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Date: December 17, 1963

To: Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION  
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Reference is made to our letter dated December 13, 1963, with enclosure.

Attached is the original of a memorandum dated December 17, 1963. A copy of this memorandum is attached for each of the other recipients.

This will confirm information orally furnished to Mr. J. J. Kelly, Department of State; Mr. Howard Beaubien, Central Intelligence Agency; Mr. John Keith, Federal Aviation Agency; and Mr. John H. Davitt, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, by Mr. John F. Wacks of this Bureau on December 14, 1963. The information was also orally furnished to Mr. Lester Johnson, Bureau of Customs, by Mr. B. A. Wells of this Bureau on the same day.

We are endeavoring to obtain additional information and the pertinent data will be made available to the recipients.

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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On December 13, 1963, our source in this matter who has furnished reliable information in the past learned that a pilot and a copilot of the airplane were to proceed to the Broward International Airport on December 14, 1963, for a practice flight.

On December 15, 1963, the above-mentioned pilot and copilot were scheduled to make another practice flight from the same airport. On this flight the airplane was to be flown over Bimini for the purpose of observing the landing field there and was scheduled to return to the Broward International Airport on the same day. No landings on foreign soil were to be made.

The source believed that an Aero Commander airplane would be used.

British authorities were advised of the above information. (6)

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