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With Castro in Cuba

Sturgis May Lose U.S. Citizenship

NORFOLK — Frank (Fiorini) Sturgis, 34-year-old Norfolk soldier-of-fortune, may be faced with a loss of citizenship.

At last report the ex-tavern manager was still on the staff of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro after fighting through the successful revolution as a captain.

State Department sources in Washington said today that any American who may have remained with Cuba's revolutionary government armed forces since Jan. 2, 1959, are subject to loss of their citizenship.

Sturgis' wife, Mrs. Juanita Sturgis, and his mother and a half-sister live in Norfolk.

The sources noted, however, that the decision will be made



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on the facts in individual cases, the Associated Press reported. The comment came after Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa), chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said Thursday he was informed by the department that "a certificate of loss of United States citizenship by William Morgan will be issued."

Walter said he had made an inquiry to the department after learning that Morgan—a former resident of Toledo, Ohio—was serving as a major in the Cuban army.

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He said the department told him that any U.S. citizen who entered into either the regular or the irregular forces of Cuba shall be considered to have lost United States citizenship.

After a certificate of loss of citizenship is issued by a U.S. embassy, it is sent to Washington for final approval or disapproval.

For the Americans who served with Castro, a critical factor is whether or not they remained with those forces after Jan. 2, 1959, when the units became Cuban government forces.

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He Flew Leaflet-Dropping Plane Over Havana

Norfolk Man Breaks With Castro

By TONY SMITH

NORFOLK—Frank Fiorini, the man who fought for Fidel Castro in the Cuban Revolution, has turned against Castro.

In fact, he said he was a pilot of the plane that dropped 200,000 anti-Castro leaflets on Havana last week. With him in the craft was Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, former chief of the Cuban Air Force and now leader of an anti-Castro movement.

Fiorini, known here as Frank Sturgis, said that until he left Cuba he served as civilian military advisor to Diaz Lanz. He said his post was that of security chief of the Cuban Air Force.

The break with the Castro movement stemmed, Fiorini said, from alleged Communist infiltration in the Cuban government.

"Fidel Castro is a Communist," he charged. "He is bringing communism to Cuba. He will be a worse dictator than Batista, the man he overthrew. That's because Castro is a Communist dictator."

Fiorini predicted Castro would lose full dictatorial powers in "but two months."

According to Fiorini, it was known that Castro was using Communists in the revolution. But Fiorini said, he and the others around Castro thought the Communists would be dropped when the revolution ended.

Early this year, Diaz Lanz began to argue with Castro over the Communist issue. Then Diaz Lanz left Cuba, Fiorini said, because he was afraid Castro would have him executed.

"When I left Cuba," Fiorini said, "I made a choice between Diaz Lanz and Castro. I chose Diaz Lanz because I believed he was right about Communists in the government."

While Fiorini says he flew the leaflet plane—"they shot at us in Havana with everything they had"—he says neither he nor Diaz Lanz knew anything about incendiary bombing Castro said occurred in a Cuban province.

"Where'd you take off from?" Fiorini was asked.



FRANK FIORINI

"Just my Shangri-La," he said. "We might want to use it again." He charged that Castro is trying to ruin Cuba economically.

He says Castro draws support mainly from the farming classes by making wild promises.

Fiorini is a 30-year-old Norfolk

native who has been a tavern manager, real estate salesman, CAP flying instructor, seaman, Marine, soldier and college student.

His mother's second marriage gave him the name Sturgis.

He was on his honeymoon in Miami, Fla., in 1967, when he and his wife attended a rally raising funds for the revolution.

He said he was impressed by the enthusiasm of the rally. "I didn't feel I was accomplishing anything in Norfolk," he says.

"I had a lot of military training and I thought by helping him I could eventually help myself. It was an opportunity to help both other people and myself."

Fiorini says that before he left Cuba he also had the post of chief inspector of gambling. It was a civilian government job and if he had stayed in Cuba, he says he would have registered with the United States government as an agent of a foreign government.

He says that as far as he knows he still has his American citizenship, though it was in question when he was actively in the revolution. And he says that there is nothing illegal about leaflet-dropping.

"As long as we didn't hurt anyone or land in Cuba, there was nothing wrong."

He says he's not drawing salary but is getting "expenses." Funds for the anti-Castro group are coming from inside Cuba, he says.

Fiorini also said he was concerned about the reaction to a picture which appeared in the Ledger-Star in January. It showed him standing by the mass grave of 78 Batista men who had been executed.

... and where the execution had been held. He said the photographer asked to be shown the execution ground and he — Fiorini — showed him. The photographer then asked him to pose by the grave.

"But I had nothing to do with the execution," Fiorini declared.

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Eluding Castro Retaliation

Fiorini's Wife Believes He Is Fleeing for His Life

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK—Frank (Sturgis) Fiorini may be fleeing for his life. While stopping briefly here last Thursday, the 34-year-old Norfolk adventurer claimed that he piloted the plane that dropped anti-Castro leaflets on Havana.

Today, his wife said that she believes the main reason for his visit was to elude Castro faithfuls seeking retaliation for the leaflet drop.

Mrs. Joanna Sturgis Fiorini said she learned when her husband left Feb. 17, 1958 to join Castro's revolutionary forces. Their meeting Thursday was the first time she had seen him since that date.

Sturgis (who assumed his earlier name of Fiorini when he joined Castro) told his wife that he and Diaz Lanz flew from Miami to Washington, D.C., following the weather and were

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Air Force detected and fled to the United States after he became convinced of infiltration in the Castro government.

leaflet dropping plane. Sturgis serving as pilot, Sturgis said.

Over the weekend, U.S. Customs officials seized a converted B-2 bomber at Pompano Beach, about 30 miles north of Miami.

The plane was registered in the name of Frank Fiorini. Custom agent Joseph A. Fortier said the plane was seized on the grounds that it did not have an export license for the leaflet



JOANITA FIORINI

Apparent the seizure offered the embarrassed government which had until then searched in vain for a law to prevent repetition of such flights.

The seizure was the greatest strain on Cuban-United States relationship of any incident since Castro took control on New Years Day.

Before becoming a revolutionary, Sturgis served as manager

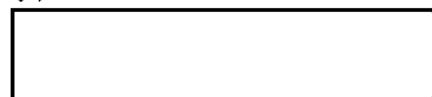
of several Norfolk taverns, was a student for a while at the College of William and Mary, was a licensed real estate agent, and a

young instructor in the Civil Air Patrol.

Mrs. Sturgis, a slender, attractive woman of Cherokee Indian

descent, is currently a waitress at the Thomas Nelson coffee shop. Sturgis' divorced parents are both residents of Norfolk.

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Regular Mail

TO: SAC, MIAMI [REDACTED]
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: FRANK ANTHONY STUROSIS, aka
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
(OO: Miami)

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Rerep SA RALPH W. ENGELMEIER 4/13/59, Norfolk.

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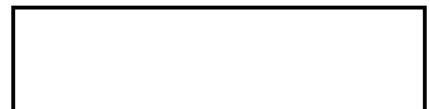
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Article re *ROSS* ~~MIORINI's~~ appeared in 11/2/59
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Leaflet Aircraft Seized

Norfolk Man Said He Piloted Plane In Cuban Venture

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (AP)—U.S. Customs officials have seized the leaflet-dropping plane Norfolk-born Frank Fiorini claims he piloted to Cuba.

The plane, a converted B25, was seized because its owners failed to get an export license for the leaflets, according to Joseph A. Fortier, area director of the Customs Department.

Pompano Beach, about 40 miles north of Miami, apparently was the takeoff point for the leaflet flight to Cuba.

Fiorini, known in Norfolk as Frank Sturgis, said in an interview there Friday he piloted a plane which dropped 200,000 anti-Castro leaflets on Havana last week.

Once a member of Castro's forces, Fiorini said he turned against the Cuban leader because Castro is a Communist and is bringing Communism to Cuba. Until he left Cuba Fiorini served as civilian military advisor to Pedro Luiz Diaz Lanz, former chief of the Cuban Air Force, Fiorini said. Diaz Lanz, he said, was with him on the leaflet dropping flight.

"This is the plane that dropped the leaflets," Fortier said at Pompano Beach. "If we weren't sure, we would not have seized it."

In his Norfolk interview Fiorini declined to say where he took off from. "Just say Shangri-Lai; we might want to use it again," he quipped.

Fiorini, 34, has been a tavern manager, real estate salesman, CAP diving instructor, seaman, soldier and college student.

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Diaz Lanz Proffers Apology for Raid

(This special release is written by Drew Pearson's associate, John Anderson, who is covering Washington while Mr. Pearson is on a writers' trip.)

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — Maj. Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, former chief of the Cuban Air Force, has apologized to President Eisenhower for the Havana leaflet raid which, he explained, was the only means left to him for delivering a letter to the Cuban people that Cuban newspapers had refused to publish. The incident has stirred up a hornet's nest in the Caribbean and has caused the United States to dispatch 100 officers to Florida to prevent similar flights in the future.

Diaz Lanz was arrested Wednesday in Miami on Cuban warrants charging murder and attempted murder. Cuban authorities have declared that explosives as well as leaflets were dropped, and the charges apparently stem from that claim.

Diaz Lanz is being held pending a hearing in the case.

In an interview published in last week's Ledger-Star, former Norfolk man Frank Fiorini—also known as Frank Sturgis—said he helped pilot the plane. He denied the plane did anything but drop leaflets.

Fiorini, like Diaz Lanz, fought for Castro in the revolution but has since turned against the Cuban leader.

"If I have unintentionally caused you embarrassment, Mr. President," Diaz Lanz wrote, "let me say I am truly sorry." Major Lanz explained that he had written the letter "defending my name and the honor of my parents" from Castro's public charges.

"I sent copies of this letter to the principal Cuban newspapers with a request that they publish my answer to Fidel," wrote the major. "It caused me sadness that democracy had been so stifled in Cuba that not a single newspaper dared to print my letter."

"I found it necessary to have the letter delivered to the Cuban people myself. I printed several thousand copies and had them scattered over Havana from the air."

He sent the President a copy of the leaflet which, he pointed out, "does not call upon the Cuban people to revolt or to take any other action that would embarrass the country which has given me refuge. I plead guilty only to exercising freedom of speech to defend my reputation."

Lanz vigorously denied Castro's charges that he had also bombed and strafed Havana.

Explaining why he had organized the leaflet raid, the former air chief assured the President: "It was never my intention to violate the hospitality of the United States. On the contrary, your democratic ideals and tradi-

tions stirred me into taking this action.

"I would prefer to lead the quiet, free, peaceful life that your people are able to enjoy. But I cannot rest until the democracy I fought to bring to Cuba is attained. I realize this does not give me the right to involve the United States in our quarrel. Please let me assure you that all I ever did, or intend to do, is to exercise my rights as a Cuban without violating my sanctuary in this free land. If Fidel Castro chooses to create an international

incident out of this, I am indeed sorry.

"I broke with Fidel because he betrayed our revolution and exchanged one form of dictatorship for another. I watched and waited in vain for some sign that democracy would be re-established in Cuba. When I witnessed instead the government slipping into the clutches of the Communists, I resigned as chief of the Cuban Air Force."

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Bail Offer Considered

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, jailed by U. S. authorities on Cuban charges of murder and attempted murder, has conferred with friends who offered to bail him out.

Diaz Lanz will decide whether to accept the offer during talks with Carlos Echegoyan, one of the friends, it was reported today. Echegoyan was once intelligence chief of Cuba's air force and has played host to Diaz Lanz here.

Echegoyan said Diaz Lanz for reasons of his own may not want to be bailed out. Echegoyan did not say what the reasons were.

The former head of Fidel Castro's revolutionary air force was jailed in \$5,000 bond yesterday after a hearing before Federal Judge Joseph Lieb. An extradition warrant called Diaz Lanz a fugitive from Cuban justice.

The murder charges apparently stem from an Oct. 21 incident in which aircraft dropped anti-Castro leaflets on Havana.

Cuban government officials charged that explosives dropped

from the plane killed Joaquin Fernandez of Havana and injured 24 others. Some witnesses said the death and injuries resulted from Cubans trying to shoot down the planes.

Diaz Lanz, according to the FBI, admitted piloting one of the planes. Agents said the flight originated in Florida, about 50 miles from Cuba.

Frank Fiorini, former Norfolk man, said in an interview in Norfolk last week that he helped Diaz Lanz pilot the leaflet plane. Fiorini, known here as Frank Sturgis, denied the plane did anything but drop leaflets.

Though Fiorini fought for Castro in the revolution, he said he has broken with Castro and he accused the Cuban leader of being a Communist.

Diaz Lanz fled to Miami from Cuba in June after resigning as air force chief and calling Castro a Communist. Castro has called Diaz Lanz a traitor.

"I'm thankful to God," said Diaz Lanz. "I'm not in Cuba at this time. I am confident I will receive fair treatment."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NORFOLK []

DATE: 11/24/59

FROM : *DOT* SAC, MIAMI []b3
b7ESUBJECT: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka
RA - C
(OO: MIAMI)

Re Norfolk airtel 11/2/59.

No further investigation regarding subject deemed
necessary at this time.(2) - Norfolk (RM)
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Former Cuban air force officer
now under bond in Miami
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dropping pamphlets.

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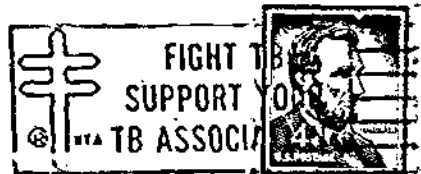
By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

Broadway Bulletin Board

NEW YORK—May Britt may be linked to any number of beaus for publicity reasons—or because she wants “a beard”—but her chief adorer, a Hollywood VIP, is likely to remain far, far in the background . . . the Richard Nixon trust has come to believe governor Rockefeller's repeated statements that he wouldn't consider the vice-presidential nomination in 1960. So they're currently trying to persuade Dr. Milton Eisenhower to accept the No. 2 spot on the ticket . . . San Antonio Society won't soon forget the luncheon tossed for Lawrence Harvey and other actors in “Alamo.” The British actor made a beautiful speech Miss Kilgallen of thanks and wound up calling his hosts heroes. One flicker colleague's reaction was “I felt like crawling out on my hands and knees” . . . the man who flew the plane that dropped 200,000 anti-Castro pamphlets on Havana is hiding in Norfolk, Va. Castro agents in the US are searching for him.



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NORFOLK, VA.



City of Norfolk

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF POLICE

P. O. BOX 338

IN REPLY REFER TO

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November 27, 1959

Mr. Wade Bromwell
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Post Office and Court House
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bromwell:

Enclosed is a clipping and anonymous note received by this office in an envelope postmarked Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1959 which concerns one Frank Fiorini and the recent incident of pamphlet-dropping in Havana, Cuba.

We are sure your office is aware of the suggestion contained in the column. This Division is taking no action relative to this matter from this level.

Yours truly,

Harold Anderson
Harold Anderson
Chief of Police

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414 U. S. Post Office and Courthouse Building
Norfolk 10, Virginia

December 3, 1959

Mr. Harold Anderson
Chief of Police
Division of Police
P. O. Box 358
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Chief Anderson:

Your letter of November 27, 1959,
concerning the anonymous note and clipping
regarding Frank Fiorini has been received.

Your forwarding this material to
me is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. W. BROMWELL
Special Agent in Charge

W. W. Bromwell

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 birth; however, states he legally changed his name to FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS in Norfolk several years ago.

Norfolk immediately verify subject's birth in Norfolk, Virginia, and obtain facts concerning alleged changing of name.

All pertinent information concerning FLORINI's service as a captain in the Cuban Armed Forces subsequent to 1/2/59 is being furnished INS locally.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, AKA. FRANK FIORINI, RA-CUBA, REMYAIRTEL
JANUARY EIGHT LAST, SETTING FORTH DETAILS OF SPECIAL INQUIRY
HEARING TO BE AFFORDED SUBJECT ON JANUARY TWENTY NEXT BY INS
MIAMI. THIS AM JOSEPH THURMAN, INVESTIGATOR, INS, ~~PROVIDED~~ ^{REQUESTED ANY}
PERTINENT ADMISSIBLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FBI, MIAMI,
SHOWING SUBJECT HELD RANK OF CAPTAIN IN CUBAN ARMED FORCES
SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY ONE ^{FIFTY NINE} ~~1959~~. THURMAN ^{WAS} ADVISED FIORINI
VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT THE BUREAU ON MARCH THIRTY ONE ~~EASTERN~~,
AT WHICH TIME HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES
AND DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A CAPTAIN IN THE REBEL ARMY, ALSO
EXHIBITING DOCUMENT DESCRIBED AS CREDENTIAL OF HIS RANK.
THIS INFORMATION SET FORTH IN BUREAU LETTER TO LEGAT HAVANA
DATED APRIL SEVEN LAST. ~~OTHER~~ OTHER DAMAGING ADMISSIONS BY
FIORINI ALSO CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER.

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cc: Norfolk (AM)
WAW: jgm

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THIS PM FIORINI HAD CHANCE MEETING WITH AGENT OF MIAMI OFFICE
ON STREET AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER FORTH COMING INS HEARING.
FIORINI CLAIMED ^{HIS} POSITION IN CUBAN ARMED FORCES AND ASSOCIATION
WITH CASTRO GOVERNMENT ^{WERE FOR PURPOSE OF} ~~RECEIVED IN EFFORT TO RIGHT~~ ^{WAS} ~~WAS~~
COMMUNISM AND IMPLIED SUCH ACTION ^{WAS} TAKEN LARGELY DUE TO
ENCOURAGEMENT AND DIRECTION ON BEHALF OF BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES
DURING INTERVIEW AT BUREAU ON MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST. IMPLIED
SANCTION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY FBI WILL PROBABLY BE CLAIMED
BY FIORINI AT INS HEARING. ~~THE~~ BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO
IMMEDIATELY ADVISE MIAMI AND INS CENTRAL OFFICE OF IDENTITY
BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES PERFORMING MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST
INTERVIEW OF FIORINI AND ~~AS~~ IF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE
AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY AT INS HEARING ON JANUARY TWENTY NEXT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 21, 1960

Mrs. O. FOX, Clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Norfolk, Virginia, made available Birth Certificate 2832 for the year 1924, City of Norfolk, Virginia, which reflected that FRANK ANGELO FIORINO was born on December 9, 1924 in the City of Norfolk to ANGELO FIORINO and MARY VONA.

Mrs. FOX said that she had mailed a copy of the Birth Certificate to Miami, but did not clarify this information. Mrs. FOX was specifically asked if the copy of the Birth Certificate was requested and sent to Immigration and Naturalization Service at Miami and she stated that it had not been sent there.

Interview With Mrs. O. FOX File # [redacted]
on 1/18/60 at Norfolk, Virginia Date dictated 1/20/60 b3
by Special Agent LEMUEL W. KERR:Mac b7E
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 21, 1960

Miss BLANCH B. CRANDALL, Deputy Clerk, Corporation Court, City of Norfolk, made available Deed Book 630 containing the record of the court action relating to the change of name by FRANK ANGELO FIORINO. Page 16 of Deed Book 630 contains Photostat of a petition by FRANK ANGELO FIORINO to the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk on September 23, 1952. According to this record, FRANK ANGELO FIORINO filed his petition on September 23, 1952 stating that he was born in Norfolk, Virginia on December 9, 1924 and was a resident of the city of Norfolk, and the son of MARY and ANGELO FIORINO. The petition indicated that MARY VONA was the maiden name of the petitioner's mother, who secured a divorce from ANGELO FIORINO and remarried, and was at that time known as MARY STURGIS. The petition indicated that the petitioner, the subject, desired to change his name from FRANK ANGELO FIORINO to FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS. The petition was granted by the court and it was ordered that subject's name be changed to FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS and be entered on the Deed Book as of that day, September 23, 1952.

Interview with Miss BLANCH B. CRANDALL File # [redacted]
on 1/18/60 at Norfolk, Virginia Date dictated 1/20/60 b3
by Special Agent LEMUEL W. KERR:mac b7E

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REGULAR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK

SUBJECT: CHANGED
FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka.
Frank Fiorini, Frank Angelo
Fiorino
RA - CUBA

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(OO: MIAMI)

The title is marked changed to add name FRANK ANGELO FIORINO, which was used by the subject when petitioning the court in Norfolk, Virginia to have name changed.

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 1/2/60.

On 1/18/60 SA LEMUEL W. KERR verified subject's birth at Bureau of Vital Statistics, Norfolk, Virginia. Birth Certificate #2832 for the year 1924 reflects that FRANK ANGELO FIORINO was born 12/9/24 in Norfolk, Virginia to ANGELO FIORINO and MARY VONA.

On 1/18/60 SA KERR reviewed the court record for the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk relating to subject's petition to that court to have his name changed. Deed Book 630 reflects that on 9/23/52 FRANK ANGELO FIORINO petitioned that court to have his name changed to FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS. The petition was granted on 9/23/52 and subject's name changed.

There are enclosed for Miami FD-302s covering investigation in Norfolk, Virginia.

This airtel is directed to the Bureau in order that the Bureau may be aware of the new name spelling of the subject.

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Fiorini Faces Hearing

He May Lose Citizenship

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK — Soldier-of-fortune Frank Fiorini may lose his American citizenship.

The 35-year-old ex-Norfolkian who fought for two years with Cuban rebel Fidel Castro will be given a special Department of Immigration hearing Jan. 20 in Miami.

Fiorini, whose colorful career includes hitches in the Marines and Army plus stints as a Norfolk tavern manager, real estate salesman and college student, turned against Castro last Fall when he felt the new government was going communist.

After fleeing to the United States with former Cuban Air Force Chief Diaz Lantz he subsequently was credited with being pilot of a plane which dropped anti-Castro leaflets on Cuba.

Joseph Minton, Deputy district director of the U. S. Department of Immigration in Miami, told the Ledger-Star by telephone that no charges had been lodged against the six-foot, 200-pound adventurer.

"This will be a hearing, a special inquiry," Minton said. "There has been an allegation that Fiorini may have jeopardized his citizen-



FRANK FIORINI

ship by service in a foreign army. We want to find out if this is true."

All members of Fiorini's immediate family live in Norfolk. His mother, Mrs. Mary Sturgis, and sister, Frances, live in the 900 block of Duke street.

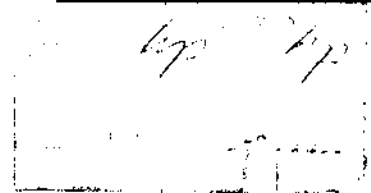
His father, Angelo Fiorini, is an employe of the Giant Open Air market at Campestella Bridge, while his wife, Juanita, works as a waitress at the Thomas Nelson Coffee Shop.

The latter said that Immigration officials picked up her husband for questioning when he stepped off a plane in Miami earlier this week after a trip to Guatemala.

It has been reported that Fiorini is now one of a group working in the United States and South American countries who hope for the overthrow of the Castro regime.

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Fiorini Battles To Retain His U.S. Citizenship

NORFOLK—Frank (Sturgis) Fiorini, 35, has begun a battle to retain his U.S. citizenship.

At a hearing which opened Tuesday behind closed doors in Miami, the Department of Immigration began taking testimony to determine whether or not his close association with the Castro rebellion in Cuba has placed his citizenship in jeopardy.

Fiorini, who was born in Norfolk, has contended that he never swore allegiance to the Cuban government, that his association was simply one of a knowledgeable guerilla fighter who was employed because of his availability and know-how.

Fiorini was an island-hopping Marine in World War II, and later served in the Army and Civil Air Patrol. He was also a student at the College of William and Mary in Norfolk, a licensed real estate salesman, and a tavern manager.

Fiorini broke with the Castro regime after he felt the government was going Communist. He was pilot of a plane last fall which dropped anti-Castro leaflets on Havana.

Some weeks ago, a friend of Fiorini's called at the home of his mother in the 900 block of Duke street in an attempt to secure birth certificate and armed services discharge papers to be used in the immigration hearing.

Luke E. White, special inquiry officer, recessed the hearing indefinitely after taking preliminary testimony.

Fiorini's father also lives in Norfolk, as does his wife, Juanita, who is a waitress at the Thomas Nelson coffee shop.

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Fiorini Loses United States Citizenship

Cuban Army Connection Is Cause

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK—Frank Fiorini, 35, Norfolk - born ex-Marine who fought with Castro's rebels before turning against the Cuban premier, has lost his United States citizenship.

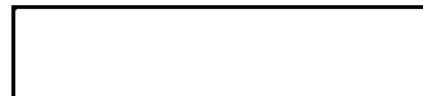
According to a special column by Drew Pearson, the citizenship of the six-foot, 200-pound soldier-of-fortune was signed away by Secretary of State Christian Herter on Jan. 21.

By telephone this morning, Ed Hickey—deputy director of the State Department's Passport Office—said that his records did not

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reveal whether or not this was true.

But Hickey added that if Fiorini had been a member of Castro's armed forces on the date that they became the official armed forces of Cuba, his loss of citizenship would have been automatic.

In his column, Pearson says that "Herter signed away the citizenship of (Fiorini) who has been smuggling evidence to the American Air Attache in Havana regarding Castro and communism.

"Ironically, the charge against Fiorini was that he accepted 'an appointment by the Cuban Air Force as a liaison officer between the Cuban Air Force and the United States Air Force'."

Pearson says that Florida Sen. George Smathers consulted with Herter on the matter, and subsequently with Sen. Wayne Morse, of Oregon, chairman of the Latin-American Affairs subcommittee, who promised a full hearing.

Actually, a hearing on the case by the Department of Immigration is now pending in Miami, where Fiorini is now living.

Edward P. Ahrens, district director of the Department in Miami, said by telephone today that the hearing (which opened Jan. 20) will be continued April 12, and until then Fiorini is free under his own cognizance without travel restrictions.

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Fiorini was picked up by Miami Immigration officials early in January when he returned from a trip to Guatemala, on the grounds that his citizenship was in doubt.

Fiorini's wife is a waitress at the Thomas Nelson coffee shop in Norfolk. His mother and sister live in the 900 block of Duke St., while his father is a supermarket clerk here.

Fiorini To Learn Fate in 10 Days

MIAMI, Fla. P—Frank Fiorini, who first supported and then denounced the Cuban revolution, will learn in 10 days whether he will lose his U.S. citizenship.

The 34-year-old Norfolk, Va., native and World War II Marine was summoned to an exclusion hearing Tuesday after immigration officials challenged his entry here as a citizen.

Fiorini said he served as personal adviser to Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, when the latter was head of Fidel Castro's air force. He de-

nied, however, that he signed up in Castro's or any other foreign forces, and said he has never sworn allegiance to any government but his own.

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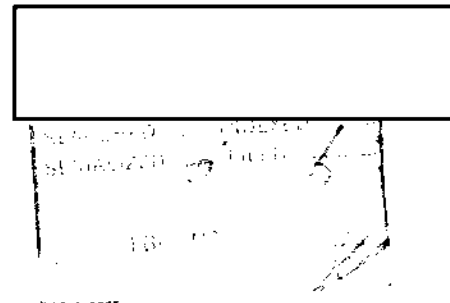
Diaz Lanz took political refuge in Miami last June after accusing the Castro regime of being Communist-dominated. In October, Fiorini and Diaz Lanz flew over Havana on what they called a leaflet dropping trip. Cuba claimed they dropped bombs.

A federal judge recently refused to extradite Diaz Lanz to face trial in Cuba. The judge said Cuba did not present adequate evidence that bombs were used. Fiorini's wife, parents and sister live in Norfolk now. He was in Norfolk on a brief visit late last year, and told a reporter then he had turned against Castro.

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Fiorini Decision Pends

Norfolk Man's Status Studied

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Testimony was concluded Tuesday in a closed hearing into whether Frank Fiorini of Norfolk, Va., lost his U.S. citizenship through activity in Cuban revolutionary affairs.

A special inquiry officer who conducted the hearing said his decision will be made in about 10 days.

HEARING CLOSED

An official report of the testimony is not available because the law requires that exclusion hearings be conducted in closed session, in contrast with the public nature of court proceedings.

Fiorini's re-entry as a citizen into this country last December from a Guatemala trip was challenged by the Immigration Service, which contended the former U. S. Marine had forfeited citizenship by actions in Cuba.

Fiorini, 34, told newsmen he once was an ardent believer in the Cuban revolution as a Democratic influence but later became convinced that the government of revolutionary Prime Minister Fidel Castro is Communist-dominated.

ADVISED LANZ

He said that during the period when he was a Castro supporter, he served as a personal adviser to Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, head of the revolutionary air force.

But, said Fiorini, he never swore allegiance to any government other than that of the United States, nor enlisted in any foreign armed service.

After Diaz Lanz denounced Castro last June and took political sanctuary in Miami, Fiorini and Diaz Lanz made an airplane flight over Havana.

