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Re: ^D FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, ^{Doc. 142256}
Also Known As
FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Investigation relating to subject is predicated upon information that members of the Revolutionary Movement for Insurrectional Recovery (MIRR) and the Cuban Nationalist Movement (CNM), both of which are organizations with members at Miami, Florida, who are engaged in anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities, were in the process of as June, 1967, of planning military type action against Cuban targets in Canada, in particular the Cuban Pavilion at Expo 67 in Montreal, Canada.

Pertinent information regarding the subject who has been affiliated with the MIRR is as follows:

PAST INVOLVEMENT OF SUBJECT IN
CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

Previously conducted investigation has revealed that FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, who utilized the name of FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, his name by birth, upon his entrance into Cuban revolutionary activity, had gone to Cuba in 1958 to assist the Cuban rebels, then being led by FIDEL CASTRO against the Cuban Government of President FULGENCIO BATISTA.

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Following the advent of CASTRO to power in January, 1959, subject became an officer in the Cuban Air Force and also an inspector of gambling in the Tropicana Night Club in Havana, Cuba.

He was closely associated in 1959 with Major PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, then head of the Cuban Air Force, and as of June, 1959, FIORINI departed Cuba when Major DIAZ LANZ became the first high official of the CASTRO regime to defect.

In October, 1959, FIORINI gained some notoriety when he flew as co-pilot for Major DIAZ LANZ from the United States and dropped several thousand anti-CASTRO leaflets on Havana, Cuba. For this action the Federal Aviation Agency in May, 1960, revoked the subject's pilot's certificate.

On January 29, 1960, the United States Department of State decreed that the subject had expatriated himself from his United States citizenship by his acceptance in March, 1959, of an appointment as liaison officer in the Cuban Air Force. This decree was appealed and FIORINI's United States citizenship was subsequently restored.

In 1961, the subject formed an organization called the International Anti-Communist Brigade (IACB), described as an organization opposed to Communism and the CASTRO regime in Cuba.

On May 14, 1961, the "Miami Herald", a newspaper published at Miami, Florida, daily, contained the Sunday Supplement of "Parade" magazine, which carried a

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front-page photograph and an article on FIORINI's anti-CASTRO activities written by syndicated columnist JACK ANDERSON.

As of September, 1961, Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH, who is identified as the leader of the MIRR, advised during interview that he had permitted FIORINI to go on a MIRR raid against Cuba in February, 1961. BOSCH stated this raiding party traveled by boat and had failed to land in Cuba, and he was dissatisfied with FIORINI's performance and described the latter as a soldier of fortune and publicity seeker.

In the ensuing years, FIORINI has been reported through numerous sources and by his own announcements as a participant in plans for several Cuban revolutionary adventures, none of which resulted in any military type action against the CASTRO forces.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has been closely associated with FIORINI through the years, advised as of May, 1964, that the IACB was a paper organization, that is consisting of FIORINI, but otherwise having no membership or source of funds, and that FIORINI himself is a soldier of fortune.

As of June, 1964, FIORINI was reported in contact with Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH of the MIRR in connection with plans for an air-raid against Cuba. Such an attempted raid did occur on June 19, 1964, when Cuban forces shot

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down a single engine aircraft which had departed from West Palm Beach, Florida, and which contained three Cubans who were affiliated with Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH.

On September 25, 1967, the "Miami News", a daily-evening newspaper published at Miami, Florida, contained an article captioned "Exile Ransom Try Seeks Swiss Aid." This article indicated that attorney BENJAMIN R. ALTER of Miami, representing the International Anti-Communist Brigade (IACB) was endeavoring to arrange the ransom of 500 Cuban political prisoners in exchange for \$5,000,000.00 worth of medicine and foodstuffs. The Swiss Embassy in Havana, Cuba, had reportedly been asked to help in the arrangements.

Also on September 25, 1967, a Spanish language radio station WPAB at Miami announced that GERALDINE SHAMMA, an American citizen, who had been imprisoned in Cuba prior to 1963 for working in behalf of anti-CASTRO organizations, had joined with FRANK FIORINI in a plan to collect \$5,000,000.00 for the exchange of prisoners in Cuba.

