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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (2-1693)
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DATE: 9-6-62

SUBJECT: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCE (INTERPEN) NEUTRALITY MATTER

Rerep SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER, dated 4-10-62, at Miami.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Information contained in enclosed letterhead memorandum was furnished as soon as it was received to U. S. Customs and U. S. Border Patrol, who had this boat under constant surveillance.

It is expected that HEMMING will try to launch another expedition.

The Miami Office will maintain contact with MM 639-Stand keep U. S. Customs, U. S. Border Patrol, and the Bureau advised.
Miami, Florida
SEP 6, 1962

RE: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)

MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past five years and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 3, 1962, advised that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, an unemployed American soldier of fortune residing in Miami, Florida, on August 3, 1962, was supposed to be the middle man on the sale of 250 pounds of C-4 explosive.

HEMMING explained that HEMMING had contacted DAVID QUINTAS, 469 N. W. 48th Street, Miami, who is a Cuban national interested in Cuban revolutionary activity and has a small group of followers among Cuban exiles in Miami. HEMMING was unable to locate the 250 pounds of C-4 explosive although QUINTAS had the money to pay for the purchase.

QUINTAS was going to use this explosive as part of his equipment for a future military venture against Cuba which expedition would leave the United States and arrive in Cuba by way of the Bahamas.

On August 23, 1962, QUINTAS conferred with HEMMING and said he hoped to leave Miami on August 24, 1962, if HEMMING could obtain a boat for transportation. QUINTAS claimed to have $5000.00 to spend on arms and had a place where he could purchase different weapons. He said his plan was to go to the Bahama Islands and then to Cuba where he would establish an anti-Communist guerrilla force. QUINTAS said that the National Gun Shop in Miami, Florida, had an
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quantity of German 7.62 mm, M62M3 type rifle, which are
semi-automatic and which would be sold in lot for $195.00
each. [m]

SAM BENTON, an American in Miami who claims to be
an attorney and a private detective, but who is not listed
in the telephone book as either, and whose address is unknown,
has been in contact with a number of Cuban revolutionaries
in Miami. BENTON claimed he could provide a boat for use
by HEMMING and QUINTAS and would make one available.

MM T-1 continued that on August 23, 1962, SAM
BENTON arranged for the use of a boat which would be operated
by HEMMING to carry a number of QUINTAS' followers to the
Bahamas and then eventually to Cuba. HEMMING was told that
two days after he departed from the United States with the
boat, it would be reported stolen and the owner would be
able to collect the insurance. That day HEMMING took
possession of a thirty foot Chris-Craft twin engine cabin
cruiser named "Outlaw VI". The boat had Florida
Registration FL47288 and a radio telephone with call
letters WH 8531. The boat is painted white with a blue
stripe and registered to R. Calhoun Motors, Inc., 5971
Hallandale Beach Boulevard, West Hollywood, Florida. [m]

HEMMING and QUINTAS planned to take a total of
19 Cubans to Anguila Key, Bahamas, remain there a few days
where they will meet another boatful of Cubans and from
there go to Cuba and start an anti-Communist guerrilla band. [m]

MM T-1 advised that HEMMING planned to go to
Hobe Sound, Florida, where the Cubans and equipment would be
loaded on the Chris-Craft boat and depart for the Bahamas. [m]

On August 25, 1962, MM T-1 advised that ROLANDO
MASFERRER ROJAS, a former Cuban Senator presently living
in exile in New York City, was visiting in Miami, Florida.
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(MASPERRE, HEMMING and QUINTAS conferred on August 25, 1962, at QUINTAS' residence where MASPERRE promised to supply weapons and Cuban exiles to participate in the planned military action. Thereafter HEMMING bought two 55-gallon drums of gasoline for the boat and some underwater swimming equipment to take along.)

On August 27, 1962, MM T-1 advised that on the previous evening four groups of Cubans left Miami, Florida, and went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and maintained telephone contact with QUINTAS in Miami for further instructions. The plan at that time was that HEMMING would take the boat to some secure place where the Cubans and their equipment could be loaded on the boat without being seen by the U.S. Border Patrol or local police. However, the four groups of Cubans either became afraid to go on the expedition or were called back to Miami but in any event they all returned to Miami and HEMMING along with his friend, STEVE WILSON, a mercenary, proceeded on the boat to Pompano Beach, Florida.

MM T-1 advised that then with HEMMING on the boat in addition to WILSON were two more of HEMMING's friends, American adventurers JOE COLLINS and BILL SEYMOUR. It appeared then that they would go on to the Bahamas without the Cubans and meet them at Anguilla Key.

On August 28, 1962, Mr. J.H. WILCHESTER, U.S. Customs, Miami, Florida, advised that in the early morning hours Customs agents observed that the above-mentioned boat at Pompano Beach was being loaded with boxes, packages and steel drums. WILCHESTER said the boat contained no automatic weapons, there were several Americans on board and that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING claimed they were going out fishing. WILCHESTER said the boat would be held until about 9:00 A.M., at which time it would be free to leave.

On August 28, 1962, MM T-1 advised that HEMMING...
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called Miami, Florida, and stated he had been stopped by U. S. Customs agents and that he would return to Miami, Florida. C

MM T-1 on August 29, 1962, advised that HEMMING and his crew returned to Miami, Florida. The boat was docked at the Dinner Key Marina. The boat was unloaded and one engine was inoperative.

MM T-1 explained that HEMMING is very impatient to attempt another expedition and claims he will try to leave again in two or three weeks. MM T-1 explained that although he had seen no arms the Cuban exiles claimed that MASFERRER furnished arms and that these arms were confiscated by the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. MM T-1 said it is not clear if the group had any automatic weapons. It is highly unlikely that they did although QUINTAS' followers have a few small arms such as pistols and rifles.

MM T-1 said that HEMMING is very anxious to go on a military expedition and although he is a liar and a braggart, he is capable of making another attempt.

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