They said they scattered anti-Communist leaflets. The Castro government claimed they bombed the Cuban capital. A federal judge recently turned down Cuba's request for Diaz Lanz's extradition, saying insufficient evidence was submitted to back up the bombing claim.

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'It's a Shame,' Wife Says

By OTIS GOSSMAN

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

NORFOLK — Frank Fiorini Sturgis' wife said Wednesday night she had no hope her husband would regain his American citizenship.

Fiorini was stripped of his citizenship Wednesday in Miami, Fla., and ordered to leave the country for fighting with Fidel Castro's Cuban rebels.

Mrs. Sturgis, an attractive, full-blooded Cherokee Indian, said Fiorini called her less than a month ago and told her he had little chance of keeping his citizenship.

She said he probably will go to Guatemala. "And his life won't be worth a nickel in Guatemala or any other South American country," she added. "Castro is bound to get him sooner or later."

She paused, then added, "I begged and pleaded with him from the beginning not to go. But he wouldn't listen."

Mrs. Sturgis was undecided about joining her husband in exile. "The immigration authorities say I stand to lose my own citizenship if I do," she said.

A waitress in a downtown coffee shop, Mrs. Sturgis said she has been supporting herself since her husband left for Cuba.

"He tells me he didn't make any money in Castro's army," she said.

"It's a shame. It's a shame to lose your citizenship. But he thought he was going to make a million dollars."

all he could talk about was joining a revolution. And I don't think it was adventure he was after — it was money.

"That's all he ever talked about — making money, and making money fast. And revolutions — that was the quickest way."

"And something else. He told me in Washington that Castro was definitely a Communist. But this was after he had gone over to the other side."

She said she did not believe Fiorini's attorney could win an appeal. "Every time they appeal the other side is going to get that much more evidence against him," she said.

Mrs. Sturgis, a Cherokee, N.C. native, said she met her husband in Norfolk when he was operating a Main Street tavern.

"Ever since I've known him



Frank Fiorini



Mrs. Juanita Sturgis

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Boot Given To Fiorini

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Frank Fiorini, an American born in Norfolk, Va., was stripped of his citizenship Wednesday and ordered to leave the country for aiding Fidel Castro's Cuban rebels.

Fiorini, a pilot, later became disillusioned with Castro and joined counter-revolutionary plotters.

Fiorini's attorney, Alan Kessler, described as amazing the action announced by Edward P. Ahrens, district director of immigration and naturalization.

Kessler said an appeal will be filed with the Immigration Service Board of Appeals in Washington.

"The government had not only a weak case but the weakest kind of a weak case," Kessler declared.

The lawyer said the prosecution failed to prove Fiorini ever served in any armed forces other than those of the United States. The pilot is a World War II veteran with a distinguished record, Kessler said.

He denied his client served with the Castro forces although he admitted Fiorini made several visits to Cuba after the revolution which overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista.

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On 4/8/60, [redacted] furnished two oral reports which were reduced to writing and authenticated on 4/18/60. These reports are as follows:

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" Lloyd Kimmons said that James Orr, an employee at the N. & W. Railroad pier, claimed that he had been made a Captain in a rebel force headed by one Frank Fiorini, the man who fought in Castro's army and recently lost his American citizenship. Kimmons described Orr as sort of a bragger and 'wind-jammer'. Kimmons said that Orr's co-workers took little notice of Orr and teased him, calling him 'El Capitan'. Kimmons said Orr claimed that he was a 'runner' for Fiorini's group, which consisted of about 1,000 men in the United States, and that they were going to train in Guatemala and Venezuela. This would be the nucleus for an army to overthrow Castro.

" Kimmons said that Orr claimed that the big companies, like the United Fruit Company in Cuba, were furnishing the money to Fiorini because Castro apparently had antagonized the large companies and land holders in Cuba by recent land reform.

" Kimmons said that James Orr was married to a Cuban and that he claimed to make frequent trips to Cuba in connection with his activities with Frank Fiorini. Kimmons said that Orr flies down to Miami over week-ends and claims that he handles his business in a matter of a few hours and is back at work on Mondays.

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" Kimmons described Orr as a white male; blond; a helper at N. & W. Railroad; 20-30 years old; who lives in an apartment in the Wards Corner area."

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" Lloyd Kimmons said that he received an invitation, postmarked New York, 4/4/60, from the Seamen's Defense Committee. Kimmons said the invitation was for a celebration to be held at the Paloma Hall, 201 - 2nd Avenue, New York, at 8:30 P. M., on 4/15/60. Kimmons said the celebration was for the favorable court decisions rendered recently in favor of Merchant Seamen.

" Kimmons said that John Paul Hall telephoned him but had not been in personal contact recently. Hall, according to Kimmons, is working in the Newport News, Virginia area through an Iron Workers Union."

Fiorini's Wife Would Join Husband Anywhere in Exile

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK—"If he still wants me, I'll go with him anywhere."

That's the answer that the wife of Frank (Sturgis) Fiorini gave this morning when asked whether or not she planned to follow her soldier-of-fortune husband into exile.

In a Department of Immigration "Exclusion Order" signed April 25, the citizenship of the 35-year-old Norfolk native was revoked.

For the past three years his activities have been intimately connected with those of Fidel Castro—first as a supporter of the revolution, then (since last fall) as a bitter opponent to a government he considers communist.

It was in May 1957 while in Miami on a honeymoon with Juanita Sturgis that the ex-Marine, ex-tavern manager first be-

came interested in the Castro rebellion.

A short time later he went to Cuba—and, except for a few visits during the past six months, that was the last time that his wife saw him. She has since been working as a waitress at the Thomas Nelson coffee shop.

"I don't have much hope for him winning an appeal," the attractive, dark-headed girl said today. "If he does have to leave the country, I'll go with him if he still wants me. After all, I still care for the guy."

Fiorini's mother, Mrs. Mary Sturgis, and a teen-age sister live in the 900 block of Duke street. His father Anthony Fiorini, also lives in Norfolk.

The mother said today that she has written a letter to Secretary of State Christian Herter begging him not to deprive her only son of his citizenship.

"Surely you have a mother, and know how I must feel," she said she wrote. "I raised a soldier for the United States. He was born here and went to school here and fought for this country. I beg you not to take away his citizenship."

Mrs. Sturgis has been confined to her bed for the past two months with a broken ankle. She says she received it when she fell on icy pavement while going to mail a letter to her son regarding information he had requested in the immigration proceedings.

A State Department spokesman said by telephone today that he had no idea how many Americans helped Castro and are still in Cuba.

"It doesn't require a passport to go there," said Edward J. Hickey, Deputy Director of the Passports Office. "so we don't have the faintest idea how many are there."

Asked if it would be possible for an American to have fought with Castro, to have been a part of his

government, and to return now without being caught, Hickey said:

"Under certain circumstances, that would be altogether possible—if he hadn't received any publicity, and didn't occupy a key position in the government."

Fiorini's attorney in Miami, Alan Kessler, said yesterday that an appeal would be filed with the Immigration Appeals Board in Washington.

He described himself as "amazed" at the exclusion order.

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If Deported, Then Where?

Ex-Citizen Must Find New Country

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK—Norfolk-born Frank Fiorini is quite literally a man without a country.

And that fact may prove to be a painful headache for the State Department if he fails along the various avenues of his appeal.

Earlier this week in Miami, the Immigration Service ruled there were grounds to exclude the color-

ful 35-year-old Norfolkian who fought with Castro before turning against him.

But (assuming that subsequent appeals are lost) where would he be deported to?

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A U.S. Immigration official in Washington said by telephone this morning that the Fiorini case was the first of its kind resulting from involvement with the Castro regime, and that no others were pending.

The official said that if the ex-tavern manager were to lose his appeals, he would have one choice of a country to be deported to, but if that country were to refuse, a second choice would be left up to the Immigration Service.

But where?

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He was returning last January from a trip to Guatemala when Miami Immigration officials questioned his right of entry.

But Fiorini has never lived there, nor has he any relatives or ties there.

It would mean almost certain death to send him to Cuba, even though his Cuban ties furnished the grounds for expatriation.

The State Department signed a certificate of expatriation of Jan. 29 on the grounds that Fiorini "... on March 23, 1959, expatriated himself by accepting an appointment by the Cuban Air Force as liaison officer between that Air Force and the U.S. Air Force as certified by an American consul in Havana."

However, there seems to be no immediate danger of his being deported anywhere.

If he fails in an appeal to the Immigration Service Board of Appeals in Washington, Fiorini can carry his fight up through federal courts.

And that is just what his Miami attorney, Alan Kessler, plans to do.

Kessler said by telephone today that he's pessimistic about an appeal to the Immigration service, but that in federal courts "I think we will prevail."

As a last resort, Kessler said, he is prepared to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court that the McCarran Act is unconstitutional.

"Many people are of the opinion that the government has no right to grant to an administrative authority the right to take away the citizenship of a person who was born here," Kessler said.

All of which could take months, possibly years.

Kessler believes that Fiorini has created an "aura of sympathy" by demonstrating his willingness

to fight against a dictator (Batista) and then turning away from the following regime when it appeared to be going communist.

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Kessler says that Fiorini also has been cooperating with the FBI and State Department in supplying information on communist activity in Cuba.

As a last resort, Kessler thinks there is a possibility that Sen. George Smathers of Florida will go to bat for him and have his citizenship restored by a special act of Congress.

"He has shown a sympathy for Frank," Kessler said. "And he's the type of man who, when he sees something wrong, will try to do something about it."

Fiorini has another federal case pending in Miami in which the Federal Aviation Agency is seeking revocation of his private pilot's license for an unauthorized flight over Havana to distribute leaflets.

Fiorini Appeals Ruling

Seeks Lost Citizenship

MIAMI, Fla. — Frank Fiorini, ex-tavern keeper of Norfolk, Va., appealed Thursday for the restoration of the U.S. citizenship he lost for his alleged part in the Cuban revolution of Fidel Castro.

The appeal was filed with the immigration authorities who stripped him of his citizenship 10 days ago, after ruling he had expatriated himself by joining the Castro forces.

It will be considered by the Immigration Service Board of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

CHANGED MIND

Fiorini became disenamoured of the Castro regime after it took power. He allegedly joined a counter-revolutionary group.

He was picked up by U.S. authorities after allegedly flying an American-based plane on a leaflet-dropping mission over Cuba.

His present status is that of a stateless alien illegally in the United States without a passport or visa, his attorney Alan Kessler said in Miami Thursday.

BIG PROBLEM

Fiorini faces deportation and the problem of finding a country which will allow him to cross its borders.

Kessler maintained that Fiorini is entitled to stay in the United States because he is a citizen, and that he did not expatriate himself.

He is free on parole until his case is settled.

His wife, Mrs. Juanita Fiorini, works as a waitress in a Norfolk coffee shop.

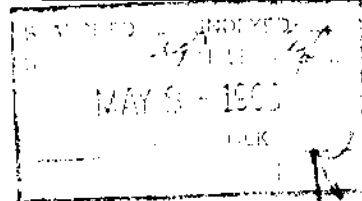
She said recently that though his life "wouldn't be worth a nickel" if he elected to be deported to a South American country, she would join him in exile if he asked her to.



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Phony Paper Caused His Grief, Frank Says

If He Loses Appeal on Citizenship He'll Ask To Be Deported to Cuba

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK — Frank Fiorini charged today that the State Department took away his U.S. citizenship on the basis of a "fraudulent document."

The Norfolk soldier-of-fortune said that, ironically, the document had been prepared to protect him from arrest while supplying information on Cuban communist activities to the U.S. government.

It was, he added, information that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had asked him to supply.

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Fiorini, speaking by telephone from Miami, said he was so incensed at this "unwarranted action" that if he loses his appeal against an exclusion verdict, he will choose Cuba as the country to be deported to.

"But won't you be shot if you go there?" he was asked.

"Just as soon as I land," he replied. "But public opinion is my last appeal. I don't think that the State Department can afford to send me to sure death when the basis of my loss of citizenship was supplying information to my own country."

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Fiorini, 35, won medals as an island-hopping Marine in World War II. After the war, he served in the Army, Navy, and was a CAP flying instructor in Norfolk. For two years he attended the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary, was a licensed real estate salesman, and managed downtown taverns.

Here is Fiorini's story of the events that led to his loss of citi-

zenship and his present status of "man without a country" faced with the threat of deportation.

He first met Fidel Castro in 1956 when the rebel leader was speaking in a Miami theater to raise money and support to oust dictator Fulgencia Batista.

Fiorini kept in touch, and joined him two years later in the Sierra Maestra mountain stronghold of the rebels. There he became a Castro aide, and went on missions for him to several Latin American countries.

He said that even then there were card-carrying Communists among Castro's rebels, but that

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his military commanders confidently expected him to oust them if and when he came to power.

Instead, once the revolution was successful, Castro began filling important civilian posts with known Communists. The worried commanders debated having a showdown with their leader, but majority opinion ruled that this would only result in their own arrests.

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Pedro Diaz Lanz, commander-in-chief of the revolutionary air force and a friend of Fiorini's, sent him to Washington to give information to the FBI and ask advice on the "critical" situation.

Fiorini gave his information to two FBI agents in a four-hour session, naming known Communists in positions of responsibility.

The agents said they would be unable to give advice on the situation but that they appreciated the information and would like to have additional information whenever possible.

At that time, Castro was arresting men on the slightest suspicion of treason, so Lanz drew up a document naming Fiorini liaison officer between the Cuban Air Force and the U.S. Air Force.

With it, Fiorini could make frequent contact with U.S. authorities without arousing suspicions. The document was not legal for it was not signed by the Cuban commander of armed forces, but only by Lanz.

This document, Fiorini says, was the basis for his loss of citizenship and the subsequent Immigration exclusion proceedings against him.

At the closed hearing in Miami, Lanz (who had fled Cuba with Fiorini) testified that the document was false. But the special Immigration officer, Fiorini said, considered it genuine and ruled that he could be excluded from the United States.

An appeal has been filed in Washington.

Castro's Overthrow Sure, Ex-Aide Says

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK—Frank Fiorini, Norfolk-born "man without a country," says that the people of Cuba have "traded a Fascist dictator for a Communist dictator," and predicts that "Castro will make Batista look like a piker."

Fiorini left his native Norfolk early today for a 2 p.m. hearing before the Federal Aviation Agency in Washington during which he faces possible loss of his private pilot's license and a \$10,000 airplane.

The soldier-of-fortune who fought with Castro for two years before turning against the bearded rebel leader has been visiting family and friends here for the past two days.

He says that Castro has been heard to express a willingness "to kill 40,000 people if necessary" to accomplish his aims.

Castro's eventual overthrow is assured, Fiorini says.

"The action must come from within Cuba, but the leadership will probably come from outside the country. I believe that Pedro Diaz Lanz will be that leader."

Lanz is the former Cuban revolutionary air force commander who denounced Castro's Communist activities the day before he fled the country last fall.

He was pilot on a plane which dropped 200,000 anti-Castro leaflets on Havana last Oct. 21. Fiorini was co-pilot.

It was that unauthorized flight which has resulted in to-

day's hearing before the FAA in Washington. The converted B-25 bomber used on the flight is registered in Fiorini's name.

The FAA claims that the plane was bought by Diaz Lanz in Phoenix, Ariz., with Cuban revolutionary air force money. Fiorini claims he bought it with money loaned him by Lanz.

But the 35-year-old soldier of fortune faces deeper troubles than those brought by the FAA. Earlier this year he lost his American citizenship, and recently was ordered deported.

The citizenship loss, ironically, resulted from his supplying information on Communist activities in Cuba to the American embassy in Havana.

To cover his contacts with the embassy, he had Marcos Diaz Lanz (brother of Pedro, and former inspector general of the Cuban revolutionary air force) sign a paper naming him liaison officer between the Cuban and American Air Forces.

This paper, Fiorini says, was the basis of his expatriation and subsequent exclusion order from the United States.

During the closed Immigration hearing in Miami, he said that Diaz Lanz (who also turned against Castro and fled Cuba) testified that the document was fraudulent, but that the Immigration officer still ruled that he was deportable.

Fiorini has appealed the ruling.

The ex-marine, who also managed Norfolk taverns, sold real estate, and taught flying here, is currently living in Miami where he serves as advisor and

aid to Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz.

Fiorini says that Lanz "has the confidence of many people now living in exile, and many people—both civilian and military—still in Cuba."

He declined to speculate when an attempt would be made to overthrow Castro, but did say it was "only a matter of time."

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Fiorini Visits Relatives in Norfolk

Ex-Cuban Rebel (right) with Wife Juanita and father Anthony Fiorini

License at Stake

Fiorini Defends Flight to Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP)—Frank Fiorini, a native of Norfolk, Va., offered a two-fold defense Friday against the proposed revocation of his pilot license because of a leaflet-dropping plane flight over Cuba.

The Federal Aviation Agency ordered the hearing after Fiorini and Maj. Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, former chief of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, made the flight from southern Florida.

The Agency contends that Fiorini permitted Diaz Lanz to pilot the plane on the flight last October when the Cuban had no

U.S. pilot's license. It contends also that Fiorini was not entitled to register the plane, a B25, because, the Agency said, it was bought by Diaz Lanz.

Warren Woods, attorney for Fiorini, said his client contended at the closed-door hearing that he permitted Diaz Lanz to pilot the plane because the Cuban had flown in the U.S. in April last year and he, Fiorini, thought the Cuban had a U.S. permit.

Woods said Fiorini stated the plane was a gift to him from Diaz Lanz.

Fiorini said he fought as a U.S. Marine during World War II, that he had made reports regularly to the FBI, and that he had never sworn allegiance to Cuba.

Woods said the Agency agreed to permit the offering of additional testimony, but no date has been set.

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 8, 1960 that a JAMES CRE, later identified by this source as JAMES CRE, an employee at the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company Coal Pier, Norfolk, Virginia, claimed that he had been made a Captain in a rebel force headed by one Frank Fiorini. The source said that James Cre identified Frank Fiorini as the man who fought in Fidel Castro's revolutionary army and had recently lost his United States citizenship. This source said that Cre claimed that he was a "runner" for the Fiorini group, which consisted of about 1,000 men in the United States. This source said that Cre claimed that these recruits were to train in Guatemala and Venezuela and would form the nucleus for an army to overthrow Fidel Castro in Cuba.

The source said that Cre claimed that the big companies like the United Fruit Company in Cuba were furnishing money to Frank Fiorini and his group because Castro apparently had antagonized the large companies and land holders in Cuba by recent land reform and land "grabs".

This source said that Cre claimed to make frequent trips to Cuba in connection with his activities with Frank Fiorini and, also, Cre claimed he flew to Miami over week-ends, handling his business in a matter of a few hours, and is back to work on Mondays.

On May 12, 1960, the source stated that James Cre resided in an apartment at 125 Birmingham Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, and was nicknamed "El Capitan" by other employees at the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company Coal Pier.

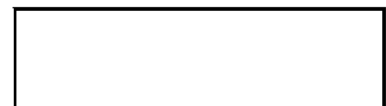
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RE: JAMES W. ONE, JR.

The source described One as a white male; age, about 20-30; 6'2"; well developed; and married to a dark complexioned woman, a typical Cuban.

On May 16, 1960, this source advised that James One claimed he contacted Frank Fiorini when Fiorini was in the Norfolk, Virginia area the first part of May, 1960. The source said that One stated that Frank Fiorini was second in command of an anti-Castro group under the leadership of Pedro Diaz.

One, according to the source, advised that Frank Fiorini claimed this group consisted of from 65,000 to 70,000 men ready to strike against Castro who, according to One, had only 25,000 to 30,000 men in his army, which included "peasants".

This source also advised that One claimed he was requesting six months leave of absence from his employment with the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company to devote his time to Fiorini and his group. The source indicated that One claimed that Fiorini told One during their meeting in Norfolk that Harold (Phonetic) Diaz, brother of the leader of the anti-Castro group, would take care of One's wife in Norfolk during One's absence. (The source probably had reference to Harold Diaz Lora and Pedro Luis Diaz Lora.)

The source also stated that One claimed that Frank Fiorini had told One that the revoking of Fiorini's United States citizenship was a "political maneuver" by the United States, attempting to pacify Castro and that in the event Castro is overthrown, he (Fiorini) would only have to apply for his citizenship and it would be returned without question.

This source described One as a "braggart" and prone to exaggerate. This source said that it was doubtful that all the information One furnished was true.

Re: JAMES W. GRIFF, JR.

On May 4, 1960, Officer G. E. CARLSON, Norfolk, Virginia Police Department, advised that one James W. Gre, Jr. was given a traffic violation ticket on April 10, 1959, for speeding. He advised that this charge was dismissed on April 23, 1959. Description of this James W. Gre, Jr. as contained in the Police Department records is as follows: White male; age, 25; 6'4"; 175 pounds; gray eyes; brown hair; [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia.

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On May 4, 1960, Mrs. Jean Toulson, Retail Merchants Association (credit bureau), Norfolk, Virginia, advised that James W. Gre, Jr., wife, Mildred, had been listed in the files of that Association since 1947. Previous employment was listed as: Home Service Station, Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, and Council. His current address was listed as [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia. Former addresses were listed as: [redacted]

A special report dated May 12, 1958 on James W. Gre, Jr. indicated that he was employed at the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company as an electrician helper, being so employed for 2 1/2 years; married - no children; age, 21.

There were four judgments listed in favor of the following: Bank of America, October 21, 1955, in the amount of \$206.00; Norfolk Savings and Loan Company, December 5, 1955, in the amount of \$187.00; Merchants and Farmers Bank, June 12, 1956, in the amount of \$217.25; and Birchard Dairy, January 17, 1957, in the amount of \$31.93. The judgments were marked "Paid" except the account at Birchard Dairy.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

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JAMES W. GUE, JR.
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Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled, "JAMES W. GUE, JR." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Two copies of this letterhead memo are being furnished Miami inasmuch as the source indicated that GUE claimed to make week-end trips to Miami and was in contact with the anti-Castro force leaders.

The source in the letterhead memo is [REDACTED] who furnished written reports covering the information which was summarized in the enclosed memo and paraphrased in order to protect the source from being compromised. The original information was furnished to SA LAMAR W. KERR and is filed in [REDACTED]

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Nine copies of the letterhead memo are furnished to the Bureau to facilitate possible dissemination.

No further action is being taken at this time by Norfolk in accordance with Bureau instructions contained in Handbook, Part III, Chapter 56.

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Norfolk, Virginia

May 18, 1960

RE: BENJAMIN E. KLEIN

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Another Government agency was advised by a confidential source that [REDACTED] an employee of the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, was approached by BENJAMIN E. KLEIN on May 9 or May 10, 1960, while employed in the Overhaul and Repair Section, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, and was asked by KLEIN if [REDACTED] wanted to make some fast money. When [REDACTED] replied yes, KLEIN asserted that to get some of that fast money he could go down to Cuba and kill FIDEL and RAOUL CASTRO.

The conversation was then discontinued, and both employees returned to work. [REDACTED] recontacted KLEIN shortly thereafter during the same day and asked KLEIN how much he, [REDACTED] could make - and KLEIN did not give him a price but stated that he could have a lifetime job as a Lieutenant.

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According to the source, KLEIN subsequently advised [REDACTED] that a FRANK FLORINI (phonetic) (apparently FRANK FLORINI) of Norfolk, Virginia, and FLORINI's wife, who visit KLEIN's home often, were recruiting personnel for a counter-revolutionary movement to the Castro regime. The informant believed that KLEIN had talked to several other employees concerning the counter-revolutionary movement in Cuba but could not identify any except HERBERT SPEER (phonetic), Shop 6111, Overhaul and Repair Section, Naval Air Station.

The source advised that KLEIN approached [REDACTED] on May 16, 1960, and asked him if he was ready to join the movement.

KLEIN was described as 45 years of age, 5'8", 185 pounds, gray hair with lines of black, receding hairline, resides at 416 Painter Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

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May 18, 1960

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

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BENJAMIN B. KLEIN
[REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "BENJAMIN B. KLEIN, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Two copies of this memorandum are being furnished Miami inasmuch as it pertains to anti-Castro activities and confidential information concerning FRANK FIORINI on whom Miami has information.

The letterhead memorandum is a summary of information set forth in a communication received from OSI, Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Virginia, on May 17, 1960. The communication was classified confidential by OSI who advised that they had so classified it as the original source, whose identity they did not protect in the communication, was [REDACTED] USAF Reservist, Inactive Duty, who is actively participating in the OSI District No. 21 Reserve Training Unit. The letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential because it contains information from OSI letter which is classified confidential.

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OSI advised that they do not contemplate any additional interview of [REDACTED] as this matter appears to be of primary interest to the FBI.

The Norfolk indices are negative as to BENJAMIN B. KLEIN.

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No further action is being taken at this time by Norfolk in accordance with Bureau instructions contained in Handbook, Part 3, Chapter 56.

ONI has been furnished the same information by OSI and will undoubtedly be in touch with this office concerning this matter as both KLEIN and [redacted] are Navy employees.

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SA LEMUEL W. KERR

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On 5/13/60 [redacted] furnished an oral report to SA LEMUEL W. KERR which was reduced to writing and was authenticated on 5/16/60. This report is as follows:

Norfolk, Va.
May 13, 1960

" Lloyd Kimmons said the man he knows as James ORE may be James Ore and said ORE or Ore lives at [redacted] Norfolk, Va.

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" Kimmons said Ore is about six feet two inches tall, well developed in the shoulders and when he came to work at the railroad asked to be placed on the second shift because he was attending school, learning to be a veterinarian. Kimmons said this man was about thirty years old and was married to a dark complexioned woman, a typical Cuban. Kimmons said he thinks Ore was in the Service. Kimmons said that when Ore got laid off from the railroad he went to work for Cargills, the new grain elevator in South Norfolk.

" Kimmons said John Paul Hull told Kimmons that Ore came out against organizing a Union at the new grain elevator and after the plant was unionized Ore apparently was laid off.

" Kimmons said Ore would not talk about his job at the grain elevator.

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- 1 - [redacted] (JAMES ORE)
- 1 - 100-4878 (JOHN P. HULL)
- 1 - [redacted] (F. FIORINI)
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" Kimmons also said Ore had not said much lately about joining a force to overthrow Fidel Castro. Kimmons said Ore, who the other employees have nicknamed 'El Capitan' is supposed to be a member of an organization being formed by Frank Fiorini."

Fiorina Stands To Lose His Pilot's Papers

NORFOLK—Norfolk-born Frank Fiorini has lost the first round in a fight to retain his private pilot's certificate.

The Federal Aviation Agency has reaffirmed its intent to revoke the certificate with a notice sent to Fiorini at his current Miami, Fla., address.

The revocation becomes effective June 13. He has 10 days in which to note an appeal to the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Fiorini is in worse trouble still. He is now marking time while awaiting an oral appeal of an exclusion order barring him from the United States.

His loss of citizenship occurred ironically enough, on the basis of a document prepared for the purpose of enabling him to supply information on Communist activity to the U. S. consulate in Havana.

The FAA notified Fiorini April 11 that it planned to revoke his airman's certificate. A hearing was held in Washington May 13.

The FAA said that after reviewing the evidence and the information available to it, the agency concluded that safety in air commerce and air transportation required revocation.

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It based its decision on the fact that Fiorini had applied on May 12, 1959 for registration in his name of a modified B-25 aircraft when he was not the legal owner.

The plane, the FAA said, had been purchased by Maj. Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, then chief of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, for use by himself and the air force.

Fiorini, the FAA said, also authorized the now famed "leaflet dropping raid" over Havana last October 21, and served as co-pilot on the flight.

(When Fiorini visited his native Norfolk last month, he said that it was "only a matter of time" until an attempt is made to overthrow Castro.)

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch
Norfolk, Va.
June 2, 1960

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MIAMI	Office of Origin MIAMI	Date 3/21/60	Investigative Period 10/23/59-3/8/60
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka Frank Fiorine		Report made by WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN	Typed By: WAW:gfg
		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

Synopsis:

The title of this case is being marked changed to add the name used by subject in signing checks drawn upon the Cuban government.

REFERENCES: Report SA WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN, 9/24/59, Miami. Bureau airtel 3/2/60.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will follow and report the proceedings being held concerning subject by INS, Miami.

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2. Will continue to follow subject's activities in relationship to PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ within the anti-CASTRO field.

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One copy of this report is being furnished INS locally in view of the investigative interest of that office in subject.

During interview of FIORINI on 3/9/60, FIORINI stated that with regard to his registration as a foreign agent, he had contacted the private secretary of the Director of the FBI at Bureau headquarters in Washington, D. C., in an effort to explain his status and that he had been referred to two Agents at the Bureau who interviewed him for a period of four hours. FIORINI expressed the feeling that his actions with regard to the Cuban government had been fully explained to the Bureau and responsible State Department officials in Washington, D. C., and that he intended to so state upon the resumption of the special inquiry hearing by INS, Miami, Florida, at which time he will be permitted to present his defense.

