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TO : Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 7-19-64

FROM : Mr. R.W. Smith *RWS/son*

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SUBJECT: PIPER AZTEC, WING NO. 4878P,
 ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF CUBA, 7-19-64
 INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

(S-XXXX) mkh 2-6-98
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At 10:10pm 7-19-64, [redacted] (S) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), telephonically informed Extra Duty Supervisor John P. Thomas that information had been received that captioned aircraft was to be used in an attempt to bomb Cuba on the night of 7-19-64. During Mr. [redacted] (S) call CIA was informed that instant aircraft was in the custody of Customs at Bradley Field, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (S)(X)(X)(X)

Notification of the attempted bombing had been received by CIA at 8:40pm 7-19-64, from State Department Operations which in turn had been notified by Federal Aviation Agency. No information was available as to the identity of any person or organization involved in the bombing attempt. Reportedly, the plane was to leave Lantana, Fla. at 9:00pm 7-19-64, pick up two passengers at Opa-locka, Fla., and then pick up two more passengers at Bradley Field, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where it would also pick up four 100 pound bombs, and proceed to Cuba, Customs, Border Patrol, and Defense Intelligence Agency had been notified, according to Mr. [redacted] (S) None had any additional information re alleged attempted bombing. As noted above, while furnishing above information, Mr. [redacted] (S) received word that the aircraft involved had been taken into custody by Customs at Bradley Field. (S)(X)(X)(X)

Customs, Federal Aviation Agency, and Border Patrol have jurisdiction over illegal plane flights over Cuba.

Mr. [redacted] (S) requested that any pertinent information developed by the FBI concerning this matter be given to CIA. (S)(X)(X)(X)

ACTION: Nationalities Intelligence Section will secure additional details of possible intelligence value to Bureau concerning this matter.

- 1 - Belmont
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- 1 - Thomas

ADDENDUM: (S) CIA Watch Officer [redacted] further advised early 7-20-64 that plane when seized reportedly carried bombs and piloted by U.S. citizen and a crew of two. Identities of pilot and crew yet unknown. (S)(X)(X)(X)

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