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1. REUTERS REPORT OF 25 OCTOBER FROM BELIZE SAYS POLICE HOLDING 13 AMERICANS WHO SET UP ARMED CAMP ON TINY ISLAND OF SHAG BOQUE CAY SOUTHEAST OF BELIZE. CAPTAIN ALONZO CAMPOS ESCALANTE OF MEXICAN FISHING BOAT "AMIGO" TOLD POLICE BOAT HAD BEEN HIJACKED BY AMERICANS. THEY ORDERED BOAT TO HEAD FOR BRITISH HONDURAN WATERS WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH ANOTHER BOAT WAS PLANNED. NAMES OF FIVE OF 13 AMERICANS ARE CHARLES ORR CONNELL AGE 30, ROBERT CURTIS AGE 31 OF POMPANO BEACH FLORIDA, HERBERT JOHN FENDERN AGE 26 OF VERO BEACH FLORIDA, FRANK BONELLI AGE 44 AND MAX GORMAN BOTH FROM MIAMI. POLICE CONFISCATED RIFLES, CARBINES AMMO AND ANTI-COMMIE LITERATURE.

2. NAME OF SECOND BOAT NOT PROVIDED.

3. INDEX FIVE AMERICANS WHO PLANNED SET UP BASE FOR OPS AGAINST CUBA. FILE 108-120-11.

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WH Comment: Ref describes theft of "El Amigo" and involvement of Max GORMAN, Robert F. CURTIS and others who planning set up base for ops against Cuba and to go to Guatemala and clean out anti-Guat guerrillas.

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