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Headquarters. Rorke stated that he knew for a fact that Fiorini had not done anything on his own and that whatever he has done in the past was done on instructions from CIA. In addition, Rorke stated that since CIA knew all of Fiorini's activities he presumed that CIA would know if Fiorini was planning another flight over Cuba. ~~S~~ U

Rorke stated that, in connection with previous flights over Cuba, CIA had arranged for air-sea rescue squads and for United States Naval vessels to be on the alert for their return in the event they had difficulty in getting back to their base. ~~S~~ U

Rorke further advised that he had originally contacted CIA concerning Fiorini and that he had recommended to CIA that it use Fiorini and his group. Rorke identified Commander Anderson of the United States Navy who is assigned to CIA's covert office [redacted] as his original contact. (S) He also indicated that additional contacts had been made in Washington, D. C., and that the activities of Fiorini and his group had been discussed through intermediaries with Colonel King and "Deke" James of CIA Headquarters. ~~S~~ U

Rorke noted that his association with Fiorini in the past, which included Fiorini's flights over Cuba and activities in the anti-Castro field, was that of a freelance writer and photographer. Rorke stated that he has been encouraging Fiorini in his activities and that if Fiorini is considered guilty of any violation then he, Rorke, should be considered equally guilty.

Rorke was requested not to discuss this matter with Fiorini. Rorke stated, however, that he has had a long association with Fiorini, believed him to be strongly pro-American and anti-Castro, and did not want to see him entrapped. Rorke indicated he would call Fiorini in the immediate future and tell him to be extremely careful in any plans he might have unless they were cleared by CIA. Rorke stated that should Fiorini be arrested for his anti-Castro activities he had good connections with a well-known newspaper chain and would make plenty of trouble for those involved. In this connection, our New York Office, whose representatives interviewed Rorke, advised that the newspaper chain referred to by Rorke is the Hearst chain. ~~S~~ U

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