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RE: ROY EMORY HARGRAVES, DOB: 2/14/48 ST. Louis, Mo.  
GERALD PATRICK HEMMING  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

It is noted that ROY EMORY HARGRAVES, an American adventurer and mercenary, in July, 1970, advised he was involved in a plan to effect warfare between the United States and Cuba. The plan consisted of attempting to have defecting Cuban military personnel fire missiles against the United States Navy Base, Guantanamo, Cuba, thus projecting the United States into a military takeover of Cuba. HARGRAVES was closely associated in this plan with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, another American mercenary and adventurer and a long-time associate of HARGRAVES.

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MM T-1, an American citizen closely associated with HARGRAVES and HEMMING in the past ten years, on September 15, 1970, advised that Mr. VINCENT OLLER, detective, Dade County, Florida, Department of Public Safety, Miami, stated that he had been investigating ROY EMORY HARGRAVES and GERALD PATRICK HEMMING inasmuch as the United States Coast Guard in Miami had given him some information concerning them.

MM T-1 said that OLLER indicated that HARGRAVES and HEMMING had devised some illogical and irresponsible military plan of action against Cuba which was highly unlikely of any success whatever.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI  
(CONFIDENTIAL) HAITIAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ON FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST FURNISHED INFORMATION HE HAD RECENTLY LEARNED REGARDING ACTIVITIES DIRECTED TOWARD OBTAINING EQUIPMENT FOR A PLANNED INVASION OF HAITI. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT ON FEBRUARY TEN LAST GERRY PATRICK HEMMING, AMERICAN ADVENTURER, SET UP NEGOTIATIONS ALONG THE LINES MENTIONED FOR ONE JULIATION CONSTANZA/PALAU, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE MMR (MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY-AN ANTI CASTRO ORGANIZATION). ON THAT DATE ATON STATED HE WANTED TO OBTAIN SOME B DASH TWO FIVE'S IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVASION OF HAITI, WHICH OPERATION WOULD BE UNDER DIRECTION OF ROLANDO MASFERRER (FORMER CUBAN SENATOR), WHO, ACCORDING TO ATON IS CURRENTLY IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. INFORMANT LEARNED ATON CLAIMED THE OPERATION WAS BEING BACKED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA). ATON HAD CLAIMED HE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM A HIGH UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO TOLD ATON NOT TO CONTACT HEMMING AS HEMMING WAS ON THE "BLACK LIST." ATON'S ADDRESS WAS GIVEN BY HIM AS SEVEN FIVE TWO SOUTHWEST FOURTH STREET, MIAMI.  
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DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON FEBRUARY TEN ATON EXAMINED PLANES AT TAMPA AND MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AND EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN OBTAINING THE ASSISTANCE OF MANUEL "PETE" FERNANDEZ, THE NUMBER TWO JET ACE OF THE KOREAN WAR, NOW EMPLOYED AT ARGONAUT AIRLINES.

THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, ON FEBRUARY TWELVE WHEN ATON SUCCEEDED IN MEETING FERNANDEZ AND ASKED HIM AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO COORDINATE THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF CUBAN PILOTS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION. ATON ON THIS LATTER DATE INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO OBTAIN THE PLANES IN QUESTION RIGHT AWAY AND WAS TOLD ATTEMPTS TO ACQUIRE THEM WOULD BE MADE AFTER WHICH HE WOULD BE ADVISED OF THE RESULTS. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, FERNANDEZ BELIEVES THE UNITED STATES IS INVOLVED IN THIS OPERATION.

THE INFORMANT ADDITIONALLY LEARNED THAT JOE GARMAN, ANOTHER ADVENTURER, HAS STATED THAT A MIAMI ARMS COMPANY, NATIONAL GUN TRADERS, IS CONTACTING DEALERS ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE EVERY AR DASH ONE FIVE RIFLE IT CAN FOR SALE TO CUBAN SOURCES.

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE AT MIAMI, WHICH HAS AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND PRIMARY JURISDICTION IN THIS MATTER, HAS BEEN FURNISHED THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

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IDENTIFYING DATA: MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities during the past four years and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 5, 1961, advised that Saul SAGE, an American, has been recently seen frequenting the hangouts of Cuban revolutionists in Miami, Florida. MM T-1 said that Sage had belonged to the would-be organization of Gerald Partick HEMMING, an American soldier of fortune who was previously a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force.

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IDENTIFYING DATA: MM T-1, who has been connected with Cuban revolutionary activities for the past three years, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 12, 1961, advised that between 30 and 40 Americans arrived in Miami from Texas on May 11, 1961. They were recruited by ALLEN LUSHANS, who temporarily resides at the Cuban Hotel, 35 Northwest 17th Court, Miami, Florida, and who previously made a trip to Texas to recruit Americans for some future military action against the Government of Cuba.

