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Attached for Miami and Mexico City is one copy each of the aforementioned report which is undated but which is captioned "Report on the Circumstances Surrounding the Arrest and Deportation from British Honduras of Thirteen United States Nationals".
Miami should incorporate pertinent material contained in the attached report in its next report in this matter. Classified by DS Marfulc Enclosure Declassify on: OADF JFK
NOTE: Captioned anti-Castro group is headed by Frank Fiorini, well-known adventurer and soldier of fortune. Recently Fiorini and 12 of his associates were arrested in British Honduras while en route to Cuba. They were subsequently deported and interviewed upon their return to the U.S.
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All claim to be members of an anti-Castro organisation, based in Florida, U.S.A., known as 'The Secret Army Organisation' (Ejercito Secreto de la Brigada Internacional Anti-Communista Estados Unidos). The Leader was FIGRINI, who is well known to the U.S. authorities for his anti-Castro activities during the past few years.

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- At the request of the Mexican Federal Security authorities, a list of the serial numbers and types of firearms, together with copies of the photographs and fingerprints of the 13 armested men, have been supplied to Sr. Felix BUSANO, of the Mexican Security Service. A similar request by Lic. Jorge E. ORTEGA Rosado of the Merida District Court, has not been acceded to, since this request was not sponsored by the Consul for the Republic of Maxico in Belize City.

(R.W. Watson) Commissioner of Police.

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REPORT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ARREST AND DEPORTATION FROM BRITISH HONDURAS OF THIRTEEN UNITED STATES NATIONALS

About 1330 hours on Wednesday, 23rd October 1968 a 34 feet cabin cruiser, the 'AMIGO' registered at Progresso, Yucatan, Mexico arrived in Belize City harbour with a crew of two Mexican nationals, Alonso CAMPOS Escalante and Roman MAGANA Estrella, and carrying five United States nationals as passengers. The object of the visit was stated to be refuel and re-provision. As a result of information given by CAMPOS to the Customs authorities, the matter was referred to Police, and Special Branch officers interrogated the two Mexicans. From the information received, the five United States nationals were arrested and charged under the British Honduras Immigration Ordinance. The boat was searched and, besides a number of suitcases containing personal clothing, medical supplies, anti-Castro literature, maps, documents and United States Armed Forces training manuals, a pistol loaded with 6 rounds was found hidden in the cabin.

- 2. The five U.S. nationals gave names and addresses to Police, but several of the names given were later found to be false. The Mexican and United States Consulate authorities were notified of the circumstances known at that time.
- 3. The two Mexican nationals were questioned separately, and both told the same story.
- The "AMIGO', owned by Alfonso Martin' VASQUEZ of Progresso. Yucatan, was hired by the five United States citizens, with CAMPOS and MAGANA as crew, for a five-day fishing and sightseeing trip from Progresso to Isles Mujeres, Yucatan, at a cost of 3,000 pesos. Having obtained port clearance, the party left Progresso on the 'AMIGO' at about 2200 hrs. on Friday, 18th October. About 2330 hrs. three of the Americans threatened the Mexican crew with pistols, and forced them to take the boat inshore opposite the abandoned hotel 'Tropical Reviera'. Eight further men, with a considerable quantity of equipment were then ferried on board by the boat's dinghy. This operation was completed about 0300 hrs. on Saturday, 19th October. The was then sailed eastwards along the northern coast of Yucatan, both the Mexican crewmen having been tied up, but released one at a time to steer the boat. They passed Isles Mujeres about 0400 hrs. on 20th October and turned south About this time, according to CAMPOS, he learned that their destination was Belize.
- 5. When the boat arrived off Xcalak, Quintana Roo, CAMPOS was told to head for Turneffe. The lighthouse at the northern end of Turneffe was sighted at about 1830 hrs. on Monday, 21st October. CAMPOS was told to steer to the east of Turneffe, where they would meet another boat which the Americans would board, leaving the 'AMIGO' and the two Mexican crew to return to Progresso.

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- The following morning a Police/Military party, guided by CAMPOS, went to Shag Caye Bogue and collected the eight men and their equipment without resistance. All were brought into Belize City, and all were charged under the Immigration Ordinance, the Mexican and United States Consulate authorities again being advised of the situation. On the 24th October the five U.S. nationals taken from the 'AMIGO' appeared before the Belize City Magistrate on a charge of being prohibited immigrants. They were reminded in custody until 31st October 1968. On 25th October the eight men, all of whom claimed U.S. nationality, were similarly charged and remained until 31st October.
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