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CHARLES WILLIAM HORNEL, FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA.  
 ON DECEMBER 8, 1958, CIA OFFICER I [REDACTED] [CS]  
 [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A USUALLY  
 RELIABLE SOURCE AND EVALUATED HIS INFORMATION AS ~~WAS~~ "PROBABLY  
 TRUE." [REDACTED] I [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP  
 THROUGH WHICH INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED, NO ACTION WHICH MIGHT  
 COMPROMISE HIS SOURCE SHOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE  
 FROM HIM. I [REDACTED] SAID ON OCTOBER 26, 1958 A BEECHCRAFT AIRPLANE  
 PILOTED BY HORNEL, A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, LANDED AT CAYMAN  
 ISLANDS AIRPORT WITH THREE PASSENGERS. HORNEL STATED HE WAS  
 ON FLIGHT FROM TAMPA, FLORIDA, TO THE CAICOS ISLANDS. HORNEL  
 TOOK OFF THE FOLLOWING DAY CARRYING ONE PASSENGER IDENTIFIED  
 AS ALBERTO AND LEAVING OTHER TWO PASSENGERS ON CAYMAN ISLANDS  
 WITHOUT LUGGAGE OR PASSPORTS. PASSENGERS LEFT BEHIND WERE ONE  
 ALBERTO CRESCENDO DE LA CRUZ MENERDEZ, GUATEMALAN LAWYER, 1920  
 MICHIGAN AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND OSWALDO ANTONIO CASTELL  
 Y VALDES, HONDURAN IMPORTER AND EXPORTER, 1918 S. W. THIRD AVENUE,  
 MIAMI, FLORIDA. ON NOVEMBER 1, 1958 ROBERTO BISMARCK MARTINEZ  
 GUZMAN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, ARRIVED IN CAYMAN ISLANDS ON  
 A SCHEDULED LACSA FLIGHT FROM MIAMI. HE PASSED MONEY TO MENERDEZ  
 AND CASTELL, TELLING THEM HE HAD BEEN SENT BY HORNEL. MARTINEZ  
 RETURNED TO MIAMI THE SAME DAY. ON NOVEMBER 8, 1958 A CARGO OF

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ARMS, INCLUDING ONE ANTI - TANK RIFLE AND SEVERAL SUB - MACHINE GUNS, WAS DISCOVERED NEAR THE CAYMAN AIRSTRIP. MENENDEZ AND CASTELL, WHO HAD BEEN SERVED WITH DEPORTATION ORDERS THE PREVIOUS DAY, WERE QUESTIONED AND ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD UNLOADED THE ARMS FROM HORNEL'S PLANE, HIDDEN THEM NEAR THE AIRSTRIP AND INTENDED TO DELIVER THEM TO CUBA. ( I ) STATED CAYMAN AUTHORITIES SUSPECT BUT HAVE NO PROOF THAT THEY INTENDED TO STEAL A CAYMAN BRAC AIRWAYS TWIN - ENGINED AIRCRAFT FROM THE CAYMAN HANGAR AND FLY IT TO CUBA. HORNEL RETURNED TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FROM FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 9, 1958 IN A CHARTERED AIRCRAFT AND WAS ARRESTED ON ARRIVAL. ( I ) SAID CAYMAN AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND THAT HORNEL IS ON BAIL ON A CHARGE OF VIOLATING UNITED STATES CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND PLAN TO RETURN HIM TO THE UNITED STATES. CAYMAN AUTHORITIES ASSUME THAT MENENDEZ AND CASTELL ARE AGENTS OF THE 26TH OF JULY MOVEMENT, AND BELIEVE THAT BOTH ARE CUBAN CITIZENS. DURING THEIR STAY IN CAYMAN THEY RECEIVED MESSAGES (TEXTS UNKNOWN) FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: LUIS ROGALES, 212 SW 18 COURT, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND DOMINGO FORTELA, 950 SW SECOND STREET, APARTMENT 3, MIAMI, FLORIDA. INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET BY CIA. RUC.

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