The Bureau has been previously advised of this attitude by subject by teletype dated 1/13/60.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - INS, Miami, Florida (RM)

Report of: SA WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN Office: MIAMI

Date: MAR 21 1960

Field Office File #: Bureau File #:

Title: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

During interview by Bureau Agents, subject admitted being co-pilot of B-25 on leaflet mission with PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ over Havana, Cuba, on 10/21/59. This aircraft owned by subject. Subject registered at Ankara Motel, Miami Beach, Fla., on several different occasions during first half of 1959 as Cpt. FRANK FIORINI. Bill for same paid by Cuban Air Attache's Office, Miami. Subject afforded special inquiry hearing by INS, Miami, on 2/23/60, regarding possible deportation on basis subject voluntarily expatriated himself through service in Cuban Armed Forces subsequent to 1/1/59. U. S. Department of State has issued Certificate of Loss of Citizenship re subject. VINCENT J. HANARD, registered agent of Cuban government, provided Photostats of three checks dated in 1959, drawn upon Cuban treasury, made payable to subject. Pertinent data and information re legal change of name by subject set forth.

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DETAILS:

The October 22, 1959 edition of the "Miami Herald," a newspaper published daily in Miami, Florida, carried an article entitled "Two Havanans Killed During Air Battle over Cuban Capital" datelined Havana, reflecting that anti-aircraft fire and an aerial dogfight between a leaflet dropping plane and a Cuban military aircraft rocked downtown Havana Wednesday night (October 21, 1959) with two Cubans reported killed and 30 wounded by either stray machine gun bullets or bombs. This article also disclosed that leaflets dropped by the above-mentioned plane were signed by Comandante PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, former Chief of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force (FAR).

Subsequently, FIDEL CASTRO made attacks through television, radio and newspaper media accusing the U. S. of permitting Florida based planes to drop leaflets and bombs over Havana.

During interview of PEDRO DIAZ on October 22, 24, 26 and 27, 1959, by SAs GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. and ROBERT JAMES DWYER at Miami, Florida, DIAZ admitted piloting a B-25 plane, Registration Number 9876-C, from which he dropped approximately 180,000 leaflets on October 21, 1959, over Havana, Cuba. DIAZ stated that at no time during this flight did he observe that he was fired upon from either the ground or the air. DIAZ emphasized that he did not carry or drop any bombs, hand grenades, dynamite or other type of explosive over the City of Havana or anywhere else on this flight.

On October 24, 1959, SAs DAVIS and DWYER interviewed subject in connection with the above flight after advising FLORINI that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult

an attorney. FIORINI thereupon related that he owned a grey B-25 parked at the Pompano Beach Airport, Pompano Beach, Florida, and on October 21, 1959, with PEDRO DIAZ as pilot and himself acting as co-pilot, took off at approximately 4:00 PM. FIORINI said he and DIAZ flew this plane south at an altitude of approximately 1300 feet and arrived over Cuba at approximately 5:20 PM on October 21, 1959.

FIORINI stated that about 180,000 propaganda leaflets written by PEDRO DIAZ were dropped from this aircraft. He further remarked that they were over Havana from seven to ten minutes dropping these leaflets during which time he observed no other airplanes in the sky nor did he see any ground or anti-aircraft fire directed toward the plane. FIORINI said the aircraft then directly returned to the Pompano Beach Airport where it landed at approximately 7:00 PM.

FIORINI stated that nothing was dropped from this aircraft over Havana except leaflets and vigorously denied that any bombs, grenades or anything that would endanger life or property was dropped. FIORINI said the plane was unarmed, carrying no machine guns and did not participate in any strafing while over Cuba.

FIORINI said that the propaganda leaflets dropped were printed on a press maintained at his, FIORINI's, residence at 2080 Southwest 60th Court, Miami. FIORINI also said that he participated in the printing of these pamphlets and placed his initials on a sample copy of one of them identifying it as being identical with the ones dropped over Havana on October 21, 1959.

The October 30, 1959 edition of the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch and Star," Norfolk, Virginia, carried an

article entitled "Norfolk Man Breaks with Castro," which related that subject said he piloted a plane which dropped 200,000 anti-CASTRO leaflets on Havana, Cuba, last week. The article continued that "FIORINI, known here as FRANK STURGIS, said that until he left Cuba he served as military advisor to DIAZ LANZ. He said his post was that of Security Chief of the Cuban Air Force." ".... while FIORINI says he flew the leaflet plane 'they shot at us in Havana with everything they had.'" Upon being asked from where FIORINI took off on this flight he replied, "just say Shangri-la. We might want to use it again."

On October 29, 1959, SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. examined case number 59-5333 in the Office of the Clerk, Civil Court of Records, Dade County, Florida. This case was entitled "FRANK A. FIORINI vs. Aviation Investment, Inc. d/b/a Air International." It reflected that FIORINI filed a replevin action for \$1,250.00 on September 1, 1959, for the immediate possession of one North American TB-25 airplane Serial Number 44-28874A, Registration Number N9876-C, valued at \$1,250.00. On October 15, 1959, Judge HAL P. DEKLE, Civil Court of Records, ordered the plane delivered to the plaintiff.

On October 27, 1959, Mr. JAMES B. MC DANIEL, Assistant Chief, Aircraft Review Section, Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D. C., made available to SA DONALD HOETING for review, the file for the North American Model TB-25N, Serial Number 44-28874A, Registration Number 9876-C.

A bill of sale dated October 6, 1958, described the seller and purchaser respectively as the United States Air Force, Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California, and Aviation Rental Service, Fleming Field, South St. Paul, Minnesota. The B-25 was sold for \$2,190.00.

By bill of sale dated April 13, 1959, Aviation Rental Service sold same to BEN WIDTFELDT, in care of Biegert Aviation,

Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, Arizona. It was sold for \$1 and other valuable consideration. BEN W. WIDTFELDT, as owner, made application for registration of aircraft on April 16, 1959, and received certificate of registration from the Federal Aviation Agency on May 12, 1959.

On May 12, 1959, WIDTFELDT sold same to FRANK A. FIORINI, 2160 Southwest 4th Street, Miami, for \$1 and other valuable consideration. FIORINI, as owner, applied for certificate of registration on May 12, 1959, and received same on July 13, 1959. At this point MC DANIEL advised that FIORINI, in the company of an unidentified male, appeared personally at the Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D. C., on July 13, 1959, to receive the certificate of registration for this aircraft.

By letter dated September 4, 1959, CARLOS B. FERNANDEZ, attorney, Congress Building, Miami 32, Florida, who on his letterhead described himself as "Vice Consul of Uruguay (Hon.)," wrote the Federal Aviation Agency regarding the above aircraft stating he represented the government of Cuba, which is the true and rightful owner of said aircraft. FERNANDEZ said that at the time of the purchase of the aircraft, FIORINI was acting on behalf of the present government of Cuba and the funds which were used to purchase it were provided by the present government of Cuba. FERNANDEZ said on behalf of the government of Cuba he was filing a suit in the Circuit Court of Dade County to determine the true owner of said aircraft.

In the event records of the Federal Aviation Agency are desired for prosecution purposes, a subpoena should be directed to Mr. ROBERT E. FORBES, Chief, Aircraft and Airmen Records Branch, Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D. C.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate October 30, 1959

FIORINI was advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, that he had the right to an attorney and that no threats or promises were being made to induce him to make a statement.

FIORINI, who resides at 2080 Southwest 60th Court, Miami, Florida, stated that a C-46 plane, Serial Number 1849M titled in his name, had been sold to the Zantop Air Transport, Inc., with offices at Chicago, Illinois, and Jackson, Michigan, on September 11, 1959. A check in the amount of \$46,000 was then sent from the National Bank of Jackson, Michigan, to the Citizens National Bank of St. Petersburg, Florida, in payment for this aircraft. GAINES H. ENGLISH, an aircraft broker in St. Petersburg, retained \$2,300.00 as his commission and forwarded the balance to FIORINI and PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, former Chief of the Cuban Air Force. FIORINI said the actual delivery of this C-46 was believed to have been made to the Zantop office in Jackson, Michigan.

FIORINI paid \$5,000.00 in cash in November, 1958, to MAX BIGGERT and BEN WHITSELDT of Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, Arizona, in part payment toward a B-25. This money had been given to FIORINI by PEDRO DIAZ from DIAZ' personal account. In April or May, 1959, DIAZ wrote a personal check for approximately \$2,500.00 to complete the payment for this B-25. WHITSELDT flew the B-25 to Havana, Cuba, where it was observed to need repairs; consequently, WHITSELDT flew it to Miami, Florida, where it remained at Air International, Miami International Airport, for approximately five months. This B-25 was also titled to FIORINI.

Interview with FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka
FRANK FIORINI

File # b3
b7Eon 10/27/59 at Miami, FloridaDate dictated 10/29/59by Special Agent WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN:gfg

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On January 14, 1960, W. J. SHARPE, Manager, Ankara Motel, 23rd Street and Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, advised that he knew the subject well, and that FIORINI had stayed at that motel on numerous occasions during the first half of 1959. SHARPE made available several registration cards signed "Cpt. FRANK FIORINI, Habana, Cuba," which SHARPE said had been written by subject. SHARPE also said that FIORINI's account at that motel had always been paid by the Air Attache's office of the FAR, which is located at the Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida.

The January 8, 1960 edition of the "Miami Herald," a newspaper published daily in Miami, Florida, carried an article entitled "U. S. Probes Status of Leaflet Raider," which related that "FIORINI, a U. S. citizen and a Marine combat veteran in World War II, was detained for three hours Wednesday (January 6, 1960) when he returned to Miami from a trip to Guatemala. He was told that he could not be admitted to the country until a special investigation (by the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) determined whether 'you are entitled to enter the U. S. or whether you shall be excluded and deported.'" "FIORINI said he accompanied MARCOS DIAZ LANZ, a brother of Major PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, to Guatemala on business. FIORINI said MARCOS DIAZ sells aluminum windows and plans to bid on this work in a housing development there."

On January 7, 1960, FIORINI volunteered that he had just returned from a trip to Guatemala to "visit some friends" and that he had been ordered to report to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for a hearing concerning possible exclusion from the U. S. and loss of citizenship.

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On January 7, 1960, FRANK DEVER, Travel Control Officer, INS, Miami, advised that FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, INS File A11884065, reported to that office on January 7, 1960, and furnished a statement under oath concerning his connection with and membership in the Cuban Armed Forces, denying any membership or associated which would in any way jeopardize his citizenship status. DEVER stated that FIORINI departed New Orleans, Louisiana, on approximately January 1, 1960, traveled to Guatemala City, Guatemala, and returned to the U. S. from Guatemala City on January 6, 1960. DEVER stated that a special inquiry hearing will be afforded FIORINI on January 20, 1960, to determine whether sufficient evidence is at hand to prove FIORINI expatriated himself through service in the Armed Forces of Cuba, as provided in Section 349A of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. If this can be proven, FIORINI can then be declared excludable on the basis that he entered the U. S. as an alien without a visa. Subject's passport bears name FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, which FIORINI declares is name given him at birth; however, states he legally changed his name to FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS in Norfolk several years ago.

On February 24, 1960, JOSEPH THURMAN, Investigator, INS, advised that a hearing was held in that office on February 23, 1960, for the purpose of determining whether subject was subject to deportation on the basis that he entered the U. S. illegally without a visa, being an alien, upon return from Guatemala. The hearing was to provide evidence showing subject to have expatriated himself due to service in the Cuban Armed Forces subsequent to January 1, 1959. Subject was represented at this hearing by ALAN KESSLER and STANLEY PRED, attorneys, Seybold Building, Miami. THURMAN explained that the U. S. Department of State had already issued a Certificate of Loss of Citizenship to subject, thereby placing the burden of proof on him to show that he had, in fact, not lost his citizenship

through such service. THURMAN said that subject recited the 5th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution when asked pertinent questions regarding his connection with the Cuban Armed Forces, but that a decision formerly rendered by the Board of Appeals of INS held that at such a hearing should the defendant remain mute or claim the 5th Amendment, material bearing upon that point could be duly entered into evidence. Upon adjournment of the hearing, subject's counsel requested an opportunity to review a transcript of the proceedings, and a new date for another hearing would later be set.

On March 7, 1960, THURMAN advised SA WILLIAM W. DREW that the above delay had been granted, and the hearing regarding subject's case would be resumed on March 18, 1960.

On January 27, 1960, VINCENT J. HANARD, a registered agent of the Cuban government, made available to SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN three Photostats of checks drawn upon the general treasury of the Republic of Cuba, Havana, Cuba, and made payable to FRANK FIORINE, all of which were signed FRANK FIORINE by subject. These checks were as follows: Number 631888 dated February 28, 1959, in the amount of \$125.00; Number 696090, dated March 30, 1959, in the amount of \$125.00; Number 752439 dated April 30, 1959, in the amount of \$123.61.

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On March 9, 1960, subject advised that he recalled having received a letter soliciting his registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended sometime in August, 1959, but inasmuch as he had severed all contact with the Cuban government prior to that time, failed to see the necessity for completing such a registration. Subject concluded by saying that he did not intend to file such a registration and would consult his attorney, DAVID ROSEN, Miami, Florida, should he be instructed to do so.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MIAMI	Office of Origin MIAMI	Date 5/13/60	Investigative Period 3/30 - 5/11/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka, Frank Fiorini		Report made by WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN	Typed By: WAW:bna
		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Report of SA WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN, dated 3/21/60, at Miami.
Miami teletype to Bureau 5/6/60.

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MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. Will follow and report INS proceedings against subject.

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2. Will maintain contact with U. S. Border Patrol for further information regarding the proposed expedition involving subject.

3. Will consider interview of PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ for any information he may volunteer concerning subject's involvement in the levying of an expedition against Cuba.

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This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ since disclosure of information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of a ~~confidential~~ informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof and since this data involves coverage of a foreign, diplomatic establishment.

Copies of this report are being furnished to Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Border Patrol and U. S. Customs locally in view of investigative interest by these agencies in subject's activities.

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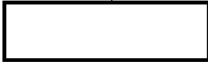
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Report of: WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN
Date: May 13, 1960

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: Miami

Bureau File #:

Title: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Subject held to have lost US citizenship through service in the Armed Forces of Cuba after 1/1/59. Certificate of Loss of Nationality approved on 1/29/60, by US Department of State. Subject's attorney filed an appeal on 5/5/60, and case will be referred to INS Board of Appeals for decision. JERRY O'BRIEN WATKINS states knew one FRANK FIERINI attending guerilla warfare school in Cuba during first part of 1959. Subject reportedly organizing expedition against Cuba and claims has recruited 40 persons to participate. Subject issuing boots and uniforms to participants. Meetings being held at 2080 SW 60th Court, Miami, Fla., to further these plans and arrange for radio communications procedures.

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DETAILS:

The March 30, 1960 edition of the "Miami News", a newspaper published daily in Miami, Florida, carried a letter to the editor entitled, "CASTRO Called a Traitor", which read as follows:

"To The Editor:

"I have read on several occasions letters addressed to your newspaper, in which better relations between Cuba and the United States are demanded.

"But I ask myself, who is to blame for the present situation, and who is always trying to improve it?

"CASTRO and his henchmen are to blame. We have seen on multiple occasions how human rights were violated, how representative democracy has been denied to the people, how the U. S. government has been accused of imperialism, our President and State Department officials ridiculed; and worst of all, how CASTRO has unfurled the Communist banner in America, trying to subvert our Western civilization.

"The United States government, contrariwise, has maintained a policy of appeasement, and in most instances has complied with CASTRO's demands. An example of this is the return of Ambassador PHILLIP BONSAL to Havana last week after he was accused of collaborating with CASTRO's enemies.

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"What was CASTRO's reply to BONSAI's return?

"A speech by 'CHE' GUEVARA, noted Communist, and by puppet President DORTICOS declaring economic war on the United States and saying that Russia was the real friend of the people of Cuba.

"I am an American citizen, and it was my love for democracy and personal liberty that led me to fight Dictator BATISTA. But today I denounce FIDEL CASTRO as a traitor to the Revolution and a traitor to America. FRANK FIORINI"

It is noted that FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS is more commonly known as FRANK FIORINI.

On April 5, 1960, subject voluntarily approached SA WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN on the sidewalk in front of the Justice Building, 3915 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, and stated that a congressional investigation headed by Senator WAYNE MORSE was underway to clarify the facts involving the deportation proceeding against him (FIORINI) being conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. FIORINI claimed that he had discussed this matter with Senator GEORGE SMATHERS, who, according to FIORINI, inquired of Secretary of State CHRISTIAN HERTER concerning the issuance of a certificate of loss of citizenship by HERTER for FIORINI. FIORINI claimed that HERTER had explained to SMATHERS that due to the large volume of documents which pass over his desk daily, he must have inadvertently and mistakenly signed this certificate. FIORINI believed that HERTER's "mistake" plus the interest shown by Senators SMATHERS and MORSE would serve to quash any adverse action by Immigration and Naturalization Service in this matter.

On April 26, 1960, JOSEPH THURMAN, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, advised that LUKE WHITE, Special Inquiry Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, had rendered a decision regarding the expatriation hearings being held by Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning FIORINI. THURMAN said that FIORINI had been held to have voluntarily expatriated himself through service in the armed forces in Cuba subsequent to January 1, 1959, and had been ordered excludable from admission to the United States upon his return from Guatemala on January 6, 1960. Consequently through loss of United States citizenship, FIORINI would have needed alien documents to properly enter the United States from Guatemala. THURMAN said that FIORINI holds citizenship in no other country and is, therefore, at present to be considered a stateless person.

On April 25, 1960, EMERY J. ADAMS, Office of Security, United States Department of State, advised that the Passport Office of the United States State Department had decreed that FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, also known as FRANK FIORINI, born at Norfolk, Virginia, on December 9, 1924, was held to have expatriated himself under Section 349 (A)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by accepting on March 23, 1959, an appointment by the Cuban Air Force as Liaison Officer between the Cuban Air Force and the United States Air Force. A certificate of loss of nationality was approved January 29, 1960.

On May 11, 1960, JOSEPH THURMAN, Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised that FIORINI's attorney had filed an appeal on May 5, 1960, concerning FIORINI's laws of citizenship, and that consequently the decision in this case will be referred to the Immigration and Naturalization Service Board of Appeals. THURMAN

related that FIORINI had until May 16, 1960, to submit a proper brief to Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning his appeal. THURMAN anticipated no further action in this matter by Immigration and Naturalization Service until a ruling has been rendered by the Board of Appeals.

On March 23, 1960, SAs JOSEPH E. JONES and MORTON P. CHILES obtained a signed statement from JERRY O'BRIEN WATKINS who, at that time, was incarcerated in the Bexar County Jail, San Antonio, Texas, in connection with a two-year sentence imposed for violation of the Federal Firearms Act and the Neutrality Act. In this signed statement WATKINS related that on January 22 or 23, 1959, he went from Mexico City, Mexico, to Havana, Cuba, where he attended a school for guerrilla warfare at Tarara Beach, Cuba, located east of Havana, between Havana and Guanabacoa during February and part of March, 1959. WATKINS said that approximately 400 students attended this guerrilla warfare school, most of whom were Cubans. However, WATKINS came in contact with five Americans being trained in that school. WATKINS continued that the school included training in espionage subjects, including lock picking, photography, wire tapping, collection of information, breaking and entering and cryptography. WATKINS stated that FRANK FIERINI attended this school and was living in Miami, Florida.

On April 14, 1960, MARIO KOHLY, Trail Judo School, 1208 Southwest 8th Street, Miami, advised that he is the owner and operator of the judo school, holds the First Degree of Black belt, and had established this school on March 1, 1960. KOHLY remarked that during the first part of April, 1960, FIORINI, PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, who is former Chief of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, and a few other Cubans associated with DIAZ

appeared at his school and began taking instruction in judo and self defense techniques. KOHLY said FIORINI attended three times and had promised payment for this instruction at a later date, but had not as yet re-appeared at the school.

On April 20, 1960, TYLER C. WINTON, Special Detail Officer, U. S. Border Patrol, Miami, Florida, related that a confidential source of that office, who will be referred to as MM T-1 hereafter in this report, advised on April 20, 1960, that FRANK FIORINI is organizing an expedition against the Cuban Government. In connection with this, MM T-1 said that approximately 25 people attended a meeting on April 16, 1960, at 2080 Southwest 60th Court, Miami, Florida, headed by FRANK FIORINI, and that this address was the residence of FIORINI. One unidentified person present at this meeting said that the group had available six B-26 aircraft, a B-25 parked by the old DuPont hangar in the northwest corner of Miami International Airport and two P-51's hidden somewhere in the State of Florida, and that it was negotiating for a PB4Y2 located at the L. B. Smith Aircraft Company, Miami International Airport. It was further stated that there were some aircraft in South America ready to go. MM T-1 stated that at this meeting FIORINI remarked that this particular group would not be using these aircraft, and implied that another group would take over the movement of these planes.

On April 19, 1960, this source again contacted FIORINI and inquired as to what advantages might accrue to him for his participation in this expedition. FIORINI replied that he was unable to make any specific promises. However, all who participated would be "taken care of". At this time FIORINI claimed to have

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recruited seven Canadian and 33 United States citizens with previous military experience, all of whom he intended to use as military leaders after additional forces were recruited upon landing in Cuba. FIORINI specifically mentioned the group's intention to operate a radio station in the mountains of Cuba for propaganda purposes, and stated that these United States citizens will be valuable for this reason. This source said that FIORINI provided the impression that this expedition could leave the Florida area anytime within the next three or four weeks. FIORINI related that it had not yet been decided whether the expedition will travel by boat or aircraft. However, uniforms and arms have been acquired for a force of approximately 50 men.

On May 6, 1960, EUGENE A. CHAPUT, Intelligence Officer, U. S. Border Patrol, Miami, advised that MM T-1 related on May 6, 1960, that FIORINI had issued boots and uniforms to certain individuals at FIORINI's house on the evening of May 5, 1960. Also, this source had been told on May 5, 1960, that 28 men would comprise the invasion group to Cuba, and that one JIM ORR from Virginia would be the leader. However, FIORINI himself would not make the trip. ALAN MC DONALD was mentioned as being one of the participants. In addition two M-1 rifles and two carbines with four power scopes were shown to different persons meeting at FIORINI's residence on May 5, 1960. At this meeting it was also revealed that some of the individuals involved in the planned expedition were being afforded training with certain weapons somewhere on U. S. Highway 41 west of Miami through the Everglades.

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JOSEPH SUGARMAN, [redacted]
[redacted] telephone number MO6-8302, Miami, Florida,
furnished the following:

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He is an engineering student at the University of Miami and holds a radio amateur license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. His call letters are K4TDL.

Approximately two weeks previously he was driving on Southwest 8th Street when a 1954 blue Plymouth pulled alongside him, and the occupant engaged him in conversation based upon their mutual interest in amateur radio. This individual identified himself as "FRANK", a Cuban who had previously resided in Cuba, but who now was residing in Miami, Florida, as an exile. FRANK told SUGARMAN he also was a radio amateur in his country. During conversation between the two individuals, SUGARMAN learned that FRANK was anti-FIDEL CASTRO in sentiment. FRANK described CASTRO as a cruel individual and displayed two scars on his chest which he said had been inflicted by the CASTRO forces. FRANK indicated he might contact SUGARMAN at a subsequent date, and that perhaps SUGARMAN could assist him in a matter of mutual interest.

On May 8, 1960, SUGARMAN received a call from FRANK and told him he had something important to discuss with him. An appointment was made, and SUGARMAN met FRANK at the Trio Diner at 36th Court and Southwest 8th Street. SUGARMAN contacted a fellow radio amateur named JULES FREEMAN, who accompanied SUGARMAN to the meeting site, and after a short conversation with FRANK, the three individuals proceeded to a residence on Miami Beach where they conversed with an individual whose name was not given to them, but who appeared to be approximately 60 years of age. This individual said he too had been

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a radio amateur in Cuba and had the call letter CO2LK. SUGARMAN also met an individual named ALBERTO who spoke good English and who appeared to be approximately 19 or 20 years of age. SUGARMAN observed that there were three radio receivers in that residence, and recalled that one of them was an SX-42 and an HRO-60 and another Hallicrafter. SUGARMAN said that FRANK indicated he had the call of CO2SH.

These individuals discussed with SUGARMAN and FREEMAN the possibility of placing a radio broadcasting station aboard a 35 foot boat to be operated somewhere near the Florida Keys for transmitting anti-CASTRO propaganda material to Cuba. SUGARMAN said the vessel was not identified, but that FRANK and this older unidentified man indicated they were going to be able to obtain the vessel, and that they wanted to know if SUGARMAN and FREEMAN would be interested in making the installation. SUGARMAN said these persons were told that a station could be installed, and that it would probably take approximately \$1,400.00 in order to purchase the necessary transmitter, tape recorder and power plant.

SUGARMAN said he and FREEMAN were to meet for further discussions with FRANK on Monday, May 9, 1960.

On May 9, 1960, SUGARMAN received a telephone call from FRANK, who said he wanted to introduce both SUGARMAN and FREEMAN to a group of people concerning an important matter, and asked that he and FREEMAN meet with him at the Mayflower Restaurant in downtown Miami between 7:30 and 8:00 P.M. on May 10, 1960. SUGARMAN and FREEMAN did meet with FRANK at this restaurant at the designated time, and thereafter they went to 330 Southwest 10th Street and 2080 Southwest 60th Court. FRANK said he was attempting to locate

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CHARLIE, who was not otherwise identified by FRANK. At the residence at 2080 Southwest 60th Court, SUGARMAN and FREEMAN met PEDRO LUIS DIAZ and his brother, MARCOS DIAZ. There SUGARMAN observed a number of Cuban individuals and recalled that several were poring over and studying maps concerning Cuba. SUGARMAN observed that there were apparently two "planning rooms". SUGARMAN conversed with PEDRO DIAZ and PEDRO DIAZ gave him some historical background concerning Cuba and indicated he was anti-CASTRO in his sentiment. During the course of conversation SUGARMAN learned that PEDRO DIAZ LANZ was planning an invasion of Cuba, but that he was not going to direct such an invasion from the United States; however, it would be launched from a Central American country, the identity of which was unknown to SUGARMAN.

PEDRO DIAZ LANZ discussed with SUGARMAN a plan of communications, and said he was desirous of setting up an AM transmitter on board a ship for the purpose of broadcasting propaganda into Cuba. This ship would also have single sideband communications with a station which he planned to set up in Miami and another station which he planned to set up in the hills of Cuba. SUGARMAN said PEDRO DIAZ LANZ wanted him and FREEMAN to set up and organize a communication system and was interested in having them train the Cuban individuals in the operation of necessary equipment.

A discussion followed concerning the purchase of certain equipment, and further specific details were not learned at that time inasmuch as PEDRO DIAZ LANZ indicated that the person in charge of the communication system was his brother, SERGIO DIAZ BRULL (?). SERGIO was not available during the evening of May 10, 1960, but was supposed to be available on May 11, 1960. SUGARMAN said he had ascertained from the radio amateur call book that call letters CO2SH are listed to FRANCIS SUAREZ HERNANDEZ, [REDACTED] Havana, Cuba.

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SUGARMAN also ascertained that the call letters CO2LK are assigned to ARISTIDES LOPEZ CALLEJAS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Marianao, Cuba. SUGARMAN was of the belief that FRANCIS SUAREZ was the individual known to him as FRANK, and that the 60-year-old individual he subsequently met at the residence on Miami Beach was ARISTIDES LOPEZ, inasmuch as the latter individual is listed in the Miami telephone directory at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] telephone number JE2-1150.

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May 12, 1960

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JULES FREEMAN is a resident at [redacted] Miami, Florida. He is an engineering student at the University of Miami, and will graduate from that school in June, 1960. FREEMAN is a radio amateur, and has the call letters K4SX0. FREEMAN related the following:

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On Sunday, May 8, 1960, he received a telephone call from a friend and fellow radio amateur, JOSEPH SUGARMAN, who asked that he accompany him to a meeting at the Trio Diner, located at SW 36th Court and 8th Street, Miami, Florida.

FREEMAN went to the diner with SUGARMAN where the two were met by an individual known to him as "FRANK", who identified himself as a Cuban radio amateur now residing in exile in Miami.

To the best of his recollection, "FRANK" was driving a 1954 blue Plymouth.

