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REPORT CLASS: SECRET CONTROLLED DISSEM

COUNTRY: CUBA/MEXICO

SUBJ: POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT BOMB AND LEAFLET BAZZ ON BARBANA

DOI: 27 JULY 1963

DATA: UNITED STATES, MIAMI (27-29 JULY 1963)

UFG: 3239

CONCERN: SEE PARAS 1 AND 5

1. SOURCE PARAS 2 THRU 4: A TRAVEL CLERK WITH ACCESS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF CUBAN EXILES, ESPECIALLY IS KNOWN TO MOST OF HIS CONTACTS AS A CHANNEL TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE.

2. ON 27 JULY 1963 ~~FRANK BERNARDI~~ REPORTED THAT PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LAZAR AND RAON GARCIA, FORMER CUBAN AIRLINES PILOT, WERE LEAVING MIAMI BY CAR AT ABOUT 9:15 A.M. ON 28 JULY FOR A "MIR WILLIAMS RANCH." GARCIA WAS TO PILOT MR. WILLIAMS AIRCRAFT, A SINGLE-ENGINE ITALIAN BRILLANCA TO NORTH FERRY AIRPORT, FLORIDA, AND DIAZ LAZAR WAS TO RETURN TO MIAMI BY CAR. THE AIRCRAFT WAS DUE TO ARRIVE AT NORTH FERRY AIRPORT AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS ON 28 JULY AND WAS TO BE TAKEN TO HONCIS NO. 710 FOR LOADING.

3. ACCORDING TO PILOT THE AIRCRAFT LOAD WAS TO CONSIST OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF ^{COORDINATING OFFICERS} SPANISH LANGUAGE LEAFLETS ~~GENERAL SECRETARIAT AMERICAN AIR FORCE AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE~~

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CONTAINING PROPAGANDA ATTACKING THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION, THE C.I.A., AND MANUEL ARTILES IN REGARD SPECIFICALLY TO ARTILES'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE CASTRO REGIME. THE PAMPHLETS ALSO WARNED OF ANOTHER PLAYA GIRON.

4. THE AIRCRAFT WAS TO TAKE OFF FROM NORTH BERRY AIRPORT AT ABOUT 11:00 P.M. ON 23 JULY, FLY TO HABANA, DROP THE PAMPHLETS AND RETURN. ORIGINALLY, THE PLAN CALLED FOR DIAZ LAZAR TO ACT AS PILOT WITH GARCIA AS COPILOT, HOWEVER WHEN GARCIA LEARNED THAT THE DESTINATION WAS HABANA, HE REFUSED TO JOIN THE FLIGHT. FRANK FIGORINI SAID THAT HE, HIMSELF, WAS TO GO TO MEXICO CITY TO MAKE A PRESS RELEASE ABOUT THE SAID, AND IN FACT, HAD RESERVATIONS TO GO THERE UNDER THE NAME FRANK STURGES. AFTER GARCIA DROPPED OUT, FIGORINI WAS ASKED TO ACT AS COPILOT. AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL WAS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF MAKING THE PRESS RELEASE FROM MEXICO CITY.

5. SOURCE PARA 6: A CUBAN FEMALE WITH A SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF BASIC MILITARY MATTERS, SOURCE HAS GOOD CONTACTS AMONG THE MORE MILITANT MEMBERS OF THE WHITE COMMUNITY, AND IS A FAIRLY RELIABLE REPORTER.

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6. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICER OF MOVIMIENTO DE REGENERACION REVOLUCIONARIO (~~REV~~ REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY MOVEMENT), THE LEAFLETS TO BE DROPPED ON 28 JULY CONTAIN DETAILS ON "THE LATEST KENNEDY-URIBE PLAN" FOR OVERTHROWING THE CASTRO REGIME AND ADVISE TO THE CUBAN POPULACE NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY THIS SCHEME SINCE THE UNITED STATES HAS NO REAL PLAN FOR REMOVING CASTRO. AFTER THE LEAFLET RELEASE THE AIRCRAFT WILL DROP SIX BOMBS AND THEN RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. SUBSOURCE COMMENT: THE CREW OF THE AIRCRAFT ALLEGEDLY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE MISSION, AND ONCE AT THE NORFOLK PEERY AIRPORT, THE WATCHMAN, ABEL FUERA WILL HELP GARCIA PUT THE PLANE IN THE HANGAR AND WILL GUARD IT THROUGHOUT THE DAY OF 28 JULY).

7. FIELD DISSEM: CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, CONNAYKENTWEST, MIAMI REPRESENTATIVES OF CUSTOMS, INMS, BORDER PATROL, STATE AND SEC.

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