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Reairtel, in part, reported that an informant of your office has turned over several electrical detonators which were given to him by Ricardo Casanueva. Casanueva indicated that the subject, who has in the past, been involved in militant anti-Castro activities. had given these detonators to him for safe keeping.

Informant also displayed to an Agent of your office a box containing some 20 electrical detonators which were given to him about one year ago by one Sergio Gonzalez who asked informant to hold these detonators for him. Informant reported that Gonzalez obtained these detonators from Ruelme Navarro who allegedly at one time was of operational interest to CIA.(9)

Miami will check its indices, logical sources and informants, including the files of INS concerning the following:

> Ricardo Casanueva Sergio Gonzalez Ruelme Navarro

(Ricardo Casanueva)

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(Sergio Gonzalez)

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For information, DuPont manufactures a variety of electric blasting caps. Over the years, DuPont has changed certain specifications relative to electric blasting caps such as the type of shunt, type of paper band used to hold leg wires in folded configuration, marks on shell of blasting cap, type of leg wire, composition of leg wire insulation, et cetera. It would undoubtedly be impossible for DuPont to manufacture dummy electric blasting caps like those in possession of MM 3142-PSI based on descriptive data set forth in reairtel. If Bureau authority is subsequently granted for the proposed substitution, one of instant electric blasting caps should be made available to the Laboratory for examination in order that complete specifications can be furnished a DuPont official who personally handles Bureau requests for material of the type desired. Such a contact can establish whother DuPont still manufactures similar blasting caps, cost involved, et cetera. (9) (U)

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Advise if one of the blasting caps can be obtained from MM 3142-PSI for submission to the Laboratory under conditions which will not compromise informant should Sergio Gonzalez ask informant for instant blasting cap during the period one blasting cap was not, in his possession. If one blasting cap is shipped $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{U})$

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to Laboratory for examination, the following shipping instructions should be strictly followed: Place blasting cap inside small, sealed metal container packed in cotton. Place metal container inside wooden shipping box with at least two inches of sawdust or similar cushioning material separating metal container from inside surfaces of wooden box. Exterior of wooden box should be marked "Detonating Fuze-Class C Explosive-Handle Carefully." Shipment must be made by Railway Express. Mark shipment to the attention of Explosives Unit of Laboratory and advise Laboratory by separate communication regarding date of shipment. $\mathscr{G}(\mathcal{U})$

Also furnish Laboratory scaled photographs depicting descriptive data on blasting cap box. $(\mathcal{G})(\mathcal{U})$

With regard to the Hercules and Atlas electric blasting caps mentioned in reairtel, both manufacturers likewise produce a variety of electric blasting caps for use in construction-type blasting operations. These manufacturers produce well over one hundred different types of blasting caps when considering the various lengths of leg wires. Therefore, it would be remote that any electric blasting caps which were "stockpiled" by your office would to be exactly like blasting caps subsequently recovered in a particular Bureau case. $(\beta)(\mu)$

For your additional information, the Laboratory must rely on the cooperative efforts of manufacturers on a confidential basis to obtain dummy electric blasting caps possessing electrical continuity and the visible appearance of live blasting caps. Manufacturers must interrupt normal production line procedures to manufacture dummy blasting caps of types necessary for use in connection with the Laboratory's confidential substitution technique.

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In the event "stockpiling" of Hercules and Atlas electric blasting caps is felt necessary, advise Bureau, attention Intelligence Division of number desired and justification for "stockpiling" such items. (β) (μ)

For the additional information of Miami, any dummy electric blasting cap utilized in connection with the Laboratory's substitution technique will be surreptitiously marked for future $(4)/\mathcal{U}$

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identification; however, such marks would be detectable only through microscopic examination. Any other type of identifying marks would be detectable by an individual knowledgeable concerning electric blasting caps. (3) (\mathcal{U})

For information of Baltimore, Laboratory handles directly with Atlas, DuPont and Hercules all arrangements for the furnishing of material to be utilized in connection with the substitution technique. $(f_{ij})(\mu)$

