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re INTERPEN. (X)(u)

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Report of: ROBERT JAMES DWYER
Date: July 31, 1961

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: 2-312

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Title: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION
FORCES (INTERPEN)

Character: NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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DETAILS:

Cuba
On June 17, 1961, MM T-1, who has been engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past four years, advised GEORGE TANNER, West Palm Beach, Florida, who calls himself Colonel TANNER, was previously associated with ~~ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS~~, a former Cuban Senator, residing in Miami, Florida. During April and May, 1961, TANNER formed the Anti-Communist Legionnaires, an organization of American adventurers, to participate in some military action to overthrow the Cuban Government. TANNER subsequently set up a training camp in the Florida Keys, where the Americans belonging to his organization were to be trained by TANNER. It soon became apparent TANNER had no knowledge of military affairs; was considered psychopathic, and the training camp was disbanded. TANNER left the organization, which was then taken over by GERALD PATRICK HEMMING.

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On June 30, 1961, MM T-1 advised that ~~AUGUSTINE~~ CAPO, a Cuban national residing in Miami, Florida, had access to a boat located somewhere in the Florida Keys and planned to make a reconnaissance trip from Florida to Cay Aguilla, Cay Sal Bank, British Islands, located north of Cuba. The trip was supposed to have been made on May 27, 1961, and GERALD PATRICK HEMMING and two or three other members of HEMMING's group were supposed to go along on the trip. They planned to make a clandestine trip to Cay Aguilla and then return to set up a military base to be used for future commando raids against Cuba. MM T-1 explained that the plan was indefinitely postponed inasmuch as U. S. Border Patrol was closely watching CAPO and the boat. CAPO was afraid to leave Florida, fearing that U. S. Border Patrol would arrest him. CAPO has no immediate plans for any such trip in the near future. (X)(u)

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MM T-1 on July 6, 1961, advised that HEMMING had sent about six of his men to Davie, Florida, to establish a camp at the west side of the Davie Airport. These men were living in an old shack and were practicing military exercises and survival but had no arms or other equipment.

MM T-1 explained that HEMMING had made some contact at Key Largo, Florida, and expected to take these men to Key Largo, Florida, where they would continue their survival training. MM T-1 said that HEMMING is quite busy, inasmuch as during the past week at least twenty-five men have come into Miami to join him; he has many news and press conferences; is in contact with different Cuban revolutionists; and is trying to operate a training camp. HEMMING has repeatedly told the new volunteers that his organization is presently low on food and money, and that they should check again with him in a week or two.

MM T-1 said that a GEORGE WILLIAMS, an American, ruddy complexion, 6 feet tall, in his late 30's, is supposed to be HEMMING's public relations officer. [WILLIAMS has been seen using the typewriter at the Junta Office, typing statements for Interpen dealing with the aims and purposes of the organization. His wife also types at the Junta Office for Interpen] (u) (u)

MM T-1 said that JOHNNY MILLIONAIRES (phonetic), who runs a war surplus store in Hialeah, Florida, recently donated a large box of uniforms to HEMMING. These uniforms consist of used gas station attendant uniforms and old Army fatigue suits. (u) (u)

MM T-1 explained that the best estimate of Interpen's membership is that it has about twenty members.

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