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DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION SECRET	PROCESSING ACTION
TO Deputy Chief WH/C		16-30 16-17 16-2	CLASSIFIED FOR INDEXING
INFO C/WH/D, COS/JMWAVE, COS [redacted], COS [redacted] COS [redacted]			NO INDEXING REQUIRED
FROM Chief of Station, Mexico City		16-11 16-8 16-10	ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN ASSIGN NUMBER
SUBJECT TYPIC/OPERATIONAL/LICOMET/Shipment of War Surplus Items Purchased by Cuban Mission to the United Nations			
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
Reference: DIRECTOR 13639, 19 June 1966 (sent only to Mexico City and JMWAVE)			
<p>1. The reference advised the Mexico City Station that two members of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations, Jose Manuel GALARDY Alarcon and Oscar GUTIERREZ Fernandez, both identified as Cuban Intelligence Officers, had purchased war surplus items (uniforms, belts, boots etc.), in New York during April 1966 and had subsequently shipped these items to Mexico in 41 white canvas bags weighing a total of 657 pounds.</p> <p>2. Upon receipt of the above information, the details were passed to LICOMET-2 who was instructed to alert his sources at the Mexico City airport and advise the Station if the shipment had transited Mexico City and where it had gone. LICOMET-2 then alerted LICOMETs-19, 20 and 21 to the facts on a need to know basis and according to him, threw the airport into a mild uproar.</p>			
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3. On 22 June the search was begun by LICOMET-19 and 20 for the cargo manifest that would show the arrival of the shipment in Mexico. LICOMET-21 had informed LICOMET-2 that the shipment had not been sent to Cuba, and that Cubana Airlines had not received any shipment from New York. LICOMET-20 then informed LICOMET-2 on 24 June that the shipment had arrived in Mexico on 31 May aboard the Aeronaves de Mexico flight from New York. However, he was unable to locate the shipment at the airport or determine where it might have gone if it had been picked up. On 24 June, LICOMET-21 ventured the thought that the shipment had been picked up by the Cuban Embassy and that he still had no knowledge of it having been transhipped to Cuba or elsewhere.

4. The case jelled on 25 June when LICOMET-21 informed LICOMET-2 that the shipment was at the airport and was going to be loaded aboard the Cubana Airlines flight of the same day. LICOMET-2 then notified LICOMET-20 who then proceeded to investigate the shipment.

5. LICOMET-20 went out ~~the~~ aircraft and began to physically examine the shipment and take photographs of the bags and the labels. While he was taking the photographs, Manuel VEGA Peron, a Cuban Intelligence Officer assigned to the Embassy in Mexico, called down from the airplane and asked what LICOMET-20 was doing. LICOMET-20 replied that he was checking the shipment to see what was being shipped and if there were any military items included. VEGA replied that the equipment contained in the shipment was for the U.N. World Health Organization Sanitary Corps that was currently working in Cuba and getting ready to start a campaign against epidemics such as malaria. VEGA went on to say that the shipment came from the U.N. and was at the request of the Cuban delegation to the U.N. and that it contained shoes, boots, uniforms, belts, caps, medical smocks, and accessories for use by the U.N.O. Sanitary Corps in Cuba. He said there were no military implements or tools or war in the shipment. LICOMET-20 continued to check over the shipment but since all the boxes and bags had a U.N. diplomatic seal on them, he could not open them or delay the shipment of them to Cuba.

6. Attached for Headquarters and JMWAVE are copies of photographs provided by LICOMET-20 of the bags and boxes shipped to Cuba. Please note that the bags have a tag which reads "Diplomatic Pouch - From: Cuban Mission to the United Nations, New York - To: Ministry of Foreign Relations, Havana, Cuba." Also attached are copies of the cargo manifests for the Cubana Airlines flight of 25 June 1966, which were provided by LICOMET-19.

