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FRANZ ANGELO PIORINI; ET AL  
Reported Plans to Blow Up Cuban Ship  
in Mexican Port, Possibly Veracruz

Permit me to inform you on the results of the assignment given to me and Captain Antonio Olmos Del Moral at Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas Plaza, May 2, 1967.

I. Background Information.

As is already known, the Secretary of the Government, through the (Mexican) Federal Security Police (D.F.S.), requested the cooperation of the technical personnel of this Department in the finding, identifying and destruction of some "bombs," detonators and other devices which, according to information obtained by the D.F.S., had been brought into the country and buried at a spot near the Mante-C. Victoria road, between kilometers 643 and 644.

II. Location of the Zone and Spot Where the Explosives Were Found.

As a result of the above request, the undersigned and Captain Olmos, accompanied by two agents of the D.F.S., went immediately to Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas, and arrived at said plaza at 3:20 A.M., May 8, 1967.

On the same day, at 8:00 A.M., we went to the indicated spot, between kilometers 643 and 644, for the purpose of determining the indicated zone where, according to the information, was located the spot where the explosives had been buried.

At the end of four hours, we succeeded in finding the exact spot where the explosives had been buried, in a promontory bordering the left side of the road and approximately 15 meters from the road, between kilometers 642 and 643. The location is shown on Photographs No. 1 and 2.

III. Location of the Explosives.

In the above-mentioned area, in a zone no

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larger than 25 meters, we unearthed the following:

1) A "bomb" or a double explosive charge, wrapped in sections of a tire inner tube, and fastened by adhesive tape. Photographs 3 and 4.

2) Four magnets, consisting of coiled spools especially positioned, in pairs, to fasten each of the explosive charges to metallic parts. Photographs 5 and 6. The magnets, like the charges, were found wrapped in sections of an inner tube.

3) The detonators for the explosive charges. These were found wrapped in a plastic bag. Photograph No. 7.

4) The remnants of an explosive charge. It is thought that farmers in the area accidentally discovered it and, in attempting to see its contents, destroyed it completely. Photograph No. 8.

Of these remnants, the following were recovered separately:

a) The explosive material.

b) Fragments of a container, a blue plastic tape, labels from the factory which manufactured the explosive, remains of newspapers, pieces of plywood and pieces of a mesh, plastic cloth. Photograph No. 9.

IV. Identification of the Explosive Material.  
Visual Examination.

Once all the items in the area had been unearthed, we proceeded to examine them in detail in order to attempt to identify them and ascertain as to what condition they were in so as to destroy them, should conditions warrant it.

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a) The Explosive Charge - Rectangular in shape with the following approximate dimensions: 30 x 20 x 7 centimeters. The charge consists of a block of explosive covered with a solid, putty-like plastic material, the entire surface of which is covered with black insulation tape. At one of its edges, 2 plugs for an iron pipe of 3/4 inch diameter were found. These are fastened separately by a screw to lengths of galvanized iron pipe of the same diameter and approximately 15 centimeters long. The pipes are located inside the explosive charge and serve as a lodging for the detonators. Two metallic rods of 7 millimeters in diameter and 10 centimeters long extend along the longitudinal axis of the charge. They have screws at the ends which serve to fasten them to the spools.

The explosive inside is white in color and plastic-like. Its characteristics and potency are unknown. It will be necessary to conduct analyses to determine its class and type.

It was ascertained that the explosive charge was not assembled and ready for detonation, since it did not contain the proper elements for starting, propagating and amplifying the detonation.

b) Spools-magnets - There are four of them, and they consist of spools of approximately 3 x 2 x 1 inches, containing at their ends two metallic plates fastened by bolts. Each of these plates has a bore hole into which the small rods used to hold the charge are placed. On the side opposite that containing the bore hole, there is a metallic plate whose function is to serve as the surface which is connected by the magnet to any metallic surface. Photograph No. 11.

Detonators - The detonators are of the percussion type and apparently are activated by an electric current. They have an approximate length

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of 25 centimeters and a diameter of 7 to 8 millimeters.

They are composed of a percussion mechanism, a safety and an explosive charge. Photograph No. 12.

Because of the condition in which they were found and because they were found to be safe for handling and transportation, they were not destroyed.

V. Transportation of the Explosives and Their Delivery to the D.F.S.

The explosives (complete charge and recovered remnants), detonators and magnets, perfectly wrapped and packed, were brought to this city on the afternoon of the 4th and were handed over to the Federal Security Police on the morning of May 5, 1967. Later, at 11:30 A.M. on the same day, they were sent to a powder magazine at the explosives plant, after having first been examined by the Director of the D.F.S. The explosives are now at the disposal of the proper authorities.

Attached herewith are 12 photographs for information purposes.

Respectfully,

Effective Suffrage, No Re-election  
 /s/ illegible  
 Jose Maria Navarro Barquero  
 (259458)

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On July 5, 1967, the confidential source abroad also made available a copy of a telegraphic money order originating in Miami, Florida, in the amount of 2498 pesos (\$200 U.S. currency), addressed to FRANK FOURGIS, Hotel Mante, Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas, dated April 13, 1967. On the reverse side

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appears the signature of FRANK FOURGIS in endorsement, receiving  
the full amount on that date.

On July 22, 1967, the above source advised that  
investigation at the Hotel Mante in Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas,  
revealed a record of a long distance telephone call placed from  
the hotel to ALFREDO FUENTES in Miami, Florida, telephone  
79 71 67, on April 12, 1967. The call was placed by subject  
FIORINI, according to the source.

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