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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

In response to Daniel B. [redacted] letter of 27 September 1973 requesting clarification of Frank A. Sturgis' connection or association with the CIA, Agency records were again reviewed with the following results.

There is no evidence that Mr. Sturgis officially participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion. Attached is the copy of an article which appeared in The Washington Post on 14 May 1961 concerning columnist Jack Anderson's interview of Frank Fiorini (Sturgis) in which Mr. Sturgis tells of his role in the Bay of Pigs invasion. Any activities that Mr. Sturgis might have been engaged in in relation to the Bay of Pigs invasion was in no way connected with or authorized by the CIA. Also attached are articles by Jack Anderson which appeared in The Washington Post and The Miami Herald on 21 August 1962, in relation to Mr. Sturgis' activities against the Cuban government, and another article published in The Miami Herald on 16 September 1963 which shows that Mr. Sturgis was acting without authority of the U.S. Government.

Our files indicate that Mr. Sturgis was friendly with persons who were contacts of CIA. While Mr. Sturgis may have been aware that these persons were contacts of CIA, Mr. Sturgis was not involved in operations sponsored, approved or funded by this Agency.

Most of the information on Mr. Sturgis available to this Agency is contained in FBI reports concerning his numerous exile activities.

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October 1973

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Frank FIORINI - STURGIS'

Following is information from further review of FIORINI's official file in response to Daniel E. Schultz' inquiry to the Agency dated 27 September 1973.

There are four volumes to FIORINI's 201 file, the majority of its content being reports from the FBI dated from 1958 through April 1969.

Agency information includes a cable from Santiago de Cuba dated 7 January 1959 stating FIORINI claims to be chief of 26 July Arms buyer Miami and willing cooperate 100 percent in supplying info. Cable stated it possible FIORINI may lose value to rebels but believe worthwhile CIA endorse his staying on. Hqs CIA replied that FIORINI had been under FBI investigation for possible registration act violations and base should deal with FIORINI under strict [redacted] and not make any commitments which might later be construed as USGOVT approval his activities. Wish to reiterate here that FIORINI was never employed by the CIA.

The following is worthy of note. FIORINI was involved in Nov/Dec 61 leaflet dropping flights over Cuba. The FBI queried CIA about allegations that the flights by FIORINI and

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Alexander RORKE, Jr., were entirely supported by CIA with CIA arranging Air/Sea rescue, and that all of FIORINI's actions were known to CIA Miami and his activities being done on CIA instructions. Hqs CIA was satisfied allegations not true but troubled in view fact FIORINI was in contact with CIA rep Florida who used name "Barker" who supposedly gave FIORINI phone number for CIA Miami office. FIORINI was to call this number if he was arrested or stopped on flights and CIA would "get him out". These Cuban overflights were not authorized by CIA and the FBI was alerted to fact it was not CIA operation. (BARKER was generally known in Miami Cuban exile community as a CIA source.) Since BARKER was a close friend of FIORINI, BARKER, shortly before the Bay of Pigs invasion, was asked by CIA to attempt to obtain from FIORINI information concerning FIORINI's activities. BARKER met with FIORINI several times a month from fall of 61 to July 62. BARKER insisted when queried by CIA case officer, that he never revealed classified info or operational data including JMWAVE phone numbers to FIORINI. FIORINI told BARKER that the leaflet op was conceived by Sergio ROJAS. A Hqs cable to JMWAVE dated July 1962 stated that ROJAS had been non-operational since Feb. 62.

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