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RE TAMPA TEL JUNE THREE AND HOTELS JUNE THREE AND FOUR LAST.

MILITARY EXPLOSIVE EXPERT, MAC DILL AFB, TAMPA, ADVISES DETONATING DEVICE AN - M ONE TWO THREE IS A CHEMICAL LONG DELAY DETONATOR AND CAN BE DETONATED WITHIN TIME PERIOD OF MUNDRED FORTY-FOUR HOURS.

TP FIVE TWO - S ACQUAINTED WITH ALL ACTIVITIES OF MIRR IN TAMPA AREA ADVISES ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, AKA "ERNESTO", ALLEGED HEAD OF "CUBAN POWER" HAS NOT BEEN IN TAMPA AREA FOR OVER ONE YEAR; HOWEVER, MARCELINO GARCIA AND EDUARDO MAURI, REPRESENTATIVES OF MIRR IN MIAMI, ARRIVED TAMPA MAY NINETEEN LAST TO ATTEND CUBAN(

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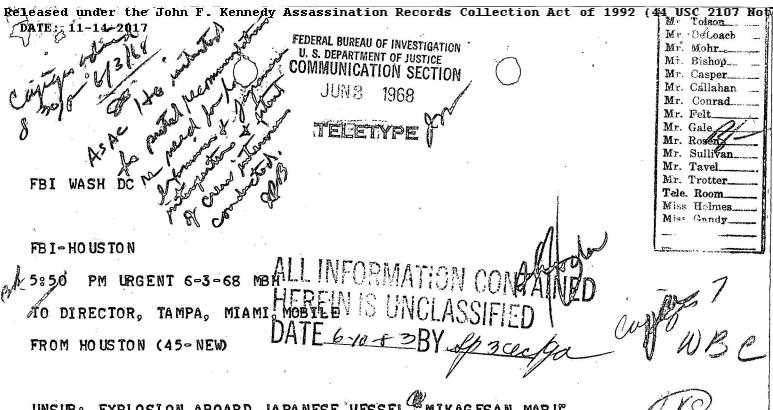
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UNSUB; EXPLOSION ABOARD JAPANESE VESSEL MIKAGESAN MARU GALVESTON, TEXAS, JUNE ONE LAST; CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - FIRING OR TAMPERING WITH VESSEL, OO: HO.

ON THIS DATE, LT. W. G. MILLER, U. S. COAST GUARD,
U. S. COAST GUARD BASE, GALVESTON, ADVISED THE JAPANESE

VESSEL "MIKAGESAN MARU" ARRIVED AT PIER FORTY, GALVESTON,

TEXAS, AT NINE PM, MAY THREE ONE, LAST. THE LAST PORT

AT WHICH THIS VESSEL WAS DOCKED PRIOR TO ARRIVING GALVESTON

WAS MIAMI, FLORIDA, HAVING ARRIVED AT MIAMI, MAY TWO EIGHT,

LAST, AND DEPARTED FROM MIAMI TO GALVESTON, SIX AM, MAY TWO

NINE, LAST.

MILLER STATED WHILE VESSEL WAS DOCKED AT PIER FORTY,

GALVESTON, AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE AFT PART OF THE SHIP

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AT THREE FIFTEEN PM, JUNE ONE, LAST. AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION, THE SHIP WAS IN THE PROCESS OF LOADING COTTON AND THE COTTON WAS BEING PLACED IN HOLES ONE TWO AND THREE WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE FORWARD SECTION OF THE VESSEL.

HE STATED AT THREE FIFTEEN PM, JUNE ONE, LAST, A LOUD NOISE OCCURRED IN THE AFT PART OF THE VESSEL AND THE CHIEF MATE OF THE VESSEL CLAIMED HE THEN OBSERVED WHITE AND GRAYISH SMOKE AT THE REAR PART OF THE VESSEL AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

MILLER STATED HE OBSERVED THE DAMAGE TO THE VESSEL FROM
THE EXPLOSION AND NOTED ONE OF THE STEEL PLATES OF THE HULL OF
THE VESSEL LOCATED AT THE STOCK AND SHAFT OF THE RUDDER OF THE
VESSEL HAD BEEN BLOWN INWARD AND THAT A SMALL PORTION OF THE
PLATE HAD BEEN BLOWN DOWNWARD. HE STATED THE DAMAGED PLATE
IS ABOUT THREE AND A HALF FEET - FOUR FEET IN LENGTH AND ABOUT
ONE AND A HALF FEET WIDE. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND NO FIRE
OCCURRED FROM THE EXPLOSION AND THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE
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PIER OR OTHER PARTS OF THE VESSEL. HE STATED THERE WAS NO CHEMICAL OR EXPLOSIVE TYPE OF CARGO ABOARD THE VESSEL AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION. HE ADVISED THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE RUDDER AREA ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT FEET ABOVE THE WATER OF THE CHANNEL. HE ADVISED THE ONLY CARGO NEAR THE DAMAGED PLATE WAS WATER TANKS CONTAINING WATER USED BY THE SHIP PERSONNEL.

HE ADVISED THE ONLY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE EXPLOSION WAS TO THE STEERING MECHANISM, BUT THE VESSEL WITH ASSISTANCE OF TUGS, LEFT GALVESTON JUNE TWO, LAST AND WENT TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, WHERE THE VESSEL IS NOW LOCATED AT PIER TWO ONE.

MILLER STATED HE OBTAINED A SMALL PORTION OF THE DAMAGED PLATE AND ANOTHER SMALL PIECE OF METAL WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE PART OF THE VESSEL'S HULL. HE ADVISED HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT CAUSED THE EXPLOSION.

HE STATED HE HAD LEARNED THROUGH CONTACT WITH THE U. S. COAST GUARD IN FLORIDA THAT ANOTHER JAPANESE VESSEL, THE END PAGE THREE

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"ASAKA MARU" HAD A SIMILAR INCIDENT AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON MAY THIRTY, LAST AND THIS VESSEL, TOO, HAD PREVIOUSLY SAILED FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA. HE ADVISED THAT THIS VESSEL IS PRESENTLY BEING TOWED TO MOBILE. ALABAMA.

TAMPA AT TAMPA, FLORIDA. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ASCERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES RE DAMAGES TO THE "ASAKA MARU".

MOBILE AT MOBILE, ALABAMA. WILL UPON ARRIVAL OF THE "ASAKA MARU", INTERVIEW SHIP PERSONNEL FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. WILL OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT

INFORMATION REGARDING "MIKAGESAN MARU" AND "ASAKA MARU" WHILE

THEY WERE DOCKED AT MIAMI AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ANY SUSPECTS.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, TEX. WILL AT PIER TWO ONE, INTERVIEW SHIP PERSONNEL OF THE "MIKAGESAN MARU" FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AND EXAMINE DAMAGED AREA OF VESSEL. P

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