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The image shows a close-up of a heavy, metallic vault door. The door is partially open, revealing a bright blue glow from within. The door has several large, circular mechanical components and bolts. The lighting is dramatic, with the blue glow contrasting against the dark background.

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For the information of the Bureau, MM 3142-S, on  
4/6/73, turned over to SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR. five electronic  
detonators which were given to him by RICARDO CASANEUVA whom

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MM 3142-PSI has known for many years. CASANUEVA explained that he felt that his house might be searched by the FBI and he requested MM 3142-PSI who is employed in the construction industry, to hold these detonators for him until BOSCH needed them. These detonators were turned over by SA DAVIS to Mr. TOM BRODY, bomb expert, Crime Laboratory, Dade County Public Safety Department, on 4/9/73, with the request that they be deactivated and marked with secret identification so that BRODY can later testify concerning them if necessary. BRODY agreed to do so and on 4/11/73, returned them to SA DAVIS, stating that each had been deactivated so that no explosion could occur by anyone using them. BRODY made photographs of each. On 4/12/73, Special Employee JOHN BIRMINGHAM, in the presence of SA DAVIS, made color photographs of these detonators. SA DAVIS also marked each secretly for possible subsequent identification. On the same date, 4/12/73, they were returned to MM 3142-PSI who agreed to immediately notify this office in the event CASANUEVA requests the detonators be returned to him. MM 3142-PSI agreed to delay the return of the detonators a sufficient length of time to enable Agents to discreetly surveil the pick up and destination of CASANUEVA. (S)(u)

There appears to be little doubt but that BOSCH, who is probably the most notorious bomber in the State of Florida, is planning to become again active in the field of bombings. It also appears very unlikely that his targets will be in Europe since his principal hate is the Federal Government of the United States. (S)(u)

All Miami informants have been instructed to attempt to obtain further details concerning his plans and operations.

SA DAVIS has warned RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE concerning the alleged threats made against him by BOSCH and has also advised Officer RALPH AGUIRRE of the Miami Police Department concerning the possibility of an attempt being made against the life of MORALES. MORALES has expressed confidence in his ability to take care of himself. (S)(u)

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