"FRANK" talked about the unbearable conditions in Cuba under FIDEL CASTRO, and indicated he personally was residing in exile in Miami and wanted to take FREEMAN and SUGARMAN to meet someone on Miami Beach who might be able to utilize these individuals in connection with some of their activities. FREEMAN, accompanied by SUGARMAN and "FRANK", went to Miami Beach and he subsequently ascertained the residence to be 1674 Michigan Avenue. FREEMAN noted that there were several receiving antennae on the top of this residence and after entering, he noted there were three radio communication receivers, but no

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transmitting equipment. He recalled that one of the radio receivers was an SX-42, an HRO-60, and another Hallicrafter Receiver.

FREEMAN related that "FRANK" identified himself as having the call letters in Cuba of CO2SH, and the individual who apparently resided at the residence at the Miami Beach address, appeared to be approximately 60 years of age, identified himself as a Cuban radio ham who had the call letters of CO2LK.

FREEMAN said he subsequently checked the amateur radio call book and learned that CO2SH is listed to FRANCIS SUAREZ HERNANDEZ, and that CO2LK was assigned to ARISTIDES LOPEZ CALLEJAS.

FREEMAN also stated that there was a truck parked outside the Michigan Avenue residence which had 1960 Florida tag 1 G/K 497.

FREEMAN said he also met a younger person, approximately 19 years of age, who was Cuban, and who spoke good English, and to the best of his recollection, that person was named ALBERTO. This person was approximately 5'9" tall, had dark hair, white male, whose face was covered with pimples.

FREEMAN said during a subsequent conversation with the Cubans, he and SUGARMAN were approached with the idea in mind of setting up a propaganda radio station which would be placed aboard a 35 or 36 foot yacht, which would transmit anti-CASTRO propaganda from a point outside the territorial waters of the United States, somewhere in the Florida Keys.

A discussion followed concerning the necessary equipment, and FREEMAN, who is studying electronic engineering, indicated that a 500 watt Globe King Transmitter could successfully carry out the desires of the Cubans and it would also be necessary to place a 2½ kilowatt power plant on this vessel to meet the power requirements of the transmitter.

FREEMAN said he told the Cubans that he thought the necessary equipment could be purchased for approximately \$1400.00. The Cubans sounded as though money was no problem and indicated that they were presently negotiating for a boat which could be utilized to carry out the above-described activities.

FREEMAN said that he and SUGARMAN were to be contacted at a subsequent date and were to discuss the matter further with "FRANK."

FREEMAN said that on Monday, May 9, 1960, SUGARMAN received a call from "FRANK," who wanted SUGARMAN and FREEMAN to meet him at the Mayflower Restaurant located in downtown Miami, on the evening of May 10, 1960. After this meeting, "FRANK" took SUGARMAN and FREEMAN to a house located at 330 SW 10th Street, where FRANK was attempting to locate an individual named "CHARLIE."

FRANK was unable to find "CHARLIE" at that residence and thereafter the group went to 2080 SW 60th Court, Miami. FREEMAN recalled there were many cars parked in front of this residence and the house was occupied by a group of Cubans, some of whom were sitting around listening to music on the radio. While there, FREEMAN and SUGARMAN were introduced to PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, who proceeded to converse with them regarding his anti-CASTRO sentiments, and who indicated he was planning an invasion of Cuba which was to be carried out from a Central American country.

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DIAZ LANZ discussed with FREEMAN and SUGARMAN the possibility of these individuals organizing a communications system for an invasionary group. DIAZ LANZ indicated he was interested in having communications between a point somewhere in the mountains of Cuba and a ship to be stationed somewhere off the Florida Keys. This ship would then maintain contact with another station to be set up in Miami, Florida.

The ship would also utilize an AM Transmitter for the purpose of broadcasting propaganda material to the Cuban people. DIAZ LANZ was desirous of purchasing some equipment and using single sideband transmissions for his communications system, and it appeared that one of the purposes in doing so would be to make the transmissions as confidential as possible since it is necessary to have special equipment to receive single sideband reception, which DIAZ LANZ felt was very scarce in Cuba.

PEDRO DIAZ LANZ did not indicate when he was planning to carry out an invasion of Cuba, but FREEMAN got the impression it would occur sometime in the immediate future. DIAZ LANZ indicated he was also desirous of having FREEMAN and SUGARMAN not only organize a communications system for his group, but also wanted them to train some men, whom he planned to use in connection with the operation of the equipment.

FREEMAN recalled seeing one Cuban in the house who apparently had just purchased a camouflaged uniform. He recalled that there were maps of Cuba and the Caribbean area in this residence.

DIAZ LANZ said his brother, SERGIO DIAZ BRULL, was in charge of the communications plans; that he was not available that evening, but he wanted FREEMAN and SUGARMAN to contact SERGIO at a later date. FREEMAN recalled also meeting PEDRO DIAZ's brother, MARCOS DIAZ.

Date May 12, 1960

JULES FREEMAN, [redacted] Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., at 9:30 PM, May 11, 1960, and furnished the following information:

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On that evening, he and JOSEPH SUGARMAN went to 2080 SW 60th Court, Miami, where they again talked to PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ. They also met "FRANK," whom they had previously met, and FREEMAN said at this time he learned that FRANK's name was actually FRANCIS.

PEDRO DIAZ introduced FREEMAN and SUGARMAN to his brother, SERGIO DIAZ, and a discussion followed concerning communications equipment. SERGIO indicated he had purchased two Walkie-Talkie Radios that had cost \$150.00 for the two pieces of equipment.

SERGIO said he was considering getting some other equipment and that he had the sum of \$1,850.00 set aside for the purchase of such equipment.

SERGIO seemed concerned about the shock mounting for the radio equipment and also indicated he wanted to get a speech scrambler in order to make radio transmissions more confidential.

FREEMAN said he told SERGIO he did not feel that the speech scrambler was necessary.

FREEMAN said that as a result of the conversation he had with SERGIO, he thought that SERGIO was going to purchase a Globe King 500 C Transmitter to be placed aboard a ship and used for anti-CASTRO propaganda purposes.

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SERGIO was also planning to purchase a single sideband adapter for the Globe King which could make it possible for the AM transmitter to be used for single side band purposes in communications between the hills in Cuba and a point at Miami, Florida.

SERGIO also was planning to go on May 12, 1960, and purchase a Collins 75S1 Single Sideband Receiver, and a Collins 32S1 Single Side Band Transmitter at one of the supply houses in Miami. FREEMAN said SERGIO would have to pay approximately \$1000 for these two pieces of equipment and indicated the transmitter has an input of 175 watts. It was FREEMAN's belief that SERGIO plans to use the Collins equipment in either Miami or to ship it to some point in Cuba.

SERGIO indicated he wanted to use FREEMAN and SUGARMAN for the purpose of training four individuals in the maintenance and operation of the Collins and Globe King radio equipment.

FREEMAN said he told SERGIO he was going to graduate from the University of Miami within a period of two or three weeks and that it was necessary that he devote his time to preparation of final examinations. FREEMAN said he explained to SERGIO that he was not going to violate any U. S. laws in connection with what he was doing and that in view of the shortage of time he would not be able to devote any time to SERGIO's plans until after final examinations.

SERGIO appeared upset at this point and said that he could not wait; that it was necessary to immediately carry out this training program, and that he could utilize FREEMAN on a schedule which would be convenient to FREEMAN, even if it meant training individuals at Midnight.

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FREEMAN said he had furnished all of the above information on a cooperative basis to the FBI and it was his feeling that he should do so. It was his belief that based on conversations with DIAZ LANZ and SERGIO DIAZ, that an invasion on their part appeared to be imminent.

FREEMAN also recalled seeing eight pairs of guerilla boots at the residence at 2080 SW 60th Court, but he had not observed any other type of equipment or material which he would consider could be used for any type of warfare.

FREEMAN said that he anticipated having no additional contact with these individuals, identified above, but that should he do so, he would furnish the results of these conversations immediately to the FBI.

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On May 5, 1960, MM T-2 advised that an unidentified woman informed that ABELARDO LEON BLANCO, Cuban Consul General in Miami, that her son is one of a group of approximately 100 men who are being trained in firearms practice by PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ. According to MM T-2, this woman told BLANCO that this group was supposed to depart for Cuba on May 9, 1960. However, BLANCO replied that the group would not go to Cuba, but instead would be going to a concentration camp in Guatemala.

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Miami, Florida
MAY 13 1960

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William A. Wightman, at Miami, Florida, dated and captioned as above.

MM T-1 has not been contacted a sufficient number of times to determine his reliability.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 6-29-60

FROM : SAC, MIAMI [redacted]

SUBJECT: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS,
Aka. Frank Fiorini
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ReBulet to Miami. captioned "PEDRO LUIS OSCAR
DIAZ LANZ, [redacted] dated 6-28-60.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Norfolk
Office is one copy each of reports of SA WILLIAM A.
WIGHTMAN, dated 3-21-60 and 5-13-60, at Miami, regarding
subject.

The Norfolk Office is requested to interview
JAMES W. ORR, JR., and BENJAMIN B. KLEIN to resolve the
nature and extent of their association with subject. If
possible, signed statements should be obtained, incorporating
full details of any recruitment of them by subject, as well
as any efforts on their behalf toward recruiting other
individuals in the Norfolk area.

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On 5/16/60, [redacted] furnished an oral report to SA KERR, which was later reduced to writing and was authenticated by informant on 6/28/60. This report is as follows:

"Norfolk, Virginia
May 16, 1960

" Lloyd Kimmons advised that the employee at the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company Coal Pier who had commented that he was going to join the forces of Frank Fiorini in an attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro in Cuba is James Ore.

" Kimmons said that Ore told him that when Frank Fiorini came to Norfolk recently, he (Ore) went by where Fiorini was staying, exact address not given, and left word for Fiorini to contact Ore. Ore told Kimmons that Fiorini left a note at Ore's apartment and even later 'sent him a telegram' to make sure that Ore and Fiorini got together. Kimmons said that Ore claimed that Fiorini, who is second in command of the anti-Castro forces under the leadership of a man named Diaz said Diaz had approximately 65,000 to 70,000 men in his army and that Castro only had, at the most, 20,000 to 25,000 men, which included 'peasants'.

" Kimmons said Ore claimed that Fiorini told Ore during their meeting that Marcus Diaz, brother of the one who is organizing the revolutionary forces against Castro, would take care of Ore's wife during Ore's absence when fighting with Castro began.

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- 1 - [redacted] (ORE)
- 1 - [redacted] (FIORINI)
- 1 - 100-4878 (JOHN P. HULL)
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" Kimmons said Ore claimed he was going to ask for six months leave from his Norfolk and Western Railroad Company job and was going to leave his wife in Norfolk while he was away.

" Kimmons said that Ore claimed that Fiorini was in the Norfolk area trying to head off any plans to seize his airplane.

" Kimmons said that Fiorini, according to Ore, stated that the State Department was just going along with Castro in revoking Fiorini's citizenship. Fiorini said that any time he asked for his citizenship after they overthrow Castro, the U. S. Government would return it. Ore, according to Kimmons, said that Fiorini claimed that he was not concerned over the loss of his citizenship at this time because he felt he could regain it and that it was 'only a political maneuver' of the U. S. Government.

" Kimmons said that Ore stated that his boss at the Norfolk & Western Railroad was unable to grant him six months leave and that his boss in Norfolk had contacted the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company Headquarters in Roanoke to determine if it was possible for Ore to get six months leave.

" Kimmons said that Ore was very free in talking about joining up with Fiorini in attempting to overthrow Castro and, for this reason, Kimmons said he did not believe everything Ore said. "



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Norfolk 10, Virginia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

July 25, 1960

RE: JAMES WILLIAM ORE. JR.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1960, that James Ore, an employee of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company Coal Piers, Norfolk, Virginia, had requested a leave of absence from his employment at the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, Norfolk, to go to Cuba with a force identified with Frank Fiorini.

On July 12, 1960, this same source said that James Ore claimed that he had gotten his leave approved for thirty-day periods, subject to renewal at the end of a thirty-day period. The source advised that Ore claimed that he had not taken any leave from his Norfolk and Western Railroad Company employment as yet because he had to contact "Frank", who this source believed to be Frank Fiorini.

The source said that Ore claimed he could fly small type airplanes but was unable to pilot large planes. This source said that Ore claimed that he had no problem at home since his only dependent was his wife and she was to be taken care of while Ore was away fighting Castro. This source said Ore did not identify any of the individuals who would take care of his wife during Ore's absence.

This source said that he had learned from an acquaintance of Ore that he would probably be taking the leave at the end of July, 1960.

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RE: JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR.

On July 15, 1960, H. E. Sutton, General Foreman, Norfolk and Western Railroad Company Coal Piers, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that James William Ore, Jr. had been employed as a electrician's helper, intermittently, since 1955. Mr. Sutton said that this employee had asked for a leave of absence, verbally, and by letter dated July 2, 1960, addressed to Mr. Sutton. Mr. Sutton said that in the letter signed by Ore, dated July 2, 1960, addressed to him (Sutton), Ore requested thirty days leave and explained that his wife, Mrs. Ore, before becoming an American citizen, was a Cuban National and that her relatives were entrapped within Cuba by Castro and his forces and he (Ore) desired to go to their aid. This letter was signed James W. Ore, Jr.

Mr. Sutton said Ore did not state when he desired to begin his leave; however, when Mr. Sutton informed Ore that his leave request would be looked on favorably and would probably be approved by the company, Ore said that in all probability, he would not be requesting this leave for thirty to sixty days.

Mr. Sutton said the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company records reflect that Ore's full name is James William Ore, Jr., whose date and place of birth are listed as June 13, 1923, at Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Sutton said that a memorandum in the company personnel files reflects that Ore had made a statement in November, 1959, to the effect that he desired to participate in the Cuban Revolution.

On July 20, 1960, Mr. Sutton said that Ore had made no formal request for extended leave; however, he had not been to work since Saturday, July 16, 1960.

RE: JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR.

Mr. Sutton explained that Ore had requested leave on account of illness of his wife and that two days were his regular days off.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

PURDA INFO OSCAR DIAZ IANZ
[REDACTED]

Re Bureau airtel to Miami and Norfolk captioned as above and dated 5/19/60. Further reference is made to Norfolk airtel to the Bureau dated 5/17/60 captioned, JAMES W. ORE, JR., [REDACTED]

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Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled, JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR., [REDACTED] Two copies of this letterhead memo are being furnished Miami since captioned individual and FRANK ANTHONY STURDIS, Aka. Frank Fiorini, reportedly are operating in Miami.

The source in the letterhead memo is [REDACTED] who, according to referenced Bureau airtel, was to be alerted for any information concerning ORE's activities. The original information was furnished SA LEMUEL W. KERR and was filed in [REDACTED]

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Nine copies of the letterhead memo are furnished the Bureau in order to facilitate dissemination.

Contact with this informant is continuing.

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It is to be noted that efforts to locate JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR. in Norfolk on 7/15-21/60 were negative. Neighbors in ORE's apartment said the ORE family had not been in their apartment for several days and that their whereabouts were unknown.

This investigation is being followed in an effort to comply with Miami's request under the investigation of FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, Aka., RA-CUBA; Bufile [REDACTED] to interview JAMES ORE, JR. in connection with his contact with STURGIS.

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7/22/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK [redacted]
FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, Aka.
RA - CUBA

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Reason for E.O. 11652 1/11/60

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Re Bureau airtel to Miami and Norfolk dated 5/10/60 entitled, "PEDRO LUIS OSCAR DIAZ LANZ, [redacted] directing Norfolk to alert [redacted] to continue to furnish information concerning the activities of JAMES W. ONE, JR. Further reference is made to Miami letter to the Bureau dated 6/29/60 under the caption, "FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, Aka., RA-CUBA", requesting Norfolk to interview JAMES W. ONE, JR. X

Norfolk informant, [redacted] on 7/12/60, advised that ONE had reportedly gotten leave from his employment approved to go to Cuba. X

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On 7/15/60, H. E. SUTTON, General Foreman, Norfolk and Western Railroad Company Coal Piers, Norfolk, advised that the company was approving a leave request by ONE in which he requested thirty days leave to go to Cuba and help his wife's relatives who were entrapped by CASTRO.

Efforts to locate ONE at his apartment in Norfolk July 15-21, 1960 were negative. ONE's neighbors said he had not been at his apartment for several days.

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On 7/20/60, Mr. SUTTON, ORE's supervisor, reviewed his employment records, which reflected that ORE had not been to work since Saturday, 7/16/60, having two regular days off and the other days called in for leave because of wife's illness.

This information is furnished to the Bureau and Miami for information since ORE reportedly is contemplating joining with LANZ and STURGIS in some anti-CASTRO activity.

A letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination will be submitted under separate cover.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/2/60

BENJAMIN B. KLEIN, [redacted]
Virginia, furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

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"Norfolk, Virginia
July 25, 1960

" I, Benjamin B. Klein, make the following voluntary statement to Lemuel W. Kerr and Marvin E. Steffen who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to get me to make this statement. I am willing to testify to these facts in a court of law.

" I am employed as an aircraft mechanic at the Norfolk Naval Air Station and my home address is 416 Painter St., Norfolk, Virginia.

" I have known Frank Sturgis, also known to me as Frank Fiorini, since about 1946.

" The last time I saw or heard from Frank Fiorini was approximately five or six months ago when Frank Fiorini came through Norfolk on his way to Washington, D. C. to attend hearings regarding Fiorini's citizenship.

" During this visit by Frank Fiorini, I was in contact with Fiorini during this two day visit. Fiorini came to my residence and I visited Frank Fiorini at the Delmar Motel where he was staying during this visit. When I went to the Delmar Motel, Jack Kessner, a reporter for the Norfolk Newspapers, was present as well as my son, [redacted] was there. Frank Fiorini talked to Kessner and myself

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by SA'S LEMUEL W. KERR & MARVIN E. STEFFEN:scj Date dictated 7/29/60

"about his experiences during the Cuban revolution when Fiorini aided Fidel Castro.

" I took Fiorini in my car to visit in my home when Fiorini was in Norfolk. I was never approached by Frank Fiorini or anyone to join a force to fight Castro in Cuba or to engage in any hostilities in any foreign country. I have never recruited men for Fiorini or anyone. I have never approached anyone in an effort to recruit followers for Diaz Lanz, Frank Fiorini or anyone. I know of no one attempting to recruit followers for Frank Fiorini and any revolutionary group.

" I know nothing concerning Fiorini's efforts or proposed efforts for a counter-revolutionary movement against Castro.

" I recall on one occasion I brought some pictures of Frank Fiorini and showed them to the other workers at the Naval Air Station. I also recall commenting to people at the Naval Air Station that I knew Frank Fiorini very well. I have discussed Fiorini's activities among acquaintances and if anyone thinks I know anything more than there appears in the newspapers they are mistaken. I have entered into numerous discussions with other employees concerning Fiorini which I term 'small talk'. Some person may have gotten the idea that I or some other person was recruiting for Fiorini from this 'small talk'.

" I do recall on one occasion that another employee named Yandel said Yandel's brother's daughter-in-law was a Cuban National whose father was in Cuba. Yandel explained that this man had lost his business because of the Castro regime and his brother's daughter-in-law was worried about her father. I told Yandel that I would contact Frank Fiorini to determine

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"if Frank could help them because Frank knew many people in Cuba. Yandel never requested me to get in touch with Fiorini and I never contacted Fiorini in regard to Yandel's problem.

" I have read the above statement of 5 pages and it is true the best of knowledge and belief.

"/s/ Benjamin B. Klein

"Witnesses: Lemuel W. Kerr, Special Agent,
FBI 7-25-60
Marvin E. Steffen, Special Agent, F.B.I., 7-25-60."

KLEIN recalled that he moved to Norfolk in about 1941, from New York City, at which time he got acquainted with ANGELO FIORINI, father of FRANK FIORINI. KLEIN said that he worked with ANGELO FIORINI at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia, during the early 1940's and later became acquainted with FRANK FIORINI.

KLEIN said that FRANK FIORINI was a former policeman on the Norfolk City Police Force and that in 1951, FRANK FIORINI secured KLEIN a job as a bartender in a bar and cafe on Bank Street, near City Hall Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia. KLEIN identified this establishment as Cafe Society. He said that he had found FRANK FIORINI to be completely honest and trustworthy and considered FRANK FIORINI to be a true friend.

KLEIN said that FRANK FIORINI left Norfolk approximately three years ago to take a job in Key West, Florida, as manager of a night club, which business arrangement did not "pan out" to FIORINI's satisfaction and while he was in Florida, staying in Miami, FIORINI reportedly attended meetings held in the Miami area by agents of FIDEL CASTRO. KLEIN said that he understood

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that these meetings were open to the public. KLEIN said that FIORINI's uncle, name unknown, reportedly disappeared during the Batista regime in Cuba.

KLEIN recalled that when FRANK FIORINI returned to Norfolk from this Florida trip, he was very secretive and did not discuss his activities with KLEIN. KLEIN recalled that FIORINI said he was keeping up with the Cuban events by reading the local newspapers. According to KLEIN, FRANK FIORINI suddenly disappeared from Norfolk, this being just before the Castro-Cuban Revolution. KLEIN said that he had not corresponded with, or been in contact with, FRANK FIORINI since his disappearance except on the occasion when FRANK FIORINI stopped off in Norfolk, approximately five or six months ago. KLEIN explained that this was the occasion when FIORINI was en route to Washington, D. C. for Immigration hearings regarding FIORINI's citizenship.

KLEIN said that he occasionally saw FRANK FIORINI's wife, who resides in Norfolk and is employed at the Thomas Nelson Coffee Shop as a waitress.

KLEIN recalled that on occasion when he (KLEIN) visited FRANK FIORINI at the Delmar Motel, a local newspaper reporter, JACK KESSNER, was present during the interview. KLEIN said that he understood that KESSNER was preparing some articles, or writing a book, on FIORINI's life. During the conversation, FRANK FIORINI said he joined with FIDEL CASTRO not knowing that CASTRO had any Communist affiliation; however, after CASTRO's forces were successful in overcoming BATISTA followers, there followed many executions of BATISTA followers. KLEIN said that FIORINI claimed that he tried to persuade CASTRO not to execute these people. According to KLEIN, FIORINI said that after determining that CASTRO had actual dealings with the Communists, he (FIORINI) tried to contact U. S. officials and offer to co-operate. According to KLEIN, FIORINI contacted the U. S. authorities when he was in Washington, D. C. with CASTRO on CASTRO's official visit to this country. KLEIN said he did not know which

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agency FIORINI contacted but he thought it was the FBI or the State Department. KLEIN further advised that FIORINI claimed that he was presently acting as a military adviser to DIAZ LANZ who, according to FIORINI, "is not through". KLEIN said that FIORINI expressed great confidence in DIAZ LANZ's ability to oust CASTRO and his followers from Cuba.

KLEIN reiterated the fact that he knew of no efforts on the part of FIORINI or anyone to recruit men in the Norfolk area to participate in any revolutionary or counter-revolutionary action in Cuba. He explained that because of his being a friend of FIORINI, he felt that if FIORINI was going to recruit anyone he would ask KLEIN and KLEIN stated that he has not been asked anything about recruiting, nor has he had any discussion with FIORINI about recruiting or participating in any way in connection with the Cuban revolutionary activities.

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leaving KLEIN recalled that FIORINI claimed that after his leaving the CASTRO movement, the CASTRO government had offered him a Three Million Dollar contract to return to Cuba as Public Relations Director; however, this was declined by FIORINI. KLEIN stated that he later read in the paper where JOE LOUIS had accepted a similar job for \$274,000.00 per year. KLEIN claimed that all the information he knows concerning FIORINI's activities was obtained by reading newspapers; however, he did state that Mrs. FRANK FIORINI probably knew more about FRANK's activities than anybody else in Norfolk, although he had not discussed this with her.

KLEIN said that many of the employees in the Overhaul and Repair Department at the Naval Air Station (NAS), Norfolk, were aware of his friendship with FRANK FIORINI and oftentimes these employees would ask him questions about FIORINI. KLEIN recalled that on one occasion, he brought a photograph of FRANK FIORINI to work with him and showed it to some of the employees to prove that he was well acquainted with FIORINI.

KLEIN stated that he has frequently talked with a number of his fellow employees concerning FIORINI and the Cuban situation but that he has never mentioned recruiting anyone. He stated that he does not recall ever having heard the name of DeRONE and that he never mentioned anyone by that name.

KLEIN stated that he recalled when the U. S. servicemen were captured by the CASTRO revolutionary forces but that he does not believe that FIORINI had anything to do with that. He stated that FIORINI never mentioned this incident to him. KLEIN stated that he has not discussed any counter-revolutionary activities in Cuba with other employees but that he recalls that an employee, whose name he does not know but who works in the Crank Shaft Shop of the Overhaul and Repair Department, NAS, said that he would like to have an adventure like that. He stated that this conversation took place while they were talking about FIORINI's activities in Cuba. According to KLEIN, this individual said that he was having trouble at home and might contact FRANK some day. He described this individual as age 33-34; stocky build; blonde hair. He stated he does not know of any military background this individual has. KLEIN stated that this individual has talked to him several times concerning FIORINI and the anti-CASTRO movement but he does not know if this individual is actually interested in Cuban affairs. KLEIN stated that he considered the entire conversation "small talk".

KLEIN stated that FIORINI never offered any plans or suggested what he intended to do but said they were going to bring back constitutional government to Cuba. He stated that FIORINI did not mention any arms supply. KLEIN stated that he knows of no source of arms intended for movement to Cuba. He stated that he read an article in a local paper about a cache of arms and ammunition being recovered on 38th Street, Norfolk, and that there was some comment among employees at the NAS as to whether or not this supply of arms was intended for anti-CASTRO forces.

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KLEIN stated that he never heard of anyone offering to furnish information to any Cuban authorities regarding anti-CASTRO activities.

KLEIN stated that when he saw FIORINI he asked FIORINI about ERROL FLYNN and FIORINI said he met FLYNN down in Cuba but said nothing more about him.

According to KLEIN, there has been no mention by him or anyone else in his presence of any offer to kill CASTRO or any payment for killing CASTRO. He added that he believes that in "small talk" it was mentioned that the anti-CASTRO forces would offer a nice sum of money to "knock CASTRO off".

KLEIN stated that he is not closely associated with Mrs. FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, also known as Mrs. FRANK FIORINI. He stated that she has only been to his home one time and that was with her husband.

KLEIN emphatically denied that he has ever said that FRANK FIORINI and/or his wife were recruiting personnel for a counter-revolutionary movement to the Cuban regime.

KLEIN also stated that he knows nothing about any Central or South American country having a group ready to go to Cuba.

KLEIN said that he recalls having made the statement that FIORINI must be out of the country at the present time but that he has no evidence of this. KLEIN also stated that he has not said that he would get in touch with FIORINI's wife in order to get FIORINI's address. He stated this would be unnecessary as he has FIORINI's address at his home, which FIORINI gave to him when they met about six months ago. KLEIN also stated that he has not agreed to write to FIORINI concerning anyone joining up with the anti-CASTRO forces. He stated that he recalled having talked with a man by the name of YANDEL who works in the same shop with him. KLEIN said

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that, according to YANDEL, his brother's son is married to a Cuban girl and that her father is in Cuba and they were worried about him. KLEIN stated that he told YANDEL that FIORINI, with his connections, might be able to help get the man out of Cuba and that he offered to get in touch with FIORINI concerning this matter in order to help these people.

When asked if he had ever made any statements concerning the blowing up of oil tanks in Cuba, KLEIN said that the oil supply tanks were a subject of general discussion among a group of NAS employees after a newspaper article appeared concerning them and that some of the employees said that it would be a good idea if they blew those oil tanks up. KLEIN stated that he did not recall having made such a statement, although he did not disagree with the idea. KLEIN stated that all of the talk about FIORINI and CASTRO activities at the NAS he considered to be "small talk" and that he now believes that several of the other employees attempted to lead him on in this "small talk" and that occasionally, in a joking way, some of them have called him CASTRO and/or FIORINI.

KLEIN stated that he does not know anyone named JAMES W. ORE, JULES FREEMAN, or MARIO KOHLY, nor did he recall hearing their names mentioned in conversations.

Date 8/2/60

BENJAMIN B. KLEIN, [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, came to the Norfolk Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised that he was very concerned over the possibility of losing his job because he was interviewed by the FBI concerning his acquaintance-ship with FRANK FIORINI.

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Mr. KLEIN reiterated the fact that he never recruited or made efforts to recruit men for FRANK FIORINI or anyone.

On 7/26/60 at Norfolk, Virginia File # [redacted]
by SA'S LEMUEL W. KERR & MARVIN E. STEFFEN:SG1 Date dictated 7/29/60

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NORFOLK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE 8/11/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/12 - 8/5/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, Aka. Frank Fiorini		REPORT MADE BY SA LEMUEL W. KERR	TYPED BY sc1
		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

SYNOPSIS: **XXX**

REFERENCES:

Report of SA WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN, dated 5/13/60, at Miami.

