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Date 11/19/92

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVEST DIV, DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT  
 FROM : [REDACTED] C, MIAMI (2 MM-61560) (FCI-1) (P)  
 SUBJECT : UNSUBS; [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]  
 (FNU) [REDACTED] ET AL;  
 PLAN TO LAUNCH AN INVASION OF  
 CUBA WITH 300 MEN;  
 NEUTRALITY ACT;  
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Reference FBIHQ telcall to Miami 11/17/92.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are three copies of a self-explanatory LHM suitable for dissemination.

Per referenced telcall advising of DOJ authority, Miami has initiated a Neutrality case on captioned matter. [REDACTED] is a well known anti-Castro activist in the Miami area. The following is a description of [REDACTED]

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FBIHQ will be kept apprised of Miami's  
investigative efforts.





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(FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) [REDACTED] ET AL; b7C  
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On October 29, 1992, a confidential informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was present at a meeting at PUND headquarters (PARTIDO UNIDAD NACIONAL DEMOCRATICA) where approximately eighty individuals including a female Cuban doctor and her female assistant were told by [REDACTED] of PUND, and (FNU) [REDACTED] that a training camp would be set up west of Miami in order to train about 300 men for an invasion of Cuba. [REDACTED] told the group that participants in the invasion would go to the camp starting on 11/16/92 and remain there until 12/21/92 when they would be allowed to return to their families for the holidays. While the men are in training, their families will receive a monetary allowance paid by PUND. [REDACTED] told the group that funds were coming from private donations.

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[REDACTED] told the group that they would not receive weapons training at the camp because that was illegal in this country. At the camp, everyone would be issued uniforms and any other necessary equipment. On or about 1/3/93, everyone would be sent to a third country where final outfitting and training would occur prior to the invasion.

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Also during the meeting, [REDACTED] asked for volunteers for two special training sessions: 1) explosives and 2) special missions. [REDACTED] explained that "special missions" meant conducting hits on FIDEL CASTRO and Cuban officials outside of Cuba.

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A third key person present at the meeting was a tall Cuban man in his thirties and with a military style crew cut at whom [ ] occasionally referred questions from the group regarding logistics like getting trainees who are not Permanent Resident Aliens (PRA) Immigration Reentry Permits so that they will be readmitted in the United States after their travel to another country. b6 b7C

[ ] told those in attendance that they would be armed with M-16 and Super FAL rifles for the invasion and that the group would be resupplied by air and that ammunition and replacements would not be a problem. b6 b7C

[ ] instructed the attendees to come to PUND headquarters in groups of tens starting 11/10/92 to pick up a form in order to then go to the female Cuban doctor's office to get a medical checkup. b6 b7C



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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] FRANK

STURGIS; [REDACTED] (FNU) [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (LNU); PLAN TO LAUNCH AN INVASION OF CUBA WITH 300

MEN; NEUTRALITY ACT - CUBA; OO: MIAMI.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 12/10/92 AND TAMPA

TELCAL TO SA [REDACTED] MIAMI DIVISION, 12/23/92.

ON 12/21/92, SA [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED] OF THE NAPLES RA,

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TAMPA DIVISION, ACCOMPANIED A COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ON ROUTINE PATROL IN THE AREA OF THE FAKAHATCHEE STRAND STATE PRESERVE LOCATED NEAR THE EVERGLADES. AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M. A LARGE DUMP TRUCK WAS OBSERVED EXITING A SIDE ROAD LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF SCENIC HIGHWAY AND PATERSON BOULEVARD. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE DUMP TRUCK APPEARED TO BE TWO HISPANIC MALES DRESSED IN CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORMS. THE DEPUTY DROVE HIS VEHICLE TO THE END OF THE NARROW ROAD FROM WHICH THE DUMP TRUCK HAD EXITED. THE ROAD ITSELF WAS LOCATED WITHIN THE FAKAHATCHEE STRAND STATE PARK AND THE STATE PARK SERVICE MAINTAINS THE GATE AT THE HEAD OF THE ROAD.

AT THE END OF THE ROAD APPROXIMATELY TWO ACRES OF RECENTLY CLEARED LAND WAS OBSERVED. WITHIN THE CLEARING WERE TWO PERMANENT WOODEN DWELLINGS PAINTED OLIVE DRAB, ONE OF WHICH HAD A RED CROSS AFFIXED TO IT. ALSO OBSERVED WAS A MOTOR HOME AND APPROXIMATELY SIX LARGE MILITARY-TYPE TENTS. THE TENTS RANGED IN SIZE FROM APPROXIMATELY 10-MAN TO 30-MAN CAPACITY. ONE OF THE TENTS WAS MARKED WITH A SIGN WHICH READ, "G-2 INTELIGENCIA", WHILE ANOTHER WAS LABELED "STOCKADE". THE AREA IN AND AROUND THE STRUCTURES WAS COVERED WITH A LIGHT



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COLORRED GRAVEL.

ON THE PERIMETER OF THE CLEARING WAS A PHYSICAL TRAINING AREA AND A MILITARY STYLE CONFIDENCE COURSE. WITHIN THE TRAINING AREA WERE TWO RECENTLY DUG PITS SURROUNDED BY SANDBAGS WHICH APPEARED TO BE DEMOLITION PITS NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH EXPLOSIVES TRAINING.

UPON ENTRANCE INTO THE COMPOUND, EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED SITTING AROUND A RADIO. ALL APPEARED TO BE HISPANIC, AND ALL WORE CAMOUFLAGE "BDU" UNIFORMS. THE DEPUTY EXITED HIS VEHICLE AND APPROACHED THE MEN, INFORMING THEM THAT HE WAS ON ROUTINE PATROL. NONE OF THE MEN APPEARED TO SPEAK ENGLISH, SO THEY POINTED THE DEPUTY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MOTOR HOME. HE ENTERED AND SPOKE WITH A HISPANIC MALE WHO COMMUNICATED WITH THE DEPUTY IN BROKEN ENGLISH. AFTER THE DEPUTY EXPLAINED HIMSELF, THE MAN WELCOMED THE DEPUTY AND INVITED HIM BACK ANYTIME FOR COFFEE. HE ALSO INFORMED THE DEPUTY THAT A FEMALE PARK RANGER WAS AWARE OF THEIR PRESENCE WITHIN THE PARK AND VISITED THE CAMP OFTEN. ACCORDING TO THE UNIDENTIFIED HISPANIC MALE, DURING HER VISITS, THE PARK RANGER WOULD SOMETIMES "PLAY WITH THE MEN".



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NO EXPLANATION OF THE TERM "PLAY" WAS OFFERED.

AT THAT POINT THE DEPUTY REJOINED THE TWO AGENTS WHO HAD REMAINED INSIDE THE VEHICLE AND LEFT THE AREA.

INCLUDING THE TWO UNIFORMED INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED INSIDE THE DUMP TRUCK, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 11 MEN OCCUPYING THE CAMP. THE DUMP TRUCK, THE MOTOR HOME AND A SMALL PICKUP TRUCK WERE THE ONLY VEHICLES PRESENT. NO WEAPONS WERE OBSERVED.

TAMPA DIVISION WILL CONTINUE TO FORWARD INTELLIGENCE TO FBIHQ AND THE MIAMI DIVISION REGARDING CAPTIONED SUBJECTS AS IT IS RECEIVED.

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PASS: CID, DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT, VCMO SECTION, ATTN:

SUBJECT: "CHANGED" UNSUB(S);

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; FRANK STURGIS;

(FNU)

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(LNU); PLAN TO LAUNCH AN INVASION

OF CUBA WITH 300 MEN; NEUTRALITY ACT - CUBA; DU: MIAMI.

TITLE IS MARKED "CHANGED" TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS.

REFERENCE MIAMI AIRTEL TO FBIHQ DATED 11/19/92 AND MIAMI

TELCAL TO TAMPA ASAC 12/9/92.

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TAMPA SHOULD NOTE THAT MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION IS, AT THIS TIME, SINGULAR IN NATURE AND EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN ITS DISSEMINATION.

