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- News artides -
Argosy April 1976
N.Y. Daily News - 21 April 1975 by Paul Meskil.

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- Dispatch to Chief from Chief DELETED - GET FULL COPY

Progress Rept 1-31 Aug 63.

W/ help of Fiorini - able to keep informed of activities of Diaz Lanz bros. in attempts to mount air raid over Cuba. Information then passed to local security agencies in time for them to thwart plans.

- Daily Summary - 1 Aug 63
Flight of 28 July over Havana aborted - bombs & leaflet raid planned.

Postponed to 31 July or 1 Aug. Plans: Fiorini to head for Marathon Keys - as decoy for FBI surveillance.

Lanz bros to leave cars at home to appear as though they are home, but will attempt to reach their Williams Ranch where plane to be used for raid is located. Fiorini said plane will carry several bombs made from 100 lb practice bombs cut down to smaller size and filled w/ nuts and bolts for shrapnel.

Ramon Garcia + former Cuban airlines pilot to have participated in raid. ~~SECRET~~ SECRET

- 8 May 63 - Fiorini told source he had been approached by Marcos to patch up differences

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money from Cubans in Wash who had helped before! Only told that ~~into~~ operation would be air strike - Pedro would be pilot. Sent plane thru indirect channels. Sanz bros. assisting in sale of yacht.

"Fiorini had been working w/ the bros. until a falling out. Union is now evidently being repaired."

- Memo - re: Robt Swanner, Robt Thompson - Pilots allegedly shot down over Cuba in Dec. 1961.
20 Mar 63 - Memo to S.J. Grogan, asst to Director.
- investigation by US. Auth. hampered by stories - but - appears. Wm Johnson, Swanner, Fiorini made 2 Oct 61 overflight - Camaguey for leaflet drop. Rorke claims he went as observer.

8 Dec. Swanner intercepted in Nassau. Met in Nassau by Johnson, Rorke, Fiorini. Tried to get permit to fly to Great Exuma Island, but permit denied, plane impounded.
10 Dec. leaflets found on Norman Cay.
14 Dec. Thompson flew to Ft Lauderdale to pick up Johnson. At some point Johnson left group, and Fiorini, Swanner & Thompson flew to Andros Island.
17 Dec. Thompson and plane Conned by J. Davis Finger) ~~reported~~ missing.
18 Dec. Rorke, Fiorini, Johnson charter plane in Miami for trip to Bimini and Cay Sal.
Rorke id'd self as CBS photographer looking for photos of pink flamingos. Plane flew criss-cross pattern over Cay Sal and returned to Miami.
NO info re whereabouts of Thompson, Swanner and plane until Mar 63 story plane shot down over Cuba.

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Johnson, Fiorini, Rorke claim CIA sponsorship — In fact have had none. Sponsor appears to be Sergio Rojas Santamarina - possibly over-zealous - some of his activities had been CIA sponsored

March 62 Raymond J. Dwyer rep'ing Finger poss. litigation of insurer of aircraft. Approached CIA re: poss. GOI involvement - which was denied. NO indication from Castro's speeches as to what happened.

NO agency info on other "elements of incident as rep'td" in references, including:

- Mrs. Swanner's story of having driven Swanner, Johnson, Fiorini to Ft Lauderdale to load boat w/ leaflets.
- $500.00 checks rep'tdly given to Mrs. Swanner & Mrs. Thompson by Fiorini.
- Mrs. Swanner's rep'td trip to Andros Island w/ her son and friend of her husband.
- Mysterious phone calls to Mrs. Swanner, Mrs. Thompson & Others.
- Role of Gene Asbury and Norman Gratsky (Gradsky?)

Ref. to Martino - prob. John Vincent Martino. Sentenced to 3 yrs prison in 59; released Oct. 62 — not Dec as rep'td. Was not, is not empld by CIA.

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* - 24 Oct 59 Routing & Record Sheet to Hunt rcvd 30/10 forwarded 2 Nov. of Diaz Lanz file.

- CIA Watch office 24 Oct 59.
into that plane ~~piloted~~ involving by Pedro Diaz Lanz to drop leaflets and prob bombs over Havana 24 Oct 59.

hay fey 26 Oct 59 piloted by Lanz to disrupt Castro Rally.

- Dispatch 23 Oct 59.
re leaflet.
attached sample of leaflets dropped from Diaz Lanz's plane 21 Oct 59

- Dispatch 18 Sept 59. to Chief WHD from Havana COS
re: operational [redacted] group
PDL

Crypts: [redacted] PDL
[redacted]

Subj. said he had gone to Miami and talked w/ PDL [redacted]; who told him that he needed a man for his Miami organization, the person he had in mind was a Captain in the Cuban Air Force who was willing to join him. He instructed the subject to see his Habana contact and arrange for officer's exfiltration. Subj. asked PDL [redacted] whether his Habana contact [Ochaide or Raynock] had this capability, and PDB/AS answered that they did.

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[QDCOVE] described as leader of group, most intelligent. Group was cautioned about need for security. "However, there is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank Fiorini & other people w/ whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about Fiorini specifically & they have always responded by recognizing that Fiorini is a threat in that he talks too much. But as and if (sic) we proceed with this group, it has to be done with the expectation that Fiorini and others are going to be frequently around this group and we will have only the word of these people that he and others are not being informed of their activities."

- In March [QDCOVE] went to Bel[08] to negotiate deal re: arms. Deal cost $8 mil which [QDCOVE] personally paid thru letts of credit.

- Dispatch 4 Aug 59. To Chief WH Div from Miami [illegible] Report on Miami base involvement in arrival of Pedro Diaz Lanz in U.S.

Lanz party - Diaz Lanz his wife Tania, Sergio Diaz Bruell; Carlos Echegoyen. Echegoyen & Bruell had chartered boat to pick up Diaz Lanz. Wanted to hold party several days - Diaz concerned about his brother Ludovico.
[01 , 01] assisted hiding Diaz.
Major Otto of Army visited, wanted to talk to Diaz despite CIA's attempts to let him rest.
Tentative plan was Diaz would be taken from INS, put in a secure place, moved to another area in country, put thru intensive interrogation then removed to foreign area where he would be

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citizen w/reputation as shady businessman who lives in Miami.
They said Schroeder (INS) told Diaz he is to appear before Senate Sub Committee; would receive 100% US govt support in overthrowing Castro.
- Prior to Diaz' departure the Cuban Air Force purchased one C-46 and one B-25 aircraft in Miami area. Aircraft in Byers custody but in Fiorini's name. Fiorini (until 7 July) trying to get Byers to sell aircraft & turn $ over to him (Fiorini). On 8 July Fiorini asked Byers to hold C-46 for revolutionary plans & sell B-25. (Fiorini accompanied by Sergio Diaz on 8 July)

- Discussion Paper - 7 July 59 Re Diaz - publicity on Diaz Lanz' arrival.

- Cable from Dir to ~~foreign~~ overseas L.A. Stations 2 July 59
-Requests max. press and radio exploitation of defection 20 June of Diaz Lanz w/ recommendations on particulars of story.

- Dispatch 2 July 1959 to Chief WHD from COS Habana re Diaz Lanz - Misc - Enclosures - 2 copies of letter from Diaz Lanz to Cuban president.

- Cable 22 June 59. TO Dir from Havana
Re: departure of Diaz Lanz for U.S. Requesting INS [ODURGE] not divulge entry [PBPRIME] US of Pedro Diaz Lanz

- Cable 21 June 59 to Dir from Havana.
Re: Diaz Lanz departure - w/ help of Tim Boyer, American, Pres. Aerodex Corp using Boyer yacht.
~~SECRET~~ Lanz Requests no publicity.

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- Information Report 16 Jun 59
Re: Chief of Air Force's confidential statements about need for counter revolution against Castro.

Source: US businessman, operator of private consulting company. Also rep. for major US aircraft manufactr Spoke at length w/ source regarding symptoms of Castro's communist tendencies.

- Cable 7 Jan 59 to Dir from Santiago de Cuba.
Re: 1. Fall Batista stunned Bayamo rebels.
2. Cuban Air force demobilized. Will be built up from scratch. Former officers to be investigated for atrocities. Many to be court-martialed. "Source Fiorini (F) from Diaz Lanz Chief Rebel Air Force

- Cable 25 Nov. 58. to Dir from [redacted] Lunga Michoacan,
Rept 3 tons Cuban rebel arms confiscated - 11 Cubans, 1 American captured — of Cubans — Pedro Ruiz Lanz (probably Diaz Lanz) and Amer = Frank Fiorini. Fiorini named co-pilot and owner plane C-46. Fiorini known as "Francisco" among Cubans.
Of interest absence name Ricardo de la Lorie

- Cable 22 Nov. 58
Rept Cuban rebels and Amer. w/ C-46 captured at Apatzingan airport Michoacan. Captured (partial list) Diaz Lanz, Frank Fiorini.

- Cable 14 Nov 58
Rept Richarda de la Lorie - brought air plane Phoenix Ariz., scheduled for departure 12 or 13 Nov for Veracruz Mex. enroute Venezuela. Diaz Lanz will prob. accompany de la Lorie.

- Cable 11 Nov 58 re Diaz Lanz
Ricardo de la Lorie in San Francisco. Fiorini left Mex

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for Frisco by car car night 4 Nov. meet pilots. De la Horie and Diaz going Ariz. but expect return Governor Hotel - Poss. Kingman, Ariz re: planes

- Cable 2 Nov 58 to Dir from [redacted] man trav. w/ subjs identified as Frank Fiorini then prob. Pedro Luiz Diaz Lanz and Ricardo de la Horie, poss. going Venezuela.

- Cable 30 Oct 58 to Dir from [redacted] Ric. de la Horie and Diaz Lanz arr. Hex Cit by car 27 Oct 58. Believed had visa trouble at border. Unidentified man accompanied them

- Cable 19 Aug 58 to Dir from [redacted] Jamaica police questioned Figuero 14 Aug seeking identific addresses. 8 Aug. Figuero contacted by Diaz Lanz, pilot of Beechcraft plane N-48-Q, who visits Kingston often and believed by Jamaica police to be Fidel Castro courier or pilot. Figuero said Diaz only brought personal greetings -

- 201 file request
To RI/Analysis section 5 June 1959.
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3rd Agency	Date	FILE #	Subject
Air Force Hqs	7/6/59	None	Interview
USAIRA Havana	6/30/59	none	Several cables re Diaz
Army ACSI-SC	7/17/59	none	Memo for Rec - Diaz
Air Force	7/18/59	none	Cable