Miami letter to the Bureau dated 6/29/60.

Level of Classification **Conf.**

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Reason For Extension FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 **2**

Date of Review For Declassification **8/11/80**

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Efforts were made to locate JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR. in Norfolk on several occasions with negative results. It is to be noted that on 7/15/60, H. E. SUTTON, General Foreman, Norfolk & Western Railroad Company Coal Piers, Norfolk, Va., advised that the company was approving a leave request by ORE in which ORE requested thirty days leave to go to Cuba and help his wife's relatives who were entrapped by CASTRO. Efforts to locate ORE at his apartment between 7/15-21/60 were negative.

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On 8/5/60, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ORE was absent from his employment several days, approximately a week, but had returned to work. This informant said he had not determined if ORE was out of town during this absence. ~~Q~~

ORE will be interviewed in the near future.

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NORFOLK DIVISION:

At Norfolk, Va.

Will interview JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - INS, Miami (REGISTERED)
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Report of: SA LEMUEL W. KERR
Date: 8/11/60

Office: Norfolk, Virginia

Field Office File #: Norfolk

Bureau File #:

Title: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: BENJAMIN B. KLEIN, Norfolk, Va., furnished signed statement denying that he had been approached by the subject to recruit men for counter-revolutionary activities in Cuba. KLEIN said he knew of no efforts on the part of subject to recruit men in the Norfolk area.

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DETAILS:

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/11/60

FROM : SAC, MIAMI [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka
RA - CUBA
OO: MIAMI

Re Miami letter dated 6/29/60 and Norfolk letter to Director dated 7/30/60, captioned "ANTI - FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES; [REDACTED]"

Norfolk is requested to also report information obtained from KLEIN and any other information in Norfolk files pertinent to activities of FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS under instant caption.

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SA LEMUEL W. KERR

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On 7/12/60, informant furnished an oral report to SA KERR, which was later reduced to writing and was authenticated by informant on 8/5/60. This report is as follows:

"Norfolk, Va.
July 12, 1960

"Lloyd Kimmons said he talked James Ore on the previous Sunday at the N and W RR Coal Piers at which time Ore informed Kimmons that he, Ore, had gotten his leave approved for 30-day options. Ore told Kimmons that he had not taken any leave as yet because he had to get in contact with Frank. Kimmons said Ore probably meant Frank Fiorini the Norfolk man who fought in the Cuban Revolution on the side of Castro.

"Ore told Kimmons he, Ore, could fly small planes but not bombers or large planes.

"Kimmons said Ore told him that there was no others in his family except Ore and Ore's wife and for that reason he could go and join the Anti-Castro force with Frank.

"Kimmons said Ore told Kimmons that 'they' would take care of Ore's wife while he, Ore, was away fighting Castro. Ore told Kimmons that his wife (Mrs. Ore) would get along all right during Ore's absence.

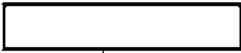
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"Kimmons said he was told by another N and W RR Company employee that this employee claimed he overheard Mr. Sutton, the foreman tell Ore that Ore's leave request had been approved. This employee told Kimmons that he overheard Mr. Sutton ask Ore when did he want the leave to begin and Ore told Mr. Sutton, he did not know because he (Ore) had to get in touch with a friend, which probably would be the last of the month (July)".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE AUG 18 1960	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/24-8/7/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka Frank Fiorini		REPORT MADE BY RICHARD B. KELLOGG	TYPED BY :nsh
		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA WILLIAM A. WIGHTMAN, dated 5/13/60, at Miami;
Bureau letter to Miami, dated 6/28/60;
Miami letter to Director, dated 6/29/60;
Letters to Director, from Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, 7/1 and 13/60.

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Will report under instant caption information pertinent thereto obtained during investigation into Cuban and [redacted]

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MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

- 1) Will follow and report on Immigration and Naturalization Service proceedings against subject.
- 2) Will maintain contact with United States Border Patrol and Miami informants for information concerning subject's activities.
- 3) Will attempt to describe subject's activities with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ.

It is noted DIAZ has been hesitant to discuss subject's activities in the past.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The [REDACTED] source mentioned herein is [REDACTED] who has been reporting to [REDACTED] concerning efforts of subject and PEDRO DIAZ LANZ to form expedition against Cuba.

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It is noted that RAYMOND NORRIS' bad health is very apparent and for that reason it is not probable he would be engaged in any activities which would be either materially or physically strenuous.

It is also noted that although NORRIS may not have been completely honest about his knowledge of subject's activities, he was not pressed too hard concerning this in view of his obvious bad health.

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Identity of Informant

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Report of: RICHARD B. KELLOGG
Date:

Office: Miami, Florida

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Field Office File #: Miami

Bureau File #:

Title: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Subject's pilot's certificate has been revoked by FAA and his appeal of the order expatriating him is still pending. One source stated subject has been inactive in anti-CASTRO matters recently and another said subject indicated he had had a misunderstanding with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, acquaintance of subject. Said subject has not discussed his activities with him but did say recently there are too many groups and ideas working against Cuban Premier FIDEL CASTRO.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated July 1, 1960, the United States Department of Justice advised that a review of material submitted to that department by the Federal Aviation Agency regarding subject's application for registration of aircraft indicated the facts in that matter were not sufficient to warrant prosecution of subject under Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1001 (Submission of False Documents).

By letter dated ~~July 13~~ ^{JUNE 8}, 1960, the U. S. Department of Justice advised that it had been advised by the Federal Aviation Agency that subject's pilot's certificate had been revoked by order dated May 26, 1960, by reason of the leaflet-dropping flight over Cuba in which subject was engaged in October, 1959.

On August 4, 1960, JOSEPH THURMAN, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS) Miami, advised that subject's appeal of the order expatriating him, due to his service in the armed forces of Cuba, is still pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington, D. C.

On August 4, 1960, TYLER C. WINTON, Special Details Officer, U. S. Border Patrol, Miami, advised that a source of that office, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning the activities of subject, recently advised that subject had been, to his knowledge, inactive in the anti-CASTRO field since his effort in conjunction with former head of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, to organize an expedition against Cuba in May, 1959.

On August 5, 1960. RAYMOND JULIUS NORRIS, Miami, Florida, advised SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG he was formerly from Norfolk, Virginia, and moved to Miami, Florida, in July, 1957. He said he first met subject in 1951 or 1952 when they served together in the Merchant Marines during the Korean conflict. He said he saw very little of subject from 1952 to 1954, that he worked with him for the North American Assurance Society in Norfolk during 1954 and 1955 and saw subject quite often when subject operated the White Hat Tavern in Norfolk.

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NORRIS said during 1957 subject seemed to take an interest in the political problems of Cuba, read

what he could about it, but to NORRIS' knowledge had no first-hand knowledge concerning it at that time. He said when he came to Miami in July, 1957, subject gave him an address, which supposedly had to do with Cuban Revolutionary Activities, and requested that NORRIS have people contact him there about joining him. NORRIS said the address turned out to be a vacant lot. He could only recall that the address was supposed to be that of a woman whose husband had been killed in Cuba and NORRIS believed subject got the address from a newspaper.

NORRIS said around August or September, 1957, he saw subject in Miami for a few minutes and subject asked about his contact at the above address and he told subject it was a vacant lot. He said he did not know what subject was doing in Florida at that time or how long he stayed.

NORRIS said he did not see subject again until the Spring, 1959, although he read of subject's exploits in the newspapers. He said when he did see subject, subject was in civilian clothes and with an unknown Cuban and they talked briefly but only about old times and nothing about subject's activities. He said he did not see subject after that until after reading about subject's break with CASTRO and his leaflet-dropping flight with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ. He said he has seen him possibly four or five times since then. NORRIS said he has a bad heart condition and some of those visits were sick calls on the part of subject, and on other occasions they have only discussed general matters and not subject's specific activities.

NORRIS said subject has never mentioned to him the formation of any expedition against CASTRO or the obtaining of equipment for same and has never asked him to engage in any such activities as he knows any exertion on his, NORRIS', part would be fatal to him due to his heart condition. NORRIS said he had jokingly spoken to subject concerning subject's exploits as reported in the newspapers but subject only passes it off without comment. He said only a few weeks ago he jokingly told subject he thought subject would be in Cuba by now and subject merely said something to the effect that there are too many different groups or ideas working against CASTRO.

NORRIS said he knows nothing of any attempt by subject to organize activities against the Government of Cuba, to recruit persons for such activities or obtain material for such activities other than what has been reported in the newspaper.

NORRIS said subject once gave him a card bearing subject's name and the name of the Inter-America Business Corporation. He said subject later indicated to him a desire to set up an import-export business between Cuba and the United States after CASTRO is ousted from Cuba, which business was to handle appliances, automobile parts and the like. NORRIS said he supposed that was the only reason for the formation of the corporation. He said he knew of no other reason for the corporation and had no information that the corporation was in any manner associated with anti-CASTRO activities.

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NORRIS said he would report to the FBI any information coming to his attention about subject's activities but doubted he would have such information since subject never discussed things with him.

On August 1, 1960, MM T-1, who has knowledge of both pro-CASTRO and anti-CASTRO activities in the Miami area, advised that Cuban exile ANSELMO ALLIEGRO, JR. recently went to the home of subject in an effort to obtain one of the uniforms subject and PEDRO DIAZ LANZ accumulated during the Spring 1960 when they were attempting to organize an expedition against CASTRO. According to informant, subject told ALLIEGRO he no longer has the uniforms, indicated that DIAZ LANZ had taken all of them and also indicated there had been some misunderstanding between him and DIAZ LANZ. The informant could not be more specific about his misunderstanding.



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Miami, Florida

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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The informant utilized in that report has furnished reliable information in the past.

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SA LEMUEL W. KERR

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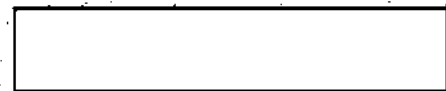
"Norfolk, Virginia
August 5, 1960

" Lloyd Kimmons said that James Ore, the N and W. RR employee, was away from work about one week but had returned to his job. Kimmons said he, Ore, had made no further comments concerning his intentions to go to Cuba or discussed this matter with Kimmons."

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REPORTING OFFICE NORFOLK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE 9/28/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/12-9/16/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, Aka. Frank Fiorini		REPORT MADE BY SA LEMUEL W. KERR	TYPED BY scl
		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

SYNOPSIS: ~~XXXXX~~

REFERENCES:

Report of SA LEMUEL W. KERR, dated 8/11/60, at Norfolk.

Report of SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG, dated 8/18/60, at Miami.

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Report of: SA LEMUEL W. KERR
Date: 9/28/60

Office: Norfolk, Virginia

File Number: Norfolk
Title: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR., Norfolk, Va., advised that he was acquainted with FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS and had met PEDRO DIAZ LANZ while he (ORE) was in Cuba. ORE claimed that he had not been approached by the subject or anyone in an effort to recruit him into a group, the purpose of which was to participate in hostilities either in the United States or in any foreign country. ORE said his wife's relatives resided in Cuba and he (ORE) was interested in assisting his wife's nephew in coming to the United States by legal means.

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DETAILS:

Date 9/21/60

JAMES WILLIAM ORE, JR. advised that he resided at Apartment 4, 125 Birmingham Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, and was employed as a helper-electrician on the 3:00 to 11:00 P.M. shift at the Norfolk and Western Railroad Coal Piers, Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. ORE said that he was a U. S. Marine Corps veteran, having served under Marine Corps Serial Number 373759. He advised that he had been employed by the City of Norfolk as a police patrolman in about 1951. He identified his wife as HILDA REYNALDOS, born in Puerto Rico and reared in Cuba. He said that his wife had relatives residing in Cuba. He identified his wife's relative as a brother, FRANCISCO REYNALDOS; wife, ESPRANZA. According to ORE, the REYNALDOSES have two sons, [redacted] Age 25, and [redacted] Age 23. ORE said the REYNALDOSES reside in Havana, Cuba and maintain a neutral attitude toward the political situation in Cuba. He explained that they did not exhibit pro or anti-Castro sentiments.

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ORE said that he travelled to Havana, Cuba in the Spring of 1960 and visited FRANCISCO REYNALDOS, who desired that ORE assist FRANCISCO's son [redacted] in his efforts to come to the United States. ORE said that FRANCISCO and other members of the family would like to see [redacted] age 23, come to the United States because of his possible entanglement in the political situation in Cuba at this time. ORE said that FRANCISCO REYNALDOS said he was "afraid that [redacted] would be killed". ORE said that he desired to aid [redacted] in coming to the United States by legal means only.

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On 9/14/60 at Norfolk, Virginia File # [redacted]

by SAs LEMUEL W. KERR and Date dictated 9/16/60
MARVIN E. STEFFEN:sc1

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ORE said that he knew FRANK FIORINI, having met FIORINI in Norfolk approximately three years ago. ORE said that FIORINI, at that time, was a bartender in Norfolk. He said that he visited FIORINI at the motel where FIORINI was stopping in Norfolk in the early summer or late spring, ~~1958~~. He said that he had received two or three letters from FIORINI since FIORINI's visit to Norfolk.

ORE said that FRANK FIORINI, also known to him as FRANK STURGIS, had never attempted to recruit him (ORE), or anyone to his knowledge, for the purpose of joining any group whose purpose was to participate in hostilities either in the United States or in a foreign country. ORE also stated that neither FIORINI nor anyone else had ever attempted to collect money or arms for a group whose purpose was to engage in hostilities either in this country or a foreign country.

ORE said that he met PEDRO DIAZ LANZ in Cuba and that PEDRO DIAZ LANZ had never attempted to recruit him or anybody else, to his knowledge, into a group whose purpose was to engage in hostilities. ORE advised that most of his knowledge concerning CASTRO and Cuba was obtained by reading the local newspapers.

ORE said that he would report any information coming to his knowledge that would indicate any agreement or conspiracy to commit violence in this country. ORE said that he did not know of any group or any individual in this country attempting to recruit arms or men for any counter-revolutionary movement in Cuba or any other foreign country.

ORE said that he was qualified to operate small aircraft but could not pilot multiple engine aircraft.

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ORE said that he had requested leave from his employer, the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, in order to attempt to assist his wife's nephew, [redacted] to obtain entrance to this country. He said that the purpose of the request for leave of absence was not to participate in any hostilities or join any group whose purpose was counter-revolution in Cuba.

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On 8/30/60, informant furnished an oral report to SA KERR, which was later reduced to writing, and was authenticated by informant on 9/24/60. This report is as follows:

Norfolk, Va.
August 30, 1960

" Lloyd Kimmons said that James Ore, Jr. was back to work at the N and W Railroad Coal Piers after having missed several days work.

Kimmons said he talked with Ore who told Kimmons he, Ore, had been sick and took a week off. Ore told Kimmons he had not received orders, therefore, he had not gone away on extended leave. Kimmons said Ore claimed he, Ore, was waiting to hear from Frank, then he, Ore, would make his move. Kimmons said he understood Ore to mean he had not received orders from Frank Fiorini."

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Reporting Office MIAMI	Office of Origin MIAMI	Date 10/27/60	Investigative Period 9/14/60 - 10/25/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka Frank Fiorini		Report made by RICHARD B. KELLOGG	Typed By Meg
		CHARACTER OF CASE REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Report of SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG dated 8/18/60,
at Miami.
Report of SA LEMUEL W. KERR dated 9/28/60,
at Norfolk.

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 interviewed by SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG.
interviewed by SA JAMES D. HAYES.

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Technicalities on which subject's expatriation case ordered reopened deal with fact that subject repeatedly took 5th Amendment to questions asked of him at previous hearing and PEDRO DIAZ LANZ did not testify on subject's behalf although he was supposed to have done so. Case was ordered reopened to hear testimony of those two persons which, according to the INS official handling matter, is very unusual and not according to precedent. It is noted that when SA KELLOGG saw subject at home of PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, subject was casually questioned about the status of his expatriation and without being specific he said he was rather confident that it would be taken care of and indicated it was being taken care of "in Washington."

Instant case is being closed in view of apparent inactivity on part of subject individually and in view of fact his only anti-CASTRO activity is apparently in conjunction with DIAZ LANZ whose activities are presently being reported in the case on DIAZ LANZ, organization, the CCC (Cuban Constitutional Crusade), and case on the unity group which includes his organization, the Liberation Alliance. Coverage of activities of PEDRO DIAZ LANZ and his organization will be followed in future in one or more of those cases so long as the situation calls for such coverage and it is believed such coverage will adequately cover subject. If situation so dictates, a separate case on subject will be reopened.

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Report of: RICHARD B. KELLOGG
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Title: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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Date of Review For Declassification 10/21/80

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

Inquiry indicates subject's only activities in anti-CASTRO matters are in conjunction with defected former head of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, PEDRO DIAZ LANZ. One source said he believed subject's anti-CASTRO activities are for financial and not ideological reasons. Another indicated subject is having financial difficulties. Subject's expatriation case reopened on technicalities and will be set for hearing in Miami in near future. X

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DETAILS: AT MIAMI FLORIDA

On September 14, 1960, while at the residence of defected former head of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, Special Agent RICHARD B. KELLOGG met one MAX VILA, who described himself only as a Cuban citizen and former member of the United States Marine Corps. He said he was a follower of DIAZ LANZ and resided at the home of subject whom he also described as a follower of DIAZ LANZ. During the course of the conversation it developed that subject's telephone had been disconnected for non-payment of his telephone bill and at that same time VILA volunteered that things were not going well for "them" financially.

On October 20, 1960, MI T-1, an American citizen with numerous contacts among the anti-FIDEL CASTRO element in the Miami area, advised he had heard of no recent activities on the part of subject in such matters. ✕

On October 7, 1960, MI T-2, an exiled Cuban who is active in and well versed on the anti-CASTRO movement in the Miami area, advised that subject is apparently still affiliated with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ and with the Liberation Alliance, an anti-CASTRO unity group of which DIAZ LANZ is one of the leaders. MI T-2 said he had heard of no activity by subject except in connection with DIAZ LANZ and expressed the opinion that he believes subject to be anti-CASTRO only for financial reasons and not for ideological reasons and doubted if he would engage in such activities at all if it were not to his benefit financially. ✕

On October 18, 1960, while being interviewed by Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR in another matter, subject expressed the opinion that the recent unsuccessful invasion of Cuba by a small force of men which resulted in the execution of several Americans and a number of Cubans was a foolish undertaking. He said such an invasion should never be undertaken unless the organization and material behind the move gave it a better-than-average chance of success.

On October 25, 1960, JOSEPH THURMAN, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, advised Special Agent KELLOGG that the Board of Immigration Appeals has ordered subject's expatriation case reopened on technicalities and it will be scheduled for hearing in Miami in the near future.

On October 25, 1960, Inspector EDWARD COLLETT, United States Border Patrol, Miami, Florida, advised Special Agent KELLOGG that his organization had obtained no recent information from sources available to it concerning activities on the part of the subject except that he is still associated with DIAZ LANZ.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

October 27, 1960

Re: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

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SALVATORE SAGGERE

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Attached for the Bureau are nine copies of letterhead memorandum re SALVATORE SAGGERE, one copy of which is furnished Charlotte, Newark, New York, and Philadelphia for information in the event the Bureau directs that investigation be conducted in these divisions.

The source referred to in the letterhead memo is

[REDACTED] who requested his identity be kept confidential because of his fear of possible bodily harm. [REDACTED] was interviewed upon request by SA's ISRAEL W. KERR and MARVIN S. STEFFEN. The original information is filed in instant file.

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During an investigation of another matter, U. S. Customs Agents casually advised SA STEFFEN that Customs had an informant who was in contact with [REDACTED]. It appears that SAGGERE may be identical to Customs Agent. INFORMANT.

No further investigation is being conducted unless specifically advised to do so by the Bureau.

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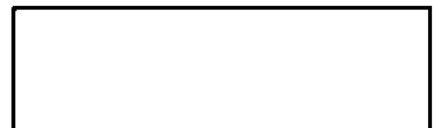
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Norfolk, Virginia

November 19, 1960

RE: SALVATORE SAGGESE

On November 16, 1960, a confidential source whose reliability has not been established because of insufficient contacts advised that one Salvatore Saggese (who was driving a 1957 or 1958 Cadillac automobile bearing 1960 New Jersey License ERH 907) was in contact with [redacted] in Norfolk, Virginia, on November 7-8, 1960 concerning the purchase of arms and ammunition for use in revolutionary activity in Cuba. This source described Saggese as a white male; 58-59 years old; 195-200 pounds; heavy build, approximately 5'8" tall; Italian.

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This source said [redacted] in company with a J. B. Beamon, contacted Saggese in Room 107, Saxony Motel, 22nd and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia. This source believed Saggese was registered at the Saxony Motel at the time.

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According to the source, [redacted] reportedly did not know Saggese before the initial telephone contact. Saggese had with [redacted] also, Saggese reportedly had [redacted] name and address when the first contact was made.

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The source said Saggese propositioned [redacted] to secure for him a million rounds of .30 calibre ammunition, 300 bazookas and 3000 bazooka shells, 600 Browning automatic rifles, and 600 Thompson sub-machine guns; to be delivered by Friday, November 11, 1960, to South Port, North Carolina. Saggese claimed these items would probably cost \$30,000 to \$35,000 and that [redacted] commission would be approximately \$1,500. The manner of payment was cash on delivery and the exact address in South Port, North Carolina, was to be agreed upon when the material was secured.

RE: SALVATORE SAGGESE

Saggese, according to the source, suggested that he was connected with a group in New York and vicinity known as "Greasy" who could supply Ore with "hot cars", "women", "junk" (dope), or anything that Ore needed. Saggese reportedly claimed he had a market for the arms and ammunition; however, the source was not sure whether the material was to be supplied to anti or pro-Castro forces.

Saggese reportedly told [] that another man, TONY De LORENZO of New York City, was supposed to come to Norfolk to obtain the above items but De Lorenzo could not come so he (Saggese) came instead.

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The source said Saggese gave [] a Philadelphia telephone number, FULTON 9-9239, and suggested [] contact him at this place. [] reportedly called the Philadelphia number and found it was a pool parlor in Philadelphia.

The source said [] claimed that Saggese, during his conversations, intimated he had connections who sounded to [] to be "tough" and would have no hesitancy in harming anyone.

The source said [] did not obtain the arms and ammunition for Saggese; however, [] reportedly has applied to the State Department for a permit to secure arms and ammunition for exportation. The source said [] claimed that if he obtained arms and ammunition and exported same, the operation would be legal and Saggese's proposition appeared to [] to be illegal and, for that reason, [] did not intend to have further dealings with Saggese.

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The source identified J. B. Beamon as an employee of Ott Manufacturing Company of Norfolk, who had no connection with Saggese. J. B. Beamon reportedly was a former purchasing agent for the U. S. Government, who has been in contact with [] concerning the obtaining of arms and ammunition for anti-Castro forces.

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RE: SALVATORE SAGGESE

The source identified [redacted] as a Norfolk resident, employed as an electrician by the Norfolk and Western Railroad in Norfolk, Virginia, who is married to a former Cuban resident. [redacted] reportedly has expressed a desire to obtain a leave of absence from his employment to participate in some activity in Cuba, supposedly to assist wife's relatives residing in Cuba.

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Re airtel Norfolk to Bureau 11/19/60 and letterhead memorandum enclosed.

JACK T. LACEY, Customs Agent in Charge of Investigations, Norfolk, advised Norfolk Office 11/29/60 and 11/30/60 that SALVATORE SAGGESE is a Customs enforcement officer, who was working undercover in the operation described. LACEY said J. B. BEAMON, referred to in the letterhead memorandum, is considered by him as unscrupulous; used name J. B. WILSON at times; is believed to have been once indicted for Office of Price Administration matter; is from Ahoskie, N.C.; and is known to North Carolina Highway Patrol as an "operator" and "con man".

LACEY asked if the source of our information would object to being contacted by Customs; however, [redacted] when contacted said he did not wish his identity to be disclosed, and LACEY was informed the source declined.

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Fiorini In Norfolk Last May

Mrs. Juanita Fiorini With Husband (Right) and His Father, Angelo Fiorini.

Fiorini's Wife Asks Divorce

NORFOLK — The wife of Norfolk soldier of fortune Frank Fiorini has filed suit for divorce on grounds of desertion.

A bill of complaint was filed Friday in Circuit Court by attorney L. Charles Burlage on behalf of 28-year-old Juanita Fiorini, who is currently working as a waitress in the Virginian restaurant.

The complaint lists the address of Frank Anthony Fiorini, 36, as "Guatemala (address unknown)."

It states that the couple were married May 11, 1956, and last lived together in Lafayette Shores.

"For some months prior to March 1, 1957, the defendant had expressed the desire to leave for the country of Cuba and to join with the forces of Fidel Castro," the complaint says.

"Notwithstanding the entreaties and requests of your complainant herein, the defendant did, on the 1st day of March, 1957, leave your complainant and without cause or justification left for the island of Cuba and joined the armed forces of Fidel Castro."

He has "continued since that day as a soldier of fortune," the complaint says, "and has not returned to live with your com-

plainant as his wife."

The complainant asks for a divorce a vinculo matrimonii.

After serving with the victorious Castro, Fiorini broke with him some six months after his overthrow of the Batista regime.

He is credited with being co-pilot of a plane that created an international incident by dropping anti-Castro leaflets on Havana in October, 1959.

Since that time, he is known to have been working with anti-Castro forces in Miami preparing for an invasion of Cuba which he said during a visit here last May "is sure to come."

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Fiorini on Anti-Castro Missions

He Went Back Three

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NORFOLK — Norfolk-born

Frank Fiorini slipped into Cuba three times last year on missions to rescue anti-Castro rebels, a national man's magazine says in its current issue.

Writer Alex Rorke Jr., in the lead article of the March issue of Argosy magazine, also says that Fiorini "is considered by all Cuban groups to (have been) the greatest soldier in the revolution against Batista."

The article—"First Report from Inside the Anti-Castro Revolt"—is mainly concerned in tracing the development and current status of anti-Castro forces in and out of Cuba.

But in so doing it pictures the colorful, 35-year-old Fiorini as being the most redoubtable field man of the group.

Rorke, who claims he himself has made several forays into Cuba for the purpose of making TV films of anti-Castro operations, credits Victor Manuel Papeque—"Diego"—as being the

leader of operations in the Escambray of Las Villas province.

And Diego, Rorke says, thinks of Fiorini as "worth fifty men in battle."

Rorke describes Fiorini as "an ex-Marine hero... he had gone to Cuba to fight for democracy there and had helped Castro. He left when he was unable to stem the Red takeover after the fall of Batista."

Rorke says the overall plan of the Cuban Freedom Fighters

(a group that includes many refugee Hungarian Freedom Fighters) is to establish an area they can hold against Castro forces and set up a provincial government that will be recognized by anti-communist countries.

Fiorini's mother, Mrs. Mary Sturgis, and a sister, Frances, live in the 900 block of Duke Street. His wife, Juanita, and father, Anthony Fiorini, are also living in Norfolk.

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Frank Fiorini

Citizenship

Restored After

14 Months

By JACK KESTNER

NORFOLK — Frank Fiorini's U.S. citizenship has been restored.

The colorful ex-Norfolkian had been under a deportation order since Immigration officials lifted his passport in Miami Jan. 21, 1960.

He was accused of serving as an officer in the Air Force of Fidel Castro even though he had long since split with the bearded Cuban dictator and was actively opposing him.

Fiorini, 36, lost an appeal of the decision in Miami but carried it to Washington and the Immigration Board of Appeals there.

In Miami today, he said by telephone that his lawyer had received a letter which said that "the applicant (Fiorini) is not subject to exclusion."

The letter, he said, was dated March 14 and was signed by Milton V. Milich, special inquiry officer for the Department of Justice.

Fiorini quoted Milich as writing: "The government has failed to establish by clear, convincing and unequivocal evidence

that he has lost his U.S. citizenship acquired at birth."

Milich added that "this order is final unless an appeal is taken by the district director of this service within five days."

Fiorini said that he was "extremely pleased" with the news but that it didn't come as a surprise.

"The Cuban Air Force 'appointment' they accused me of was a fake commission I was using in order to relay information on Communist activities to the U.S. consul," he said.

A current men's magazine describes Fiorini's activities as an anti-Castro leader, mentioning the fact that he had returned several times to Cuba on rebel rescue missions.

While declining for security reasons to discuss his activities in Cuba, Fiorini painted a grim picture of the Communist build-up.

"Castro has the strongest army in Central and South America," he said. "He's five times stronger than Batista ever was, and he's still building."

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FRANK FIORINI

"Extremely Pleased"

Fiorini thinks there's little chance of a coup d'etat or assassination from within Cuba since Castro has surrounded himself with a hard core of Communists.