[REDACTED] A MILITARY

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TYPE BASE CAMP FOR THE ANTI-CASTRO PARA-MILITARY ORGANIZATION \*PARTIDO UNIDAD NACIONAL DEMOCRATICA, AKA "PUND". THE CAMP IS LOCATED WEST OF STATE ROAD 29 AND NORTH OF STATE ROAD 41 NEAR THE COPELAND FLORIDA AREA. AN AERIAL FLY-OVER ON 11/24/92 BY THE MIAMI DIVISION SOG TEAM CONFIRMED ITS LOCATION.

THE CAMP IS CURRENTLY COMPRISED OF TWO LARGE 40 MAN TENTS, A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, A STORAGE SHED, TWO OR THREE TRUCKS OR SIMILAR VEHICLES, A BULLDOZER, SEVERAL PORTABLE TOILETS, AND A LARGE TARPAULIN COVERING UNKNOWN OBJECTS. THE CAMP IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY APPROXIMATELY 30 INDIVIDUALS

THE SOURCE HAS ADVISED THAT PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE BY PUND TO USE THIS CAMP AS A STAGING AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 MEN WHO WILL EVENTUALLY BE SHIPPED TO A THIRD COUNTRY FOR MILITARY TRAINING PRIOR TO AN INVASION OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA. NO WEAPONS ARE TO BE STORED AT THIS CAMP. WEAPONS WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE PARTICIPANTS WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN THE THIRD COUNTRY.



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PUND HAS PURCHASED MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT 500 MEN. EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF KEVLAR HELMETS, ARMY BULLETPROOF VESTS, NYLON BACKPACKS, WEBBING, WATER CANTEENS, KNIVES, JUNGLE BOOTS, GAS MASKS, FIELD JACKETS, PULLOVERS, SLEEPING BAGS, AND BLANKETS. MIAMI DIVISION AGENTS HAVE EXAMINED EXAMPLES OF THE EQUIPMENT AND DETERMINED THAT ALL ITEMS ARE NEW AND NOT SURPLUS.

SOURCE HAS IDENTIFIED CAPTIONED INDIVIDUALS AS ORGANIZERS OF THIS OPERATION. [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] IS THE [REDACTED] PUND. FRANK STURGIS IS OF WATERGATE FAME. MIAMI IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO FULLY IDENTIFY ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED.

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FBIHQ SHOULD NOTE THAT, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE,

[REDACTED] ON 12/8/92, ATTENDED A LUNCHEON IN WASHINGTON D.C. WHERE HE MET PRESIDENT ELECT CLINTON. HIS ATTENDANCE WAS ALLEGEDLY ARRANGED BY A LONG STANDING MUTUAL CUBAN FRIEND OF CLINTON AND [REDACTED] AND CLINTON ALLEGEDLY HAD A b6 b7C BRIEF CONVERSATION DURING THE LUNCHEON, TOPIC UNKNOWN. THE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED] IS TRYING TO MAKE INROADS INTO THE CLINTON DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN FUTURE POLITICAL FAVORS FOR PUND.

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STURGIS; [REDACTED]

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MEN; NEUTRALITY ACT - CUBA; OO: MIAMI.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND TAMPA, [REDACTED]

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ADVISED THAT THE COLLIER COUNTY TRAINING CAMP HAS GROWN

RAPIDLY IN THE LAST 30 DAYS AND AS OF JANUARY 19, 1993, IS

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OCCUPIED BY APPROXIMATELY 150 MEN. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY  
MIAMI DIVISION AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE.

HEADQUARTERS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS, ALLEGEDLY, ON A MISSION FOR THE ANTI-CASTRO

ORGANIZATION, COMMANDOS L. IT SHOULD FURTHER BE NOTED THAT

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[REDACTED] CONVICTING ANTI-CASTRO

ACTIVISTS IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

REALIZING THE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING PROSECUTION OF  
ANTI-CASTRO RELATED ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH FLORIDA, MIAMI  
DIVISION HAS UNDERTAKEN TO APPLY A MORE DIRECT APPROACH IN  
ASCERTAINING AND POSSIBLY DETERRING FEDERAL VIOLATIONS.

ON JANUARY 20, 1993, SA [REDACTED] AND DETECTIVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] METRO DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MET WITH [REDACTED]



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[ ] AND FRANK STURGIS AT PUND HEADQUARTERS. AT THAT TIME, OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAMP WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM. BOTH [ ] AND STURGIS ADVISED THAT THEIR IS NO INTENDED INVASION OF CUBA AND THE CAMP WAS DESIGNED FOR SURVIVAL TRAINING. PUND, THROUGH UNDISCLOSED SOURCES IN THE CUBAN MILITARY, BELIEVE THAT A MILITARY COUP WILL TAKE PLACE IN CUBA WITHIN THE NEXT 90 DAYS AND THEY, PUND, WANTS TO SEND MEN FROM A THIRD COUNTRY TO ASSIST THE MILITARY WHEN THIS OCCURS.

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BOTH [ ] AND STURGIS ADVISED THAT THEY WILL NEVER KNOWINGLY BREAK U.S. LAWS TO EFFECT THE DOWNFALL OF CASTRO.

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[ ] AND [ ] ASKED IF THEY, ALONG WITH A THIRD AGENT FROM NAPLES, FLORIDA, COULD BE SHOWN THE CAMP. [ ] AGREED AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR [ ] [ ], [ ], AND STURGIS TO VISIT THE CAMP ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1993. IT IS HOPED THAT MANY OF THE DETAILS REGARDING THE FUNDING AND POSSIBLE FOREIGN SUPPORT OF THIS OPERATION WILL BE ASCERTAINED DURING THE THREE HOUR RIDE OVER TO, AND BACK FROM, THE COLLIER COUNTY CAMP.

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THE AFOREMENTIONED MEETING AT PUND AND THE FUTURE TOUR OF THE COLLIER COUNTY CAMP HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AUSA [ ]

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, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. SHE AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ROBERTO MARTINEZ CONCUR WITH APPROACH TAKEN BY MIAMI DIVISION. b6 b7C

FBIHQ, TAMPA AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

TAMPA IS REQUESTED TO MAKE AN AGENT FROM THE NAPLES RA AVAILABLE TO MEET AND ACCOMPANY MIAMI CONTINGENT INTO THE CAMP.

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RE TELCALL FROM SA [REDACTED] NAPLES RA, TAMPA

DIVISION TO SSA [REDACTED] MIAMI DIVISION ON 2/19/93.

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RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS NEAR THE COLLIER COUNTY TRAINING CAMP INDICATE THE CAMP HAS INTENSIFIED TRAINING, AND PERSONNEL ARE NOW TRAINING WITH SHOULDER WEAPONS DESCRIBED AS M-16'S AND AK-47'S.

THE RESIDENTIAL COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (CCSO) AS WELL AS TAMPA DIVISION, NAPLES RESIDENT AGENCY. RESIDENTS HAVE ADVISED OF HEARING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AS WELL AS GROUPS OF 15-20 ARMED MEN IN CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES CROSSING PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE RESIDENTS REFER TO THE GROUPS AS "THE CUBAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS."

DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN THE NAPLES RA AND CCSO REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF STATE STATUTES NOW OCCURRING (I.E. TRESPASSING, OPEN DISPLAY OF WEAPONS, FIRING OF WEAPONS IN UNAUTHORIZED AREAS, ETC.). IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT CCSO OFFICIALS WILL VISIT THE CAMP AND EXPLAIN STATE STATUTES CURRENTLY BEING VIOLATED AND, THAT IF CONTINUED, SUCH VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN ARRESTS OF THE VIOLATORS. THE CAMP WILL ADDITIONALLY BE ADVISED THAT THE AREA WILL BE AGGRESSIVELY PATROLLED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS WARNING WILL QUELL SUCH ACTIVITIES.



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NAPLES RA WILL CONTINUE LIAISON WITH CCSO AND ADVISE OF  
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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; [REDACTED], AKA [REDACTED] FRANK

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[REDACTED] THE MISSION IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO  
TAKE PLACE WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS.

