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Re San Juan radiogram dated 10/26/65 concern-
ing information from Coast Guard at San Juan relative
to plans of a Cuban exile group to sabotage in some U.S.
port, a vessel trading with Cuba, and San Juan radiogram
dated 10/31/65, concerning information from Coast Guard,
San Juan, that the Coast Guard at Miami may have received
information concerning captioned mining prior to the
actual occurrence.

On the night of October 26, 1965, Commander
JOSEPH WARD, Intelligence Officer, U. S. Coast Guard,
Miami, advised that on Saturday, October 23, 1965, he
received a hand delivered report at his home from a
third agency which, although not mentioned by him,
can only be SEA, Miami. This report describes the
plan of an anti-CASTRO organization to bomb a ship
at some port in U. S. territory. (S)

Commander (Cdr.) WARD said he was restricted
by the "third party rule" and that the written report (S)

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delivered to him was accompanied by a cover letter which contained the usual phraseology concerning the sensitivity of the source and that any investigation might compromise the sources. In addition, Cdr. WARD said he was advised in subsequent telephonic contact by the third party agency that the source was vulnerable to the point that any inquiry in this matter would expose him. Cdr. WARD stated that the source was reported to be a member of a recently formed secret cell of the organization involved in the plot and the source apparently was a direct participant in the plot. (S)

Cdr. WARD said that the "third party" agency report gave only the name of the organization and its leader, and the reasoning behind the bombing plans which were, (1) to increase insurance rates of ships in commerce with Cuba, (2) to intimidate seamen from working on such ships, and (3) to break up the co-existence policy of the U. S. and Cuba. (S)

Cdr. WARD said that the British, Spanish and Japanese ships were indicated as the objectives of the anti-CASTRO organization. (S)

Cdr. WARD stated there was no indication of the extent of dissemination of the "third party" agency report, but he was required by that agency to submit for approval, a paraphrased version of the information which he did send to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and to the ports within the 7th Coast Guard District, which are principally Jacksonville, San Juan and Tampa. The Coast Guard Headquarters then sent the rephrased message to the Director of the various Coast Guard Districts throughout the U. S., Alaska and Hawaii. The Captains of Port of the Coast Guard, according to Cdr. WARD, are initiating increased vigilance with respect to (S)

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any British, Spanish or Japanese ships which maybe in U. S. ports. (S)

CDR. WARD also asked if the plot excluded the group planning the Satrustegui bombing and he replied in the negative. He was asked if the plot included any group other than that claiming the Satrustegui bombing, and the response was also in the negative. (S)

From the foregoing, contact with Cdr. WARD, it would appear evident that he is referring to information [classified "Secret" which was received by FBI, Miami from CIA, Miami on October 30, 1965. This information is contained in CIA teletype message #UEG-7637, dated October 30, 1965, and entitled, "PLANS OF THE INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY (MIRR) TO ATTACK A SHIP IN A PORT IN THE UNITED STATES." The Bureau is probably in receipt of this report which sets out approximately the same information obtained from Cdr. WARD.] (u)

With reference to San Juan radiogram dated October 21, 1965, Cdr. WARD advised that he had not received any "third party" report prior to captioned mining to the effect that the MIRR was planning the mining of Satrustegui. He said that his office has received a series of "third party" reports concerning plans of ORLANDO BOSCH and the MIRR all of which were indefinite and lacking in detail other than the statement of the overall plan of declaration of war by BOSCH against shipping of countries dealing with Cuba.] (S)

With respect to such series of reports on MIRR claims, the Miami Office [has been in receipt of these communications] as has been U. S. Customs and U. S. Immigration Service at Miami.] (u)

Miami has a pending case on MIRR and when specific information is developed or received concerning

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