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He also is strongly supported by the Chinese Communists, who have between 4,000 and 5,000 "technicians" there now and are sending regular shipments of rice to Cuba despite a famine in their own country.

"Cuba to Red China is what Formosa is to us," he said. "Each is an off-coast bastion of opposite forces, and neither side is about to give up."

Fiorini was asked about a story in a recent issue of the N.Y. Daily Mirror in which columnist John R. McBride says that "Various anti-Castro exile groups are bidding for his (Fiorini's) services. Each wants him to lead its invasion force."

Fiorini laughed and said that the report was "a bit overdone," but that the statement was a commentary on just what was wrong with the anti-Castro movement: too many groups working against each other.

Fiorini's mother, Mrs. Mary Sturgis, and a sister, Frances, live in the 900 block of Duke Street. His wife, Juanita, who is suing him for divorce, also lives here, as does his father.

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On 3/17/61, the informant furnished an oral report to SA KERR which was reduced to writing and was authenticated by the informant on the same date. The original of this report is as follows:

"Norfolk, Va.
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" Lloyd Kimmons was talking to Ore in January 1961 when they were talking about Frank Fiorini. Ore told Kimmons, Frank Fiorini's wife filed for a divorce but dropped it. Ore said she filed the divorce proceedings when Frank Fiorini was fighting in Cuba and would not keep her informed about his whereabouts. She dropped the divorce when Frank Fiorini began receiving lots of publicity. Ore said she probably thought he was going to be a 'big shot' and rich; therefore, she dropped the divorce. Ore said she had begun the divorce again claiming Frank Fiorini left her and went to Guatamala. Ore said Frank Fiorini's wife was making this up and claiming Frank was out of country when actually they didn't know Frank's whereabouts. Ore said this wasn't true because he talked to Frank Fiorini a few days before the newspaper article came out and Fiorini was in Miami, Florida. Ore said Fiorini had never been to Guatamala to start with and had been in Miami all the time.

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" Ore said some of the guys were coming to Norfolk to get some stuff. Kimmons said Ore implied that the guys had some connection with Fiorini. Kimmons had no idea what Ore meant by 'stuff'."

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Synopsis:

REFERENCES:

Report of SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG at Miami, 10/27/60.
Newark teletype to Miami and Director, captioned:
"Anti FIDEL CASTRO Activities," dated 12/15/60.
Miami teletype to Bureau and Newark, 12/16/60.
Seattle letterhead memorandum, 1/13/61.
Buairtel to Seattle, 1/16/61.
Miami letter to Bureau, 3/30/61.

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subject through informants and sources, it being noted that Bureau, in letter to Seattle and Miami dated January 16, 1961, informed that no additional investigation concerning subject should be conducted until an opinion is received from the Department.

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On December 13, 1960, subject told SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG that he was busily engaged, along with PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, in getting DIAZ LANZ' B-25 airplane in condition for use. FIORINI said that [redacted] the expense of readying the aircraft was being borne by [redacted] and that the future use of that aircraft would be controlled by that organization. [redacted] He said that he and DIAZ LANZ were then "rather inactive," since their contemplated use was only on "special missions" (not further described), but that both were satisfied with what they were doing. [redacted]

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Concerning these individuals' association with [redacted] Miami, indicated that [redacted] had an unidentified interest in the activation of DIAZ LANZ' B-25 aircraft (possibly through the Frente Revolucionario Democratico ((Revolutionary Democratic Front - FRD)). [redacted] Concerning subject's association with [redacted] said: "He may think he is, but he isn't." [redacted]

Reference is made to Miami letter and letter-head memorandum dated December 29, 1960, captioned: "Anti-FIDEL CASTRO Activities [redacted] During interview of ALFREDO ALEX HERNANDEZ MERE, he informed that subject claimed that he was working in cooperation with [redacted] On December 15, 1960, [redacted] Miami, informed that their agency had previously received information that subject was making these claims, but that subject was acting on his own and was in no way connected with any [redacted] operation.

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By letter dated January 19, 1961, the Bureau informed that [redacted] by liaison, had informed the Bureau on January 6, 1961 that subject was in no way connected with [redacted]

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Reference is made to Bureau airtel dated January 16, 1961 to Seattle and Miami, pointing out that the Department was requested by letter dated December 16, 1960 to advise whether a thorough investigation were warranted and desired by the Department. It is noted that the Bureau pointed out, among other things, that no additional investigation concerning this matter should be conducted until an opinion is received from the Department. Miami, therefore, is conducting no active investigation concerning subject, but is reporting the information which has come to its attention through established informants and sources.

Complete information concerning the theft of the tugboat "Gil Rokie," from Miami on February 4, 1961 by some of subject's associates, was reported to the Bureau in report of SA JAMES D. HAYES at Miami, dated February 20, 1961 in case captioned: "KENNETH JOSEPH PROCTOR, et al, [redacted] Certain portions have been extracted from that report and appear in details of this report.

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Information copies of this report are being forwarded the Norfolk Office and WFO, inasmuch as they may be called upon at some future time to conduct additional investigation relative to subject's activities.

INFORMANTS

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MM T-1 is [redacted]

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report, and they were concealed only in those instances where identities must be concealed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM

This report is being classified "~~CONFIDENTIAL~~," since data reported from MM T-1, who is [redacted] could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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Report of: LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.
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Office: Miami, Florida

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Synopsis: On 12/16/60, a Miami source said approximately 20 individuals were staying at subject's Miami residence preparing for an independent invasion of Cuba. On 12/22/60, subject, who is also known as FRANK FIORINI, came to the Miami Office of the FBI and said he was only "making mischief" in connection with his activities. Subject claimed to be a member of the anti-CASTRO organization "FRD." On 1/9/61, a Miami source reported subject said he was going to form an organization known as the "International Brigade." Source reported subject had a camp located 40 miles from Miami, with MAX VILA, JR. in charge of the camp, occupied by 16 individuals. On 1/31/61, investigation disclosed camp site had been deserted by occupants. On 2/4/61, the tugboat "GIL ROKIE" was stolen from Miami by a group of individuals, some of whom were subsequently arrested by Dade County Sheriff's Office. Some of these individuals had been staying at subject's Miami residence. Source reported subject, on 2/26/61, had returned from what he described as an unsuccessful attempt to get into Cuba on an invasion. Newspapers reported subject's United States citizenship restored after he made appeal to INS, Washington, D. C. ~~X~~

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DETAILS:

On November 24, 1960, MM T-1, who has some knowledge of activities of an anti-CASTRO nature in the Miami area, who is personally acquainted with the subject, advised he had learned that subject had recently been in contact with former Cuban senator ANSELMO ALLIEGRO, who is now residing in exile in Miami, Florida. The nature of these visits is unknown. ~~C~~

On November 30, 1960, MM T-1 advised RAUL GONZALEZ of the anti-CASTRO group known as the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD), stated that subject was trying to get into that organization. Subject claimed to be a former Captain in the United States Marine Corps and has told many people he was in the armed forces of Cuba after January 1, 1959 at the insistence of the United States Embassy in Havana, so that he could furnish them information. ~~C~~

On December 8, 1960, MM T-1 informed that subject had attempted to recruit some of former Cuban senator ROLANDO MASFERRER's men, to come into subject's organization. Subject claimed that he wanted to send 300 men to Cuba. ~~C~~

On December 7, 1960, the United States citizens who were with MASFERRER, conferred with one of subject's representatives. Subject claimed he wanted to go to Cuba on or about December 15, 1960 or February 15, 1961. ~~C~~

It appeared to MM T-1, that subject's organization was cooperating with MASFERRER's group, and that they would go on an invasion with MASFERRER, but as an independent group. ~~C~~

On December 15, 1960, the New York Office advised that on that date JOSE FELIX HERNANDEZ, 408 Monastery Place, Union City, New Jersey, informed he received a telephone call that morning from his son in Miami. He identified his son as [redacted] of age, and said that he and five other Cubans and fifteen Americans were leaving on Friday or Saturday, December 16 or 17, 1960,

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by boat or plane, to travel to Cuba to fight against the Cuban Government of Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO.

JOSE HERNANDEZ said his son left for Miami approximately three months previously, and he could be reached in Miami at telephone MO 5-2151.

On December 15, 1960, [redacted]
[redacted] Union City, New Jersey,
furnished the following information to SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER:

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He was temporarily residing at 2080 S. W. 60th Court, Miami, Florida, Miami telephone MO 5-2151, which he said is the residence of FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, also known as FRANK FIORINI.

[redacted] explained that his father, JOSE FELIX HERNANDEZ GARCIA of Union City, New Jersey, is a member of and works with an anti-Communist organization known as the Frente Anti-Comunista Cristiano, which is under the leadership of LUIS CONTE AGUERO, a Cuban national and formerly a radio announcer in Cuba.

[redacted] stated that in September, 1960, he went to Santa Clara Province of Cuba from the United States to help coordinate an arms drop in that province. An airplane was to come to Cuba and drop a load of guns with a parachute at a pre-determined location between the city of Cienfuegos and the Escambray Mountains. The airplane did appear, made the arms drop over the city of Cienfuegos, the arms were captured by Cuban Government forces, and the operation was unsuccessful. [redacted] was later arrested and subsequently released and on October 7, 1960, returned to Miami, Florida.

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In Miami he stayed at the headquarters of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario located at 1410 Brickell Avenue, Miami, and headed by MICHEL YABOR. [redacted] explained that this organization is a Cuban revolutionary organization dedicated to the overthrow of the FIDEL CASTRO government in Cuba.

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[redacted] stated he subsequently became acquainted with a Cuban national in Miami, ARQUELES CHINEA, who about two weeks ago introduced him to FRANK FIORINI, who invited [redacted] to come and stay at FIORINI's residence.

[redacted] denied any knowledge of guns being stored at FIORINI's residence; classes being held in infantry squad tactics; plans of FIORINI's group for an invasion of Cuba; or plans of the group to test fire weapons located at this residence.

[redacted] stated that there are about 20 individuals residing at FIORINI's residence; some are Americans, others are Cubans. He did not know their names, but that two Cuban pilots recently arrived at the residence and continue to live there. [redacted] said that several of the Americans at FIORINI's house formerly belonged to the anti-CASTRO group of ROLANDO MASFERRER, a former Cuban senator; that he did not know from where the remaining individuals came.

[redacted] said he had no reason to believe that FIORINI's group is going to attack Cuba or that they are in any way connected with the Frente Revolucionario Democrático or the anti-CASTRO movement of CONTE AGUERO.

[redacted] stated it appears to him that FIORINI's group is not connected with any other group, but that FIORINI claims he is being sponsored and subsidized by the United States Government.

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[redacted] stated that although the group of individuals at FIORINI's residence wear military uniforms and talk about the present situation in Cuba, [redacted] doubts if FIORINI will launch any invasion of or expedition against the present Cuban Government.

[redacted] advised that he does not belong to FIORINI's group, had not attended any classes at the residence, and intended to return to Union City, New Jersey, in the near future.

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From observation and interview, the following physical description was obtained:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'5"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Education	Attended 8th grade
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted] Cuba
	Admitted into United States October 1, 1955. Alien Registration [redacted]
Marital Status	Single
Parents Father	JOSE FELIX HERNANDEZ GARCIA [redacted] Union City, New Jersey
Mother	MARIA DOLORES MERE, deceased
Occupation	Embroidery machine operator
Employment	Unemployed
Nationality	Cuban

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On December 16, 1960, MM T-1 furnished the following information:

Subject has a house in Miami, and has a total of approximately 20 young Americans and Cubans residing there, preparing for an independent invasion of Cuba. The group has M-1 rifles and carbines, .45 caliber pistols, and uniforms. Subject claimed to have automatic weapons, not at this residence.

His group does class work in infantry squad tactics, and planned to practice firing the weapons on December 15, 1960, in the Miami vicinity.

Subject planned to send his group to get certain vaccine shots this week.

One ALLEN (Last Name Unknown), an American, visited subject on December 15, 1960, and claimed he, ALLEN, had just returned from Cuba with a boat he used to transport a load of arms to Cuba, and that the boat was being repaired, at that time. Subject claimed his group would leave Miami in one or two weeks on the same vessel to carry out an attack on Cuba.

During the past three weeks, subject had recruited approximately five Americans from groups maintained by ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, former Cuban senator and newspaper publisher now residing in exile in Miami.

Subject had been in contact with ANSELMO ALLIEGRO for a donation of money to buy two boats to transport this group to Cuba. ALLIEGRO had not contributed up to that date.

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During the past week, subject's men were hungry and solicited food donations from Cuban grocery stores in Miami. ✕

Subject has been seen at different Cuban hang-outs, soliciting support. ✕

MM T-1 said he considered subject to be an unreliable braggart, not capable of an expedition, who during the past year has claimed on frequent occasions he would attack Cuba in the immediate future. ✕

On December 21, 1960, PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, and his brother, MARCOS, were interviewed by SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG.

It is noted that PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ is presently residing in exile in Miami, and was formerly Chief of the Cuban Air Force during the regime of Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO, but subsequently fled from that country. His brother, MARCOS DIAZ LANZ, was Inspector General of the Cuban Air Force; however, this individual also fled, and is also presently residing in exile in Miami.

These individuals while being interviewed in connection with another matter, furnished the following information:

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PEDRO DIAZ LANZ' B-25 is almost ready to fly again, and he explained his mission as follows:

It is noted he is now associated with the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD). He will transport in his plane and be a part of a "truth team" which will start a tour of Latin America in the near future. The team will be composed of representatives of Cuban students, labor, etc., and its mission will be to answer questions about, and preach, the truth about, the Cuban revolution. It was not clear whether MARCOS would accompany him.

Concerning recent activities of FRANK FIORINI, they indicated FIORINI has had about 14 boys living with him in the recent past. These boys were not named, but MARCOS indicated some were Cubans who quit jobs in New York City, to go to Cuba, and fight, some were Americans who came to Miami to get into the fight against CASTRO. Both MARCOS and PEDRO avoided inquiries relative to whether or not FIORINI had recruited this group or how they happened to join in FIORINI's home. MARCOS indicated he had told the boys they were wrong in what they wanted to do; that such a thing was useless. Both PEDRO and MARCOS said the idea of this group's fighting CASTRO has been forgotten and a number of the boys have returned to their homes. Both indicated they had told FIORINI the idea was no good, and nothing would be gained, and both said they would again impress FIORINI with that idea. They said to their knowledge the group did not have a name and was not really organized enough to have a name and has now been forgotten.

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Date December 28, 1960

FRANK FIORINI, aka FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, 2080 S.W. 60th Court, Miami, Florida, telephone MO 5-2151, was interviewed voluntarily. FIORINI furnished the following information:

He claimed that he was only "making mischief" in connection with his recent activities. He said he was going out and doing "nothing" and upon being asked to clarify these statements, said that he had been going out on the outskirts of Miami during the recent past; that he has engaged in certain training and body building exercises in order to keep himself and his friends fit for combat.

FIORINI said there were ten or eleven youthful individuals presently residing at his residence and he admitted that they had had previous discussions which principally concerned military tactics. He said these individuals were interested in going into Cuba for invasionary purposes, but frankly admitted he had no definite organization, and that it had no name; that he was providing room and board for these individuals at the present time, but that all of them would be gone by the end of 1960. He said he could not state where this group might go.

He said he is actually a member of the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD), and that PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ is also in this organization. FIORINI formerly owned a B-25 aircraft which is presently undergoing modifications and repairs at the L. B. Smith Aircraft Corporation, Miami International Airport. He claimed to have signed papers which placed the ownership of the B-25 aircraft in the name of PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ.

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On 12/22/60 at Miami, Florida File # Miami b3
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He said that he thought that DIAZ LANZ was planning to use this plane in connection with some peace mission throughout Latin America and he was uncertain as to whether he would or could accompany DIAZ LANZ, explaining that he has been stripped of his United States citizenship and that the matter is in such a state at the present time that he feared if he departed from the United States he would not be able to return.

Concerning military exercises, FIORINI said the group residing at his residence have no automatic weapons. He claimed to possess a .45 caliber automatic pistol, and a Garand rifle, which he stated are his personal property.

He frankly admitted he has talked to the group at his residence of going on a military mission to Cuba. He claimed plans never got beyond the talking stage, and stated certainly he is not going to engage in any activities which would place him in violation of any United States laws.

FIORINI said he presently receives a \$19.00 monthly disability pension from the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., which was granted to him as a result of an injured shoulder ligament. He did not divulge where he is getting additional funds for self-support nor for the support of the other individuals residing at his residence.

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On December 14, 1960, MM T-1 informed that the following individuals formerly allied with former Cuban Senator ROLANDO MASFERRER have now joined with subject in an anti-CASTRO endeavor:

"The Hawaiian"
(true name unknown);

JESSE PULLEY;

ROBERT ROSTALLON;

(FNU) BUCKLEY;

GUS (LNU);

"LITTLE BOBBY"
(who was identified as a person previously in jail in Guatemala).

MM T-1 identified the individuals above as United States Citizens staying at subject's house, as well as a few Cubans.

On December 24, 1960, DANIEL VASQUEZ QUETO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Miami Beach, Florida, telephoned SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER and advised that several weeks previously he was visited by subject who stated he had 200 men ready to go to Cuba and that he was interested in making them available to VASQUEZ for an invasion. VASQUEZ replied that if subject really had these men, he should list their names, dates of birth, and present whereabouts. Subject agreed to do this. VASQUEZ loaned subject some money and subject never returned.

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VASQUEZ, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities during the past four years, said he considered subject dishonest, unreliable, that he has a bad reputation, and VASQUEZ does not believe that subject has any significant number of men and plans to have nothing to do with him in the future.

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On December 24, 1960, MM T-1 furnished the following information:

Subject was at that time cooperating with Comandante DIEGO, whose true name is VICTOR PANEQUE. PANEQUE was a Major in the Cuban Revolutionary Army of FIDEL CASTRO; however, he subsequently fled and now resides in exile in Miami, Florida.

PANEQUE's group has a boat which broke down in the Bahamas, approximately two or three weeks previously. The group planned to use this boat for a movement of men and arms to Cuba from the United States. Subject has stated that PANEQUE gave him an area of operation in Cuba. PANEQUE allegedly has a group of men located in that area, and that when subject arrives with a group on an invasion, he and PANEQUE will cooperate.

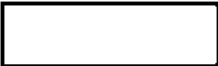
Subject said he would go to Cuba with 20 men, each man carrying arms for 3 other persons in Cuba, who will join their group. Subject appeared anxious to go to Cuba and had given no indication of plans to abandon his operations or discontinue his revolutionary activities.

Subject continues to have and maintain approximately 20 men at his residence, eight or ten of them being United States Citizens.

ALLEN MC DONALD, who at one time was in the Dominican Republic, will be the subject's representative in the United States after subject launches his invasion. Subject said he would leave in approximately ten days.

Subject has been conducting classes of a military nature. The subject's group has uniforms, M-1 rifles, and .45 caliber pistols.

On December 29, 1960, MM T-1 furnished the following information:

 Captain LEE NAPIER of the Miami Police Department called subject in for an interview and told him if his group continued to frequent the Swinging Door Bar, located at S.W. 7th Street and 27th Avenue, Miami, Florida, he would have them arrested and see that they got jail sentences on vagrancy charges. ~~X~~

Subject appeared to be nervous and said his group will have to carry out its activities quietly because the United States Government does not want any American mixed up in Cuban affairs. Subject has wanted to take his group to the Bahamas prior to an invasion of Cuba. At that time the subject's group was low on food and supplies. ~~X~~

On January 3, 1961, MM T-1 furnished the following information:

Subject has been attempting to have his group go to the British West Indies at a camp allegedly under the control of VICTOR PANEQUE, but as of that time had not been successful. Subject received a long distance telephone call from an individual named CARTWRIGHT (phonetic); however, subject was not at home at that time and did not talk to this individual. One of the individuals at subject's house said there was a person with a comparable name who owned a ranch in Oriente Province, Cuba, and it was possible that this was the individual who had called subject. ~~X~~

On January 4, 1961, MM T-1 furnished the following information:

Subject said he was contacting VICTOR PANEQUE's men in order to get a training camp, but that these individuals appeared to be stalling, claiming that they had to rest, as they had been out of the United States for 27 days and needed a rest. ~~X~~

Subject was contacted by an individual who offered to take some of his men to Cuba. The identity of this individual is not known. One half of the group would have to go without arms. Subject's men appeared to want to go, but the entire matter was call off for some unknown reason. ~~X~~

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It appeared that subject's group had also contacted someone who has a boat, but subject's group appeared reluctant to talk about the matter. ~~X~~

On about January 2, 1961, subject was able to raise \$65.00 for food. Three of subject's recruits had three M-1 carbine rifles belonging to the subject. Of the three rifles, one jammed and one blew up. These are some of the rifles which were to be used when subject invades Cuba. ~~X~~

On January 5, 1961, MM T-1 reported that subject did not appear at that time that he was going to take his men to Cuba in the immediate future. Subject said that things have been temporarily delayed, but he did not give a reason. ~~X~~

On January 9, 1961, MM T-1 reported that subject had lost the lease on his residence at 2080 S.W. 60th Court. It is not known when he will have to move. ~~X~~

On January 9, 1961, MM T-1 informed that on January 8, 1961, subject, ALEX RORKE, and ILONA MARTITA LORENZ were to meet that evening and attempt a unity meeting of anti-CASTRO Cubans. This unity meeting was sponsored by LUIS CONTE AGUERO, one of the leading anti-CASTRO Cubans. ~~X~~

ALEX RORKE is a free-lance writer and photographer and LORENZ is the daughter of an American woman, ALICE LORENZ, who resides at [REDACTED] New York City; telephone RE 7-9774. According to a newspaper article furnished by a Mrs. NIEMOELLER of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, Miami, Florida, LORENZ became pregnant by FIDEL CASTRO and when she was five and a half months pregnant an abortion was performed. FIDEL CASTRO reportedly paid all of the bills.

MM T-1 informed it appeared that RORKE and LORENZ were going to join the anti-CASTRO movement of subject. ~~X~~

On January 10, 1961, LORENZ was interviewed by SAs ROBERT JAMES DWYER and DAVID C. SPINGLER at which time, among other things, she furnished the following information:

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She met ALEX RORKE several days previously and through him met the subject, whom she had previously met in a Havana Hotel when subject was wearing the uniform of a Captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Army.

RORKE left for Guatemala on January 9, 1959, to write a story about the invasion force that would invade Cuba. During the time RORKE was in Miami, he stayed at the residence of subject.

LORENZ said that subject is friendly and working with Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH and VICTOR PANEQUE, leaders in the Anti-CASTRO organization known as the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionario de Cuba (MIRR).

LORENZ said subject is in contact with CHIRI MENDOZA, a wealthy Cuban exile, and that subject had invited LORENZ to go on an expedition with him to Cuba because of her propaganda value.

LORENZ stated she declined subject's offer and wanted to obtain employment in Miami, but she said she was giving consideration to returning to her mother's residence in New York City.

On January 13, 1961, CARLYSLE BEAN, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Washington, appeared at the Seattle Office of the FBI at which time he furnished the following information:

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He stated that upon returning home from work on January 2, 1961, his son WILLIAM CARLYSLE BEAN, age 23, discharged from the United States Marines in June of 1960, as a Sergeant, stated he had received a letter from one of his Marine Corps buddies on this date. He said that as a result of the letter, he almost left for Miami on that date. He showed the letter to his father, and as far as BEAN could recall, the contents were as follows:

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An Anti-CASTRO Counterrevolutionary Force was being formed in Miami. It planned to enter the mountains of Cuba and act as a guerilla force. The force consisted of 12 Americans and the remainder were Cubans. The leader of the American force was a FRANK FIORINI and the outfit was called "Brigata Internacional." It further stated that if they succeeded in overthrowing CASTRO, they would be rich, if not, they would be dead. It concluded with the instructions to come to 2080 S.W. 60th Court and display the letter.

BEAN stated he had attempted to talk his son out of this and requested his son to contact the FBI. His son refused and Mr. BEAN stated that he would contact the FBI. His son voiced no objection. BEAN added that after being apprised of the letter, he heard his son speaking on the telephone with another former Marine Corps buddy and from the snatches of the conversation, he was of the opinion that his son and his buddy were planning to go to Miami.

BEAN did not ask his son the identity of the letter writer. BEAN was of the opinion that this Counter-revolutionary Force was planning to get to Cuba by air.

On January 19, 1961, William CARLYSLE BEAN was interviewed by SAs J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN and EDWARD J. GARBERS of the Seattle Office. At that time he furnished the following letter which he had received in the mail on January 14, 1961. This letter reads as follows:

"Jan 10, 1961

"My old dear companyero BILL,

"This is the 'Tongue,' your old soldier of fortune buddy from Pathfinder. How by thy body? I'm doing good. Since I've been out I've received \$100.00 a month from Uncle Sam, 50% war-time disability for my back and leg. I told you I'd make out.

"Now dig! I belong to a anti-Castro counter-revolutionary force here in Miami. We are going to go into _____ mountains in Cuba as a guerilla force. There are twelve of us Americans the rest of course, Cubans.

"COME AND JOIN UP! enclosed is the address. I am under FRANK FIORINI (my leader). Our group is called 'Brigada Internacionala.'

"We can use good men. If we succeed in overthrowing Castro we'll be rich, if not, dead.

"Come to 2080 SW 60th Court and show the letter. (come soon and I'll be here) I know you have the guts, so hurry. If you have a good man or two bring him also.

"Please hurry! I'm writing TONY J. and HALSEY GREEN also!

"I'll close now, till then my good friend,

/s/ "BOB ROSTALLON, alias

"DURG' 'ROSY' 'BURNT HORSE' and better known as 'The Tongue'."

The envelope containing the letter gave a return address of "BOB ROSTALLON, 2080 SW 60th Ct., Miami, Florida." It was postmarked Miami 5, Florida, January 10, 1961. On the rear of the envelope there was "Phone No. Mohawk 52151."

BEAN stated that he knew ROSTALLON, TONY W. JOHNSON, and HALSEY GREEN while members of the First Marine Division, Force Recon. He was of the opinion that JOHNSON and GREEN were still members of the United States Marine Corps.

He described ROSTALLON as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	5'11"
Weight	170 lbs.
Complexion	Light
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown

He stated that ROSTALLON had broken his back twice while parachuting. He advised he knew of no one named FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS or FRANK FIORINI.

On January 11 , 1961, MM T-1 furnished the following information:

On January 9, 1961, ALEX RORKE left for Guatemala and had camera equipment which he left at subject's house. RORKE said he was going to see the President of Guatemala, who allegedly had offered RORKE a site to train men for an attack against FIDEL CASTRO. RORKE stayed at subject's house while in Miami and before leaving Miami, he telephoned New York and asked for \$50.00 additional expense money.

Subject said he was going to form an organization known as the International Brigade and that he would place ALEX RORKE in charge of the New York office and information service as a cover for an intelligence operation.

Subject said RORKE told him he would send money to Miami to open an office in Miami and would try to obtain a deal in Guatemala for arms. Subject and RORKE have talked about an anti-Communist international organization, which will give money to RORKE to start subject off on anti-Communist activity. If subject is successful, he will get more financial support.

RORKE has a card saying he is an anti-Communist member and claims there are representatives all over the world. RORKE was expected to return to Miami on January 13, 1961.

On January 11, 1961, subject went to visit Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH and VICTOR PANEQUE at S.W. 6th Street and 9th Avenue, Miami, Florida. These individuals allegedly are cooperating with subject. One of the leaders in BOSCH's group is a Cuban known as GUAJIRO, a former Lieutenant in the Cuban Navy. This individual went to a camp with subject on January 11, 1961. This camp is located approximately 40 miles from Miami and reportedly is the same one used by subject during the past year. BOSCH and PANEQUE are aware of the location of this camp. GUAJIRO claims that PANEQUE went to Cuba on a boat and that the group is supplied with military equipment and ammunition. ~~X~~

MAX VILA, JR., is in charge of the camp established by subject. VILA reportedly was in contact with CARLOS HERNANDEZ, 102 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, telephone EL 4-0059. ~~X~~

Subject's camp reportedly had a total of 16 individuals therein, after the arrival of nine individuals on the previous day. It was believed that these individuals might depart from this camp or from Miami with VICTOR PANEQUE on a military expedition. ~~X~~

On January 19, 1961, J. MORRIS MEHL, Broward County Sheriff's Office, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, informed SA KENNETH D. SCHEIWE that on the previous day his office had received a call that an airplane had gone down about one-fourth mile north of 22nd Street and about one-half mile east of Power Line Road, Northwest of Pompano Beach, Florida. During a subsequent investigation in that area, the patrolman had noted a group of 12 to 18 men dressed in old army fatigues, camped in the woods. These men were observed to have a large supply of food, a .45 revolver, and a .22 caliber rifle. The patrolman further reported this group of men was questioned at length by officers of the United States Border Patrol. The patrolman further reported he believed these men to be anti-CASTRO Cubans.

