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Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to INS, State Department, Border Patrol, Customs (local and regional), Coast Guard, G-2, ONI, OSI, CIA, and FAA, in addition to the USA, Miami.

The Miami Office has also been in frequent contact with Mr. GREGG BENTLEY, Special Branch, Bahamian Police, Nassau, with regard to all pertinent developments. On 12/24/63, Mr. BENTLEY flew to Miami for a conference with Agents of this office, and he was introduced to Mr. EDWARD FICKIE and Mr. STANLEY SCHACHTER, U. S. Customs, who subsequently made arrangements to place a U. S. Customs official in Bimini to work directly with Mr. BENTLEY on the scheduled date of this operation.

Mr. FICKIE has also advised that U. S. Customs has three boats which will be used to intercept this operation and to prevent the boat from successfully leaving the Miami waters. One of these boats is a 95' Coast Guard

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boat which will maneuver well off shore. The other two boats will be located in strategic areas closer to shore. In the event the Cuban boat succeeds in evading interception, the British will be prepared to seize the plane and the boat at Bimini.

Due to information furnished by MM T-1 concerning the boat obtained by WILLIAM JOHNSON for this operation on behalf of BOSCH, U. S. Customs feels this boat is the "Ebb Tide," a 28' sports fishing vessel with a flying bridge powered by one motor. JOHNSON has been observed by U. S. Customs aboard this boat during the periods of time that MM T-1 reported JOHNSON was scheduled to be in contact with the boat selected by BOSCH.

MM T-1 is EVELIO ALPIZAR PEREZ, 3625 N. W. 11th St., Miami, a former Cuban commercial pilot.

Miami has instructed MM T-1 to advise this office immediately of all further pertinent developments. The Bureau and appropriate local agencies will be promptly informed of subsequent developments.

The Miami Office has been furnishing oral information immediately to the necessary local agencies on a current basis pursuant to Bureau instructions.



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Previous information furnished by MM T-1, a Cuban exile who has been involved in anti-Fidel Castro activities for several years, reflects that Doctor Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR), an anti-Fidel Castro organization of Cuban exiles, has been planning a bombing raid against an oil refinery at Nuevitás, Camaguey Province of Cuba. This raid was originally scheduled for the night of December 14, or 15, 1963. It was then postponed, and as of December 18, 1963, Bosch indicated the last and final practice flight in an Aero Commander airplane, registration N26-24-B, preparatory to the raid would take place on the night of December 20, 1963, at Broward International Airport in Florida.

On December 20, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Evelio Alpizar Perez; the Cuban pilot scheduled to pilot the plane in this bombing raid, went to Broward International Airport where Charles Bush, owner of the Aero Commander, informed the pilot that one of the motors of the plane had "burned out," and the plane could not be flown without extensive motor repairs. MM T-1 said that the pilot, Alpizar, examined the plane and verified that one of the motors was in fact not operable. Bush promised he would make another plane available to Doctor Orlando Bosch.

On the same day, MM T-1 learned that someone other than Charles Bush would pilot whatever plane was selected from Broward International Airport to Bimini, Bahama Islands, preparatory to the bombing raid. The individual selected to pilot this plane would park the plane on the Bimini airport and register at a hotel in the town of Bimini, leaving the plane unattended over-

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night. The raiding party was scheduled to arrive by boat at Bimini under cover of darkness from Miami and load the plane with bombs and then fly it from Bimini to the target in Cuba. They would then return to Bimini, still under cover of darkness, and return by boat to Miami after leaving the plane at the same place where they had taken it.

On December 22, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Charles Bush informed Alpizar that he would substitute a Piper Aztec plane for the Aero Commander. MM T-1 said that Bush had such a plane at his company at Broward International Airport.

On December 23, 1963, Mr. Fay Linehan, Supervising Inspector, Federal Aviation Agency, Miami, advised that Charles Bush has leased a Piper Aztec plane bearing registration N4811-P from the Fleet Rental Leasing Corporation, Box 948, Clarkesburg, West Virginia, effective in April, 1963. Mr. Linehan advises this is the Aztec plane which Bush maintains at his place of business.

On December 23, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Doctor Bosch advised that the boat which he planned to use in transporting the airplane crew and the bombs from Miami to Bimini would depart from Miami on Christmas Day at about 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 a.m. He said this boat has a speed of only 10 miles per hour, and consequently would have to depart early in the day instead of during the evening as was originally planned had a faster boat been obtained. Bosch said the plane would leave later in the day after receiving a radio signal from the boat that everything was proceeding according to plan.

MM T-1 said that William Johnson, who made arrangements for the securing of this boat on behalf of Bosch, disclosed that the Coral Gables canal would be a better place to depart from than the place which Bosch had in mind.

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Later on December 24, 1963, MM T-1 said that Bosch announced to his party that it had become necessary again to postpone the bombing raid from December 25, 1963, to a later date due to rough seas which would endanger the boat. One of Bosch's associates indicated that the boat would probably leave Miami on Friday, December 27, 1963. (It is to be noted that a cold front swept over the Miami area on the early morning of December 24, 1963, and seas were reportedly rough.)

On December 26, 1963, MM T-1 advised that the pilot Alpizar would take both an afternoon and night practice flight with the Piper Aztec plane in possession of Charles Bush at Broward International Airport. Bosch provided money to the pilot for the flight.

MM T-1 said that Bosch disclosed that the boat is now scheduled to depart Miami between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on December 27, 1963, for Bimini. MM T-1 said there will be no additional practice flights by the pilot after December 26, 1963.

It is to be noted that on December 26, 1963, the skies in the Miami area were clear and sunny, and weather conditions were reportedly favorable at sea.

On December 20, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Doctor Bosch planned to have the raiding party drop propaganda leaflets over Cuba. MM T-1 furnished the propaganda leaflet, which is in the Spanish language and which has been translated as follows: