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*Costa Rican Refugee Group in Mexico*

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, NA. REFERENCE OUR CABLEGRAM [MAY 17] LAST. PROPOSED RENDEZVOUS MASAGOZA GROUP CANCELLED FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN LOCAL PRESS CONCERNING REVOLUTIONARY PLOT INVOLVING MANUEL MORA AND CARMEN LIRA. LATTER DIED MEXICO CITY [MAY 14] LAST. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS MASAGOZA GROUP APPARENTLY PURCHASING PLANE THROUGH AEREO SERVICIO, S.A., MEXICO CITY, IN WHICH ALFREDO MIRANDA OF AMERICAN ARMAMENT CORPORATION, FOUR WEST 58 STREET, NEW YORK CITY, HAS INTEREST. OTHER PLANES AND PARTS BEING OBTAINED FROM MARION R. FINLEY OF AIR PARTS SALES CORPORATION, MIAMI. A C-46 AND A C-47 OF THE GROUP LEFT MEXICO CITY [MAY 18] WITH STATED DESTINATION PINOTEPA, OAXACA, BUT REAL DESTINATION POSSIBLY GUATEMALA. CARGO UNKNOWN BUT PLANE ALLEGEDLY OVERLOADED. ANGEL TRECHUELO, ORIGINAL INFORMANT, ADVISED A PLANE WOULD ARRIVE AT VERA CRUZ FROM MIAMI [MAY 22 OR 23] [MAY 23] PBM, N-1096, ARRIVED VERA CRUZ ALLEGEDLY FROM MIAMI, REMAINING OFF-SHORE UNTIL ARRIVAL OF CERTAIN MEXICAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. U.S. CONSUL ALERTED BY US ADVISED CARGO WAS THREE THOUSAND KILOGRAMS AIRPLANE SPARE PARTS FOR MEXICAN AIR FORCE. OCCUPANTS OF PLANE DID NOT DESIRE CONTACT WITH CONSUL AND PLANE AWAITED UNTIL DARK BEFORE UNLOADING. OWNER LISTED AS JOHN W. CHEWING, 654 NORTHEAST 125 STREET, MIAMI; PILOT EARL H. ADAMS, 2826 NORTHWEST 12 STREET, MIAMI; MECHANIC R. OKRAGGS, 4726 BLAIR STREET, MIAMI SPRINGS; ENGINEER MARION R. FINLEY, NO ADDRESS LISTED, ALL TRAVELLING ON TOURIST CARDS. TRECHUELO WAS SUPPOSED TO CONTACT FINLEY REGARDING THIS CARGO AND BELIEVES THAT HE WILL BE ASKED TO CARRY IT ON TO CENTRAL AMERICA. HE STATES ONE VICKERS, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH BRUCE VICKERS KNOWN TO BUREAU, ALSO ACTIVE WITH FINLEY. JOHN R. RYAN, AMERICAN PILOT IN MEXICO CITY, ADVISED OF APPROACH BY ONE RODRIGUEZ TO ASSUME JOB OF GENERAL OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR MASAGOZA GROUP AND RODRIGUEZ ALLEGEDLY EXHIBITED 20 THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK ON PANAMANIAN BANK AS EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL ABILITY. CIA ADVISES A DC-3 WITH MEXICAN REGISTRATION XB-FUE ARRIVED SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, [MAY 19] AND WAS IMMEDIATELY REPAINTED WITH COSTA RICAN REGISTRATION TI-172. CAPTAIN ALBERTO BAYO, SPANISH REFUGEE, WITH HIS SON ALBERTO BAYO JUNIOR, ALLEGEDLY ASSISTING GROUP AND NOW IN CENTRAL AMERICA. BAYO JUNIOR ALLEGEDLY MEMBER OF U.S. AIR FORCE DURING WAR. SUGGEST BUREAU CHECK THIS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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