MISSION IS TO ESTABLISH AN OPERATIONS BASE ON ANDROS  
ISLAND, BAHAMAS, WHERE DIVERSIONARY MILITARY STRIKES AGAINST  
CUBA WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE FUTURE. THE FIRST VANGUARD OF  
SHIPS TO ESTABLISH A BASE WILL CONSIST OF ONE MOTHER SHIPS AND  
THREE TO FIVE GO-FAST VESSELS. OPERATION PLANNED TO LAUNCH  
FROM MARATHON FLORIDA. INITIAL CARGO IS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER,  
SOURCE ANTICIPATES NEED FOR WEAPONS, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD,  
CLOTHING, AND MEDICINE. SOME OF THIS MATERIAL WILL BE  
DESIGNATED FOR DELIVERY TO CUBANS ON THE ISLAND WHO WILL  
PARTICIPATE IN INITIATION OF INSURGENCY.

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PER REFERENCED TELCALLS,

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AT THIS TIME, MIAMI DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY OF THE  
AFOREMENTIONED CRITERIA CAN BE MET IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
DESCRIBED MISSION.

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IN VIEW OF SOURCE GIVING ASSURANCES THAT [REDACTED]

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS POSITION MAY EFFECT HIS  
RELATIONSHIP WITH PUND AND THE ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATIONS AND  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTING THE CURRENT ONGOING ACTIVITIES. SHOULD  
THESE RELATIONSHIPS BECOME STRAINED, SOURCE'S ACCESS TO  
INFORMATION COULD BECOME LIMITED, THEREBY AFFECTING THE  
INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED MATTER.

MIAMI WILL CONTINUE TO BRING THIS INVESTIGATION TO A  
LOGICAL AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AND THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT  
ADVISED OF DETAILS AS THEY DEVELOP.

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]; FRANK

STURGIS; [REDACTED] (FNU) [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (LUN); PLAN TO LAUNCH AN INVASION OF CUBA WITH 300

MEN; NEUTRALITY ACT - CUBA; OO: MIAMI.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND TAMPA, INFORMATION HAS BEEN  
RECEIVED AT MIAMI FROM [REDACTED] COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFFS  
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COMPLAINTS LODGED AGAINST THE TRAINING CAMP BY NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE OBSERVED GROUPS OF ARMED UNIFORMED MEN IN AREAS DISTANT FROM THE CAMP AND HAVE HEARD WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE AUTOMATIC WEAPON FIRE COMING FROM THE CAMP. PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF EVENTS AT WACO, TEXAS, FBIHQ SHOULD BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE MEDIA COVERAGE OF PUND CAMP.

IN EARLY 1992, PUND VOLUNTARILY TURNED OVER 30 AK-47 RIFLES TO FBI MIAMI TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THESE RIFLES HAD BEEN USED IN THE ILL FATED LANDING OF THREE CUBAN AMERICANS IN DECEMBER OF 1991 WHERE, UPON ARREST AND TRIAL BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, TWO OF THE THREE MEN WERE SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON AND THE THIRD WAS EXECUTED. THE 30 WEAPONS IN QUESTION HAD BEEN LEGALLY PURCHASED FOR PUND BY [REDACTED] A WELL KNOWN PUND MEMBER. IN EARLY FEBRUARY, A LETTER OF DEMAND WAS PRESENTED TO FBI MIAMI BY PUND'S ATTORNEY, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE, THE WEAPONS WERE RETURNED TO PUND ON FEBRUARY 19, 1993.

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AT THE TIME THE WEAPONS WERE RELEASED TO PUND, A CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN BUREAU AGENTS AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT AN INSURGENCY INSIDE CUBA IS IMMINENT. HE STATED THAT PUND HAS LEARNED FROM AN

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UNIDENTIFIED CUBAN SOURCE THAT THE MILIARY LEADERS OF THREE CUBAN PROVINCES ARE READY TO INITIATE A COUP D'ETAT; THEY ARE WAITING FOR A FOURTH PROVINCE TO JOIN THEIR RANKS. WHEN THIS OCCURS, THE MEN FROM THE COLLIER COUNTY CAMP WILL TRAVEL TO AN UNSPECIFIED THIRD COUNTRY WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE AWAITING WEAPONS. FROM THERE, THEY WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO CUBA WHERE THEY WILL JOIN THE INSURRECTION. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD PREFER THAT THE U.S. MILITARY REMAIN NEUTRAL THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS.

[REDACTED] REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THE THIRD COUNTRY THAT WOULD BE USED AS A STAGING AREA. HE DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT FIVE COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN LENDING ASSISTANCE TO PUND. HE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER BUT PROCEEDED TO SHOW AGENTS A COPY OF A LETTER WHICH WAS ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CALLEJAS OF HONDURAS. THE LETTER REQUESTED THAT THE 162 CUBAN REFUGEES STRANDED ON THE GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE IN HONDURAS. PUND VOLUNTEERED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL EXPENSES OF THE REFUGEES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A FOOTNOTE IN THE LETTER REFERRED TO A PRIOR MEETING WHICH [REDACTED] AND A [REDACTED] HAD HELD WITH PRESIDENT CALLEJAS.

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[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] THE PLEDGE WOULD HAVE BEEN UTILIZED TO PURCHASE MEDICINE, CLOTHING AND OTHER ESSENTIALS. SINCE CLINTON WON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS PLEDGE IS STILL IN EFFECT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS INTRODUCED TO PRESIDENT CLINTON IN WASHINGTON BY A DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATOR. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED THAT WHILE IN WASHINGTON DURING DECEMBER, 1992, HE WAS ABLE TO BEFRIEND SEVERAL DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS WHO STRONGLY OPPOSE FIDEL CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT.

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ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SEVERAL DIRECTORS FROM THE CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION (CANF) HAVE MET WITH PUND OFFICIALS. [REDACTED] DID NOT ELABORATE BUT STATED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD TAKE ALL DONATIONS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF THEIR SOURCE.

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ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] AS OF FEBRUARY 19, 1993, 200 MEN ARE NOW TRAINING AT PUND'S MILITARY CAMP. AN ADDITIONAL 5 TENTS, WHICH CAN HOUSE 40 MEN EACH, HAVE BEEN ERECTED AT THE SITE AND OTHER TENTS WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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ACCORDING TO A MIAMI CHANNEL 10 TV INVESTIGATOR, DURING



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AN INTERVIEW OF FRANK STURGIS WITHIN LAST 7 DAYS, STURGIS ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NOW 300 MEN AT THE COLLIER COUNTY CAMP.

MIAMI IS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL KEEP HEADQUARTERS AND INTERESTED OFFICES APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. MIAMI WILL FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS OF CAMP, BOTH AERIAL AND FROM WITHIN, TO FBIHQ BY SEPARATE COVER.

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TO : SAC, MIAMI (2-MM-61560) (F-1) (P)  
 FROM : [redacted] ID, DTU, VCMO, ATTN: TONY BETZ  
 AC, MIAMI (2-MM-61560) (F-1) (P)  
 SUBJECT : UNSUBS; [redacted], AKA; ET AL;  
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Re Miami teletype to FBIHQ and Tampa dated 3/3/93.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are the following:

1. One color aerial photograph of the PUND Camp taken 1/6/93.
2. Two black and white photographs of the PUND camp taken 2/16/93. (Headquarters should note the addition of numerous 40 man tents)
3. Four color photographs depicting activities "inside" the camp.

An explanation of these enclosures is contained in referenced teletype.

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; [REDACTED], AKA; ET AL; NEUTRALITY

ACT - CUBA; DO: MIAMI.

FOR INFORMATION OF HEADQUARTERS AND TAMPA, A LOCAL MIAMI TV STATION HAS DISCOVERED THE COLLIER COUNTY CAMP AND HAS BEGUN SPECIAL NEWS SEGMENTS ON THE CAMP AND ITS LEADERS.

