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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM SAC MIAMI 212100

COMANDOS L, IS - CUBA, RA - CUBA, NM.

REBUAIRTEL TO MIAMI OCTOBER, 17, 1963.

MM 639-S, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, DURING OCTOBER, 1963, HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH SANTIAGO ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ, HEAD OF COMANDOS L. ON OCTOBER 14, INFORMANT ADVISED COMANDOS L BOAT, THE "SILVIA," A 50 FOOT MOTOR VESSEL, HAD LARGE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND GASOLINE ABOARD AND WAS READY TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME FOR THE BAHAMAS OR CUBA. ALVAREZ WAS DESPERATELY TRYING TO BUY ADDITIONAL ARMS AND WOULD DEPART IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. (S)(U)

ON OCTOBER 12, ALVAREZ CONTACTED MIAMI OFFICE AND SAID HIS GROUP HAD A BASE ON A KEY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SHORE OF CUBA. ARMS ARE STORED ON THIS KEY AND THREE MEN ARE STATIONED THERE TO GUARD THE ARMS. THERE IS A RADIO TRANSMITTER THERE WHICH COMMUNICATES WITH COMANDOS L IN MIAMI. SINCE HURRICANE FLORA HIT CUBA ON OCTOBER 4, 1963, NO FURTHER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM THIS KEY. (S)(U)

ALVAREZ SAID COMANDOS L ALSO HAS A BASE OF OPERATIONS IN THE BAHAMAS. HE REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR THE MV SILVIA TO DEPART FROM MIAMI WITH GASOLINE AND FOOD FOR THE BASE ON THE CUBAN KEY. HE SAID IF THE CUBAN KEY WAS NO LONGER SECURE THEY WOULD MOVE EQUIPMENT STORED THERE TO THEIR BASE IN THE BAHAMAS. ALVAREZ INVITED U. S. GOVERNMENT TO CHECK THE SILVIA

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THREE 20 MM CANNONS.

CUSTOMS ALSO SEIZED THE MV SILVIA IN THE MIAMI RIVER. THE SILVIA CONTAINED OVER 1,000 GALLONS OF EXTRA GASOLINE AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF FOOD AND WATER. THE SILVIA WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MIAMI OCTOBER 21 AT DAWN. CUSTOMS SAID IT APPEARED COMANDOS L PLANNED TO MOVE THE MEN BY ONE BOAT, BOMBS AND EXPLOSIVES BY A SECOND, ARMS AND AMMUNITION BY A THIRD, AND SUPPLIES BY A FOURTH BOAT.

CUSTOMS AND MM 639 S BELIEVE THAT THE SEIZURE OF THESE FOUR BOATS AND THE EQUIPMENT HAS ABOUT ENDED COMANDOS L RAID POTENTIAL FOR SOME TIME TO COME. *φ(u)*

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