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Re Miami teletype 5/2/61.

For info of the Bureau, on the morning of 5/2/61, a representative of United Press International (UPI) at Miami informed that the New York Journal American was publishing a story to the effect that a source in the "Unidad Revolucionaria" at Miami had described the individual responsible for the highjacking of the National Air Lines (NAL) plane as an agent of FIDEL CASTRO. Further, this individual had notified the CASTRO revolutionary forces re the invasion plans concerning the recent invasion of Cuba, 4/17/61, which became known to anti-CASTRO people in Miami. The story related that this individual has been in hiding, and used this means in order to get back to Cuba.

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ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, HECTOR FEBLES and LUIS VEGA MORENO, representatives of "Unidad Revolucionaria", an anti-CASTRO organization, each advised they had no info re the allegation mentioned above. Each of these individuals

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further advised they did not have any info, nor did they know the identity of the hijacker, and had not been in contact with the newspapers or any representatives of the press association.

On 5/2/61, AM, MM 492-S, who is known publicly as a former official of the BATISTA Government, advised he received a telephone call from DAN BRITTON, New York Journal American Newspaperman, NYC, about 1:30 AM, 5/2/61. Informant explained the journalist made inquiry re the NAL plane hijacked on 5/1/61. He stated BRITTON was wondering if the hijacker was a CASTRO Agent, who might have informed CASTRO re the plans of the ill-fated invasion of Cuba, 4/17/61. BRITTON, according to the informant, was looking for a news story.

MM 492-S advised he told BRITTON he believed it was possible the NAL plane was hijacked because the man wanted to go to Cuba for the Mayday Celebration in Havana, and had been unsuccessful in getting a commercial flight. The informant said there were no commercial flights to Cuba from the Miami area on 5/1/61, and that Cubans need permission from INS or the U. S. Dept. of State in order to travel to Cuba. He explained that authority from RAUL CASTRO or FIDEL CASTRO would be required for a plane to land at San Antonio de Los Banos, Cuban revolutionary air force base. MM 492-S also indicated he concurred with BRITTON that the hijacker could have participated in the invasion, and wanted to return to Cuba with publicity on 5/1/61.

MM 492-S stated he did not mention "Unidad Revolucionaria". He advised he does not know the identity of the hijacker; however, would attempt to ascertain his identity through sources available to him in the U. S. and inside Cuba.

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