ON JANUARY 27, 1993, SA [REDACTED] NAPLES RA, COLLIER

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COUNTY DETECTIVE [REDACTED] ALONG WITH SA [REDACTED] AND  
DETECTIVE [REDACTED] OF THE MIAMI JOINT TERRORISM TASK  
FORCE, WERE PROVIDED A TOUR OF THE PUND SURVIVAL CAMP LOCATED  
IN COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE TOUR WAS PROVIDED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF PUND; FRANK STURGIS, CAMP COMMANDER AND  
FORMER WATERGATE BURGLAR; [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
BOTH OFFICERS IN PUND; AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND HIGH RANKING PUND MEMBER.

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THE CAMP IS LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA OF THE FLORIDA  
EVERGLADES ADJACENT TO THE FAXAHATCHEE STATE WILDLIFE  
PRESERVE. THE CAMP OCCUPIES APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES OF A 318  
ACRE TRACT ALLEGEDLY BEING RENTED BY PUND FROM AN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO HAS A FRIEND IN THE ORGANIZATION BUT IS NOT  
INVOLVED PERSONALLY IN PUND ACTIVITIES. THE CAMP APPEARS TO  
BE PROFESSIONALLY MAINTAINED AND OPERATED.

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THE CAMP CONSISTS OF SEVERAL WOODEN STRUCTURES AND  
APPROXIMATELY 5 TENTS. IT IS OCCUPIED BY APPROXIMATELY 100  
MEN, ALL DRESSED IN MILITARY CAMO FATIGUES AND CARRYING KNIVES  
AND CANTEENS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MEN ARE LIVING AT THE  
CAMP.

THE OPERATION IS RUN IN STRICT MILITARY FASHION WITH A



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CLEARLY DEFINED HIERARCHY OF COMMAND. APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF THE MEN APPEARED TO BE OVER 40 YEARS OLD WITH DEFERENCE BEING GIVEN TO THEIR AGE AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT THEY RESIDED IN SEPARATE TENTS WHICH WERE DESIGNATED "MP'S" (MILITARY POLICE). ACTUAL MILITARY TRAINING WAS GOING ON DURING THE TOUR INCLUDING REPELLING FROM A TOWER, AIR RAID PRACTICE, OBSTACLE COURSE TRAINING, AND SIMULATED ATTACKS ON A MACHINE GUN NEST. THE MEN ALSO MARCHED IN REVIEW. IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE MEN ARE RECEIVING PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING FROM EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT TRAINERS.

ONLY TWO OF THE TRAINERS WERE INTRODUCED TO THE TOUR GROUP ALONG WITH A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE MILITARY OPERATIONS. THE TWO TRAINERS IDENTIFIED WERE (FNU)

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
MIAMI AREA.

ALL TRAINING WAS DONE WITH WOODEN CUTOUTS OF RIFLES. NO WEAPONS WERE OBSERVED EVEN IN THE STORAGE AREAS OF THE CAMP. IF WEAPONS EXIST, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE LOCATED AWAY FROM THE



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CAMP. HEADQUARTERS SHOULD NOTE THAT [REDACTED] CONFIRMS THAT THERE ARE NO WEAPONS AT THE CAMP FOR TRAINING. [REDACTED] AND OTHERS ADVISE THAT THERE ARE ONLY 2 OR 3 WEAPONS AT THE CAMP FOR PROTECTION ONLY. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SIGHTINGS OF BEARS, WILD DOGS, AND PANTHERS IN AND NEAR THE CAMP. THEY ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD NEVER NEEDLESSLY SHOOT THE WILDLIFE BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH THE PARK SERVICE OFFICERS, SOME OF WHOM APPARENTLY VISIT THE CAMP REGULARLY.

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THE SANITARY AND MEDICAL FACILITIES AT THE CAMP ARE MANAGED BY A PHYSICIAN, DR. (FNU) [REDACTED] HE IS ASSISTED BY TWO PARAMEDICS. THERE IS A FULLY STOCKED INFIRMARY WITH SEPARATE LIVING QUARTERS DESIGNATED FOR QUARANTINED SOLDIERS WITH POTENTIALLY COMMUNICABLE ILLNESSES (EVEN COMMON COLDS). THE LATRINES AND SHOWER FACILITIES ARE PROPERLY DRAINED AND COVERED. THERE ARE ALLEGEDLY MORNING AND EVENING INSPECTIONS BY THE MEDICAL STAFF OF ALL SANITATION FACILITIES AND THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPANTS OF THE CAMP FOR ANY PROBLEMS (INCLUDING SUCH THINGS AS ATHLETES FOOT).

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AS ANTICIPATED, OPPORTUNITY EXISTED TO DISCUSS PUND POLICY WITH LEADERS DURING THE DRIVE TO THE CAMP. LEADERS



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CONTEND THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION OF EVER LAUNCHING AN INVASION OF CUBA FROM THE UNITED STATES. THEY BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH ATTEMPT WOULD END IN DISASTER. THEY INSTEAD BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE ON MAINLAND CUBA MUST FIRST RISE AGAINST CASTRO ALONG WITH THE MILITARY. AT THAT POINT, THE EXILE COMMUNITY MUST BE PREPARED TO RETURN TO CUBA TO ASSIST IN THE OVERTHROW OF CASTRO.

THE LEADERS CONTEND THAT ALL PUND OPERATIONS ARE FUNDED BY THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY AND THAT NO MONEY IS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. THEY ADVISE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HEADS OF STATE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES (NOT IDENTIFIED) WHO HAVE AGREED TO ASSIST PUND IN OVERTHROWING CASTRO PROVIDED THE FIRST EFFORT IS INITIATED WITHIN CUBA ITSELF. AT LEAST ONE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO FURNISH WEAPONS AND TRAINING TO MEMBERS OF THE EXILE COMMUNITY WHO WISH TO RETURN TO CUBA AFTER A COUP BEGINS. [REDACTED] HINTED THAT PUND HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS.

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DURING LAST PORTION OF TOUR [REDACTED] STURGIS, AND

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[REDACTED] WERE REMINDED OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT.



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[REDACTED], STURGIS, AND [REDACTED] REPEATEDLY STATED THAT THEY CONSIDER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO BE THEIR FRIEND, AND THEY WILL NEVER KNOWINGLY VIOLATE U.S. LAWS.

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HEADQUARTERS IS AWARE OF U.S. COAST GUARD INTERCEPTION OF VESSEL "ANGELINA" ON HIGH SEAS LADEN WITH FULLY AUTO MACHINE GUNS, AMMUNITION, LIGHT EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER MILITARY GEAR.

[REDACTED] ONE OF FIVE MEN ABOARD THE ANGELINA AND A KNOWN PUND MEMBER, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE ANGELINA WAS A PUND MISSION TO SUPPLY A SMALL GROUP OF MILITANT DISSIDENTS HIDING IN THE SIERRA MAESTRA MOUNTAINS ON THE ISLAND OF CUBA. THESE INDIVIDUALS REQUIRE WEAPONS, MEDICINE, AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD. THESE DISSIDENTS INTEND ON ASSISTING AN UNIDENTIFIED CUBAN MILITARY UNIT IN INITIATING THE COUP.

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[REDACTED] PROVIDED THE LOCATION OF A "BUNKER" IN AN AREA OF MIAMI KNOWN AS "LITTLE HAVANA." THIS BUNKER IS ALLEGEDLY THE CONTROL CENTER FOR PUND CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES. SOURCE STATES THAT LARGE SUMS OF MONEY ARE PICKED UP REGULARLY

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ACT - CUBA; DO: MIAMI.

TEXT CONTINUES:

FROM AN UNKNOWN BANK BY [REDACTED] OR AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN

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AS [REDACTED] AND BROUGHT TO THE BUNKER (INTERESTINGLY, [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] AND OTHERS ON [REDACTED] HAD \$13,000 DOLLARS BETWEEN THEM



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AND [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD GOTTEN HIS SHARE FROM (FNU) [REDACTED] WITH THE "ORGANIZATION"). THE MONEY IS THEN DIVIDED INTO SMALLER PACKAGES AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE PAID EMPLOYEES; FOR EXAMPLE, EACH MAN AT THE TRAINING CAMP IS PAID A MINIMUM OF 170 DOLLARS A WEEK. THE TRAINERS ARE PAID AS MUCH AS 250 DOLLARS A WEEK. SOURCE STATED THAT HE OVERHEARD PUND LEADERS DISCUSSING THAT FACT THAT PUND'S WEEKLY OUT-LAY IS \$200,000. MIAMI WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF THIS MUCH MONEY BEING EXPENDED BY PUND BUT THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES AT THE CAMP MAY LOGICALLY BE APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 A WEEK.

