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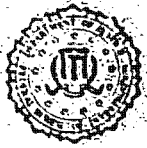
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Date: May 10, 1960
To: Office of Security
Department of State
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, also known as
Frank Florini
NEUTRALITY MATTERS.

This will confirm information furnished on May 7, 1960, by Special Agent L. M. Linton of this Bureau to Mr. Louis K. Hage of the Department of State; Mr. Mario T. Noto of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Mr. Chester A. Merrick of the Bureau of Customs, and by Special Agent R. H. Haynes to [redacted] of Central Intelligence Agency; Commander J. L. Hoff of the Office of Naval Intelligence; Colonel Eugene Cox, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; Major J. P. Ford of the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force; and Technical Sergeant Joseph Romphill, of the Joint Staff.

On May 5, 1960, an informant of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that an unidentified woman contacted Abelardo Blanco, Cuban Consul General, Miami, Florida, and informed him that a group of one hundred men was being trained in shooting by Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, former chief of Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, and that this woman's son is a member of the group. According to the informant, this woman further advised Blanco that the group was scheduled to depart for Cuba on May 9, 1960.

On May 6, 1960, Mr. Gene Chaput, U. S. Border Patrol, Miami, Florida, advised the Miami Office of this Bureau that a source of the Border Patrol had related he had gone to the residence of Frank Anthony Sturgis on the evening of May 5, 1960, and was issued a military uniform and boots. According to this source, twenty-eight individuals were scheduled to participate in

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an invasion against Cuba. Sturgis, apparently the leader of the group, however, would not go along on the invasion. Two M-1 rifles and two carbines were shown to this source by Sturgis and the source further related that these men are being trained in rifle practice in the Everglades.

Also on May 6, 1960, Mr. Robert Brewster, Regional Director, U. S. Border Patrol, Miami, Florida, advised our Miami Office, that the U. S. Border Patrol was affording this matter extensive investigation and that the Bureau of Customs, Miami, Florida, had been advised of pertinent information. Mr. Brewster further advised that the Bureau of Customs and the U. S. Border Patrol would take the necessary action in the event Sturgis' group attempts to leave the United States.

This data is furnished for your information. No active investigation of this matter is being undertaken by the FBI.

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