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Re Bureau airtel 11/24/65, captioned as above;
Bureau airtel, 11/24/65, captioned "Anti-Fidel
Castro Activities"; Miami airtel to Bureau with
enclosed letterhead memorandum captioned "Represen-
tacion Cubana del Exilio) (RECE)" dated 12/3/65; and
San Juan airtel to the Bureau, 11/22/65, captioned
"RECE".

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for
Miami four copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

SJ 533-S, SJ 492-S, CS SJ 486-S and SOI [redacted] OTHER 4
[redacted] have been contacted regarding possible anti-CASTRO
raids being planned by Comandos L and possible other anti-
CASTRO groups located in Puerto Rico. (u)

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In addition, HENRY FERNANDEZ SILVA, Comandos L financial backer and registered owner of the Comandos L ship "Angelina", as well as JULIO BRAVO, the captain of the "Angelina" have been contacted and have indicated a desire to be cooperative. Both of these individuals independently contacted the San Juan Office on December 9, 1965, to advise the "Angelina" may have to be moved to a new location. They indicated they planned to place the "Angelina" in dry dock for major repairs and would keep the San Juan Office advised concerning the activities of the "Angelina".

Portions of the information contained in enclosed letterhead memorandum were previously submitted under the caption of "RECE" by referenced San Juan airtel, however, for the interest of clarity, this information is being restated in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

The following agencies were contacted for the purpose of effecting close liaison and to determine what action these agencies were taking to prevent the departure of unauthorized anti-CASTRO raiding groups from the San Juan area:

Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) TYRUS E. MINNIX, Deputy District Director, advised his office in San Juan has received no instructions regarding steps he should take to prevent the departure of unauthorized anti-CASTRO raiding groups. He stated he would contact his office in Miami, Florida, regarding the crew of the "Angelina" and would request the Miami office of INS to obtain from the coordinator of Cuban affairs their advice relative to the serving of prevention of departure notices on the members of the crew of the "Angelina." He stated that the serving of this notice is the only action which his agency can take to discourage unauthorized anti-CASTRO raids. He also advised he would, in the future, take the same steps regarding any aliens that came to his attention as possibly being involved in plans to initiate raids against Cuba.

U. S. Coast Guard - RICHARD J. HIGHSTREET, Captain of the Port Office, advised the Coast Guard is periodically boarding the "Angelina" so that the crew of the "Angelina" will be aware that the Coast Guard does not intend to allow that boat to leave the island with arms aboard.

He advised that other than routine patrols the Coast Guard does not have specific plans to discourage anti-CASTRO raiding groups departing from San Juan. He stated, however, that

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on receipt of information, indicating the planned departure of an anti-CASTRO raid from Puerto Rico, the Coast Guard will make every effort to prevent the departure of the raiding party.

U. S. Customs - JESUS M. MARTINEZ, Customs Agent in Charge, and MANUEL F. CASANOVA, Assistant Customs Agent in Charge, advised the interest of their agency lies in possible violations of the Neutrality Act by the exportation of arms or munitions from San Juan for the purpose of carrying out acts of aggression against Cuba. In this regard, they stated they had boarded the "Angelina" on two occasions and had not encountered any arms or munitions. They stated that on receipt of specific information relating to planned departures of exiled groups from San Juan in the possession of arms or munitions, their agency would cooperate in every way in the seizure of these arms and munition. They further indicated they had received no instructions from their headquarters in Miami, advising them to conduct any investigation relative to planned anti-CASTRO raids.

San Juan has conducted considerable investigation regarding the "Angelina" in connection with the attack which took place in Havana harbor on October 14, 1965. This information is reported under the caption of "RECE". In the future, investigation regarding this boat will be reported under the "Comandos L" Caption.

SJ T-1 is RAUL FERNANDEZ SILVA, brother of HENRY, mentioned above. & u

SJ T-2 is (PSI, UD) [redacted] who was a member of "Comandos L" until recently. & u

OTHER 4

LEAD:

SAN JUAN DIVISION

Will continue to follow activities of "Comandos L" in San Juan, and will continue attempts to locate the two small boats belonging to that group which are alleged to be somewhere in Puerto Rico.

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