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[REDACTED] HE HAS NUMEROUS MEN WORKING FOR HIM THAT NEVER GO TO THE CAMP. THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE UNKNOWN TO THE SOURCE. [REDACTED] AND THE OTHERS SELDOM GO TO THE BUNKER, AND WHEN THEY DO, THEY ARE NEVER ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR BODY GUARDS.

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ON FEBRUARY 2, 1993, SA [REDACTED] AND DETECTIVE [REDACTED] BASED ON A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] VISITED PUND HEADQUARTERS IN MIAMI.

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[REDACTED] AND STURGIS ADVISED THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT MEDIA ATTENTION TO THEIR CAMP MIGHT BE A SOURCE OF

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EMBARRASSMENT TO THE UNITED STATES. THEY INQUIRED AS TO THE COURSE OF ACTION THEY MIGHT TAKE IN HANDLING THIS MATTER. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE FREE TO DEAL WITH THE MEDIA IN ANY MANNER THEY CHOSE AS LONG AS THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S ONLY INTEREST IN THE CAMP WAS TO ENSURE THAT NO U.S. LAWS WERE BEING BROKEN. THEY WERE TOLD THAT DIALOGUE WITH PUND HAD BEEN INITIATED TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DISPEL RUMORS IN THE ANGLO AND CUBAN COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMP. MIAMI WOULD ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT DIALOGUE ALSO IS INTENDED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WHO MAY INADVERTENTLY COME IN CONTACT WITH CAMP ACTIVITIES, AND FOR THIS REASON, THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT WAS REPRESENTED AT THE CAMP TOUR.

IT WAS SUGGESTED TO [REDACTED] THAT A POLICY OF TRUTH AND OPENNESS MIGHT ALLEVIATE FEARS OF SOUTH FLORIDA RESIDENTS. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT HE CONSIDER MAKING A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE FREE TO VISIT AND EXAMINE THE CAMP AT ANY TIME. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE FBI WAS WELCOME AT THE CAMP AT ANY TIME.

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DURING THIS MEETING, [REDACTED] WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE

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INFORMATION THAT THE LEADERS OF PUND HAD BEEN CONNECTED TO THE MACHINE GUN CASE OVER THE WEEKEND. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE FBI BELIEVED PUND LEADERS WERE INVOLVED WITH THE EXPLOSIVES FOUND ON ANGUILA CAY IN THE BAHAMAS IN SEPTEMBER OF 1992. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT CONDONE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THESE AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL PROSECUTE PERSONS CAUGHT COMMITTING SUCH ACTS. WHILE NOT ADMITTING INVOLVEMENT IN THE TWO INCIDENTS, [REDACTED] SAID THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE INSIDE OF CUBA TO WHOM THEY NEEDED TO SUPPLY MEDICINE AND OTHER GOODS BECAUSE OF THE IMPENDING COUP. [REDACTED] EVENTUALLY SAID THAT PUND WOULD CEASE ALL MISSIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS THIS COUNTRY. HE JOKINGLY SAID THAT THE FBI HAD FINALLY NEUTRALIZED THE ACTIVITIES OF PUND. HE STATED THAT HE COULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE, HOWEVER, FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF PUND WHO MIGHT ACT ON THEIR OWN OR WITH THE HELP OF OTHER ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATIONS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AFTER THE FBI LEFT PUND HEADQUARTERS, [REDACTED] ANNOUNCED TO THE PUND LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS IN THE OFFICE THAT ALL PUND NAVAL OPERATIONS WOULD CEASE [REDACTED] MIAMI

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ACKNOWLEDGES THAT, HISTORICALLY, PROMISES MADE BY ANTI-CASTRO LEADERS ARE SHORT LIVED. MIAMI BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT ADHERENCE TO THE LAW FOR EVEN A SHORT TIME, BY EVEN A FEW, IS PREFERABLE TO TOTAL CONTEMPT FOR U.S. AUTHORITY AND THE COURTS.

[REDACTED] AND STURGIS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 3, 1993 AND OPENLY DISCUSSED CAMP ACTIVITIES WITH THE MEDIA AND DENIED THEIR GROUP HAD ANY INTENTIONS OF INVADING CUBA. STURGIS AND [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE FBI HAD VISITED THE CAMP ONLY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. LAW. LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CAMP WAS TREATED FAVORABLY BY THE MEDIA.

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SOURCE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT PUND INTENDS ON ERECTING ANOTHER 20 TO 25 TENTS. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY FRANK STURGIS. PUND LEADERSHIP ANTICIPATES THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN WILL SOON OCCUPY THE COLLIER COUNTY CAMP. MIAMI BELIEVES THAT MEDIA ATTENTION, A PUND OPEN DOOR POLICY TOWARD LAW ENFORCEMENT SCRUTINY, AND OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SAFETY OF THE CAMP AND TO LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERESTS REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED], STURGIS, AND [REDACTED]

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MIAMI JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE IS CONTINUING ITS



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INVESTIGATION AND WILL SECURE BUREAU INTERESTS WHILE WORKING  
WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. HEADQUARTERS WILL BE KEPT  
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CAMP IN COLLIER COUNTY FLORIDA WITH STATED MISSION OF  
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RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR AND TAMPA DATED 3/3/93.

FOR INFORMATION OF HEADQUARTERS AND TAMPA, ACCORDING TO MIAMI SOURCES, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 110 MEN AT THE COLLIER COUNTY PUND CAMP AND THE CAMP IS STILL BEING COMMANDED BY FRANK STURGIS.

SIX MEN WERE EJECTED FROM THE CAMP ON 3/17/93. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO PUND HEADQUARTERS IN MIAMI WHERE THEY WERE ACCUSED OF STEALING EQUIPMENT FROM THE CAMP AND OF BETRAYING THE CAUSE. THEY WERE ALSO SUSPECTED OF CONVERTING WEAPONS AT THE CAMP FROM SEMI-AUTOMATIC TO FULLY AUTOMATIC. ALL SIX BELONGED TO A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "INTERNATIONAL ANTI-COMMUNIST BRIGADE." [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THE CAMP. MIAMI FBI HAS VIEWED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED BY MIAMI DIVISION

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AND THEY HAVE CORROBORATED SOURCE INFORMATION.

ON 3/18/93, A SHOOTING OCCURRED AT PUND HEADQUARTERS AND A PUND SOLDIER WAS KILLED. MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT CLASSIFIED THE SHOOTING AS ACCIDENTAL AND A MIAMI SOURCE CORROBORATED



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THIS FACT.

ON 3/18/93, MIAMI AGENTS MET WITH PUND LEADERS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND FRANK STURGIS. AN AGREEMENT WAS  
MADE TO PERMIT THE FOLLOWING: 1) THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFFS  
OFFICE (CCSO) WILL CONDUCT WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE PUND  
CAMP, 2) A WEEKLY INVENTORY OF ALL CAMP FIREARMS WILL BE  
SUBMITTED TO CCSO, 3) TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE  
ESTABLISHED AT THE CAMP TO PERMIT DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN CCSO  
AND THE CAMP IN AN EMERGENCY, 4) AN ENGLISH SPEAKING PERSON  
WILL BE DESIGNATED AS LIAISON BETWEEN CCSO AND THE PUND CAMP,  
5) A WEEKLY FIREARMS PRACTICE SCHEDULE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO  
CCSO, AND 6) ALL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES DESIRING ACCESS TO THE  
CAMP WILL, THROUGH PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS, BE ESCORTED TO THE CAMP  
BY UNIFORMED CCSO OFFICERS. MIAMI DIVISION BELIEVES THESE  
ARRANGEMENTS WILL LESSEN LIKELIHOOD OF CONFRONTATIONAL  
SITUATION DEVELOPING BETWEEN CAMP OCCUPANTS AND LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO LIEUTENANT [REDACTED],  
CCSO, CAMP LEADERS HAVE SO FAR COMPLIED WITH ALL APPROPRIATE  
ARRANGEMENTS AND CCSO IS CLOSELY MONITORING ACTIVITIES AT  
CAMP.

