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Johnson, a U.S. citizen, pilot and businessman, with the approval of - protect) that William-Dr. Orlando Bosch, head of MIRR, is planning to rent an airplane in Florida, fly it to the Bahamas and then assist who is a pilot, to take off on a bombing raid over Cuba. is under our control and will not engage in such a raid but is maintaining contact with the group conspiring to do this in order to develop information of value to the Government. We have given all information developed to date to all

interested agencies and on 12/12/63 instructed Miami to see that U.S. Bureau of Customs was fully apprised of all data developed since that agency has been investigating Johnson and his activities on behalf of the MIRR gince last Summer, and is in position to seize any boat or

plane which may be utilized in a raid over Cuba.

This afternoon Departmental Attorney John Davitt telephoned and referred to the foregoing information. He said Department wants to prevent any raid over Cuba and asked that we notify Bureau of Customs of this fact, pointing out that a boat which the group plans to use in transporting munitions to the Bahamas for use of the raiding plane should be seized under Title 22, U.S. Code, Section 401, since the exporting of any such munitions would be in violation of Title 22, U.S. Code, Section 1934 (which is under Customs investigative jurisdiction). Davitt said Department is desirous of having the action stopped without any arrests being made if possible, but if necessary to stop the action, arrests would be permissible. He said the main concern here is to prevent the boat with munitions aboard from departing U.S. He also pointed out that it is desirous that Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) take whatever action it can to prevent the plane from leaving this country for the Bahamas.

It was explained to Mr. Davite that Customs and FAA, both in NFC 16 Miami and here at Seat of Government, had been furnished full information in this matter and that Customs is in a position to exercise its seizure powers in Miami to prevent the raid from happening: It was 1.23 suggested, therefore, that he might desire to deal directly with Customs

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