On September 27, 1967, MM T-1, a Cuban exile knowledgeable regarding the efforts of Cuban exiles at Miami to secure the release of political prisoners in Cuba, stated that the recent publicity given the IACB in a plan to exchange medicine and food for Cuban prisoners was, in his opinion, a personal endeavor on the part of GERALDINE SHAMMA and FRANK FIORINI to gain publicity. MM T-1 stated that the topic of ransoming Cuban political prisoners is widely discussed among anti-CASTRO organizations leading exiles to believe the Cuban Government may be willing to engage in ransom negotiations. MM T-1 stated that there had not been any direct contact with the CASTRO Government by the IACB.

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RECENT PARTICIPATION OF SUBJECT IN MIRR
ACTIVITIES

On April 12, 1967, MM T-2, a personal acquaintance of FRANK FIORINI, advised that the latter was involved with other individuals in a plan to blow up a Cuban ship in a Mexican seaport, possibly Veracruz.

On April 21, 1967, RONALD EDWARD THOMPSON, who was born on July 1, 1944, at Norfolk, Virginia, and who stated he was the son of FRANK FIORINI, was interviewed at Miami, Florida. THOMPSON stated that his mother had died while FIORINI was overseas during World War II and FIORINI never assumed responsibility for him.

THOMPSON stated that he was raised by his mother's parents. He stated he located FIORINI as the result of seeing the article concerning FIORINI and his Cuban revolutionary activities which appeared in the "Parade" magazine section of newspapers throughout the country. THOMPSON related that he and FIORINI and one DONALD FRANCIS ROCHE, who resided at the Alda Motel in Miami, Florida, had in fact traveled to Mexico in the beginning of April, 1967, in FIORINI's 1958 Cadillac car. Prior to this travel FIORINI was in close contact with Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH and other members of the MIRR. THOMPSON claimed to be present when explosives and detonators were hidden in the body of FIORINI's car at a Miami garage while Dr. BOSCH and other Cuban associates of Dr. BOSCH were present. THOMPSON stated that these explosives were to be placed on a ship at Tampico, or Veracruz, Mexico. THOMPSON stated this sabotage was intended to be an anti-CASTRO action supported by the MIRR. He said that

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circumstances prevented execution of this sabotage and he described the location on the highway between Ciudad Mante and Ciudad Victoria where the explosives and the magnets to be used for attaching the explosives to the hull of a ship were buried. He also advised that FIORINI had received a \$200 money order from ORLANDO BOSCH, sent by BOSCH from Miami to Ciudad Mante.

As of July 5, 1967, a confidential source abroad advised that Mexican authorities had located the cache of explosives, detonators, and magnets on the highway between Mante and Victoria as had previously been described by RONALD EDWARD THOMPSON. This same source advised that a money order for \$200 had been received by FRANK FOURGIS, Hotel Mante, Ciudad Mante, on April 13, 1967, sent by one ALDO FERNANDEZ.

When interviewed on May 1, 1967, FRANK FIORINI claimed his trip to Mexico in April, 1967, together with DONALD ROCHE and his step-son RONNIE THOMPSON, was in the nature of a vacation trip. He stated he is acquainted with Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH of the MIRR but denied he had seen BOSCH in several months. He denied that he carried any explosives to Mexico in his 1958 Cadillac, which he used on the trip. He denied that ORLANDO BOSCH had sent him money to Mexico but said a Cuban friend had sent him \$100.00 from Miami.

On July 24, 1967, ALDO FERNANDEZ, 2000 Northwest 35th Street, Miami, Florida, advised that he is married to the sister of Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH. He denied acquaintance with FRANK FIORINI, also known as FRANK STURGIS. He claimed he did not send \$200.00 to FIORINI in Mexico.

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DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FRANK FIORINI AS FOLLOWS

Age	42
Date of Birth	December 9, 1924
Place of Birth	Norfolk, Virginia
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	190 pounds
Build	Stocky - heavy
Hair	Black and wavy
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Smokes cigarettes heavily.
Employment	Used Car Salesman (Most Recent Location) GM Used Cars, Northwest 36th Street, Miami, Florida
Marital Status	Married
Wife	JANET MANN
Children	One step-daughter, daughter of JANET MANN by a previous marriage.
Residence	2515 Northwest 122 Street Miami, Florida
Telephone No.	688 3388
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