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SOURCE INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAS  
CONFIRMED RIVALRY AMONG PUND LEADERS. SOURCES HAVE ALSO  
IDENTIFIED OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY LEAD TO THE DEMISE OF  
ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY PUND LEADERSHIP.

ADP (ARMAS DEL PUEBLO), THE CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION IN  
CHARGE OF THE "BUNKER" AND ALSO THE FINANCES OF THE OPERATION,  
MAY HAVE DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM PUND. ALLEGEDLY, ADP  
RECENTLY GAVE PUND \$300,000 AS A FINAL PAYMENT AND HAS SEVERED  
ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH PUND. ADP IS SAID TO HAVE PROVIDED A  
TOTAL OF \$2.7 MILLION TO PUND SINCE THE CAMP PROJECT BEGAN.

ON 4/1/93, MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON STATE CHARGES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARREST BASED ON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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BOTH SOURCES REFERENCED ABOVE ADVISED THAT, PRIOR TO

[REDACTED] ARREST, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PLANNED TO MOVE MEN

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FROM THE CAMP TO HONDURAS DURING FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

MIAMI BELIEVES THAT THE DEMISE OF THE CAMP OR THE CAMP  
OCCUPANTS BEING EVACUATED FROM COLLIER COUNTY IS IMMINENT.  
MIAMI CONTINUES TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF CAPTIONED



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INDIVIDUALS AND WILL ADVISE FBIHQ OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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REFERENCE MIAMI AIRTEL AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM {LHM},

DATED 5/12/93.

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REFERENCED AIRTEL REQUESTED FBIHQ TO DISSEMINATE A COPY OF  
REFERENCED LHM TO DOJ FOR AUTHORIZATION OF A NEUTRALITY  
INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED SUBJECTS. ON 5/17/93, THIS MATTER WAS  
TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSSED WITH THE INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WHO AUTHORIZED A NEUTRALITY INVESTIGATION  
OF CAPTIONED SUBJECTS.

MIAMI WILL CONDUCT A NEUTRALITY INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED  
SUBJECTS. MIAMI WILL KEEP THE DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT, FBIHQ,  
APPRISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT  
OF THE 4/2/93 ATTACK ON THE CYPRIOT TANKER "NIKONOS" OFF THE  
NORTH COAST OF CUBA.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE/TICKLER COUNT:

THIS TELETYPE ADVISES THE MIAMI DIVISION THAT THIS MATTER HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSSED WITH THE INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION {ISS}, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE {DOJ}. ON 5/17/93, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ISS, DOJ, AUTHORIZED A NEUTRALITY INVESTIGATION. MIAMI IS ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD KEEP THE DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT {DTU}, FBIHQ ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER, IN LIGHT OF THE 4/2/93 ATTACK ON THE CYPRIOT TANKER "NIKONOS" OFF THE NORTH COAST OF CUBA. THIS ATTACK HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN THE DTU AND THE MIAMI DIVISION.

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MIAMI RECOGNIZES THE FBI'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE ALL VIOLATIONS OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT. REALITY IN SOUTH FLORIDA IS THAT SEEMINGLY CLEAR CUT VIOLATIONS OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT AND ANCILLARY WEAPONS POSSESSION AND EXPORTATION STATUTES HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN TREATED BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SOUTH FLORIDA COURTS AS UNDERSTANDABLE, AND PERHAPS ACCEPTABLE, BEHAVIOR. THESE ACTIONS ARE VIEWED BY THE MEDIA, THE COURTS, AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AS ACTS OF PATRIOTISM BY CUBAN EXILES BENT ON DEPOSING A COMMUNIST DICTATOR WHO THREATENS THE SECURITY OF ALL NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, A PERCEIVED THREAT HISTORICALLY EMBRACED BY EVERY U.S ADMINISTRATION SINCE PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

FOUR RECENT INCIDENTS ARE INDICATIVE OF DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN THE PROSECUTION OF NEUTRALITY ACT AND RELATED STATUTE VIOLATIONS IN SOUTH FLORIDA:

1) ON MAY 21, 1993, NINE MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-CASTRO PARAMILITARY GROUP ALPHA 66 WERE INDICTED ON WEAPONS LAWS VIOLATIONS RELATING TO A FAILED ARMED RAID AGAINST CUBA THAT WAS THWARTED BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE. HAND GRENADES, PIPE BOMBS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND A GRENADE LAUNCHER WERE



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RECOVERED. DURING A SEPTEMBER, 1993 FEDERAL TRIAL AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ALL WERE EITHER GIVEN DIRECTED VERDICTS OF ACQUITTAL BY THE JUDGE OR WERE ACQUITTED BY A JURY.

2) ON 1/29/93, THE 45 FT VESSEL "ANGELINA" WAS INTERCEPTED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD 60 MILES FROM THE COAST OF CUBA. THE BOAT WAS TOWED TO MIAMI WHERE A SEARCH REVEALED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, A FULLY FUNCTIONAL .30 CALIBER AIRCRAFT MACHINE GUN, A FULLY FUNCTIONAL .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN, 3 AUTOMATIC AR-15'S WITH GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND ASSORTED OTHER PARA-MILITARY GEAR. FIVE MEN WERE ARRESTED; HOWEVER, ONLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS INDICTED. ON 9/10/93, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AS A

RESULT OF A WIDE DEPARTURE FROM MANDATORY SENTENCING GUIDELINES, [REDACTED] WAS SENTENCED TO [REDACTED] THE USA'S OFFICE DOES NOT INTEND ON PURSUING PROSECUTION OF THE OTHER FOUR MEN.

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3) ON 12/29/92, A CUBAN AIRLINER WITH 47 PASSENGERS ABOARD WAS DIVERTED FROM HAVANA CUBA TO MIAMI BY THE CAPTAIN AND CREW. THE SECURITY ESCORT ABOARD THE PLANE WAS RESTRAINED



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BY ROPE AND DRUGGED. A FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT MIAMI REVIEWED EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER INCLUDING TESTIMONY FROM CUBAN NATIONALS ALLOWED TO TESTIFY AT MIAMI THROUGH THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. ON 10/1/93, PROSECUTION WAS DECLINED IN THIS MATTER BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO.

4) ON JULY 4, 1992, THE U.S. COAST GUARD RESCUED A DISABLED BOAT LOCATED 7 MILES OFF THE COAST OF CUBA IN CUBAN WATERS. THE BOAT WITH ITS 4 OCCUPANTS WAS TOWED TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA. A SEARCH OF THE BOAT REVEALED 3 SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES, A SHOTGUN, AND OTHER PARA-MILITARY GEAR. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS, [REDACTED] AND CONVICTED FELON, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON 1/6/93, AFTER 2

DAYS OF TRIAL, A FEDERAL JUDGE ISSUED A DIRECTED ORDER OF ACQUITTAL FOR [REDACTED]

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THE POTENTIALLY TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF A FLAGRANT NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATION HAS NOT BEEN LOST ON THE MIAMI DIVISION. A HYPOTHETICAL AQUATIC DRIVE-BY SHOOTING OF A



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HAVANA HOTEL RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF A INNOCENT CANADIAN TOURIST WOULD MOST CERTAINLY PRODUCE INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE U.S. FOR ALLOWING TERRORIST ACTIONS TO ORIGINATE FROM SOUTH FLORIDA. MIAMI IS CONVINCED THAT SUCH AN EGREGIOUS ACT AS DESCRIBED WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED IN SOUTH FLORIDA; HOWEVER, AT THAT POINT, DAMAGE WOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN DONE TO THIS COUNTRY'S REPUTATION, NOT TO MENTION THE DAMAGE DONE TO LEGITIMATE ENDEAVORS BY U.S INTERESTS AND THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY TO END A COMMUNIST REGIME IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

