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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: December 4 1967.

FROM: *[Signature]* J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, and others
REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP
IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERACRUZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA

Pursuant to the request contained in your memorandum dated October 18, 1967, there is attached for your information a copy of a letter which we have sent to the Director, Office of Munitions Control, Department of State, requesting that certain inquiries regarding the captioned matter be made through appropriate diplomatic channels.

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December 4 1967

Mr. John Sipes
Director
Munitions Control
Department of State
2121 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Sipes:

This Department currently has under consideration the possible prosecution of one Frank Fiorini, of Miami, Florida, for exporting munitions of war in violation of Part 126.01, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, and Section 1934, Title 22, United States Code.

According to the information which we have received, Fiorini and two other men travelled by automobile from Miami, Florida to Mexico via Brownsville, Texas. At the time when they entered Mexico on about April 12, 1967, they were carrying certain explosives and detonating devices. The alleged purpose of this activity was to damage some Cuban ships in Mexico. It was subsequently decided that the venture was too risky, and the explosives were buried at an isolated spot in the vicinity of Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas, Mexico, where they were subsequently recovered by Mexican authorities. We have received a translation of a report on this matter prepared by Jose Maria Navarro Barquero, Department of Military Industry, Tecamachalco, Mexico City.

The FBI has advised us that an official of your Office stated that additional descriptive data or chemical analysis is necessary in order to make a determination as to whether the explosives in this case are on the Munitions List. We have been advised further that these explosives are still in the possession of the Mexican Army at the Department of Military Industry and that the Mexican Army has the capability of conducting an analysis to determine the chemical composition of these explosives.

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It is requested that inquiry be made through appropriate diplomatic channels to determine whether the Mexican authorities will conduct a chemical analysis of these explosives and make the results available to us.

If so, it is further requested that a determination be made as to whether the Mexican Government would make available for purposes of prosecution witnesses who could testify regarding the recovery and custody of the explosives and the chemical composition of these explosives.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By:

JOHN H. DAVITT, Chief
Criminal Section

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