Subsequent investigation was made by SA SCHEIWE at which time a camp site was located in this area, which is a swampy unimproved area away from any highways or improved roads.

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The camp consisted of two tents. A search of the camp revealed two fire arms, a Webley Mark 6V1 .45 caliber revolver and a bolt action .22 caliber rifle. There were also located maps and aeronautical charts of Florida and the Gulf of Mexico.

The three following individuals were located and interviewed on January 19, 1961, at the camp site:

ROBERT EDWARD ROSTALLON;

JAMES PETER HENRI;

AUGUST JOSEPH ANDREW BACHOT, JR.

SA SCHEIWE visited this camp again on January 23, 1961, at which time an individual who had a Marine Corps identification in the name ROBERT EDWARD ROSTALLON, was interviewed along with his companions JERRY BUCHANNON and ROBERT LEROY WILLIS.

On January 20, 1961, JOHN BROPHY, Broward County Sheriff's Office, informed that the owner of the property where the camp is located is EDWARD D. SMITH, local Manager of the Florida Power and Light Company. BROPHY said he had interviewed SMITH at which time SMITH said he had given this group permission to use his land for a camp site. BROPHY said SMITH indicated he was in sympathy with this anti-CASTRO group and SMITH had indicated his contact with the group was through PEDRO DIAZ LANZ.

The following are results of interviews of the individuals identified above:

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An individual, who claimed he was ROBERT EDWARD ROSTALLON, born [redacted] Moran County, Michigan, and who claimed he could be contacted through his aunt and uncle, ELOISE and DON LEWIS, [redacted] Miami, Florida, was located at the encampment, north of 24th Street, between Power line Road and Dixie Highway.

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This individual was advised he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him. He was advised of his right to legal counsel.

ROSTALLON stated he had been previously interviewed by the Border Patrol at Big Pine Key while in a training camp of MASFERRER.

ROSTALLON stated he had helped set up this camp about one week ago. He identified the individuals who had assisted him in setting up this camp as GUS, ROBERT TURNER and (FNU) KELLY. He claimed he could not further identify these individuals.

He claimed he enjoyed outdoor life and the only reason he was at this site was to enjoy outdoor life and camping. He stated he was interested in fighting Communism and was willing to fight Communism in Cuba or anywhere else. He claimed as his motive the fact his brother had been killed by Communists in Korea.

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He stated that he as well as the others in his group had the permission of the owner of the land to camp at this site. He stated permission had been granted to FRANK FIORINI. He stated he has known FIORINI for the past three months and indicated he had great confidence in the honesty and ability of FIORINI.

ROSTALLON stated he did not know how much longer he would be at this site. He denied this camp was being used as either a military training site or as a staging area for an invasion of Cuba. He denied there were any arms at this camp other than a .22 rifle and a Webley Mark VI revolver. He did state he would go to Cuba and fight alongside the anti-CASTRO groups there if given the opportunity and arms.

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An individual who identified himself with Florida Operator's License Number 414599, indicating his name was JAMES PETER HENRI, born [redacted] at Raysal, West Virginia, resident address [redacted] Florida, was located at the encampment, north of 24th Street, between Power Line Road and Dixie Highway. He stated his current resident address is [redacted] and that he can be contacted through his employer, the Allrite Sanitation Company, 1108 Southwest 8th Street, Miami, Florida.

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He was advised he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him. He was advised of his right to counsel.

HENRI stated he was one of about 12 Americans who belonged to a group in Miami who had a mutual interest in getting to Cuba to fight alongside the anti-CASTRO forces. He claimed this group had no name. He identified the leaders as FRANK FIORINI, aka., Frank Sturgis, and an ANGUS MC NAIR.

HENRI denied this camp was being used for training or for a staging area, anticipating an invasion of Cuba. He stated the only arms in the camp were a Webley Mark VI revolver, which was his property, and a .22 caliber rifle.

HENRI stated he knew of no plans calling for the landing of an airplane at this site. He stated the pilot of the aircraft which landed at this site on January 18, 1961, was unknown to him. He stated the passenger was one of the group he previously described, but that he did not know this person by name.

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HENRI stated neither he nor any of the group had been offered any money for fighting in Cuba. He stated he has, in fact, contributed about \$100.00 to the group in the form of food which he brought to the camp. He stated the group had been instructed by FIORINI that in the event they got to Cuba, there would be no pillaging and that crimes against the population would be dealt with severely. He stated he had been told that if the counter-revolution was successful the group would be allowed to live in Cuba and would be given businesses or positions in the new government. HENRI stated he was aware of the fact that if he was successful in getting to Cuba his chances of remaining alive were very slim; however, if he died he would go down in history.

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An individual who identified himself with Selective Service System Registration Certificate, Selective Service Number [redacted] in the name of AUGUST JOSEPH ANDREW BACHOT, JR., born [redacted] at New Orleans, Louisiana, was located at the encampment, north of 24th Street, between Power Line Road and Dixie Highway. He stated his current residence is 2080 Southwest 60th Court, Miami, Florida, and that he was last employed by FRANK FIORINI, of that address as a landscaper.

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He was advised he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him. He was advised of his right to legal counsel.

BACHOT stated the only purpose he had in being at this site was to enjoy the camping. He denied this camp was being used as a training camp or as a staging area for an invasion of Cuba. He stated the only arms at the camp were a .22 caliber rifle and an old revolver.

BACHOT indicated that he had a great deal of respect for FIORINI and would follow FIORINI. He declined to make any comment regarding any intentions he had of fighting alongside the counter revolution in Cuba.

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An individual who claimed he was JERRY BUCHANAN, born [redacted] at Transylvania County, Virginia, and whose address was the Springs Motel, 3543 Northwest 36th Street, Miami, Florida, was located at the encampment, north of 24th Street, between Power Line Road and Dixie Highway. He stated he was last employed by the N & H Florist Service, Norfolk, Virginia. He claimed to have served under Serial Number [redacted] in the United States Army from November 4, 1954 to November 19, 1957, and to have received an honorable discharge. He identified his father as JAMES FILSON BUCHANAN, 2030 Windy Road, South Norfolk, Virginia.

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He was advised that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him. He was advised of his right to legal counsel.

He advised he had arrived at the encampment on the night of January 22, 1961, with the two companions who currently lived there. He declined to comment on what transportation was used or who brought them to this site. He stated it was his intention to fight Communism in Cuba, if and when he could get to Cuba. He stated he belonged to no group but admitted he was acquainted with FRANK FIORINI. He stated that to his knowledge there was no training going on at this camp and that he had no knowledge it was to be used as a staging area for an invasion of Cuba.

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An individual who claimed he was ROBERT LEROY WILLIS, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, was located at the encampment north of 24th Street, between Power Line Road and Dixie Highway. He claimed his current residence was at 2080 Southwest 60th Court, Miami, and that he had served in the United States Army under Serial Number [redacted] being discharged under other than honorable conditions. He identified his parents as PERCY WILLIS and EMMA SCHARF WILLIS, 6513 South Damen Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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WILLIS was advised that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him. He was advised of his right to legal counsel.

WILLIS stated he was last employed as a landscaper by FRANK FIORINI. He stated he had arrived at this camp at about 3:00 PM, January 22, 1961, with his two companions currently at this camp site. He stated all three of them had been brought to the camp by an individual known only to him as ANGUS. He stated this camp had been described to him as a training camp but that he had witnessed no training at this camp.

He stated it was his hope to get to Cuba to fight alongside the anti-CASTRO forces on that island. He stated he had been promised nothing for his efforts. He expressed confidence in FRANK FIORINI and believed FIORINI would in some manner see that he got to Cuba. He denied any knowledge of how or when FIORINI would do this but stated FIORINI would not violate the Federal Law and that they would go to Cuba from some site other than the United States.

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WILLIS stated he had come to Florida several months ago from California with the express purpose of trying to get to Cuba. He stated the only arms in camp were a .22 caliber rifle. He stated he had no intention of violating the laws of the United States or to conspire to do so.

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An individual who exhibited a United States Marine Identification Card identifying himself as ROBERT EDWARD ROSTALLON, United States Marine Corps Serial Number [redacted] and a Selective Service System Registration Certificate in the same name with Selective Service Number [redacted] indicating he was born [redacted] was located at the encampment, north of 24th Street, between Power Line Road and Dixie Highway. He stated his current residence was 2080 Southwest 60th Court, Miami, Florida. He identified his parents as BOOTS and MABEL ROSTALLON, 103 Hook Street, Wakefield, Michigan. He stated he was last employed by FRANK FIORINI as a landscaper.

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He was advised that he was not required to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him. He was advised of his right to legal counsel.

He stated that in all likelihood the individual who had previously claimed to be ROBERT EDWARD ROSTALLON was an individual known to him as JESSIE. He stated he had previously known this individual when both he and JESSIE had been associated with an organization of MASFERRER. He claimed he could not further identify JESSIE, but that he had previously suspected him of stealing identification from him.

ROSTALLON stated he was interested in getting to Cuba to fight alongside the people of the counter-revolution. He described himself as a "soldier of fortune". He claimed he had been promised nothing for fighting with the counter-revolutionists. He stated he was no longer affiliated with the MASFERRER group because he was convinced MASFERRER was not trusted by the Cubans and that he, himself, had lost faith in MASFERRER.

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He expressed great confidence in FIORINI, both as a man and as a military leader.

ROSTALLON stated he was not aware of any training going on in this camp. He stated that he had no knowledge this camp was to be used as a staging area for an invasion of Cuba. He further stated he had no plans to go to Cuba, direct from the United States, but did hope to end up in Cuba. He declined to amplify this statement.

ROSTALLON claimed to have an acquaintanceship with the individuals recently captured in the harbor of Havana. He stated this group had formerly been associated with MASFERRER, had become disillusioned, and had left the Keys in a boat, without arms, hoping to get to Guatemala to join anti-CASTRO forces there.

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On January 31, 1961, SA KENNETH D. SCHEIWE, through observation, determined that all of the individuals had departed from the site of the encampment located north and west of Pompano Beach, Florida. It was further noted that all of the camp equipment had been removed from the site. Fresh tire tracks were noted in the camp area and because of recent rains, the tracks could not have been more than 24 hours old and were possibly made on the morning of January 31, 1961.

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On January 11, 1961, MM T-1 furnished the following information: Subject has a camp in West Pompano Beach, Florida. It could be reached by driving on West Dixie Highway to Northwest 24th Street, then proceeding west a considerable distance. The land is owned by ED SMITH of the Florida Power and Light Company, who reportedly gave permission to subject to use the site as a training camp. ~~X~~

Subject was reportedly in Tampa with VICTOR PANEQUE and Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH of the anti-CASTRO group known as Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionario de Cuba (MIRR). An individual named ANGUS MC NAIR said that PANEQUE has a boat at Tampa which was being repaired. Subject and BOSCH reportedly were planning a joint venture to take a group to Cuba from Florida the following weekend. ~~X~~

ALEX RORKE returned to Miami on January 16, 1961, and on January 18, 1961, left for New York. RORKE claimed to have talked to the President of Guatemala concerning subject's International Brigade and the Guatemalan President reportedly offered subject training facilities and was to send a man to Miami for further conversations with subject and VICTOR PANEQUE. ~~X~~

RORKE said he was shown some former training sites used by Cubans in Guatemala. In New York City RORKE reportedly would contact a Mr. SPELLER, a publisher connected with the anti-communist international organization of one Colonel (first name unknown) GREEN. RORKE said this organization has in it an Admiral who was formerly an aide to former Vice-President of the United States RICHARD NIXON. RORKE said the organization was to have a ~~X~~

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ball in Washington, D. C. or New York, and that the profits therefrom might be sent to Miami to subject's International Brigade. Subject continues to maintain his Miami residence; six men are residing there and subject planned to take all of them to camp for training on January 20, 1961. ~~X~~

On January 19, 1961, MM T-1 furnished the following: An individual known as KEN PROCTOR and other individuals whose identities are not known at this time have discussed a plan to steal a boat from 35 to 42 feet in length and go to Matanzas, Cuba. ~~X~~

Three of subject's men, (First Name Unknown) KELLY, FRANK PATTON and "The Havanan" reportedly have been involved in a breaking and entering, as well as an armed robbery. On one occasion these three individuals allegedly broke into a bar and stole a Winchester radio and a Zenith radio. ~~X~~

On January 18, 1961, VICTOR PANEQUE said he and ORLANDO BOSCH were in Jacksonville, Florida, testing some radio equipment, and that the transmitter operated satisfactorily when tested. These individuals have said they will use this radio equipment for communications when they go to Cuba. ~~X~~

Subject has stated that the expedition would be a joint enterprise between himself and BOSCH. The first group reportedly would go to Pinar del Rio, Cuba, under the command of an individual known as GUAJIRO, whose true name is MARCIANO BELLO; the second group reportedly would go to the same place under the command of subject. Another group would then reportedly go to Oriente Province. ~~X~~

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On January 23, 1961, MM T-1 furnished the following: MARCIANO BELLO reportedly was in Georgia testing some radio equipment for the MIRR. He plans to return to Miami, and will go to a camp for a few days and then to Cuba on the expedition. In Cuba coordinators will reportedly meet them; then through the radio BELLO will arrange for an air drop of arms, and the coordinators will send men to take up these arms. BELLO claimed to have access to arms, boats and airplanes. He also claimed to have aid from the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD) or a member group of the FRD. ~~X~~

Subject claimed he wanted to establish the International Brigade, having one regiment in each province of Cuba. ~~X~~

On January 24, 1961, MM T-1 said subject expected ALEX RORKE to return to Miami that date. RORKE has taken propaganda films of subject's training camp, showing the men going through some of their exercises. ~~X~~

On January 25, 1961, MM T-1 reported that subject had knowledge that an individual named KEN PROCTOR was planning to go to Cuba on an expedition. Subject contacted PROCTOR and offered him a position of Lieutenant if he would join subject. PROCTOR reportedly accepted the offer. PROCTOR reportedly did take a 68-foot yacht called the "MARY ANN" located at Haulover Beach. The owner of the vessel reportedly did give the boat to PROCTOR, then several days later reported it stolen. The owner reportedly did not want the boat back. ~~X~~

On January 30, 1961, MM T-1 informed that during the past few days an anti-CASTRO Cuban named NINO DIAZ visited subject and brought a note from PEDRO DIAZ LANZ. ~~X~~

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DIAZ LANZ, in this note, reportedly asked subject to unite himself with the FRD. Subject refused and said that although DIAZ LANZ is his friend, he does not take orders from him. ~~X~~

On January 31, 1961, MM T-1 reported that subject's invasion vessel, which was in need of mechanical repair, now appeared to be in satisfactory condition, and subject's expedition appeared ready for departure. ~~X~~

On January 31, 1961, MM T-1 advised that arrangements were made by KENNETH PROCTOR to steal the tugboat located on the north side of the 36th Street Causeway adjacent to a dredge which is being used in the construction of the Julia Tuttle Causeway (36th Street, Miami). ~~X~~

Reportedly, PROCTOR and his group of six Americans and one Cuban have in their possession fatigue uniforms, combat boots, medicinal supplies, and some weapons (several pistols and a rifle). ~~X~~

They plan to take with them to Cuba the Cuban individual because he reportedly has the contact in Cuba, and this is to serve as a safeguard against a doublecross. ~~X~~

Some of the group have been on the tugboat and have ascertained that the watchman for this boat is currently in Tampa, Florida, and the captain of the tugboat leaves each evening around 5:00 p.m. The tugboat ~~X~~

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does not need a key to operate it, and it is only secured by ropes tied to the dredge. The tug boat is described as 35 feet in length, approximately four years old, very light in color, with two grey marine engines. It is estimated as having a maximum speed of fourteen miles per hour, and a range of 900 miles with a tank full of fuel. ~~X~~

According to MM T-1, consideration is also being given to taking with them four other individuals, including ALEX RORKE, BOB ROSTALLION, DICK WATLEY, and another individual, not named. ~~X~~

Plans called for the tug boat to take all eleven men to Pinar del Rio Province, deposit the six men, and then proceed to Guatemala with RORKE and his group of three other men. Thereafter, according to MM T-1, RORKE had made arrangements for the superstructure of the boat to be changed by the Guatemalan Government and then be used to shuttle arms from Guatemala to Cuba. ~~X~~

According to MM T-1, RORKE had recently conversed at great length with the President of Guatemala and other officials of the Guatemalan Government, and had received their expressed approval for this operation. ~~X~~

On January 31, 1961, MM T-1 advised further that PROCTOR and his men will be a part of and represent FRANK FIORINI's anti-Communist International Brigade, and in this connection will wear a shoulder patch in the shape of a shield, black and gold, with a skull and cross bones thereon. The name "La Brigada Internacional" (International Brigade) will also appear on this patch. ~~X~~

On February 1, 1961, the "Miami Herald" reported that the six American men who trained in Miami to fight

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CASTRO received sentences to thirty years in a Cuban prison for crimes against the state.

On February 1, 1961, MARK AMSDELL, [redacted] [redacted] telephone Highland 6-2171, personally appeared at the Miami Office of the FBI, and advised SA DAVID C. SPINGLER that he had been in contact with KENNETH PROCTOR and (First Name Unknown) GEE, who lived at the Hotel de Cuba, 35 N. W. 17th Court, Miami.

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AMSDELL stated that GEE and PROCTOR were believed by him to be backed by former Senator ROLANDO MASFERRER, and that they belonged to a group which purportedly planned to invade Cuba.

AMSDELL stated he took GEE to a dredging boat located on Biscayne Bay at 36th Street, where they were trying to obtain employment; however, AMSDELL was of the opinion that GEE and his associates would attempt to steal this boat.

AMSDELL stated he last saw GEE on January 31, 1961, at which time GEE indicated "they" would be leaving the United States immediately. Further, "their" intent was to join with the counterrevolutionaries in the mountains of Cuba, not further identified. He also indicated that GEE informed him, AMSDELL, that someone, not further identified, had loaned "them" a boat, which they would use to reach Cuba.

AMSDELL concluded he did not know if these individuals had left Miami or not; however, he would notify the FBI immediately upon the receipt of additional information concerning this matter.

On February 1, 1961, MM T-1 advised that five Americans and one Cuban, members of KENNETH PROCTOR's

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group, and three men from FRANK FIORINI's group, were in the vicinity of the Hotel de Cuba, Miami, during the early morning hours of February 1, 1961. They were planning to leave at that time for an invasion of Cuba; however, at a last minute attempt to obtain arms at about 2:00 AM, February 1, 1961, they stopped at the home of LORENZO MATA SILVA, 817 S. W. 6th Street, Miami, former Cuban Senator-elect during the 1958 elections under the BATISTA regime, and who is currently residing in Miami and active in anti-CASTRO activities in Miami, Florida. X

MATA informed them he had no arms and did not know of any which were available at that particular moment. PROCTOR explained to MATA that he and his group would leave without arms. X

At this moment, MATA made an offer to PROCTOR, indicating there were two men, not further identified, from the Escambray Mountains of Cuba in Miami at that time. He stated these men had either one or two boats, and sufficient arms for 250 men. MATA explained that these men planned to leave Miami for Cuba on the evening of February 2, 1961. X

MATA volunteered that if PROCTOR and his group desired to accompany these two men taking arms to the Escambray Mountains in Cuba, that they would be welcome. X

MATA further stated, according to MM T-1, that PROCTOR and his group would not have any chance of survival if they decided to land in Cuba without arms. Because of this, the group decided to lay over one more day in Miami, and then proceed with the two Cubans and arms to Cuba. X

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PROCTOR and his group then returned to FRANK FIORINI's residence, 2080 S. W. 60th Court, Miami. These men were identified as KEN PROCTOR, HENRY or HARRY JOHNSON, ROBERT ROSTALLION, DICK WATLEY, ALEX RORKE, BOB WILLIS, and an individual named MILLS. The identities of the other individuals associated with this group were not known by MM T-1 at this time. ~~C~~

On February 2, 1961, Detective Sergeant CHARLES SAPP, Miami Police Department, advised that he had been informed by A. W. HARRIS, owner of tug boat and dredge operating on the 36th Street Causeway, Miami, that the tug boat and dredge had both been tied very securely, and would be difficult to be taken without arousing suspicion. Further, Sergeant SAPP advised that WILBUR GEE was operator of the tug boat for this company for approximately four months, and was capable of piloting the boat to Cuba; also, that if the boat were made inoperative by disengaging some part of the motor, GEE was also capable of locating and fixing this trouble within a matter of a very few minutes.

On February 3, 1961, MM T-1 advised that FRANK FIORINI had purchased seven rifles, .303 Enfields, and 500 rounds of ammunition, at the National Gun Shop, Miami. The rifles cost \$13.00 each, and a total bill of \$107.00 was paid for in cash by FRANK FIORINI. ~~C~~

Also, FRANK FIORINI had made available to KENNETH PROCTOR some patches of the International Brigade, previously described in this report. ~~C~~

According to MM T-1, although PROCTOR and his group had had numerous delays in their plans to invade Cuba, through desperation PROCTOR planned to leave Miami on an expedition to Pinar del Rio area, Cuba, shortly ~~C~~

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after 11:00 PM, February 3, 1961. Plans included theft of the tug boat by the Americans, and it was believed that the six Americans and one Cuban would participate in this invasion. ✕

At 3:00 AM, February 4, 1961, Sergeant SAPP advised as he was in company of the U. S. Border Patrol and the Harbor Patrol of the Miami Police Department, the following occurred.

At 12:20 AM, February 4, 1961, a light blue 1954 Ford or Chevrolet sedan arrived at the R. A. Brinkman dredge located on the North side of the Julia Tuttle Causeway (36th Street), Miami. Approximately seven or eight men were believed to have been unloaded.

At 12:30 AM, the tug boat "Gil Rokie" was observed by the authorities to pull away from the dredge. Immediately upon this observation, the police announced to the tug boat to stop, and fired two warning shots into the air. Simultaneously, the Harbor Patrol boat chased after the tug boat. After several shots were fired by the Harbor Patrol, the tug boat ran aground at Bay Point and 43rd Street, approximately 150 yards off-shore, Miami, Florida.

Individuals aboard the Harbor Patrol boat, including two Patrol Inspectors of the United States Border Patrol, reportedly observed a light from the tug boat which they believed was the result of shots fired from that boat.

Three of the occupants aboard the tug boat jumped overboard and attempted to get to shore. One succeeded and escaped, and the other two were arrested in the water. Also, the two remaining men on the tug boat were captured.

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Sergeant SAPP advised upon questioning the four men, they ascertained the tug boat had been stolen for the purpose of going to Cuba to fight FIDEL CASTRO and the Government of Cuba. At this time, according to Sergeant SAPP, these four men also admitted that they had held a gun on Chief Engineer J. C. JOHNSON while they tied him up and took the boat.

The four men were charged with armed robbery (maximum sentence - life imprisonment) and with grand larceny (maximum sentence - 20 years).

A pistol and other evidence found were retained as evidence by the Miami Police Department.

Sergeant SAPP advised on February 4, 1961, that the "Gil Rokie" was floated off a sand bar with the assistance of another tug boat, and released to the custody of its owner, at approximately 12:00 Noon, February 4, 1961. The value of this boat, according to the owner, was approximately \$50,000.00.

The individuals under arrest were:

KENNETH JOSEPH PROCTOR,
28 years of age,
United States citizen;

KENNETH GIRARD WOODLAND,
27 years of age,
United States citizen;

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GUILLERMO HERRADA TORNA,
22 years of age,
Cuban citizen;

HARRY CHRISTENSON JOHNSON,
24 years of age,
United States citizen.

According to Sergeant SAPP, immediately prior to the arrest, arms and other unidentified objects were believed to have been thrown overboard and were in the process of being recovered.

On February 4, 1961, one rifle and one .45 automatic had been recovered by the Miami Police Department.

Sergeant SAPP also advised that according to information received from the Harbor Patrol, the "Gil Rokie" left its mooring adjacent to the dredge, crossed the main channel of the intercoastal waterway in an Easterly direction, and then changed its course 180 degrees and ran aground on a sand bar approximately 150 yards off Bay Point.

On February 7, 1961, MM T-1 advised that the automobile of (First Name Unknown) MC NAIR, Coral Gables, a 1954 Chevrolet sedan, very light green in color, badly oxidized, drove some of the men to the scene of the tug boat, in preparation for their invasion of Cuba. ~~X~~

MM T-1 stated that the group of FRANK FIORINI was moved during the early hours of February 7, 1961, from 2080 Southwest 60th Court to 2421 Northwest 7th Street, Miami. It was understood that FIORINI was forced to move from the 60th Court address for failure to pay back payment of rent amounting to more than \$2,000.00. ~~X~~

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The patches of the International Brigade were made for FIORINI at an emblem shop located in the vicinity of Southwest 1st Street and 22nd Avenue, Miami. X

One of the individuals being sought by the Miami Police Department in connection with the theft of the tug boat, is named "BUCKY" BUCHANNAN. It is believed this individual is wanted by the local authorities, Miami, for either violation of parole or passing of bad checks. According to sources at FIORINI's, BUCHANNAN has apparently left for his home some place in Tennessee.

Another individual who escaped from the tug boat into the water and was not picked up by the Miami Police Department is named BOB MILLS, who has been using the alias of BOB ANGEL. He was assisted out of the water at the time of his escape from the tug boat by a blond male individual, not further identified. Reportedly they escaped over a seawall in the vicinity of 40th Street, Biscayne Bay.

MM T-1 stated that GUILLERMO HERRADA, whom he identified as the Cuban associate with PROCTOR's group, was formerly at No Name Key, Florida, for a short period of time, undergoing training under the direction of ROLANDO MASFERRER; however, upon the arrival of some Americans, not further identified, at this key, HERRADA did not remain at the key. X

MM T-1 also advised on February 7, 1961, that FRANK FIORINI and ALEX RORKE, together with a number of other further unidentified individuals, planned to visit at 8:00 PM that evening, the home of CESAR ALONSO, [REDACTED] Miami Beach. X

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MM T-1 advised that in conversation with various members of PROCTOR's group, they did not consider themselves to be associated or in any way connected with ROLANDO MASFERRER, and, in fact, had no knowledge that ROLANDO MASFERRER knew about the planned expedition to Cuba until he probably read it in the newspapers. ~~X~~

It is not believed that ROLANDO MASFERRER or any of his close associates have been in contact with the group of Americans living in the Hotel de Cuba. ~~X~~

On February 7, 1961, Sergeant SAPP, Miami Police Department, advised that additional equipment had been located by them on the tugboat, including full field packs, first aid kits, food staples, blankets, and miscellaneous supplies. In addition, a shirt with the shield-shaped patch of the International Brigade, black lettering on yellow background, with skull and crossbones, together with green army fatigue uniforms, canteen belts, and combat boots similar to that of United States Army surplus, are now in custody of the police.

On February 7, 1961, Sergeant SAPP advised that local attorney HARRY PREBISH had received a request from an attorney, not further identified, in California to represent HARRY JOHNSON in an attempt to effect his release from jail.

On February 8, 1961, ELMO M. RAINBOLT, Chief Patrol Inspector, United States Border Patrol, informed that during the late evening hours of February 3, 1961 and early morning hours of February 4, 1961, Border Patrol Inspectors, accompanied the Miami Harbor Patrol, at the request of the Miami Police Department, on a surveillance of the tugboat "Gil Rokie." According to RAINBOLT, in an attempt to stop the tugboat, officers of the Harbor Patrol fired warning shots after the tugboat failed to heed the Patrol boat's siren. Several shots were fired by .22 rifle, .38 caliber pistol, and a shot gun using regular ammunition. It is unknown whether this warning fire

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was returned from the tugboat, according to RAINBOLT, and the crew on the tugboat attempted to run close to shore at Northeast 43rd Street, Miami, and ran aground. The men then attempted to escape by wading and swimming ashore. Four were arrested, and one individual, whose identity was unknown at this time, managed to escape.

After the tugboat ran aground, the individuals were observed throwing firearms over the side. The tugboat had field packs and ammunition (M-1) in quantity aboard.

The Cuban arrested on February 4, 1961, was identified as GUILLERMO HERRADA TORNA, 22 years of age, born [REDACTED] arrived Miami on October 3, 1960 as a refugee, has Immigration file No. [REDACTED] and was last known to reside at [REDACTED] Miami, Florida.

