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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, JACKSONVILLE, MOBILE, HOUSTON,
AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MIAMI 2 P

FULGENCIO BATISTA, IS - CUBA. RE HOUSTON AND MOBILE TELS AUG. ELEVEN TO BUREAU. INVESTIGATION MIAMI DISCLOSES INSTANT PBY — ARRIVED FT. LAUDERDALE ABOUT SEVEN PM LAST NIGHT WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE ON BOARD INCLUDING WILLIAM F. BRANNION, MACKEY AIRLINES PILOT, AND SIR SIDNEY OAKES. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL, BRANNION MADE RESERVATIONS AT GALT OCEAN MILE HOTEL, FT. LAUDERDALE, FOR KATHLEEN RYAN, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND FOR J. B. TERREL, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, WHO IS SCHEDULED CHECK IN AUG. FOURTEEN. OAKES RENTED CAR FROM AVIS CAR RENTAL AND PRESENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN. WHEREABOUTS APACHE PLANE, WHICH DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS ABOUT SAME TIME AS PBY UNKNOWN. BRANNION LEFT PBY AT RED AIRCRAFT, FT. LAUDERDALE AFTER INDICATING THERE WAS SOME WORK TO BE DONE ON PLANE. MIAMI HAS LIAISON WITH U. S. CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL, AND INS RE PLANE. BORDER PATROL HAS PLANE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. JOSEPH FORTIER, SUPERVISING CUSTOMS AGENT, MIAMI, ADVISED TODAY THAT IF PBY GASSES UP FOR LONG JOURNEY, IT WILL BE REQUIRED FILE SOJOURN CERTIFICATE WHICH IS TEMPORARY PERMIT TO DEPART, AND NO SEIZURE

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WILL BE MADE IN ABSENCE ANY SPECIFIC VIOLATION. TODAY, JOSEPH
R. MEROLA, ^{an individual} WHO IS UNDER INDICTMENT ON FEDERAL CHARGES, BUT WHO
HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION, ^{in fact} TODAY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED
THAT SIR SIDNEY OAKES ARRIVED MIAMI FROM HOUSTON WITH HIS FAMILY,
THAT OAKES HAD CONTACTED HIM INDICATING HE PLANNED TAKE PBY TO
BAHAMAS FOR INTER ISLAND FREIGHT SERVICE. MEROLA LEARNED FROM
NORMAN ROTHMAN, WHO IS UNDER TWO INDICTMENTS, AND WHO IS CLOSELY
ASSOCIATED WITH BATISTA-S BROTHER-IN-LAW, ROBERTO FERNANDEZ,
THAT SEVENTEEN MEMBERS BATISTA-S GROUP IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
HAVE RECEIVED VISAS TO GO SOMEWHERE AND ARE NOW AWAITING RECEIPT
VISAS FOR BATISTA AND ONE OTHER BEFORE DEPARTING TOGETHER. MEROLA
BELIEVES BATISTA WILL PROCEED TO CURACAO, DUTCH WEST INDIES AND
THEN POSSIBLY PROCEED TO U. S. WITH OR WITHOUT A VISA. RICHARD
B. JAFFE, U. S. CITIZEN, CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ROLANDO MASFERRER
AND, ^{another source} WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, CON-
FIDENTIALLY STATED THAT MASFERRER DISCLOSED TO HIM THAT BATISTA
HAS AGREED PAY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO RAFAEL TRUJILLO FOR EXIT
PERMIT FROM DR. MIAMI MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH ABOVE FEDERAL
AGENCIES AND WITH INFORMANTS AND SOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL DEVELOP-
MENTS.

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