MIAMI'S INVESTIGATIVE APPROACH TO SECURING FBI AND DOJ INTERESTS HAS BEEN TO DETER ILLEGAL ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES THROUGH REGULAR NON-ADVERSARIAL CONTACTS WITH MILITANT ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVISTS AND TO PENETRATE, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMANTS, GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A HISTORY OF NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATIONS OR OPENLY ESPOUSE THEIR INTENTIONS OF VIOLATING U.S. LAWS TO TOPPLE CASTRO. PROSECUTION HAS SELDOM BEEN A VIABLE OPTION THUS MANDATING DETERRENCE AS OUR PRIMARY GOAL.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE APPLICATION AND



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RESULTS OF MIAMI'S INVESTIGATE APPROACH TO CAPTIONED MATTER:

AS THE COMPLEMENT OF TRAINEES AT THE COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA TRAINING CAMP BEGAN TO GROW, MIAMI ESTABLISHED NON-ADVERSARIAL LIAISON WITH [REDACTED] AND STURGIS. THROUGH AGREEMENTS SECURED FROM CAPTIONED SUSPECTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE WERE PERMITTED WEEKLY INSPECTIONS OF THE EVERGLADES TRAINING CAMP. THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE CAMP'S EXISTENCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS PERMITTED ROUTINE AND UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE CAMP, THUS MINIMIZING THE POSSIBILITY OF ILLEGAL CONDUCT AS WELL AS MINIMIZING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ACCIDENTAL ARMED CONFRONTATION BETWEEN POLICE AND OCCUPANTS OF THE CAMP. MIAMI AND TAMPA DIVISION AGENTS PERSONALLY INSPECTED THE CAMP ON TWO OCCASIONS.

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IN ORDER TO DISPEL RUMORS AMONG COLLIER COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO PREVENT INFLAMMATORY EXAGGERATIONS OF ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMP BY THE NEWS MEDIA IN MIAMI, CAPTIONED SUSPECTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE THE MEDIA WITH DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF

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[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; PLAN TO LAUNCH AN INVASION OF CUBA WITH  
300 MEN; NEUTRALITY ACT - CUBA; OO: MIAMI.

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THEIR NUMBERS AND ACTIVITIES.



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APPROPRIATE MIAMI DIVISION AGENTS WERE PERSONALLY CANVASSED TO IDENTIFY CURRENT AND PAST, BUT VIABLE, CI'S CAPABLE OF BEING DIRECTED AGAINST CAPTIONED SUSPECTS. THIS EFFORT WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL.

AT ONE POINT DURING THE CAMP'S EXISTENCE, SEVERAL DISSIDENT CAMP LEADERS WERE PHYSICALLY ABDUCTED FROM THE CAMP AND RETURNED TO MIAMI BY FOLLOWERS OF CAPTIONED SUSPECTS. RUMORS BEGAN CIRCULATING WITHIN HOURS THAT OTHERS IN THE CAMP WERE IN DANGER. THE COLLIER COUNTY SO ISSUED AN ALERT TO ALL ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN PREPARATION FOR A POSSIBLE ASSAULT ON THE CAMP. THROUGH PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS, MIAMI AGENTS WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF THE MEN WHO HAD BEEN FORCIBLY RETURNED TO MIAMI. ALL THOSE RETURNED WERE INTERVIEWED BY MIAMI AGENTS BY MIDNIGHT OF THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT AND THEY PROVIDED THE IDENTITIES OF THE INDIVIDUALS REMAINING IN THE CAMP WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IN JEOPARDY. MIAMI AGENTS PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION TO THE COLLIER COUNTY SO LIAISON OFFICER WHO, WITH A SMALL CONTINGENT OF SWAT OFFICERS, WENT TO THE CAMP, EXTRICATED THE REMAINING INDIVIDUALS, AND OFFERED THEM SAFE PASSAGE FROM THE CAMP IF THEY DESIRED. NON-ADVERSARIAL



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CONTACT WITH CAPTIONED SUSPECTS CLEARLY DIFFUSED A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION.

IN APPROXIMATELY APRIL OF 1993, MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ARRESTED [REDACTED] ON CHARGES OF [REDACTED]

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THE MEDIA PUBLICIZED THE FACT THAT [REDACTED]

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DUE TO THE FBI'S INVOLVEMENT WITH [REDACTED] FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT FOR NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATIONS BY CAPTIONED SUSPECTS  
HAS CEASED. CAPTIONED SUSPECTS HAVE REVERTED TO SPANISH  
LANGUAGE RADIO BROADCAST APPEALS TO GARNER FUNDS. THIS  
APPROACH HAS TYPICALLY PRODUCED MEAGER REVENUES FOR SUCH  
ACTIVITIES AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT TONY CUESTA (RECENTLY  
DECEASED), AN ANTI-CASTRO ICON IN THE CUBAN COMMUNITY, LIVED  
ON FOOD STAMPS DESPITE HIS CONTINUED PUBLIC APPEALS FOR FUNDS  
ON SPANISH LANGUAGE RADIO.

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DUE TO A LACK OF RESOURCES, CAPTIONED SUSPECTS HAVE REDUCED THEIR MIAMI OFFICE SPACE FROM APPROXIMATELY 3000 SQ FT TO A SINGLE 400 SQ FT OFFICE.

THE COLLIER COUNTY TRAINING CAMP, WHICH IN FEBRUARY OF 1992, HOUSED MORE THAN 200 MEN, IS CURRENTLY NON-FUNCTIONAL. ALTHOUGH TENTS AND SOME PERMANENT STRUCTURES ARE STILL IN PLACE, THE AREA IS FLOODED, OVERGROWN, AND MOSQUITO INFESTED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE AREA IS UNINHABITABLE. MIAMI HAS DETERMINED THROUGH CONTACTS WITH CAPTIONED SUSPECTS THAT THE CAMP IS UNOCCUPIED.

MIAMI SOURCES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION HAVE REPORTED MASSIVE PERSONNEL DEFECTIONS FROM THE GROUP. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT CAPTIONED SUSPECTS NOW HAVE LESS THAN TWO DOZEN "HANGERS-ON" WHO SUPPORT THE SUSPECTS BY THEIR OCCASIONAL PRESENCE AT PUND HEADQUARTERS.

MOST RECENTLY, SEVERAL SPANISH LANGUAGE RADIO STATION COMMENTATORS HAVE CRITICIZED SUSPECTS FOR FINANCIALLY DESERTING APPROXIMATELY 100 CUBAN POLITICAL ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO WERE FLOWN BY PUND, IN FINANCIALLY BETTER TIMES FROM THE GRAND CAYMAN ISLANDS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHERE THEY WERE PROMISED SUPPORT BY PUND FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES.



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THESE ASYLUM SEEKERS REMAIN STRANDED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WITH NO RESOURCES. THEY HAVE BECOME VOCAL IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF PUND AND THE MEDIA HAS PUBLICIZED THEIR COMPLAINTS.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS INDICATED A DESIRE TO MERGE COMMANDOS L WITH PUND; HOWEVER, THE UNION CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IF [REDACTED] AGREES TO CEASE ALL ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE VIEWED AS ACTS OF TERRORISM SUCH AS AQUATIC DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS AT CUBAN HOTELS ALONG VARADERO BEACH NEAR HAVANA. [REDACTED] MUST ALSO AGREE THAT NO OVERT ACTS IN VIOLATION OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT BE CONDUCTED FROM THIS COUNTRY.

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MIAMI VIEWS THIS POTENTIAL MERGER AS A BENEFIT TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEUTRALITY LAWS. ALTHOUGH SUCH A MERGER MAY INCREASE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF BOTH GROUPS BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE A COMBINED LARGER "PIECE OF THE PIE," THE INFLUENCE [REDACTED] AND OTHERS WILL HAVE OVER THE MORE MILITANT COMMANDOS L WILL RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT OCCURRING BECAUSE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY CONDUCTED BY OVER ZEALOUS ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVISTS.

