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1. ON 2 FEB 65, ~~BILL JOHNSON~~ ^{cit USA Miami Fla USA}, AN AMERICAN PILOT WHO ARRANGES SUPPORT ASPECTS OF AIR STRIKES AGAINST CUBA BY ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA ^{cit Cuba} MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR, INSURRECCIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY), SAID THAT JACK BROOKS WRIGHT ^{cit USA occ pilot Miami Fla USA Deceased} WAS ON THE FIRST LEG OF AN AIR STRIKE OVER CUBA WHEN HIS TWIN-ENGINE BEECHCRAFT CRASHED WHILE HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO LAND AT FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMAS ISLAND, ON 2 FEB. JOHNSON SAID THAT A BOAT WITH AMMUNITION AND SUPPLIES WAS WAITING FOR THE PLANE TO ARRIVE AT FREEPORT. THIS CARGO WAS THEN TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BEECHCRAFT. JOHNSON ADDED THAT HE WAS ASKING BOSCH FOR \$2,000 TO GIVE TO

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MRS. WRIGHT TO "KEEP HER QUIET."

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2. JOHNSON ALSO SAID THAT WRIGHT HAD FLOWN THE SAME BEECHCRAFT OVER CUBA ON 17 JAN WHEN THE MIRR BOMBED THE NIAGARA SUGAR MILL IN PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. (FIELD COMMENT: ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTED THAT WRIGHT DEPARTED AT 12:30 P.M. ON 16 JAN IN A BEECHCRAFT BEARING REGISTRATION N 52933 FROM FORT LAUDERDALE FOR FREEPORT. HE LEFT FREEPORT AT 5:17 P.M. AND CHECKED THROUGH FORT LAUDERDALE CUSTOMS AT 6:20 P.M. THAT DAY. THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THE N 52933, THE SAME AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED ON 2 FEB, WAS FLOWN ON 17 JAN.)

3. (FIELD COMMENT: THE 3 FEB ISSUE OF THE MIAMI HERALD REPORTED THAT THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY IDENTIFIED THE DEAD PILOT WHO CRASHED AT FREEPORT AIRPORT ON THE AFTERNOON OF 2 FEB AS JACK BROOKS WRIGHT OF 6208 NE 5TH AVE, MIAMI. WRIGHT TOOK OFF FROM FORT LAUDERDALE - HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 11:48 A.M. IN THE TWIN-ENGINE BEECHCRAFT, WHICH WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN RENTED TO A UNIFORM SUPPLY FIRM. THE FAA SAID THAT WRIGHT WAS LISTED AS THE OWNER OF THE PLANE.)

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