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Released under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (44 USC 2107 Note). DATE: 11-14-2017 FBI 6/1/73 SECRFT 8073901300 Date: A ME ADVISIO Transmit the following in L type in plaintext or code) LL INFORMATION CONTAINED AIRTEL Via LABSINIED (Priority) Classified by EXCEPT WIT SHOWN Declassify on : OT ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-141949) (ATTN .: FBI LABORATORY) NEC SE FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-2856) (P) ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, aka SUBJECT: IS - CUBA Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 4/27/73, with LHM attached which indicated that BOSCH is making preparations to resume terrorist activities in the near future. He has become associated with MAX LESNICK, publisher of "Replica", Spanish language newspaper in Miami, who has, along with City Commissioner MANOLO REBOSO, made charges recently to this office, other agencies and individuals, alleging that RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, head of the "Cuban Mafia" operates under the protection of the FBI and other agencies. An attempt was made on the night of 5/25/73, to assassinate MORALES and he identified one of his asailants as MANUEL CURA, who is a known associate of LESNICK. MORALES, in 1968, testified for the FBI in the bombing case against BOSCH and 8 co-defendants, which resulted in their convictions. BOSCH and several other members of his organization have been released from prison and are back in Miami. 134-16/88 (musles) - Bureau (RM) 1-24546(MM Baltimore - Miami (1 - 105 - 2856)(1 - 174 - 0)GED: emg (7)2003 mode of \$ 1 for SSC review at FBIHQ per request 156 ROA FC 103 (34) :1913 Sent Special Agent in Charge Printing Office: 1972 - 455-574 U.S.Governm

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It has been previously reported that MM 3142-PSI on 4/6/73, turned over to SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., 5 electrical detonators, which were given to him by RICARDO CASANUEVA, who explained to MM 3142-PSI that his house might be searched by the FBI and requested MM 3142-PSI to hold these detonators for him until BOSCH needed them. CASANUEVA disclosed that BOSCH had given these detonators to him for safe keeping. (f)(U)

These detonators were deactivated by TOM BRODIE, Crime Laboratory, Dade County Public Safety Department (DCPSD), and returned to MM 3142-PSI by SA DAVIS.(\mathcal{B})(\mathcal{U})

On 5/30/73, MM 3142-PSI displayed to SA DAVIS a box containing approximately 20 electrical detonators, which had been given to him about one year ago by SERGIO CONZALEZ, who asked the PSI to hold these detonators for him. It is to be noted that the PSI is a construction worker and would conceivably have justification for possessing such items $(\mathscr{G})(\mathcal{U})$

MM 3142-PSI said that GONZALEZ obtained these detonators from RUELME MAVARRO, who was allegedly at one time of operational interest to CIA, Miami. $(\mathcal{G})/\mathcal{U}$

On 5/26/73, SERGIO GONZALEZ said that ORLANDO BOSCH had talked to him about 5 days previously. GONZALEZ related to the PSI that he considered BOSCH to be a good leader and he warned him to be careful. He related that ARMANDO FLEITES of the anti-CASTRO organization Second National Front of the Escambray, had sent BOSCH to GONZALEZ. GONZALEZ indicated that BOSCH is planning to do something big in the near future.(g/U)

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For the information of the Laboratory, it was noted that these detonators were contained in a box labeled as follows: $(\mathcal{P})(\mathcal{U})$

> "50-DuPont-50 - Explosives Department-Wilmington, Delaware. Electric blasting caps, 8-foot copper wires - U. S. patent Numbers 2 477458 - 2 348536 - 2 329343".

• Examination of these detonators reflects that each had a copper colored cap 1 1/8 inch long, connected to one red colored enamel wire and one gold colored enamel wire. $(\frac{4}{2})(\frac{1}{2})$

Through the cooperation of MM 3142-PSI. Miami is in a position to substitute dummy detonators for the live detonators possessed by the PSI in anticipation of the possibility that BOSCH will come to him as a source of detonators for future bombings. $\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{U}_{i}$

Request of the Laboratory

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory immediately instruct the Baltimore Office to immediately contact DuPont at Wilmington, Delaware, in order to obtain a supply of at least 50 dummy electrical detonators answering the description of those above described. $(\chi(\mathcal{U}))$

It is also requested that a supply of dummy detonators of several varieties, commonly used in the construction business be obtained for the same purpose. $(\mathscr{G}/\mathcal{U})$

It is requested that similar arrangements be made to obtain a small supply of dummy electrical detonators from the Hercules and Atlas Company $(\mathcal{J})/\mathcal{U}$

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In view of the obvious preparations being made by BOSCH, it is requested that this matter be given expedite attention. (χ)

It is requested that arrangements be made, if possible, to obtain these dummy detonators in a form which will not reveal to outward appearances that they are not live detonators. Also, if possible, they should bear some indentation or other characteristic which will identify them to this office as dummies.