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AGAIN, MIAMI BELIEVES THAT THE MOST LOGICAL AND EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO PROTECTING U.S. INTERESTS FROM VIOLATIONS OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT AND RELATED CRIMES IS A COMBINATION OF REGULAR NON-ADVERSARIAL CONTACT WITH THE LEADING MILITANT ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVISTS AND A CONCERTED EFFORT TO DEVELOP SOURCES CLOSE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH A HISTORY OF CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE U.S. LAWS. MIAMI FEELS THAT SUCCESSES IN THWARTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 2 YEARS DEMONSTRATES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS STRATEGY.

IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN A COMMUNITY OF OVER TWO MILLION CUBAN EXILES INTENT ON THE OVERTHROW OF THE CASTRO REGIME, THE SUCCESSFUL DETERRENCE OF ALL GROUPS CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE U.S. LAWS IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

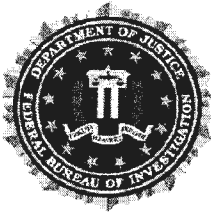
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

October 26, 2015

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
THE BLACK VAULT  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1291292-001  
Subject: STURGIS, FRANK

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

**Section 552**

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3 pages were reviewed and 3 pages are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.



For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when identifying references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosures



**Additional Information:**

The enclosed documents contained in serial 18910 of Headquarters file 32-HQ-2380 represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The enclosed material contains information regarding third parties. Third party information is not subject to access under the Privacy Act, 552(a)(b). Accordingly, your access rights are limited to those provided by the Freedom of Information Act. This material was withheld from you pursuant to 552 (b)(6)/(b)(7)(C), which pertains to material in which the release would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. This material is not appropriate for discretionary release.

For your additional information, records that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). You may desire to direct a request to NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference file numbers 2-HQ-1499, 2-HQ-1566, 73-HQ-18503, 105-HQ-165503, 105-HQ-172694, 72-HQ-2483, 2-HQ-1499 serial 139, 105-HQ-172694 serial 2, and 105-HQ-174694 serial 52.

References 2-HQ-691 serial 652 and 2-SA-182 serial 12, which may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, were destroyed on October 27, 2003 and October 1999. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under the supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

A search of the indices to our Central Records System reflected there were records potentially responsive to your request. On September 8, 2011, the facility where the records are stored suffered a catastrophic flood that temporarily prohibits access to these records. Remediation is ongoing for the records stored in this facility. Unfortunately, we are unable to determine if, or when, these records will be available for review.

Also for your information, a search of the indices to our Central Records System reflected there were additional records potentially responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. We have attempted to obtain this material so it could be reviewed to determine whether it was responsive to your request. We were advised that the potentially responsive records were not in their expected location and could not be located after a reasonable search. Following a reasonable waiting period, another attempt was made to obtain this material. This search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

This completes the processing of FOIPA Number 1291292-001.



## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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October 5, 1995

Mr. [redacted]

New York, NY 10013 [redacted]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

A copy of your communication, with enclosure, directed to our Freedom of Information - Privacy Acts Section, concerning Mr. Frank A. Sturgis, deceased, was referred to us for acknowledgment. It was received in our Criminal Justice Information Services Division on September 15, 1995. Our files do not contain the fingerprints of Mr. Sturgis.

Sincerely yours,

*Donald A. Flynn*

Donald A. Flynn  
Section Chief  
User Services Section  
Criminal Justice Information  
Services Division

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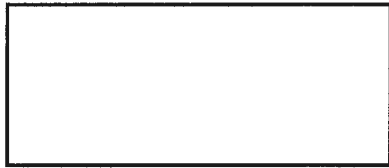
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## Frank A. Sturgis, Is Dead at 68; A Burglar in the Watergate Affair

MIAMI, Dec. 4 (AP) — Frank A. Sturgis, one of the five Watergate burglars whose capture brought down the Nixon Administration, died today at a hospital in Miami, where he lived. He was 68.

He died of cancer a week after he was admitted to the Veterans Affairs hospital, said his lawyer, Ellis Rubin. Doctors diagnosed lung cancer that had spread to his kidneys.

Mr. Sturgis, a staunch anti-Communist, was a member of the burglary team caught after a break-in at the offices of the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate complex on June 17, 1972. They later admitted they went there to install wiretaps and scan the party's files.

At the time of his trial, he said E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former aide for the Central Intelligence Agency, had recruited him for the burglary by saying it was a mission essential to the nation's security. The mission was actually on behalf of President Richard M. Nixon's 1972 campaign fund, the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Mr. Sturgis served 13 months of a 1- to 4-year sentence for the burglary and was released in January 1974. He was denied a pardon by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1977, he and three others involved in the break-in sued the Committee for

the Re-election of the President, saying they had been misled into thinking they were acting with Government sanction. The suit was settled out of court.

"In Watergate, he claimed to his dying day that he was acting under orders of the White House," Mr. Rubin said. "He had no idea that he would be put in prison as a result."

### Nation 'Better Off'

Interviewed last year on the 20th anniversary of the botched break-in that ultimately brought Mr. Nixon's resignation, Mr. Sturgis said he thought the United States was better off for the experience.

"It really screwed up the country," he said. "But it made our government a little bit stronger."

He added, "I feel the laws that came about after Watergate didn't give the President — whether it was Nixon or anybody else — the free rein to do what a dictator would do."

A former police officer, private investigator and a marine, Mr. Sturgis, who was Cuban-American, fought alongside Fidel Castro in Cuba but later broke with him as Mr. Castro turned toward Communism. Mr. Sturgis then became a leader of PUND, a Miami paramilitary group intent on toppling Mr. Castro.

He is survived by his wife, Jan, and a daughter.

December 5, 1993



Associated Press

Frank A. Sturgis

## Herman E. Cooper, 88, Lawyer in Manhattan

Herman E. Cooper, a Manhattan lawyer for more than 40 years, died yesterday at his Manhattan apartment. He was 88.

The cause was kidney failure, said his son, Thomas J. Cooper.

Starting in the 1930's and continuing into the 1970's, Mr. Cooper was a labor lawyer who was involved in several major strikes and other labor-management disputes. In the early years he represented unions, and later he served as a special counsel and an adviser to various branches of local government.

During the course of his career he was the lawyer at various times for unions as diverse as Actors' Equity and the National Maritime Union, as well as groups representing truck drivers, bakery deliverers, public utility workers, schoolteachers, railroad engineers and newspaper employees.

Later in his legal career Mr. Cooper also represented banks and other business organizations. And he represented New York City in its negotiations with unions of subway workers, firefighters and police officers.

In 1966 Mr. Cooper helped to found the Republic National Bank of New York and served it in various legal capacities until just recently.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Helen Cooper; five daughters, Laura Stein of East Lansing, Mich., Joan Uhrman of Brockport, N.Y., Ann Gordon of Berkeley, Calif., Katharine Sulds of Manhattan, and Deborah Sternberg of Paris; and son, Thomas J. Cooper of

## Adele Earnest, Expert On Folk Art, Dies at 92

Adele Earnest, one of the founders of the Museum of American Folk Art, died on Saturday in a nursing home in Mount Vernon, Wash. She was 92.

In 1961 Mrs. Earnest was one of a group of six founding trustees of the museum and helped its early development at 2 Lincoln Square in Manhattan.

She made several significant donations and contributions, including an

museum. She compiled two books, "The Art of the Decoy: American Bird Carving" and "Folk Art in America: A Personal View."

Mrs. Earnest was born in Waltham, Mass. She graduated from Wellesley College. In 1929 she was stage manager for Eva Le Gallienne's 14th Street Repertory Theater. In 1939 she established the Stony Point Art Gallery in Stony Point, N.Y., where she specialized in decoys and folk sculpture.

Mrs. Earnest's husband, Joel, died many years ago. She is survived by her son, Eugene, of Anacortes, Wash., and two grandchildren.