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1. REF CABLES PROBABLY REFER TO SAME EXPEDITION.

2. LOCAL LNERGO NOTIFIED STATION 24 OCTOBER THAT LMPURE CONSUL MERIDA MEXICO REPORTED REF GROUP 19 OCT ALLEGEDLY LEFT FROM PROGRESO MEXICO FOR GUATEMALA (NOT CUBA AS SURMISED REF B) YACHT "EL AMIGO." TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEXICANS FORCED GO ALONG. MEXICANS CHECKING TO DETERMINE IF THEY OWNERS OF BOAT.

3. SEVERAL MEXICO NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORY 24 OCT RE PRESENCE ^{PRE} REF GROUP IN MERIDA. ^{ON} YACHT "EL AMIGO" ^{WHICH HIJACKED} HAS BASIC RANGE 560 MILES BUT SPARE FUEL IN DRUM OBSERVED ON DECK. MEXICANS ESTIMATE BOAT WILL HAVE TO REFUEL NEAR BELIZE BRITISH HONDURAS.

4. LOCAL LNERGO FURNISHED FOLL INFO RE PERSONS INVOLVED SUSPECTED YACHT HIJACKING:

A. FRANK ANGELO FIORINI TOLD LNERGO SOURCE THAT HE AND GROUP PLANNED GO GUATEMALA TO CLEAN OUT ANTI-GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS AND SET UP BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR OPS AGAINST CUBA. FOR THIS WOULD BE PAID 1000 DOLLARS PER MONTH AND 10,000 DOLLARS ON COMPLETION OF MISSIONS. HE CLAIMED TWO OF MEN WHO ARE

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 SPONSORING HIS OPERATION ARE BOB HOWELL (NO RECORD) ALLEGEDLY
 FRIEND OF KENNEDY FAMILY AND A GENERAL BIDDLE (NO RECORD) MEMBER
 BIRCH SOCIETY.

B. ALSO IN ABOVE GROUP AKA MAX GORMAN WHO IDENTIFIED BY
 LNERGO AS MAXIMILIANO GONZALEZ. GORMAN WITH ALLEGED WIFE SHERYL
 CROSSED INTO MEXICO AT MATAHOROS 22 AUGUST IN BLUE 1968 CAMARO
 WITH FLORIDA PLATES 32-3487. CAR PAPERS SHOWED DONALD CLAUD
 OWNER. LNERGO IDENTIFIED CLAUD AS FORMER MARINE WITH MARINE
 CORP TATTOO ON ARM. THEY POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY RAYMOND AND
 LYNN BANNISTER WHO WERE LISTED MATAHOROS BORDER RECORDS AS
 CROSSING 22 AUGUST AS PASSENGERS IN 1968 CAMARO. THEIR NAMES
 LISTED CONSECUTIVELY AFTER GORMANS AND CLAUD.

C. FIORINI SAID GROUP WOULD SELL THE CAMARO IN MEXICO
 TO RAISE MONEY FOR HIS OPERATIONS. SINCE NO WOMEN OBSERVED ON
 YACHT LNERGO BELIEVES SHERYL IDENTIFIED AS WIFE OF MICHAEL
 SCHLEGEKER MIAMI BAR OWNER) AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN PROBABLY
 TOURING MEXICO. THEY WERE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MEXICAN WHO IS
 TO SELL THEM DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZING SALE OF CAR IN MEXICO.

D. OTHER IDENTIFIED MEMBERS FIORINI GROUP ARE FRANK
 BONELLI WHO ENTERED MEXICO AT CIUDAD MIGUEL ALFONSO ON 30 AUGUST.
 ENTRY PERMIT SHOWS HE 43 AND MARRIED. BORN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
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 LIVES 2148 FLAGLER TERRACE, MIAMI. HERBERT J. PENDER. ENTERED *USA, Fla., Central Hill*
 AT MATAMOROS 20 AUGUST. AGE 31. BACHELOR BORN CENTRAL HILL,
 FLORIDA. LIVES ROUTE 2 BOX 482A VERO BEACH FLORIDA. ROBERT F. *OPRO: CA. 31*
 CURTIS. ENTERED 24 AUGUST AT NUEVO LAREDO. AGE 30. BACHELOR
 WHO LIVES FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. OCCUPATION CHAUFFEUR.
 (CHARLES ORR) ^{OR} CONNEY OR ^{OR} CONNER OR CONNELL. ENTERED AT MATAMOROS
 19 AUGUST. NO OTHER INFO THIS LAST PERSON.

- 5. LOCAL LNERGO CONTINUING COLLECT INFO ABOVE GROUP AND INCIDENT. WILL ADVISE AS BECOMES AVAILABLE.
- 6. NO MEXICO CITY TRACES ANY ABOVE EXCEPT FLORINI WHO SUBJECT 201-242256.
- 7. LOCAL MERIDA AUTHORITIES REPORTED BOAT LEFT FIRST PORT WITH FIVE PERSONS. STOPPED BY CAMP SIGHT NEAR CHICKULUB TO PICK UP MORE (SEE REF B). EXAMINATION CAMP SIGHT REVEALED LARGE QUANTITY EXPENDED .30 CALIBER BULLETS AS IF THERE HAD BEEN TARGET PRACTICE.
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