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GERALD PATRICK HEMMING. JR.

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Synopsis:

SLIP(S) Several Miami acquaintances of the DATE applicant variously described him as untrustworthy, lacking in integrity, unreliable, emotionally immature and lacking in character. Unfavorable credit information set out re Sears-Roebuck, Miami, Confidential informant furnished information re trip by applicant to Guatemala, during which he drank excessively and spoke of U.S. Government in derogatory manner Winformant reported most of appli-cant's friends in Miami have been soldiers of fortune who do not have excellent reputations.

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### DETAILS:

Investigation reflected in this report was conducted by Special Agent (SA) NORMAN E. BLISS at Miami, Florida, except where otherwise stated.

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close supervision of others, the applicant could do a creditable job. However, he qualified his recommendation of the applicant by pointing out that he would want to see him hired by the U.S. Government Mianni, Ela only if it is found that he has matured greatly in the past years.

## Close Personal Associate

ROBERT KKBROWN, 1925 SW 4th Street, advised that he has known the applicant since 1962 and regards him as a soldier of fortune and an adventurer who has earned a reputation for his wild flights of fantasy and his occasional uncouthness. He stated that the character of the applicant is highly questionable and he commonly tells people things which he knows are not the truth. He stated that the applicant is a very impressive person physically, being approximately 6'5" tall and well proportioned. He is quite intelligent, well read, and well versed in military infor-However, BROWN stated that because of the mation. many times he has seen the applicant stretch the truth, he would hesitate to recommend him, for any position where the applicant's personal reports of a situation would have to be accepted. He stated that in his opinion the applicant could be a very valuable man if his trustworthiness and truthfulness could be depended upon.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

On August 10, 1967, Confidential Informant MM T-1 who is acquainted with a number of the persons who have been connected with anti-CASTRO activities in the Miami area, and who has participated in such activities himself, advised that he has known the applicant since approximately 1960, or 1961, at which time GERALD PATRICK HEMMING was the leader and organizer of a group of soldiers of fortune and adventurers organized for the purpose of attempting to help overthrow the CASTRO regime in Cuba. This group was named Intercontinental Penetration Forces (Interpen).

MM T-1 advised that HEMMING is a young man of considerable intelligence and an unusual amount of resourcefulness, and makes an excellent first impression on people. However, he is a man of little or no integrity and character, who will resort to violent

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or devious means in order to attain his ends. [He reported that in approximately 1964, HEMMING and several of his friends raided the home of a Cuban revolutionary anti-CASTRO individual named CARLOS ZARRAGA. During this raid, which was planned by HEMMING, one of HEMMING's men held a .45 automatic pistol at the head of ZARRAGA, while the others stole a number of machine guns and rifles and put them in their cars. A few minutes later, for some unknown reason, HEMMING had a change of heart and had his men return the weapons to ZARRAGA's home.

According to MM T-1, in approximately 1961, HEMMING, with one of his men named DICK/WATLEY, and an unknown third party, obtained some stolen checks which they were disposing of in various stores in the Miami area. HEMMING always stayed in the car during this operation, but WATLEY got picked up, found guilty in court, and given a suspended sentence. ((A))((L))

In 1963, MM T-1 recalled, HEMMING was instrumental in getting up a group of men to go on a search flight to Guatemala for two Americans who were missing on a flight. One of these men was ALEXANDER I. RORKE, whose uncle, a judge in the state of New York, came to Florida in an effort to find out what happened to RORKE. HEMMING, hoping to get money from RORKE's uncle and also from the insurance company which had covered the lost plane, set up the above described search flight, which was conducted in a rented DC-3 plane. (A)(U)

When the plane, containing pilot, co-pilot, an insurance company man, HEMMING, HEMMING's close friend, JUSTIN WILSON, and several others arrived at a military base in Guatemala, HEMMING and DAVIS jumped off the plane wearing U.S. Army type fatigues and HEMMING was carrying a shotgun. The entire party was then questioned by Guatemalan military men, and ()

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