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MM T-1 is [redacted] 3625 Northwest
11th Street, Miami, a former Cuban commercial pilot.

Miami will maintain close contact with MM T-1
and will keep the Bureau and agencies informed of perti-
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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 105-2855

Miami, Florida
December 16, 1963

Re: Movimiento Insurreccional de
Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR)
Internal Security - Cuba
Neutrality Matter

Previously, on December 11, 1963, MM T-1, a Cuban exile who has been involved in anti-Castro activity for several years, advised that Dr. Orlando Bosch Avila, head of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR), an anti-Fidel Castro organization of Cuban exiles, is planning a bombing raid which was tentatively scheduled for the night of December 14 or 15, 1963, from Bimini, Bahama Islands. The target was to be an oil refinery at Nuevitas, in the northeastern part of Camaguey Province, Cuba.

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On December 14, 1963, MM T-1 furnished the following additional information:

Dr. Bosch obtained the services of [redacted] a former Cuban commercial air lines pilot who resides at 3625 N.W. 11th Street, Miami, to serve as pilot on this bombing operation. Bosch made arrangements with William Johnson, an American citizen, pilot and businessman who has previously been involved in anti-Castro Cuban revolutionary activities, to obtain an airplane suitable for this raid. On the morning of

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December 14, 1963, Bosch instructed Laredo Rodriguez, treasurer of the MIRR, to pay the sum of four hundred fifty dollars, via [redacted] to William Johnson, for arrangements in making a plane available for the flight. On the same day, this money was paid to Johnson. Johnson, accompanied by [redacted] and another Cuban pilot known only as "Ramo," proceeded to Broward International Airport. *Florida*

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At Broward International Airport, Johnson contacted Charles Bush, who operates an aviation company at the airport, and made arrangements for [redacted] to be afforded practice flying in a red and white Aero Commander two-engine plane, bearing Registration Number N-2624B. Bush then accompanied [redacted] in a practice flight which lasted for about one hour. The cost of this practice flight was seventy-five dollars, which is being underwritten by Dr. Orlando Bosch.

MM T-1 learned that this Aero Commander N-2624B is the plane which is scheduled to be used on this bombing operation.

MM T-1 said that "Ramo" was offered the opportunity of serving as copilot on this bombing flight, but he declined to accept the offer.

On December 16, 1963, MM T-1 advised that [redacted] took another practice flight on December 15 in the same plane, with Charles Bush at Broward International Airport. MM T-1 learned that Bush is scheduled to fly the Aero Commander from Fort Lauderdale to Bimini, Bahama Islands, and land it there, preparatory to the bombing operation. Bush will thereafter check into a Bimini hotel and will not be involved in the actual flight. MM T-1 did not know to what extent Bush is informed concerning the scheduled bombing raid.

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MM T-1 advised that the exact date of the raid, which was tentatively set for December 14 or 15, 1963, has not yet been set, but Bosch is desirous that the raid take place some time during the week which began on December 15, 1963. MM T-1 said that the date is contingent upon Bush's first checking out [redacted] as pilot, and in the meantime, it appears that Bush is anxious to make as much money as possible out of this operation, and may, therefore, be prolonging the practice flights of [redacted]. MM T-1 said that [redacted] was scheduled, as of Sunday, December 15, 1963, to again practice with the same Aero Commander on December 16 and 17, 1963. MM T-1 believes that on December 17, 1963, [redacted] will make a flight over Bimini, weather permitting.

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MM T-1 has not yet been able to obtain the identity of the boat or boats scheduled to be used in this operation. However, Bosch has disclosed that he has instructed the Cuban captain of a boat to "stand by". Bosch has also disclosed that a Cuban, to whom he has referred both as "Orlando" and as "Ramirez," will be the bomb expert on the raid. He has advised that this individual constructs the bombs, and has participated in previous bombing raids for the MIRR. The bombs are being constructed from empty oxygen tank casings, and the fittings on the top of the casings will be used in connection with detonation of the bombs. Bosch has also disclosed that another crew man on the bombing flight also participated on previous bombing flights, and is experienced in bombing matters. Both "Orlando" and his companion have received training by the United States Army, according to Bosch.

Cuba
Fla. X It is to be noted that previous investigation by United States Customs has reflected that Daniel Orlando Ramirez Denis, a Cuban exile, is believed to have participated in previous bombing raids by the MIRR.

MM T-1 stated that on the basis of comments made by Bosch and some of his companions, relating to previous raids and to the currently scheduled raid, he is of the

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opinion that Bosch plans to use two boats on this operation. The larger of the two, which will be 35 to 40 feet long, will leave from the Miami area on an ostensible fishing trip, during the early evening prior to the scheduled raid. It will rendezvous with a smaller boat which may depart from the area of Homestead Bayfront Park, Homestead, Florida. Laredo Rodriguez, previously mentioned, possesses an interest in a small farm located on or near a canal in the immediate area of Homestead Bayfront Park. This farm has previously been utilized in preparations for similar raids. Also, Laredo Rodriguez possesses a 1963 Ford pickup truck, bearing 1963 Florida license 16K4254. This truck is a cream colored two door. It is a "Ford 100." It is easily distinguished by the fact that there are old wooden slats on the sides and back of the truck. MM T-1 was of the opinion that this truck might be used in connection with preparations for the raid.

On December 16, 1963, Mr. John Kinny, General Aviation Operations Inspector, Federal Aviation Agency, Miami, informed that on December 14, and 15, 1963, Charles Bush, accompanied by another person, in Aero Commander N-2624B, made practice flights from Broward International Airport. On the flight on December 14, 1963, William Johnson was observed by Mr. Kinny in the immediate area of Bush's aviation company. Johnson was particularly interested in the flight of the Aero Commander.

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