

MEMORANDUM

June 9, 1997

To: Assassination Records Review Board

From: D. Sydney Reddy

Subject: Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR)

During the period between May 15 to 20 and on June 9, I reviewed sections 2 (serials 61-116) and 4 (166-224) of the FBI's HSCA file (FBI File #HQ97-4474, 7 sections) on the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR) and negotiated the file with the FBI's representative. Section 2 covers the period from December 1963 to May 1964, and Section 4 is from January 1965 to May 1968.

Section 2 of the MIRR file covers two terrorist operations that Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila (leader of MIRR) attempted to organize and carry out against the regime of Fidel Castro. One operation involved the attempted bombing of the Cuban freighter "Las Villas" on its way from France to Cuba. The attack was thwarted by U.S. authorities. The other terrorist attack that Bosch Avila attempted to conduct was the bombing of a site in Cuba. The primary issues in section 4 are Bosch Avila's unsuccessful attempt to procure some C-4 explosives, contacts with other MIRR members about various subjects and matters related to his press briefings.

The main postponement issue for both of these sections of the MIRR file involved the protection of one informant who was involved in the planning of these acts. The informant was the primary source in most of the actions by MIRR. Both the informant and Bosch Avila are alive.

These two sections of this file contain foreign government information, consequently it is not yet ready for a Board vote.