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**CAPTURE OF EIGHT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES
BY CUBAN ARMED FORCES, FEBRUARY 21, 1963
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS**

Reurairtel 3/1/63 and Bulet to Assistant Attorney General Yeagley 3/6/63, copies of which were furnished to recipients.

Attached for each office is copy of self-explanatory Department letter dated March 15, 1963. Immediately institute requested investigation.

Miami during course of its investigation endeavor to identify the other individuals who participated in this venture. From available data it appears that there are two such individuals and that they returned to U. S. with Roy Hargraves.

Bureau realizes that only MM 639-S, Bureau informant in this matter, and three others have knowledge of Hargraves' account of the expedition. Nevertheless, interviews with him as well as with Rolando Masferrer who allegedly supplied money and weapons would be desirable. Since Eleno Oviedo Alvarez, who like Hargraves was connected with "Interpen," was captured by Cuban authorities, it is felt that members of Interpen including Hargraves, Manning and others could be interviewed without jeopardizing Bureau informant. Unless some reason exists to contrary, members of Interpen should be interviewed. In view of the unsavory background of members of Interpen be most circumspect during these interviews. (X)(u)

Enclosure

- 1 - New York (Enclosure)
- 1 - San Juan (Enclosure)

- 1 - 2-1622 (Masferrer) **DUPLICATE YELLOW**
- 1 - 2-1693 (Interpen)

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Airtel to SAC, Miami

Re: CAPTURE OF EIGHT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES
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New York Office has interviewed Masferrer on numerous occasions and he has admitted supplying weapons to anti-Castro groups. Bureau feels that following your interview of Interpen members who might implicate Masferrer he should be interviewed by New York Office. The interview of Masferrer, following the interview of Interpen members, would have tendency to throw suspicion away from your informant as source of the information implicating him and cast it on Interpen members. Following your interviews of Interpen members, set out lead to have New York Office interview Masferrer.

In submitting the results of your inquiries use new title which will include names of all of the individuals involved in this matter as subjects, beginning with Hargraves.

Handle expeditiously.

NOTE:

Memorandum Wannall to Sullivan 3/5/63 advised that Cubans captured eight counterrevolutionaries and had repossessed two fishing vessels which this group had allegedly seized. Information provided by MM 639-S indicated that Hargraves, American soldier of fortune, apparently led this group, left them on Elbow Cay in the Bahamas where he presumes they were captured by Cubans. Hargraves and two others reportedly returned to Miami prior to the capture of the eight counterrevolutionaries. Gerald Patrick Hemming, head of Interpen and soldier of fortune, undoubtedly knows of this matter and we know he is close to Miami Attorney representing the eight who were captured. We presented facts to Department and Department has requested we conduct investigation to determine whether there was a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code Section 960 (organizing expedition from U. S.) or conspiracy to violate this section. Since group originally left from U.S. possibility of neutrality violation exists. (S) (u)