMINI SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER FIFTEEN. (G-1)(u)

MIAMI HAS ADVISED ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES INCLUDING USA WILLIAM MEADOWS, US CUSTOMS, CIA, BORDER PATROL, FAA, AND OFFICE CUBAN AFFAIRS, STATE DEPARTMENT, MIAMI, ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE.

END PAGE THREE

97-4474-84

SECRET.

PAGE FOUR

MIAMI HAS INST**®**RUCTED KEEP THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

MIAMI WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND WILL KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY ADVISED ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

MIAMI WILL SUBMIT UP TO DATE LETTERHEAD MEMO SUITABLE

FOR DISSEMINATION DECEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

BUREAU REQUESTED AFFORD COMPLETE PROTECTION.

END AND ACK PLS

3-17 AM OK FBI WA HFL

TU HL DIS

SECRET

PA	GE	FO	Ι'n

MIAMI HAS INSTORUCTED KEEP THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

MIAMI WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND WILL KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY ADVISED ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

MIAMI WILL SUBMIT UP TO DATE LETTERHEAD MEMO SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION DECEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

BUREAU REQUESTED AFFORD COMPLETE PROTECTION.
END AND ACK PLS

3-17 AM OK FBI WA HFL

TU HL DIS

SECRET

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEC 1 4*1*96

3-02 ΑM **EST** JVV

TO DIRECTOR /9.7-44 74/

FROM_SAC. MIAMI /105-2855/

MOVIMIENTO INSURRECTIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO.

IS DASH CUBA

RE MIAMI TELS DECEMBER ELEVENTH AND TWELVETH SIXTYTHREE TO BUREAU, BUREAU TEL DECEMBER THIRTEENTH AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL DEKEMBER THIRTEENTH SIXTYTHREE TO MIAMI.

((2//5	
AT FIVE FIFTEEN P.M. TODAY	/PROTECT/
ADVISED THAT PLANS FOR PRACTICE FLIGHT THIS MORN	ING DID NOT
MATERIALIZE, BUT MET DR. ORLANDO BOSCH A	VILA, HEAD
OF MIRR AT FOUR P. M. TODAY AND FOLLOWING PLAN W.	AS OUTLINED
BY BOSCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOSCH HAD CONFERRED S	EPARATELY WITH
WILLIAM JOHNSON.	× +

ACCOMPANIED BY A CUBAN CO PILOT OF HIS OWN

CHOICE, WILL PROCEED TO BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

FOR A PRACTISE FLIGHT IN THE PLANE SCHEDULED FOR USE BOMBING RAID. PLANE TO BE USED WILL BE SELECTED BY

AND

HIS CO-PILOT WILL MAKE ANOTHER PRACTISE FOLGHT FROM THE SAME

TREWMURRL FLY OVER BIMINI, WITHOUT LANDING OF FOREIGN

r. Belmon Mr. Mohr. Mr. Casper. Mr. Oallahan

Mr. Conrad. Mr. DeLoach Mr. Evans

Miss Gandy

Mr. Calc Mr. Record Mr. Sullivan Mr. Trvel Mr. Trotter Tele. Room. Mias Holmes

NW 45881 DocId:32301568 Page 11

MANUSTRATION CONTRA

PAGE TWO

SOIL, IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE LANDING FIELD AND WILL RETURN TO BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SAME DAY.

DOSCH HAS ADVISED THAT HE CAN THEN SELECT HIS
OWN DATE FOR THE ACTUAL BOMBING RAID.

BELIEVES THAT AN AEROXCOMMANDER PLANE WILL BE
USED. HE WILL OBTAIN IDENTITY OF PLANE TOMORROW, TWELVE
FOURTEENTH SIXTYTHREE. HE HAS NOT YET SELECTED HIS COPILOT.

JOHN KINNY, FAA, HAS ADVISED HE WILL BE IN CONTROL TOWER, BROWARD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TO CHECK OUT THE PRACTICE FLIGHTS DECEMBER FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN AND TO OBTAIN IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING PLANE AND OCCUPANTS IN A ROUTINE MANNER AND WILL ADVISE THIS OFFICE.

HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING IDENTIFYING

DATA CONCERNING THE BOAT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TRANSPORT PILOT,

CO-PILOT, AND TWO CREWMEN FROM MIAMI AREA TO BIMINI FOR THE

BOMBING RAID. HOWEVER IT APPEARS WILL BE IN EXCELLENT

POSITION TO ACQUIRE ADEQUATE INFORMATION CONCERNING BOAT AND ITS

LOCATION PRIOR TO RAID.

US CUSTOMS, MIAMI AND THIS OFFICE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT ANY
ACTION TO STOP THE PLANE FROM DEPARTING FLORIDA WOULD DEFEAT
OUR EFFORTS TO HALT THE RAIDING OPERATION. THE PLANE IS SCHEDULED
CORR LINE SIXTEEN FIRST WORD SHOULD BE CO- PILOT
END PAGE TWO

SECRET

OTHER 4

Buring the last foodays we have received information concerning a roposed bombing raid over Cuba. This rail will be carried out by plane from Bimini, Bahamas. The crew members of the plane and the bombs to be used in the raid will be bought to Bimini by fast boat from the Miami area.

will pilot the plane and is our this matter.

Attached teletype indicates plans are being made for practice runs over Bimini with plane in preparation for raid. Our Miami Office and Customs are of opinion nothing should be done to stop practice runs as this would defeat our efforts to seize boat carrying the bombs.

Pertinent data attached being disseminated to State, Customs, Department, Federal Aviation Agency and the Office of Harry Stone, MI-5 representative by telephone 12-14-63. (5)

ARJ:ctc:fas

D

2/18/95 So 8MAC/6AT Classified by 206 BTR/GCL Declassify on: OADR 9/1/85

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

SECRET

97-4474-84

OTHER 4

During the last fer days we have received information concerning a , oposed bombing raid over Cuba. This raid will be carried out by plane from Bimini, Bahamas. The crew members of the plane and the bombs to be used in the raid will be bought to Bimini by fast boat from the Miami area. will pilot the plane and is our informant in this matter.

Attached teletype indicates plans are being made for practice runs over Bimini with plane in preparation for raid. Our Miami Office and Customs are of opinion nothing should be done to stop practice runs as this would defeat our efforts to seize boat carrying the bombs.

Pertinent data in attached being disseminated to State, Customs, Department, Federal Aviation Agency and the Office of Harry Stone, MI-5 representative. By phine 3/ ARJ-oto: fas

Declassify on: OADR 9/11

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

SECRET'

1 - Liaison 1 - Nasca

(NI) 97-4474

December 17, 1963

KLE INFORMATION CONTAINED FREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED FXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

MOVIMIENTO INSURRECIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO Classified by Seb Braiger Declassify on: OADR 91/85

Previous information has indicated that the captioned anti-Castro organization is planning to carry out a bombing raid over Cuba from Bimini in the Bahama Islands. The airplane scheduled to be used in the raid reportedly is located at the Broward International Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On December 13, 1963, our source in this matter who has furnished reliable information in the past learned that a pilot and a copilot of the airplane were to proceed to the Broward International Airport on December 14, 1963, for a practice flight.

On December 15, 1963, the above-mentioned pilot and copilot were scheduled to make another practice flight from the same airport. On this flight the airplane was to be flown over Bimini for the purpose of observing the landing field there and was scheduled to return to the Broward International Airport on the same day. No landings on foreign—soil were to be made.

The source believed that an Aero Commander airplane would be used.

British authorities were advised of the above

information. (6) VHN:klw_ Toison Belmont . (16)Mohr _ Casper Callohan NOTE: Original to State, copies to CIA, Army, Navy, Air Force, Contad DIA, Customs, INS, FAA, Coast Guard, Yeagley. Copies separately Evans Gale being furnished John Crimmins, Coordinator Cuban Affairs, Rosen Sullivon Department of State, by Courier Service and Stott 36 Tavel . Trotter MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT