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On July 10, 1965, information was received from the United States Coast Guard indicating that Antonio Varela Rodriguez, a Cuban, planned to destroy a train in Cuba. Varela was to leave Miami, Florida, this past weekend or early this week in a 25-foot vessel accompanied by Luis Sierra Lopez and another unknown man. Varela was scheduled to debark at Cay Sal in the Bahamas where some British Negroes would allegedly hide him until arrangements could be perfected for Varela to sneak into Cuba aboard a Cuban fishing vessel. Varela might carry 900 rounds of ammunition; four time fuses; 50 pounds of explosives; four submachine guns and four time-delay mechanisms.

(U) [On July 10, 1965, a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Miami advised that this was not a CIA operation.] A representative of the Bureau of Customs in Miami on the same day advised that Customs was investigating this matter in an effort to seize the arms and explosives. The owner of the boat, which bears Florida registration FL 6630F, is Gustavo Fernandez Ravelo.

According to the above-mentioned Customs representative, none of the subjects are anxious to go on the mission but members of the Cuban Representation in Exile (RECE), an anti-Castro organization, who have joined with the Revolutionary Recovery Insurreccional Movement (MIRR), another anti-Castro organization, are urging the subjects to take action. Nazim Elias, a member of the RECE, reportedly claims to have contact with a fisherman in Cuba who would take the subjects into Cuba from an island in the Bahamas.

DUPLICATE YELLOW

On July 11, 1965, the United States Coast Guard advised that the above-mentioned boat had departed its moorings and that the Coast Guard had boarded and intercepted it. Two individuals were aboard, Gustavo Fernandez and Gabriel Fernandez, age 14.

- 1 - Miami
- 1 - 2-1901 (Sierra)
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They indicated they were only making a test in Biscayne Bay.
The vessel was released and Customs was advised.

In view of the investigation being conducted by
Customs no investigation is being conducted by this Bureau.

NOTE:

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engaged in carrying out raids against Cuba, the unauthorized
disclosure of which could cause serious damage to national
defense interests.

Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan 7-11-65 indicated
facts were being furnished Department.

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