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Buzzing on CO Feb & possibility of kidnaping suggest Intel is really out to provoke us. Believe IS & CI should see this.

Re the cable & talk we had today J

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CONTACT: Argelio MARTINEZ (formerly AMRAYON-1), Interpreter
AMSIGH-3

PLACE: Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Dixie Highway

TIME: 1600-1730 hours, 24 February 1963

PURPOSE: Discussion of Capture of 8 Cubans

REFERENCE: WAVE- 4960

1. As a follow-up to reference, the case officer contacted Argelio MARTINEZ, formerly AMRAYON-4, of the 30th November Movement to find out what information he might be able to add to the incident discussed in the reference. MARTINEZ' account follows:

2. On 4 February 1963 a friendly Sigma skippered by a man named Juan (Inu) left Miami with two crewmen unknown to MARTINEZ and the following men who were destined for Elbow Cay and who were to eventually infiltrate Cuba in the name of the 30th November Movement:

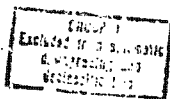
Eleno OVIEDA Alvarez
Juan REYES Morales
Eumelio VIERA Olmedo

(Incidentally, the aforementioned trio plus Emilio PEREZ Fernandez and Dario FERRER were led by one Luis AGUIAR. All of them except OVIEDA had belonged to a group fighting for the rdnique "Tondiques". They had been on their way to Miami to secure assistance and had become stranded at Elbow Cay when their boat sank. The 30th November crew of the WASP met the group by chance at Elbow Cay, recruited them and told AGUIAR the 30th November would infiltrate his group and resupply them in exchange for AGUIAR's allegiance to the 30th November. In the case of OVIEDA, MARTINEZ said he believed OVIEDA was arrested with Patrick HEMMINGS for training on No-Name Key and joined AGUIAR's group after OVIEDA's release from jail.)

3. The friendly Sigma left OVIEDA, REYES and VIERA on Elbow Cay with camping supplies, weapons and equipment and "went to fish" in the area near Cayo Anguila. In the meantime, the WASP captained by MARTINEZ left Key Largo 9 February 1963 with additional supplies and equipment, Luis AGUIAR, Emilio PEREZ Fernandez and Dario FERRER, who were to join their compatriots at Elbow Cay.

While the WASP was at Elbow Cay 10 February, they were buzzed and circled by two jet fighters for approximately 15 minutes

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at about 1500-1600 hours. The jets then departed in a S.W. direction. MARTINEZ argued with a crew member that the jets were American but the crewman insisted that they were MIG's because he said he had seen many of them in Cuba. Later, the crew of the WASP sighted a boat on the horizon. Thinking it was the friendly Sigma returning from Anguila Cay, the WASP went out to meet her. However, the boat they met was a lobster boat "(fnu) ESTRELLA" (believed Blanca Estrella) captained by Domingo MARTINEZ Alvarez aka "Mingolo" and crewed by Juan MORALES Pascual, Armando MORALES Pascual and Agustin VIZCAINO Pino. These men were unknown to the crew of the WASP but were recognized by the crew of the friendly Sigma which subsequently reported meeting the lobster boat after the departure of the WASP. According to MARTINEZ, the lobster boat was bona fide and had not engaged in operational activities to his knowledge.

4. After the departure of the WASP, the friendly Sigma returned to Elbow Cay to check on the three infiltrees before their own return to Miami. Upon the arrival at Elbow Cay, the friendly Sigma sighted two Cuban Sigma boats "patrolling" at Elbow Cay on 12 February 1963. When the friendly Sigma returned to Miami, the crew reported to MARTINEZ that on 12 February they saw the 3 infiltrees which they left at Elbow Cay, two Cuban Sigma boats patrolling the waters near Elbow Cay and the lobster boat anchored about a mile from Elbow Cay.

5. The 3 infiltrees were instructed - and expected - to remain on Elbow Cay until the WASP could return with an intermediate craft, without which the infiltration would be impossible. Further, the infiltration point was not known to any of the 3 infiltrees, only to the guide who was aboard the friendly Sigma. On 20 February 1963, the friendly Sigma departed Miami with a crew of 3, Emilio PEREZ Fernandez, Dario FERRER and supplies and weapons for 20 men. The guide for the infiltrees and Luis AGUIAR, the team leader, remained in Miami attempting to obtain an intermediate craft which the WASP would then take to Elbow Cay. The news of that Castro had caught 8 men was received Thursday, 22 February 1963. In addition to the men, Castro captured about 10-12 45 cal. pistols, an assortment of M-1's, FAL's, M13's for 20 men. Castro is ahead by 50 detonators, time fuse, approximately 100 pounds of Pentolite, foods and medicines.

6. MARTINEZ claims that the infiltrees were disciplined and would not have laded just anywhere on the coast of Cuba even if they had the means to do it and a guide to lead them. In the absence of all the elements necessary to infiltrate Cuba, MARTINEZ suggested that Castro kidnapped the men en masse at Elbow Cay and took them to Cuba.

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