The first training camp was established by GERALD PATRICK HENNING with DICK WATLEY and ED COLBY running the camp.

MM T-1 advised that JESSE SMITH and JOE MURPHY, owners of the Congress Inn Hotel, Lejeune Road, Miami, Florida, have donated three rooms in the hotel for the use of HENNING's group, and stated they will try to get political and financial backing for this group.

On May 13, 1961, MM T-1 advised that C.F. RIKER, 2610 MacGregor #2, Houston, Texas, phone number RI 7-6666, was in Miami and claimed to represent a group of assassins that operate exclusively against Communists. RIKER is described as being well educated, and claims to have attended a number of Government schools having to do with arms, demolitions and languages. RIKER claims he lived in Mexico during his youth, and speaks Spanish.

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IDENTIFYING DATA:

On July 9, 1959, RUBEN MERO GUARILA, Miami, advised that in April 1959, he was detained by Cuban Police in Havana, Cuba. During his detention he met a United States citizen named Loran Hall, who was also under detention at the time. Hall, a white male, approximately 30 years of age 5' 10" tall, black hair, said he was from the State of Kansas, and had served in the United States Armed Forces for about six years. Hall told Mero that he had arrived in Cuba in about March, 1959, and had subsequently been contacted by CANILO CIENFUEGOS, a Cuban Rebel Army Commander. Cienfuegos wanted Hall to train a group of men who were going to participate in an invasion of Nicaragua. Hall claimed he trained a group of men on a farm known as La Lisa, located near Havana. Hall said the food for the trainees came from the Cuban Military Staff Headquarters, on the orders of Cienfuegos. A source, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past six years and has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 10, 1963, that Hall had been in Miami for about the past three months, and associated with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, an American adventurer, mercenary and soldier of fortune.

Source said Hall is loosely connected with Cuban revolutionary activities, which he uses as a gimmick to try and obtain money donations. In Miami, he is loosely associated with Gerald Patrick Hemming, "Mexican" LARRY HOWARD and WILLIAM HUSTON SEYMOUR, all unemployed adventurers.

Among the persons they contacted was LESTER R. LOGUS, 638 Meadows Building, Dallas a geologist. It is unknown if Logus gave them any money, but he has, in the past, made contributions to Miami mercenaries.

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WILLIAM HUSTON SEYMOUR

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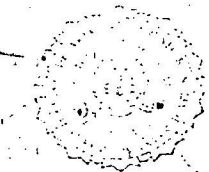
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Miami, Florida  
September 21, 1970

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ON 11-1-93 (JFK)

RE: GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, JR.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA

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MM T-1 who has been engaged in Cuban revolution-  
ary activities during the past twelve years and who has  
been closely associated with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, JR.  
for the past nine years, from 1961 to the present time,  
has furnished the following information concerning  
HEMMING: FAA

In May, 1961, "Major" GEORGE TANNER formed an  
anti-Communist brigade in Miami, Florida. This group  
of about 40 men consisted of mercenaries and adventurers.  
HEMMING later took over the group, operated a military  
training camp in the Florida everglades, and changed the  
name of the organization to Intercontinental Penetration  
Forces (INTERPEN).

At that time, HEMMING claimed to have been  
previously involved in training of Cuban paratroopers  
in Nicaragua and Cuba for FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, Prime Minister  
of Cuba. HEMMING also claimed that he had previously  
worked for the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force in Cuba.

In June, 1961, HEMMING's group of 40 men  
dwindled down to 40 recruits and HEMMING continued to get  
considerable press publicity. Many photographs appeared  
in the Miami press of his recruits wearing uniforms,  
carrying weapons, and living in jungle training camps.  
During this time, the several Sheriff's Departments in  
South Florida received numerous complaints concerning  
this group and their military training activities.

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RE: GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, JR.

On July 2, 1961, HEMMING with about five mercenaries and Cuban exiles dressed in military uniforms, put on an air drop parachuting show for the press at the airport at Davie, Florida. HEMMING and his men were interviewed and he received considerable press publicity in South Florida for being a person who was recruiting men to fight Communism in Latin America.

Also in July, 1961, HEMMING was contacting different Cuban exile groups in Miami offering them training camp facilities, and seeking their contributions in dollar donations and weapons.

On August 24, 1961, HEMMING claimed he went to Cuba and contacted representatives of the Cuban underground. ANTONIO PEREZ QUESADA, Cuban exile boat captain, on interview admitted he took HEMMING and six others to Cuba on August 12, 1961 where they stayed about 42 hours. However, neither HEMMING nor his men made any contact with the Cuban underground or militia.

On March 30, 1962, as a result of press publicity, HEMMING decided to disswaid other mercenaries and adventurers from coming to Miami to join his organization. HEMMING therefore sent out hundreds of form letters to persons who previously made inquiry concerning joining INTERPEN.

In March, 1962, most of the leading Cuban exile organizations had disavowed any cooperation with HEMMING. Most of the groups felt HEMMING was making a living at the expense of the revolution and had no real intention of taking his group to Cuba to fight against Communism.

In May, 1962, most of HEMMING's mercenaries considered HEMMING completely unreliable in that he had taken no positive action and appeared to be more interested

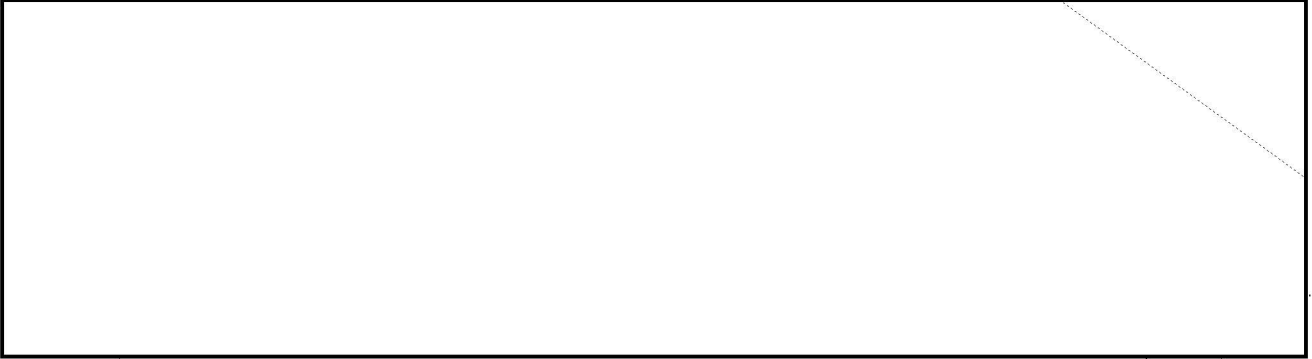
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IDENTIFYING DATA: MM T-1, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past two years, advised on August 6, 1963 that Ronald Von Klaussen, 1612 Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, had recently contacted Gerald Patrick HEMMING, Miami, Florida. MM T-1 explained Hemming is an adventurer, mercenary and soldier of fortune, who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past 4 years. Von Klaussen told Hemming he was then attempting to purchase arms for Cuban revolutionests in Miami and that he had funds available to make these purchases.

Von Klaussen continued that he is presently a Second Lieutenant in the Antonio Maceo Battalion and teaches classes in self-defense, Karate, Judo, and other commando type activities. He claimed to have been in Cuba fater Fidel C stro Ruz came into power as Prime Minister. Von Klaussen said on a particular raid, he did not recall the date, he was accompanied by Anthony Zarba and Bobby Fuller, both of whom were subsequently captured and executed by the Cuban Government.

On November 21, 1963, MM T-1 advised that Von Klaussen recently contacted Santiago ALVAREZ, 541 N.W. 45th Avenue, Miami. Alvarez is thekhad of Comandos L, an anti-Castro organization thathas conducted raids against Cuba in the past. Von Klausen told Alvarez that he had a source who produced a compound called Thermite, which compound burns at a very intense heat and could be used for sabotage. Alvarez stated he was interested in purchasing this material but at the present time could not afford it and did not have adequate funds to make any purchases of this type.

ORIGIN OF REPORT: FBI MM T-1 explained that Thermite is made by Larry DE JOSEPH, who operates a general store at Sweetwater, Florida, and who is a friend and associate of Gerald Patrick Hemming.

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IDENTIFYING DATA: GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, an unemployed American ex-soldier of fortune residing in Miami, Florida, NY T-1 explained that HEMMING had contacted DAVID QUINTAS, 469 N.W. 48th Street, Miami, who is a Cuban national interested in Cuban revolutionary activity and has a small group of followers among Cuban exiles in Miami. On August 23, 1962, QUINTAS conferred with HEMMING and said he hoped to leave Miami on August 24, 1962, if HEMMING could obtain a boat for transportation. QUINTAS CLAIMED TO HAVE \$5000.00 to spend on arms and had a place where he could purchase different weapons. He said his plan was to go to the Bahama Islands and then to Cuba where he would establish an anti-Communist guerrilla force. SAM BENTON an American in Miami who claims to be an attorney and a private detective, but who is not listed in the telephone book as either, and whose address is unknown, has been in contact with a number of Cuban revolutionalists in Miami. On August 25, 1962, NY T-1 advised that ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, a former Cuban Senator presently living in exile in New York City, was visiting in Miami, Florida. MASFERRER, HEMMING and QUINTAS conferred on August 25, 1962, at QUINTAS' residence where MASFERRER promised to supply weapons and Cuban exiles to participate in the planned military action.

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