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Subj: ~~Cuban~~ Raid, 27 March 1963; information concerning

Ref: (a) COMDT (OIN) ltr A8-2 of 16 Jan 1963
(b) CCGD7 OPODER 18-62, Annex A

1. On 27 March 1963 a raid was reportedly carried out by Cuban exiles against a Russian vessel in the port of Caibarien, Cuba. This letter report concerns this raid and is submitted pursuant to instructions contained in reference (a). Enclosures (1) and (2) are news coverage of this raid.

2. News reports were checked against Seventh Coast Guard District Intelligence files and revealed that through the collection program prescribed in reference (b), one vessel, the ALISAN, could be suspected of being involved based upon the following coincidences:

a. News - Port was Caibarien, approximately 65 miles from SW Cay Sal Bank.

Keypat sources - The ALISAN was sighted at an unnamed cay at 23-42N 29-42W on 23, 24 and probably 25 March.

b. News - Rubber liferaft used to move explosives to Russian vessel.

Keypat Photos - Rubber liferaft streamed astern of ALISAN.

c. News - American Photographers were aboard.

Keypat Photos - ALISAN had at least one photographer aboard.

d. Fragmentary notes in our files indicated the ALISAN was engaged in covert activities in the Florida Straits area in the past.

e. The boats with the ALISAN in the enclosed photos are not the type usually used by a F/V in innocent fishing.

3. On 28 March 1963 S/A Peter J. Nero (FBI No. 3685) and S/A James J. O'Connor (FBI No. 4337) after properly identifying themselves indicated that the Miami Office, FBI had received an urgent priority request from the Attorney General to obtain any and all information possible concerning this incident. Copies of the KeyPat photos (enclosure 3 to this report)

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were furnished them and the coincidences noted by this office (see paragraph 2 above) were brought to their attention. The above named special agents requested, and were furnished, the names of the aircrewmembers and pilots of the KeyPat flights for 23, 24 and 25 March. They indicated that it may be necessary, if the ALISAN was in fact involved, to have the aircrews testify as to the ALISAN's position when sighted by their patrol.

4. Enclosure (4) is a chartlet depicting sightings reported by KeyPat Collection Program prescribed in reference (b) for the period 20 through 26 March 1963.

5. In addition to maintaining liaison with FBI in their investigation of the raid incident as discussed above, copies of photos (enclosure 3) were passed locally to CIA Miami.

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Encl: (1) Miami News Clipping dated 3/27/63
(2) Miami Herald News Clipping dated 3/28/63
(3) Copies of KeyPat Photos
(4) Chartlet depicting sightings reported
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