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On February 9, 1961, MM T-1 advised he had ascertained from conversations with individuals associated with PROCTOR's and FIORINI's groups, that three unidentified male Americans had participated in the theft of the tugboat and escaped from the police. X

On February 2, 1961, MM T-1 reported that subject and ALEX RORKE were residing at the Surrey Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. KEN PROCTOR reportedly was to leave that evening on a military expedition. However, subject warned PROCTOR to postpone his departure for one day until subject could get PROCTOR's group some guns. X

On February 2, 1961, subject informed SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER that NINO DIAZ recently visited him and

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brought a note from PEDRO DIAZ LANZ which stated that NINO DIAZ was going to an FRD camp and requested subject to go with NINO. Subject said he refused to go, that he would only go under the condition that PEDRO DIAZ LANZ also go. Subject explained that when he goes to Cuba he will go with his own group in an expedition, and would not go with the FRD.

Subject was questioned regarding KENNETH PROCTOR and said that PROCTOR was not in his group. After PROCTOR was described to subject and subject did considerable thinking, he said he thought he knew somebody who looked like KENNETH PROCTOR.

It is noted that on February 1, 1961, MM T-1 reported that KENNETH PROCTOR was residing with subject in subject's Miami residence.

On February 9, 1961, Detective Sergeant CHARLES SAPP, Intelligence Unit, Miami Police Department, advised SA JAMES D. HAYES he had been informed by Detective SALOMON J. HERBERT, Miami Police Department, that the occupants of the house at 2421 Northwest 7th Street, Miami, Florida, reportedly leased by subject, were moved from this address at approximately 2:00 A.M. on February 9, 1961.

The following individuals were among those who moved from this address:

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ROBERT LEROY WILLIS, [REDACTED]
Chicago

ROBERT EDWARD ROSTALLION

JAMES PETER HENRI
[REDACTED] Raysal, Virginia

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MACK VILA
Cuba [REDACTED]

DICK EDWARD WATLEY
[REDACTED] Long Beach

FRANK PATTON

ANGUS MC NAIR
Coral Gables

ANGUS MC NAIR's mother was interviewed by Detective HERBERT, and she indicated that she had not seen her son for approximately three days and was worried since this was most unusual. She stated that he owned and operated a 1954 Chevrolet, four-door sedan, light color, bearing 1960 Florida license 1-32476; the glass of the right tail light is broken on this automobile.

On February 16, 1961, DANIEL VASQUEZ, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Miami Beach, Florida, informed that according to his source subject and MAX VILA recently went to Cuba in the boat of VICTOR PANEQUE, also known as Comandante DIEGO. These individuals were reportedly in Pinar Del Rio Province. VASQUEZ said this report was confirmed when MARIA SALAZAR, a friend of VASQUEZ', received a telegram from Cuba, and in double-talk, confirmed these individuals safe arrival.

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On February 24, 1961, MM T-1 reported that subject had returned to Miami. ALEX RORKE reportedly said he had visited subject at a place unknown, possibly in the British West Indies, and that an individual named ALLEN MC DONALD said subject and PANEQUE had been waiting at a spot in order to go into Cuba. ✕

On February 27, 1961, MM T-2, who has some knowledge of activities of Cuban revolutionaries in the Miami area, informed that MIGUEL BOSCH, ORLANDO BOSCH's brother, said that BOSCH's group which had been out on an unsuccessful attempt to get into Cuba, had returned to the Miami area on February 26, 1961. MIGUEL BOSCH said that group had "flown" over Cuba, but had been unable to land for reasons unexplained by MIGUEL BOSCH. ✕

MIGUEL BOSCH said that subject was with the group which had also included VICTOR PANEQUE. BOSCH said they had maintained radio contact with the group from Miami. MM T-2 was unable to furnish any additional details concerning this expedition. ✕

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On March 1, 1961, MM T-1 furnished the following information:

On February 26, 1961, FRANK FIORINI returned from what he described as an unsuccessful attempt to go into Cuba with anti-CASTRO revolutionaries. FIORINI is now staying at the Surrey Hotel, Miami Beach. ~~X~~

FIORINI said he went to Cuba with a group of anti-CASTRO revolutionaries who were allied with ORLANDO BOSCH of the MIRR. FIORINI claimed he had gone to an island, but did not state the location. From the island, he and other anti-CASTRO revolutionaries were taken by airplane and flown down over Cuba on five or six occasions, and on each, tried unsuccessfully to land and join with other anti-CASTRO revolutionaries in Cuba. ~~X~~

FIORINI said the plane which had been used is an Aero Commander which belongs to some pilots whose identities are not known. This plane is capable of carrying seven passengers. FIORINI said the plane did not make a landing, but parachuted some arms and ammunition to anti-CASTRO revolutionaries, when it was found there were too many CASTRO militiamen in the landing area. FIORINI said the plane was to have landed in Oriente Province and that it went to the South Shore of Guantanamo. ~~X~~

FIORINI said that CASTRO has plowed a road along the beach of Cuba and has placed a small cuartel every ten miles along the coast, and that motorized units are patrolling between these cuartels.

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According to information received, the airplane is worth \$92,000.00, and ORLANDO BOSCH made a \$10,000.00 down payment on the aircraft on behalf of the pilots. The plane flew down over Cuba bearing the letters INRA on the underside of the wing. X

VICTOR PANEQUE, one of the top leaders of the MIRR, was sent on this expedition with FIORINI. It is not known how FIORINI managed to become allied with BOSCH's group. X

PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, according to FIORINI, has been trying to get the latter to go on a mission of various Latin American countries. FIORINI says he feels that DIAZ LANZ is more of a politician than he is a fighter, and that FIORINI's desire is to participate in the fighting for liberation of Cuba. X

It is known that FRANK FIORINI has lied about some of his activities when conversing with DIAZ LANZ. FIORINI said that DIAZ LANZ was supposed to have been upset when he learned FRANK FIORINI had gone on the expedition with BOSCH's MIRR group. X

On March 2, 1961, MM T-1 informed that an individual named RALPH EDENS, Miami telephone MO 7-8126, a young white male, had recently arrived in Miami and stated he had previously been in Norfolk, Virginia, where he had conversed with subject's sister. MM T-1 said EDENS indicated a desire to go to Cuba with subject on an expedition. X

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MM T-1 reported that subject went to New York City with ALEX RORKE two days previously. Prior to subject's departure, he had been seen with a large quantity of money. Subject was expected to return to Miami shortly. ~~X~~

On March 1, 1961, MAXIMILIANO VILA, also known as "Max" VILA, [redacted] Miami, Florida, informed that he had been friendly with subject and that while subject had spent several days at the above-described residence, he had subsequently departed, and VILA disclaimed any knowledge of subject's present whereabouts.

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During interrogation of VILA, it was noted he had an individual in his house who identified himself as ROBERT L. WILLIS, [redacted] Los Angeles, California. WILLIS said he was born [redacted] [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois and said he had only come to Miami recently. He identified himself as a "free lance writer" and said he was formerly a carpenter. He said his parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILCIE WILLIS, presently reside at 6513 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. WILLIS said he is an acquaintance of the subject, but also disclaimed any knowledge concerning subject's present whereabouts.

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On March 17, 1961, HUGO GONZALEZ LAJONCHERE, a former member of the July 26th Revolutionary Movement of FIDEL CASTRO, who at the time of interview was residing at the Paramount Hotel, Miami, Florida, and who has admitted defecting from the CASTRO regime, informed that he is acquainted with MAX VILA and had learned that VILA had moved from his 7th Street address

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and presently resides at [redacted]
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The March 2, 1961 issue of the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch", the "Portsmouth Star," late home edition for Norfolk, Portsmouth and South Norfolk, Virginia, contained an article captioned "He went Back Three Times," FIORINI Anti-CASTRO Missions." This article, among other things, disclosed that subject had slipped into Cuba three times during the past year on missions to rescue anti-CASTRO rebels, according to the March, 1961 issue of Argosy magazine. The writer of this article, ALEX RORKE, JR., pointed out that subject was considered by Cuban groups to have been "the greatest soldier in the revolution against BATISTA." RORKE described subject as "an ex-Marine hero.....He had gone to Cuba to fight for democracy and had helped CASTRO. He left when he was unable to stem the Red take-over after the fall of BATISTA."

The final home edition of the "Miami News," issue of March 14, 1961, contained an article reflecting that KENNETH PROCTOR, age 29, of Boston, Massachusetts, was tried and found guilty of having led a group in stealing a tugboat at gunpoint on February 4, 1961 at Miami. On March 14, 1961, PROCTOR was sentenced to one year in the stockade for the tugboat theft.

KENNETH WOODLAND, 28 years of age, of Cambridge, Massachusetts; HARRY C. JOHNSON, 24 years of age, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and GUILLERMO HERRADA, 23 years of age, a Cuban refugee, were sentenced by Judge GENE WILLIAMS, Criminal Court, Miami, Florida, on March 14, 1961 to six months each in the stockade.

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The March 18, 1961 late home edition of the above-described newspaper contained an article captioned: "Cuban Entanglement--FRANK FIORINI's citizenship Restored After 4 Months." This article, among other things, disclosed that subject had lost an appeal of the decision to deport him in Miami, Florida, but had carried his appeal to Washington, and Immigration Board of Appeals there. This article pointed out that subject said he had received a letter from the Department of Justice dated March 14, 1961, signed by MILTON V. MILICH, Special Inquiry Officer, who, among other things, wrote that the order was final unless an appeal was made by the District Director of Immigration and Naturalization Service within five days.

On March 27, 1961, JOSEPH THURMAN, Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, informed that the Miami Office of INS would not appeal the decision of the Board of Appeals in Washington; therefore, the subject has had his citizenship restored.

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Miami, Florida

APR 24 1981

Re: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., dated and captioned as above at Miami, Florida.

MM T-1 and MM T-2, mentioned in this report, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SA LEMUEL W. KERR

JERRY BUCHANAN
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On 6/5/61 Mr. WINN MOORE, News Director, Radio Station WNOR, Norfolk, made available a taped recording between Mr. MOORE and Mr. JERRY BUCHANAN. Mr. MOORE advised this tape could be disposed of when it had served its purpose.

Pertinent information from this tape is set forth below.

Mr. MOORE advised BUCHANAN he understood he was recruiting men for FIORINI. BUCHANAN stated, "Right". BUCHANAN said he had not given anyone his phone number or address on account of fear of retaliation, when Mr. MOORE indicated he had not been able to reach him.

Mr. MOORE asked BUCHANAN where he could be reached. He said he was living with uncle in South Norfolk and said, "Guess you can have them (persons trying to contact him re above) contact me here - 5458619."

Mr. MOORE asked him what actually was he trying to do. He said, "Right now we are recruiting membership drive for the Anti-Communist International Brigade, and it's also a honorary membership and also an active membership. Honorary is only to show that you are against communism; in other words, that you are very strongly anti-communist."

BUCHANAN further stated that we (the group) have applications. You fill out the application. We (the group) take the application and put it on file in our files in Miami. A card is made out and sent back, stating you (person interested) are a member of the organization. He further stated, "If you wish to be an active member as far as the organization goes, if you want to become active in the combat force if you wish to do so, in other words,"

Mr. MOORE asked if there was any cost. BUCHANAN said only membership cost is 29¢ for two photographs and a 4¢ stamp to send it to Miami.

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BUCHANAN said you fill out application and send two photographs with application - send to Miami. One photograph is kept in file at Miami and the other photograph is put on card and sent back to one joining, stating he is member.

Mr. MOORE asked BUCHANAN who is supporting the organization. He said, "Major FIORINI is in charge of the organization." He said, "We have quite a few organizations backing us. He said they have the Anti-Communist Hungarian Group out of New York, Yugoslav Anti-Communist Group out of New York, a group from Peru, a group from Spain, one from Canada, and 3,000 men right now in Peru waiting for arms, etc., to begin the invasion again. He stated, "In other words, this time we want to make it up with a majority of Americans. American men are more apt to adopt at things like that."

Mr. MOORE questioned BUCHANAN about the possibility of losing citizenship by joining this group and attacking a foreign power. He said this was one thing everyone has to make their own decision on. He said, in other words, if it means losing citizenship to keep the Communists out of Western Hemisphere, he supposed they will have to lose it if they can't work it any other way. He said this group is not only for the Cuban situation; "it's for all of the communistic threat to the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. MOORE asked if he could be reached at above number at any time. He said no - could reach that day at this number after 3:30 p.m. to about seven o'clock.

Mr. MOORE questioned him about pay; he noted ex-Army men had contacted him and one had admitted having a prison record. BUCHANAN said, "This is strictly voluntary. There is no pay in it. The only thing we will promise, in other words, is that we will equip them with the most modern things we can get as far as weapons, good clothing, etc." He said again that there is no pay. He said, "Myself, since last September, I have traveled about 10,000 miles, and all of it's been on my own." He said no one has paid any expenses - recruiting by himself on his own.

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Mr. MOORE noted that ex-servicemen had shown interest in this group. BUCHANAN stated, "If they have military training, that's what we're after. If they do have military training, we don't have to put them through so much training."

Mr. MOORE asked if he could use this on radio, and BUCHANAN replied that he could. BUCHANAN wished to know when it would be on, and Mr. MOORE stated probably at 12:30 or 1 p.m., but they would probably only use parts of the tape.

Norfolk, Virginia

June 21, 1961

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Re: JERRY BUCHANAN

On June 6, 1961, a source, whose reliability has not been established due to insufficient contact, advised that Jerry Buchanan, address unknown, a recent returnee from Cuba, had commented that he was under the protection of the FBI because of his anti-communist activities. This source said that Buchanan reportedly made this comment to an acquaintance, Miss Pat Caraway, [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia.

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On June 8, 1961, this source, after having been advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had no connection with Buchanan and he was not being afforded protection for any of his activities, stated that Buchanan reportedly was connected with a group, the purpose of which allegedly was to fight communism. The head of this group was identified by the source as a former Norfolk resident, a Mr. Fiorini.

This source described Buchanan as a white male; aged approximately 29; 5'8" tall; light brown hair; medium build; known previous employment, Ketchner's Shoe Store, Norfolk, as a salesman.

On June 14, 1961, this source said it was learned that Buchanan contemplated joining another unknown person from New York, who is connected with the Anti-Communist International Brigade, and they were going some place in Florida that day.

This source said Buchanan had appeared on television in Norfolk and had been interviewed at local radio stations in connection with his recruiting activities in this organization.

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Re: JERRY BUCHANAN

On June 5, 1961, another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that Jerry Buchanan, during an interview with a representative of the News Department of a Norfolk radio station, advised that he was recruiting men for Fiorini and identified the group as the Anti-Communist International Brigade. According to this source, Buchanan said there were two types of membership, honorary and active. The honorary membership reportedly is to show one is against communism and an active membership indicates one desires to take part in a combat force. Buchanan reportedly said the only cost of membership is 25¢ for two photographs and a four-cent stamp to send them to Miami, Florida.

Buchanan, according to this source, said one would have to fill out an application and send the two photographs with the application to Miami, where one photograph is kept on file, and the other photograph is placed on a card and returned to the membership applicant, denoting he is a member.

Buchanan, according to this source, identified several organizations backing the Anti-Communist International Brigade as: The Anti-Communist Hungarian Group, out of New York; the Yugoslav Anti-Communist Group, also out of New York; a group from Peru; a group from Spain; and one from Canada. This source said Buchanan claimed that 3,000 men were presently in Peru, waiting for arms and other material in order to begin the invasion again, presumably of Cuba.

This source said the news representative questioned Buchanan about the possibility of losing United States citizenship by joining the group and waging an attack against a foreign power. Buchanan reportedly said this was the risk that one would have to take in joining the organization and everyone who became connected with the organization would have to make his own decision. Buchanan reportedly said if it meant losing citizenship to keep the communists out of the Western Hemisphere, he supposed this would have to be done. Buchanan reportedly said the group was not only fighting communism in Cuba but is keeping communist threat out of the entire Western Hemisphere.

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This source said when Buchanan was questioned with regard to remuneration, Buchanan reportedly said that membership was strictly voluntary and that there was no pay involved. The only obligation the organization had with a member was that the organization would equip them with the most modern material, as far as clothes, etc. were concerned, but promised no compensation.

Buchanan reportedly claimed he had traveled over 10,000 miles since last September, recruiting, and bearing all expenses without financial help from anyone.

This source said the news representative pointed out to Buchanan that several ex-servicemen had shown interest in the group and Buchanan reportedly stated that if anyone had military training, they were the type the group was interested in recruiting. Buchanan explained that if they had had previous military training, then the organization would not be required to provide as much training.

This source said that Buchanan would not divulge his Norfolk address because of possible repercussions; however, the source said Buchanan had commented that he was temporarily living with an uncle in South Norfolk, Virginia.

The Norfolk Ledger Dispatch, a Norfolk newspaper of general circulation, dated May 16, 1961, contains an article entitled "Blunder Seen in U. S. Plan to Hit Cuba". This news article contained a photograph of one identified as Jerry Buchanan. The article reflected that Jerry Buchanan, a young Norfolker, aged 22, who had attended Riverdale School, Norfolk, in his younger days, thought that a force of Americans half the size of the one which blundered onto Cuban beaches might have succeeded in establishing itself. This article quoted Buchanan as stating, "...there are hundreds of Americans in Miami right now who'd like nothing better than a crack at giving Castro the beat. Cubans are nice people, but under pressure they can't remember orders".

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The article reflected that Buchanan is a slender, serious-type young man, who felt strongly that "someone has to boss down there", meaning the overthrow of the Castro regime.

The newspaper reported that Buchanan candidly admitted that part of his interest in the Cuban situation stemmed from the spirit of adventure and professed a strong anti-communist streak which he said he acquired while serving in the Army on the Czechoslovakian border.

The article continued in reporting that Buchanan joined, last September in Miami, a group headed by Masferrari, a former Batista man. According to the newspaper, this group began guerrilla warfare training on the small island called "No Name Key", about thirty-six miles from Key West. The newspaper reported there were approximately sixty in this group, about half Cubans and half Americans.

According to the newspaper, Buchanan came to Norfolk in November, 1960, on a recruiting expedition and returned with ten men, to find a friend of his had been shot by a Cuban in a training accident. The newspaper further reported that a growing antipathy between the Cubans and Americans finally led Buchanan to leave the island with twenty Americans, all of whom subsequently joined Norfolkian, Frank Pierini's "International Brigade" which was in training near Balboa Beach.

The newspaper reported that Buchanan was visiting an uncle in South Norfolk, Virginia, and contemplated returning to Miami.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Director, FBI

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JERRY BUCHANAN
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REGISTRATION ACT

(OO: Norfolk)

Re Norfolk airtel to the Bureau 6/14/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "JERRY BUCHANAN, [redacted] One copy is furnished Miami for information as lead is outstanding that Division.

The first source in the letterhead memo is [redacted]

[redacted] who requested her identity be kept confidential because she did not want her niece, [redacted] to be aware that she had contacted the FBI. She stated she did not desire for the niece to get involved with BUCHANAN because of his questionable background.

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The second source mentioned in the letterhead memo is [redacted]

[redacted] who furnished a [redacted] with JERRY BUCHANAN. His identity is being kept confidential in view of the nature of his position and the fact that he confidentially furnished the information.

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Careful consideration was given to the sources concealed and they were protected because it was deemed necessary.

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Norfolk will continue efforts to fully identify JERRY BUCHANAN and identify other individuals possibly connected with this group or recruited by BUCHANAN.

Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

July 6, 1961

Director, FBI

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, also known as
Frank Fiorini

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Reference is made to my letter dated December 16, 1960, requesting to be advised if the facts developed indicate violations of neutrality statutes under our jurisdiction warranting investigation. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent Leman L. Stafford, Jr., dated April 24, 1961, at Miami, Florida.

There is enclosed for your additional information one copy of a memorandum dated June 21, 1961, at Norfolk, Virginia, captioned "Jerry Buchanan, [redacted] concerning the activities of Buchanan on behalf of the Anti-Communist International Brigade headed by Frank Anthony Sturgis.

It is requested that this Bureau be advised if the Department has reached an opinion as to whether information reported to date indicates a violation of neutrality statutes warranting investigation. No active investigation concerning the neutrality aspects of this case has or will be conducted pending receipt of the Department's opinion.

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Enclosure

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ATTENTION SACS, MIAMI AND NORFOLK:

Re Norfolk letter dated 6-21-61 captioned "Jerry Buchanan, [redacted] Registration Act," and accompanying letter-head memorandum.

Inasmuch as it appears that the activities of Buchanan are on behalf of Sturgis it is believed desirable that this data concerning him be made a part of the files on Sturgis.

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July 20, 1961

Director, FBI [redacted]

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS
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FRANK FIORINI
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Rerep of SA Leman L. Stafford, Jr., dated April 24, 1961, at Miami, in captioned matter, and Norfolk letter dated June 21, 1961, captioned "Jerry Buchanan, [redacted] Registration Act."

Enclosed for Miami and Norfolk are two copies each of a memorandum from the Department dated July 17, 1961, which is self-explanatory.

In accordance with the Department's request, sufficient investigation should be conducted to determine whether or not subject's activities are in violation of Section 960, Title 18, United States Code. In this connection, all outstanding investigation should be conducted concerning him and such additional investigation should be instituted to fully develop the recruiting activities of the subject and the plans of his "International Brigade" to embark upon an expedition against Cuba. Subject should be thoroughly interviewed in this regard. Efforts should be made to locate and interview Jerry Buchanan, it being noted that he claimed recently to have traveled 10,000 miles since September, 1960, in a recruiting campaign; that he went to Norfolk in November, 1960, on a recruiting expedition and returned to Florida with ten men; and that he subsequently joined subject's group with 20 men.

Miami should also attempt to locate and interview a sufficient number of other members of subject's group currently in the Miami area.

This matter should be afforded prompt attention and brought to a logical conclusion as quickly as possible. The results of your investigation should be submitted in report form with nine copies designated for the Bureau.

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FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka

OO: MIAMI

ReBulet to Miami 7/20/61 directing investigation in this matter, instructing that efforts be made to locate and interview JERRY BUCHANAN.

Further reference is made to Norfolk letter to Bureau entitled, "JERRY BUCHANAN," dated 7/21/61 in which it is stated JERRY BUCHANAN reportedly is in Miami, Fla.

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MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLA.

Will locate and interview JERRY BUCHANAN.

No investigation is being conducted at Norfolk pending receipt of results of interview with BUCHANAN.

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JERRY BUCHANAN

(OO: Norfolk)

Re Norfolk letter to the Bureau, 6/21/61, enclosing letterhead memorandum re JERRY BUCHANAN; Norfolk airtels to the Bureau, 6/14/61, and 6/16/61.

Also, reference is made to the Bureau's letter to Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, 7/6/61, entitled "FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka, [redacted] in which the Bureau pointed out that the activities of BUCHANAN appeared to be on behalf of STURGIS and directed that the data concerning BUCHANAN be made a part of the files on STURGIS.

On 6/20/61, Mrs. V. R. POYTHRESS, Records Clerk, South Norfolk, Virginia Police Department, located a record for JERRY BUCHANAN, South Norfolk PD ID #36319, which reflects that this individual was arrested on 5/26/58 for North Carolina authorities on a charge of Breaking and Entering - Grand Larceny. Disposition was shown as released to North Carolina authorities.

This individual was described as a white male; aged 19; 5'11", 150 lbs.; blue eyes; brown hair; fair complexion; DOB, [redacted] Brevard, North Carolina; occupation, floor layer.

On 7/18/61, [redacted]

[redacted] a previous source in this matter who has requested her identity be kept confidential, advised that JERRY BUCHANAN had not been in contact with her niece, [redacted] since BUCHANAN departed Norfolk for Florida. She assumed BUCHANAN was still in Florida. This information was made available to Miami by referenced communication, 6/14/61.

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The Identification Division, on 6/24/61, furnished a copy of FBI Identification Record # 148 937 D pertaining to one JERRY BUCHANAN who may be identical with the subject of this investigation. This Identification Record, FBI # 148 937 D, was furnished Norfolk on the basis of a name check and description and not on fingerprints; therefore, it has not been definitely established that JERRY BUCHANAN, FBI # 148 937 D, is identical with the subject of this case.

Enclosed for Miami is the tape recording furnished Norfolk by Mr. WINN MOORE, News Director, Radio Station WNOR, on 6/5/61. Mr. MOORE said the tape recording may be destroyed when it has served its purpose.

In view of the Bureau's belief that the activities of BUCHANAN appeared to be on behalf of FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, this tape recording is furnished Miami for information and whatever disposition deemed appropriate.

The investigation concerning JERRY BUCHANAN is being closed in Norfolk and Miami should disregard the lead set forth in Norfolk airtel dated 6/14/61.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JERRY BUCHANAN
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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

(OO: NORFOLK)

Re Norfolk airtel, 6/14/61, entitled as above.
Also refer to report of SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR., 4/24/61,
at Miami, entitled "FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka, REGISTRATION
ACT - CUBA".

A search of Norfolk files reflect one JERRY
BUCHANAN, reportedly of [REDACTED] Norfolk,
Va., was interviewed by Miami on 1/25/61. This individual
is probably identical with subject of this case.

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Enclosed for Miami is a copy of newspaper article
containing photograph of JERRY BUCHANAN. Miami will cover
leads as set forth in re Norfolk airtel, keeping in mind
that Norfolk is cognizant of contents of referenced Miami
report on FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka. Miami will advise
Norfolk if JERRY BUCHANAN, whose photograph is enclosed, is
identical with JERRY BUCHANAN interviewed at Pompano Beach,
Florida, 1/25/61, and "BUCKY" BUCHANAN being sought by
Miami Police Department.

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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
(OO:Norfolk)

Re Norfolk letter to the Director, 6/21/61.

On July 18, 1961, [] advised SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER that JERRY BUCHANAN, known to him as "BUCKY," had escaped arrest by the Miami Police Department in connection with the theft of the tug boat "GIL ROKIE" on February 4, 1961. The informant identified the photograph of BUCHANAN, which appeared in the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch-The Portsmouth Star," dated May 16, 1961.

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[] advised that "BUCKY" BUCHANAN was formerly associated with a group of individuals who trained at No Name Key, Florida, under the auspices of ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS. BUCHANAN lived for a period of time at [] Miami, a barracks-type boarding and rooming house which was furnished by MASFERRER.

After the Miami City Police Department arrested most of the individuals living at this location for vagrancy, the group disbanded and several of them, including BUCHANAN, joined with KENNETH JOSEPH PROCTOR and his group at the Cuba Hotel, 35 Northwest 17th Court, Miami.

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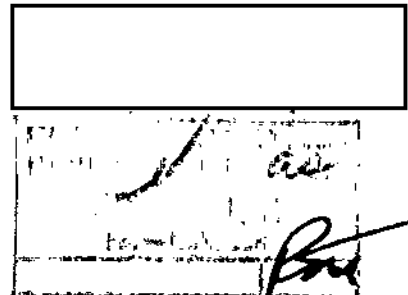
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BUCHANAN was associated with PROCTOR from approximately October, 1960, when they were both with MASFERRER, until February 4, 1961, at which time PROCTOR was one of those arrested by the Miami Police Department for the theft of the "GIL ROKIE."

[] has no information that BUCHANAN is currently recruiting for FIORINI. BUCHANAN is believed to be in the Norfolk area and is known to have been associated with FRANK FIORINI in the Miami area; however, there is no indication he is associating with FIORINI at the present time.

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"The Miami Herald", daily newspaper published Miami, Florida, in an article on July 3, 1961, reported the "International Anti-Communist Brigade" was headed by FRANK FIORINI, who claimed this organization had 5,000 members of which 700 were in active training to combat communism wherever it exists. FIORINI further claimed, according to the article, that the organization included air and parachute groups, underwater demolition teams and many others who would not fight but would help in educational activities. The organization, as its title indicates, is composed principally of anti-CASTRO and anti-communist supporters.

[] advised the newspaper article had greatly exaggerated the truth and that FIORINI had no more than ten individuals in his organization as of July 2 and as of July 18, no more than three individuals, including himself. The informant stated that this organization is not known to be engaged in any activities at this time and has no immediate plans for the future.

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The interview with JERRY BUCHANAN on January 23, 1961, by SA KENNETH D. SCHEIWE at Pompano Beach, Florida, appears on page 26 of the report of SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD, JR.,

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captioned "FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka, RA - Cuba," dated April 24, 1961. An informational copy of this report was furnished Norfolk and the files of the Miami Office do not contain any further reference to BUCHANAN.

On July 18, 1961, Detective Sergeant CHARLES SAPP, Intelligent Unit, Miami Police Department, advised that his department had information relating to BUCHANAN alledging he had participated in the theft of the tug boat "GIL ROKIE" February 4, 1961. Detective Sergeant SAPP explained that his office was no longer interested in this matter. The four individuals arrested at this time in connection with the theft served approximately 30 days and have since been released. There is no process outstanding for BUCHANAN and he is not wanted by the Miami Police Department.