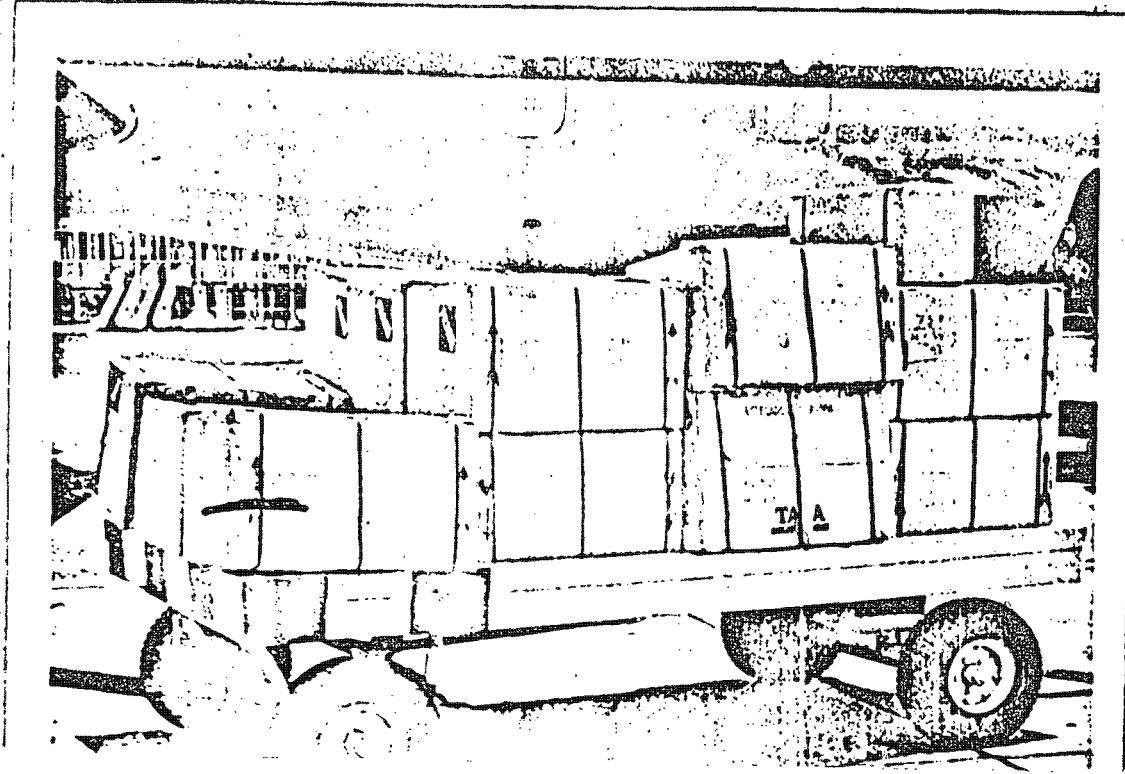
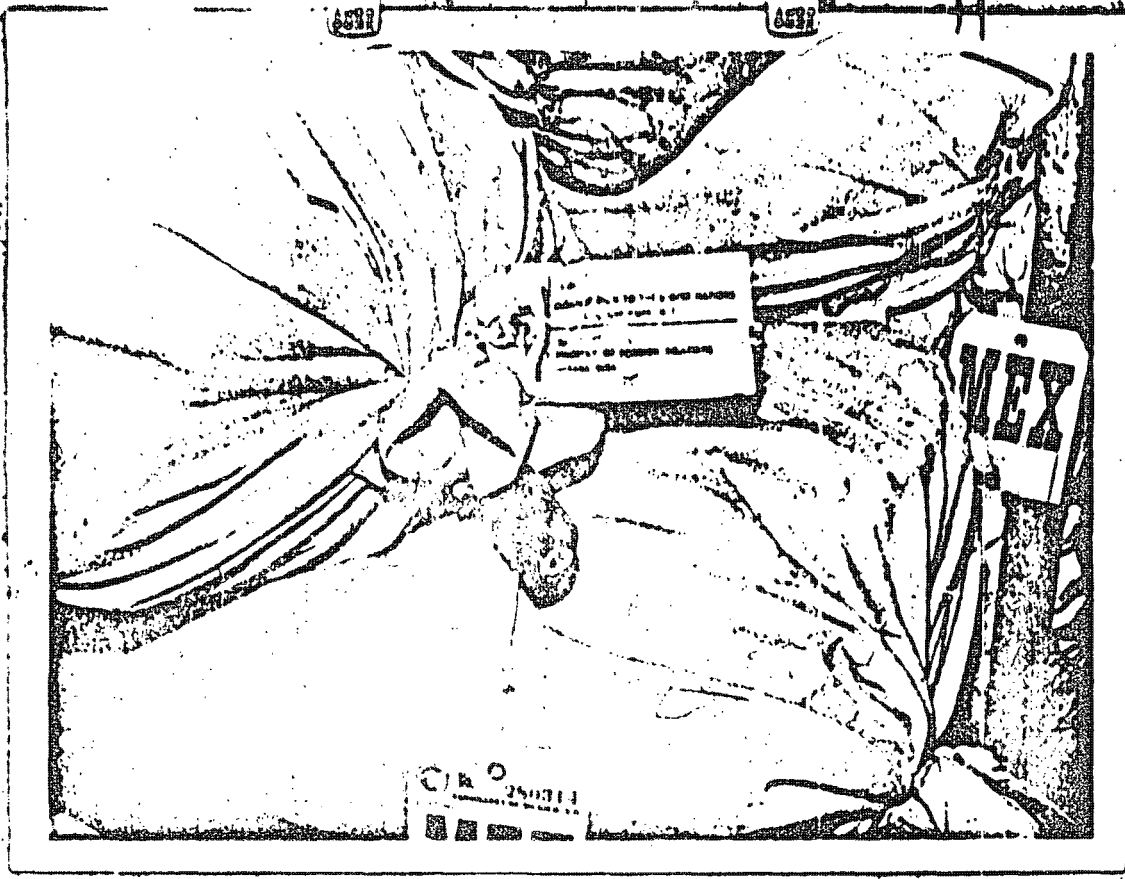
7. The manifests only list 31 bags with a weight of 749 kilos as opposed to the 41 bags weighing 657 pounds which the reference mentioned.

8. LICOMET-20 mentioned that the shipment had finally arrived in Mexico after four trans-shipments in the United States. Supposedly the shipment got split and ended up in several cities. Miami was mentioned as one, and there was a bit of a hassle over the transportation of the shipment between Western and Pan American Airlines. The U.N. reportedly re-claimed the shipment and finally saw to it that it was sent to Mexico.

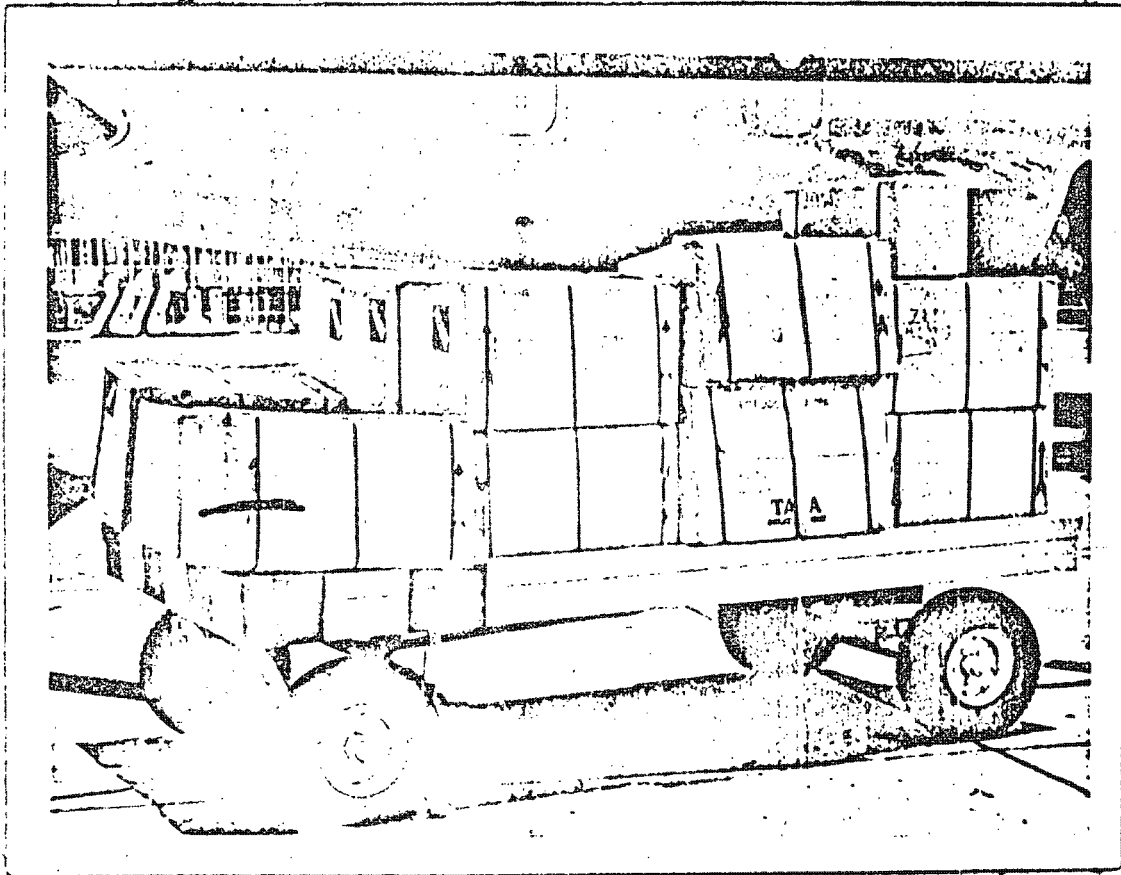
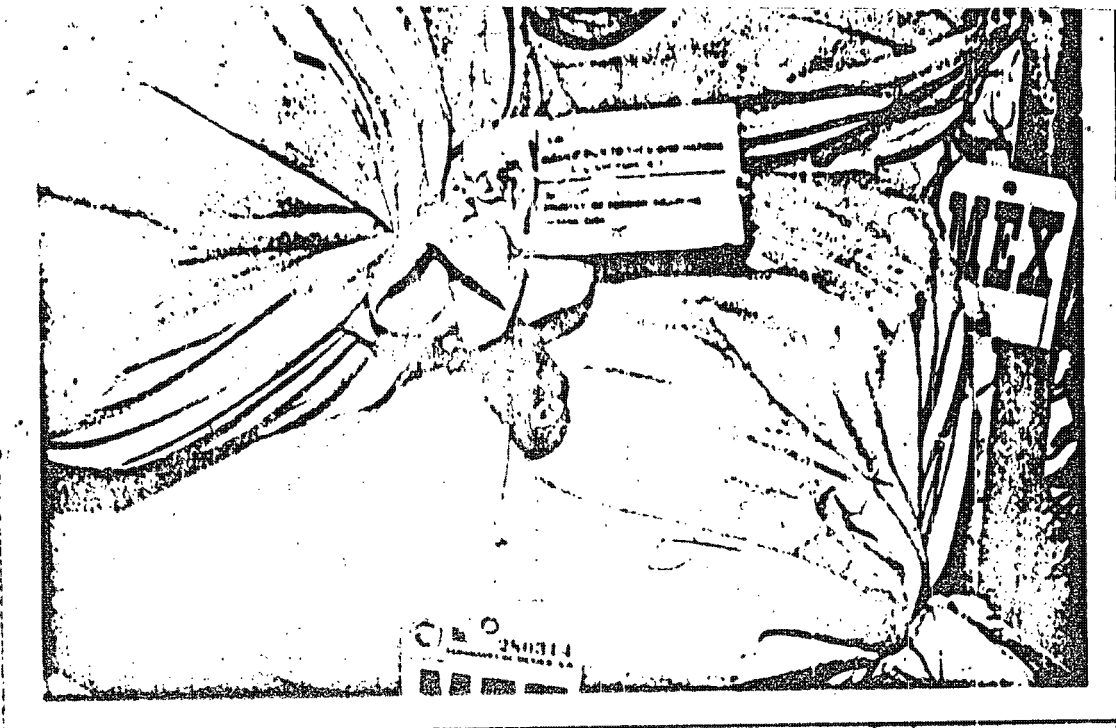
9. The Mexico City Station had hoped to be able to get at the shipment and make a CA splash of the Cubans using the United Nations immunity to deal in revolutionary-war mongering activities, but as is evident from this dispatch, it was not feasible. The Station plans no further action on this matter unless advised by Headquarters.

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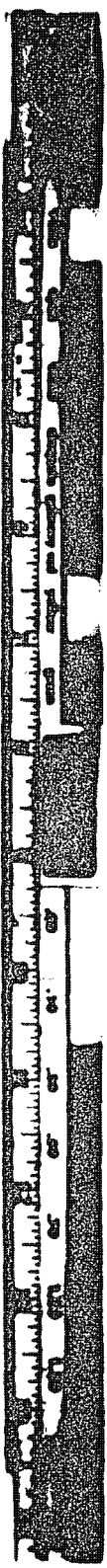
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EMPRESA GUATEMALTECA DE AVIACION AVIATECA
AEROLINEAS GUATEMALTECAS S.A.
CARRERA 10-10-1000, ZONA 10, GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA

PRIME OF ORIGIN: GUATEMALA
PRIME OF DESTINATION: GUATEMALA
FLIGHT: 465
DATE: JUN-23-1964

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